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COMMANDER AM. LEGION IS KILLED

Col. F. W. Gailbraith, Jr., Meets Death in Motor Accident at Indianapolis—M. J. Foreman, National Committeeman May Die—Broken Knuckle Cause.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9.—The death of Colonel F. W. Gailbraith, Jr., of Cincinnati, national commander of the American Legion, in a motor car accident here today, threw into mourning the legion posts throughout the nation.

Henry J. Ryan of Indianapolis, national director of the legions Americanism commission and Milton J. Foreman of Chicago, national committeeman of the legion from Illinois, were injured, when an automobile in which the three men were riding went over a steep embankment. The men were returning to the city from the country club in Mr. Ryan's car. The car failed to make a slight turn in the road and ran over the curbing, across the sidewalk and turned over several times, landing at the foot of a twenty-foot embankment. All three men were thrown clear of the car as it went down.

Mr. Gailbraith suffered a fractured skull in the fall and died on the way to the hospital.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson, who made an investigation immediately after the accident, said an examination of the wrecked machine showed a broken connection of the steering wheel.

Mr. Foreman later was found to have suffered a fracture of the skull and injuries to his back and shoulders. He is in a serious condition.

Burial in Cincinnati
Mr. Gailbraith's body will be removed to Cincinnati for burial as soon as arrangements can be completed. He was elected national commander of the legion at the convention held last September at Cleveland. He was born in the Watertown arsenal, Mass.

An election probably will be held here early next week to name Mr. Gailbraith's successor. It was announced at national headquarters today. The new commander will be named by the legion's national executive committee.

The national vice commanders, one of whom probably will be elected, are John G. Emery, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Thomas Goldingay, Newark, N. J.; Claudius G. Pendl, Racine, Wis.; J. G. Scroggins, Carson City, Nev.; and E. Jackson Winslett, Birmingham, Ala. Ryan, who was driving the machine and who was said by hospital attaches to have been hysterical since the accident, said he had been driving rapidly from the Indianapolis country club north of the city in order to reach the union station in time for Mr. Gailbraith and Mr. Foreman to board a train for Chicago. He reduced his speed to about 20 miles an hour, he said, just before reaching the point where the accident occurred.

President Condolences
WASHINGTON, June 9.—President Harding telegraphed a message of sympathy today to Mrs. F. W. Gailbraith, Jr., widow of the national commander of the American Legion, killed in an automobile accident early today. "Please know of my sympathy in the great and sudden sorrow which has come to you," the message said. "It was my fortune to know Colonel Gailbraith not alone as the national commander of the American Legion, but as a fellow citizen of Ohio, and I have highly valued his commanding personality, his tireless zeal and his intense devotion to country and his

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Hygienic Marriage and Legislative Bill Are Both Defeated

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9.—Complete returns from nearly all of the counties and partial returns from the remainder give the soldiers' bonus amendment the majority of 45,552. They also gave the emergency veto amendment a good majority, but give the women's jurors bill a majority of only a few hundred, leaving it still in doubt. Latest figures compiled here: Legislative regulation, yes 36,798; no 60,519. Bonus, yes 76,511; no 30,959. Veto, yes 42,569; no 36,394. Hygienic marriage, yes 48,232; no 55,814. Women jurors, yes, 50,562; no 59,321.

18 DROWNED BY FLOOD IN LA JUNTA, COL.

First Official Report Shows Heavy Loss of Life in Country Districts—Flood Water in Denver Recedes—Damage Appalling.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 9.—(By Associated Press.) Eighteen persons are known to have been killed in the flood in the LaJunta district, according to Captain J. B. Mock, of the Colorado National Guard who arrived here today after a fifty hour battle against the elements. Captain Mock's report was the first official statement of the situation around LaJunta.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 9.—Equipment sufficient to provide comfort for 2000 persons today was enroute to the Colorado flood area in a truck train from Fort Sam Houston here. A still larger caravan from Fort Bliss, El Paso, also is enroute.

