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FIRE THREATENS HIGH SCHOOL

Von Hindenburg Named President of Germany In Sunday's Election

Former Field Marshal Defeats Marx by Nearly One Million Votes---to Take Office Next Week---Victory Declared Serious Menace to Future Peace

BERLIN, April 27.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's "front porch" campaign, conducted from his home in Hanover, has been successful and next week he will be inducted into office as the first popularly elected president of Germany.

The first president, the late Friederich Ebert, was named by the national assembly immediately after the revolution, which established the republic, but Von Hindenburg was chosen by direct vote of the people running as the choice of the national-conservative, consisting of the parties of the united right, he received 14,639,399 votes, or 48.3 per cent of the total valid ballots cast in yesterday's polling. He obtained a plurality of 886,759 over his principal opponent, former Chancellor Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the republican bloc, who received 13,752,640 votes. Ernst Thaelmann, the communist, trailed with 1,931,591.

Run Neck and Neck

The race was close from the start, the two chief candidates running neck and neck almost until the official count. Dr. Marx, backed by the centrists, democrats and socialists, conducted a whirl-wind campaign on the American plan, delivering several scheduled addresses daily, as well as speaking from the rear platform of his train when occasion offered.

Von Hindenburg took little active personal part in the fight and did not even vote himself, but his supporters were busy everywhere waging a strenuous campaign. His most important speech was delivered before a great gathering of nationalists at Hanover, when he denied that he represented reaction or that his candidacy was inimical to the republic.

Abhors War

His only other public utterance significant of final appeal, broadcast by radio last Friday night, in which he said: "I affirm before the whole world that it has always been made my holiest endeavor to prevent new horrors of war and to help to the utmost the victims of past wars. To serve our people as leader will be my policy."

The women's vote and the heavy turnout of former stay-at-homes are believed to have been responsible for his victory over such a seasoned political campaigner as Dr. Marx. The latter, however, failed to arouse much enthusiasm in the ranks of the so-called Weimar coalition.

To Take Oath

The Reichstag will reconvene next Tuesday and Von Hindenburg, if he follows established custom, will have the republican oath administered to him some time during the week by the socialist reichstag president, Paul Loeb, in the presence of a parliament in which he probably has more opponents than supporters, as the centrists, democrats, socialists and communists command 277 seats against only 216 for the right sts.

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FLIERS HONORED

Washington, April 27.—Major Frederick L. Martin, first commander of the army world fliers expedition, and first Lieutenants Leigh Wade and Leslie P. Arnold, members of that expedition, received today the first distinguished service medals ever given for military service performed in time of peace.

MAYOR AND CHIEF HERD STRAY COWS IN SHIPPINGTON

Somebody's cows strayed this morning onto the gardens and lawns of conscientous housewives in the Shippington district.

Unsuccessful attempts to root the offending bovines from the strange pasture which grows in the well kept garden proved unavailing, so a hurry up call was put in for police protection.

Mayor Fred R. Goddard, Chief of Police Harry M. Loocks and City Patrolman Argraves immediately responded. Ownership and responsibility for the nuisance will be determined.

The owners of the animals are unknown to the authorities.

WORK RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

Secretary of Interior Tells of Trip Through the Western States

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secretary Work returned to his desk today after a month's inspection of western reclamation projects, Indian lands and national parks. His conclusions together with the findings of two special committees now surveying and re-appraising reclamation projects will form the subject of a comprehensive report to the next congress.

The reclamation situation presented such a variety of conditions, Mr. Work said today, that he hesitated to speak in a general way regarding it.

What remedial steps are taken to aid settlers to meet their construction obligations to the government will depend largely on the findings of his sommissions now in the field.

FLOODING OF KLAMATH LAKE TO BE FOUGHT

Wool Growers' Association to Meet Tuesday to Take Definite Action

Asserting that the flooding of the lower Klamath lake would mean a loss of from $500,000 to $600,000 to the annual cash income of Klamath county, members of the Klamath Wool Growers' association will make a valiant attempt to prevent that section from being flooded into a bird reserve which the Audubon society and many Klamath sportsmen have advocated.

Members of the executive committee of the Klamath Wool Growers' association will meet in the rooms of the Klamath Irrigation district to discuss plans whereby they will intervene in preventing the land from being flooded. Members of the executive committee are Dennis O'Connor, president, from the Merrill road district; Michael P. Barry, James Lacey and Ned O'Connor, all from the Merrill section.

Flooding of the land, according to A. M. Thomas, would mean to Klamath county a loss of $600,000. Last year, said Thomas, 50,000 head of sheep were fed in that section, and the flooding of the land, particularly the grazing area, would mean an irreparable loss. The meeting of the executive committee is planned for Tuesday afternoon, 1 a. m., May 5, this being the regular meeting of the association.

HILT SWEPT BY BLAZE WITH BIG LOSS

Damage of $50,000 Caused by Blaze Which Burns Several Buildings

YREKA