DENVER, Colo., June 9.—The South Platte river reached its crest in Denver and Colorado last midnight. After flooding for four days two square miles of Denver's lowlands on the west side and inundating farming sections along its course through northern and northeastern Colorado, the flood waters have begun to recede.

The recession of the Platte is expected to be slow. Intermittent rainfall in the mountains has served to make the river rise during the last few days. It rained again last night, but not heavily. In Denver hundreds of frame dwellings and manufacturing plants were surrounded and railroad yards submerged by the water which was at its highest yesterday at twelve feet, one inch.

The second flood casualty occurred here last night, members of the police safety patrol reported today. A cry for help late in the night was heard. Workmen found footprints on the riverbank, disappearing in the waters. Mud torn up by the victim's hands, indicated a struggle for life. The body has not been recovered.

Farms in northern Colorado were inundated. Bridges, by the score, are washed out, highways are impassable and railroad trackage torn and twisted. Official estimates of the damage indicate the loss will pass the million

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SENATE TO INVESTIGATE SIMS' TALK

Upper House Aroused Over U. S. Admiral's Speech at London Luncheon—Sims Stands Pat—Meant Every Word He Said—Sees Nothing Un-American.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Investigation of the recent speech in London by Rear Admiral William S. Sims, touching on Irish sympathizers in this country was ordered by the senate today without a record vote. The resolution was offered by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi.

LONDON, June 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., is quoted by the Press association today as saying this morning with regard to the speech he delivered on the Irish question here Tuesday: "I stand by all I said, every word of it. I can't repudiate a single word I said and I see nothing un-American in it, even if Senator McCormick does."

Admiral Sims, who this morning said he had not received the cablegram reported to have been sent him by Secretary of the Navy Denby, inquiring if the admiral was correctly quoted in the press reports of his speech, has arranged to have the cable message delivered to him as soon as it reaches London.

Speaking at a luncheon given by the English Speaking union at London on Tuesday, Admiral Sims was reported to have made a bitter attack upon Irish sympathizers in America. He is said to have declared: "They are like zebras—either black horses with white stripes or white horses with black stripes. But we know they are not horses—they are asses. Each of these asses, however, has a vote and there are lots of them." He declared that the persons he assailed were Americans "when they want money, but Sinn Feiners when on the platform," and added "they are making war on America today," according to cabled versions of the Admiral's remarks.

BRITISH DISCOVER IRISH SOVIET PACT

LONDON, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government issued as a "white paper" this afternoon the text of what purports to be the draft of a proposed treaty between the Russian soviet government and the "republic of Ireland," which the government states was captured in Dublin.

A covering letter, it was stated, captured at the same time signed "Dermot O'Hegarty," described in the white paper as one of the Irish republican parliament's secretaries, was addressed to Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein minister of propaganda. This letter is dated June 15, 1920. A memorandum also accompanied the document, the government states. This was alleged to have been written by Dr. McCarlin. The memorandum is quoted as saying: "The understanding at present is that I shall be in charge of the mission and John T. Ryan of Buffalo, will be another member."

TO ENFORCE MOTOR LAWS IN COUNTY

Ferry L. Griffith, state inspector, who has charge of collecting auto licenses and enforcing the state motor vehicle laws, is in Medford today, conferring with the sheriff and chief of police. He says the speed, lights, dimming, right of way and all other laws will be strictly enforced hereafter and the penalty for non-compliance is from \$100 to \$500. The county now has a special motorcycle police, Q. B. Millard, and state men will patrol highways and roads all the time. Mr. Griffith is working under direction of Secretary of State Koser. R. D. Hines of Jacksonville and A. L. Simmons of Central Point, have been convicted of operating motor vehicles without license.

President Obregon Can't Sign Treaty Proposed by U. S. A.

MEXICO CITY, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Formal signature of a treaty between Mexico and the United States as a condition to recognition of the Obregon administration by Washington is impossible, said a statement issued at the presidential office last night. The foreign office declared that a commercial treaty between the United States and Mexico was desirable, but that the Mexican president did not possess the right to conclude a treaty of a political nature such as was proposed by the United States.

LOCAL COMPANY RECEIVES ORDERS TO MOVE JUNE 14

Orders from the adjutant general ordering Co. A, the local National Guard company to entrain Tuesday evening June 14, for the annual two weeks' encampment at Camp Lewis have arrived and all members of the organization are on their toes getting ready and "rarin to go."

Unless all signs fall this encampment will be the most enjoyable ever attended by Oregon Guardsmen. Instead of a wearisome close-order drill, most of the two weeks' period will be spent on the rifle ranges where young America's natural inclination and ability to shoot will be fully gratified. There will be instruction and firing with machine guns and with the wonderful Browning auto-rifle, which fires 20 shots at one pull of the trigger much faster than can be counted.

Part of the time will be spent in combat firing, the most interesting work the soldier has to do in peace times. Tactical situations will be assumed, the companies advancing to the attack in regular battle formations and firing with ball cartridges on partially hidden targets cut to represent enemy soldiers.

While there will be plenty of hard work, time for play has been provided for. Every man attending camp will be given a chance to visit Seattle, Tacoma and other points of interest on Puget Sound. A field day will be held where men with athletic ability may compete for valuable prizes.

Co. A still has room for a few more recruits and any young man who would enjoy a two weeks' vacation on Puget Sound with pay at the rate of \$1.50 per day, fine grub furnished and all travel expenses paid should enlist at once. Headquarters at the Nat will be open every night from now until Tuesday. Ex-service men may enlist for one year.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns: National, Philadelphia, Chicago, Batteries: Smith and Peters; Cheevers and Daly.

Table with columns: R. H. E., Boston, Pittsburgh, Batteries: Fillingim, Watson and Gowdy, O'Neill; Cper and Schmidt.

Table with columns: R. H. E., Brooklyn, St. Louis, Cadore, Bailey, and Miller; Haines and Clemons.

Table with columns: R. H. E., Cleveland, New York, Batteries: Caldwell and Nunn; maker; Quinn, Ferguson, Collins, Sheehan and Schang.

Table with columns: R. H. E., St. Louis, Boston, Batteries: Van Gilder and Collins; Thormahlen, Neitzke and Ruel.

NEW YORK—Ineffective pitching, due to the elimination of freak deliveries is responsible for the waning of major league baseball clubs this year, according to Manager Tris Speaker of the world's champion Cleveland club.

FED'L TRADE COMMISSION DENOUNCED

Oregon Lumber Men Up in Arms Over Report of Combination On Pacific Coast to Keep Up Prices—Not True Officials Declare—Pinchism Charged.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9.—The conclusions of the federal trade commission are untrue insofar as they refer to the lumber producers of Willamette valley, declared F. G. Donaldson, secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association.

L. A. Nelson, secretary of the Oregon district of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said: "The findings are a part of a campaign of the Pinchot conservationists to put over the Capper bill now before congress to place government control over all forest products industries."

Speaking as an independent operator unaffiliated with any association of lumber producers, F. H. Ransom, manager of the Eastern and Western Lumber company, one of Portland's largest lumber producers, said the findings are propaganda against the efforts of the lumber industry to obtain a protective tariff on lumber importations.

Lumber Prices Down
"It is true that fir lumber prices advanced last year beyond all precedent just as everything else went up in price because of increased cost of production. But lumber prices are down now to a lower level than they were before the war."

"The federal trade commission should have inquired from Duns or Bradstreet about the financial condition of the lumber industry. The commission would have found many of the sawmills in this region closed down and in bankruptcy."

"Mill operators are so eager for business and so jealous of one another that they will take orders at almost any price."

"There is a mistaken idea in the Mississippi valley that there is a great lumber trust in the Pacific northwest, and I believe this notion had much to do in causing the federal trade commission to reach erroneous conclusions."

Restrict Production

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Charges that loggers and lumber manufacturers of the "Douglas fir region" on the Pacific coast, the future chief source of the country's lumber supply, are organized to fix lumber prices by "concerted restriction of production," are made by the federal trade commission in a report submitted today to congress.

"They have been engaged in such activities for twenty years," the report said, adding that evidence from which conclusions of the commission were based was procured from the files of "the associations concerned with the production of Douglas fir."

Eight conclusions are presented, in addition to lengthy excerpts from correspondence from which the analysis was compiled. The first conclusion asserts that fir lumber quotations went up from 300 to 500 per cent between 1915 and 1920 and most items doubled in price after the armistice.

Despite reductions in 1919 and 1920, it continued, present quotations on substantial portions of the production are still more than double the October 1915 prices.

"And fir logs in May 1921 were quoted at prices identical with those which were fixed by the war industries board as the war time maximum."

A Few Control Timber

Ownership of standing timber in the region is "concentrated in the hands of a comparatively few strong concerns," the report states, "and control of timber is the key to control of production," which is in turn used to control prices.

"Ordinary manufacturing profits tend to be absorbed in the price of logs," the report declared, "and the valuation of timber, particularly on falling wholesale lumber markets. The frequent and present claims of unprofitable mill prices are largely explained by the collusive action of loggers and timber owning mills in enhancing the value of logs and standing timber."

"Prompt" exchange of information as to prices is said to be carried on by fir manufacturers and also between this group and southern pine manufacturers "for the purpose and with the effect of securing harmonious price

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Disease Stalks in Pueblo, Number of Missing Reaches 437

PUEBLO, Col., June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The local chapter of the Red Cross which is in charge of relief work in the flood district in Pueblo this afternoon, issued a list of missing persons containing 437 names. The first unit of the huge refugee camp being organized here is now in operation under supervision of the Salvation Army. There are 83 cases of diphtheria of which 34 are quarantined. A large majority of these cases, Dr. Cornell said, have developed since the flood. The scarlet fever cases number 14. There are two cases of typhoid fever, five of smallpox and ten of chicken pox.

3 DEAD AS RESULT OF BOARD BILL

Refusal of Thomas Kelley to Pay Board Bill Results in His Death and Death of Two Policemen—Pitched Battle Fought in Streets of Toledo, Ohio.

TOLEDO, O., June 9.—Thomas Kelley, 48, of Oklahoma, was killed by police this morning following a battle, which lasted two hours and in which machine guns and hand grenades had been used to dislodge him from his boarding house at 611 Walnut street. Before he was killed Kelley shot and killed Patrolman Harry Dowell and Harold Mossbrugger, who had been called to the house to subdue him, after he had refused to pay a board bill and had flourished a revolver and threatened his landlady, Mrs. Nelly Key and her son, Allen.

The roof of the house was partly shot away by machine gun fire and hundreds of shots were exchanged between the officers and the solitary gunman before he was finally killed. Two machine guns were sent from central police station and high pressure fire hose was used in an effort to cave in the walls of the house. Sulphur candles were lighted in the dwelling and other chemicals dropped into the attic through a skylight in an effort to smoke the rebel out.

Patrolman Mossbrugger courageously mounted to the roof of a three-story brick building, crossed its top under fire, swung his legs over a trap door for a five-foot drop to the floor of the attic and was killed by Kelley on the instant his feet touched the floor.

The body of Patrolman Dowell lay for two hours on the sidewalk in front of the house where he fell while the battle went on. Hundreds of shots were exchanged between the officers and the solitary gunman who was a roomer in the home of Mrs. Nelly Key. She said Kelley came here recently from Oklahoma.

Later the roof of the house was being demolished by machine guns and hand grenades. Two newspaper reporters caught in the lower part of the house, were unable to get out because of the continuous fire kept up by the police and the fugitive and reported developments of the fight by a telephone.

Thousands of persons watched the battle from points of vantage.

STRAWBERRY RIOT PORTLAND MARKET

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9.—There was a "strawberry riot" at the public market here today as the result of an announcement by one grower that he would sell strawberries at 90 cents a crate, while the prevailing price was \$1.75. Women thronged so thickly that police were called. The supply of 90 cent berries was quickly exhausted and Market Master Eastman was forced to mount a box and harangue the multitude, explaining why other booths at the market could not sell strawberries at 90 cents.

SEATTLE—Johnny Flek of Rock Island, Ill., fought four rounds to a draw last night with Joe Barrahan of Seattle. They are lightweights.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Jack Eritton welterweight boxing champion, and Frank Barreau of Vancouver, fought ten rounds to a draw last night.

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RED CROSS IS ENDORSED BY C. OF C. FORUM

Speech By Mayor Gates Brings Unanimous Support Charitable Organization—Future of Medford Bright Declares Speaker.

Because of the efficient manner in which the Medford Chapter of the Red Cross had dispensed charity in the past and because of there being no other organization in southern Oregon which has as its object the welfare of humanity, the local chapter was given unanimous endorsement by the forum of the Medford Chamber of Commerce at the Medford Hotel yesterday noon.

The resolution adopted approved of the work of the Red Cross which it has been doing and endorsed any campaign which may be made to properly finance this institution to continue its efforts in the future. There was a general feeling that the Red Cross was of such benefit to the community that it would be folly to permit it to discontinue or in any way curtail its activities.

This action taken, in behalf of the Red Cross, was the result of the optimistic address of Mayor Gates. His analysis of conditions here in 1911 and the succeeding ten years, which includes the war period, was such that he clearly showed that Medford today is not suffering from the effects of the war as are many other communities. Medford never did have any war prosperity for there were no institutions here that benefited financially nor paid unheard of wages which brought about the reckless expenditure of money and high rents and therefore no readjustment was necessary as the people in the Rogue River valley were forced to save during the war and the bank deposits today show that this is being continued at the present time.

In his address on "Medford—this year and the years to follow" he told of the dream of the people that is now to become a reality—that of irrigation. He pointed to the development of the lumber industry, which has long been realized as being an asset, yet did not contribute to the prosperity as it will within a very few months.

There was one other point brought out in which this valley may never fear for adverse condition even though lumber mills may shut down and fruit destroyed by frost, because diversified

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BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE SILESIA CITY, DRIVE OUT POLISH INSURGENTS

OPPELN, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five thousand Polish insurgents have been driven out of the city of Rosenberg, northeast of here by British forces, and last night the Poles were reported to be retreating in a southeasterly direction. The Poles made a show of resistance, but the British did not fire a shot in taking possession of Rosenberg.

When the British entered the city, the Poles dropped a few poorly aimed shells behind them, and there was a scattering of rifle shots from the Polish positions. The Poles then picked up their machine guns, which had been set up in a road and fled.

ALL U. S. GOLF PROFESSIONALS ARE ELIMINATED FROM ENGLISH TOURNEY

GLENEAGLES, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—All the American entrants were eliminated from the thousand guineas professional golf tournament in the match play today. Walter Hagen of Detroit, the former American open champion, only American survivor from the first round, was defeated in the second round by T. G. Renouf, of Manchester 3 up and 2 to play.

GLENEAGLES, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Walter Hagen, of Detroit, won his match in the first round of the thousand guineas professional golf tournament on the links here today, defeating Josh Taylor, Great Britain, four up and two to play.

Edward Ray of Oxhey, the British crack, holder of the American open championship, eliminated one of the two other Americans, who qualified for the match play in the tournament, Emmet French, of Youngstown, Ohio, in a close match. Ray defeated French by two up and one to play.

The other American, Jock Hutchinson, of Chicago, also was eliminated, being defeated by Abe Mitchell, Great Britain, in an even closer match, the Britisher winning by one hole.

Other matches among the British competitors in the tournament resulted as follows:

A. G. Havers defeated James Braid by one hole. Joseph Kirkwood defeated Harry Vardon at the nineteenth hole.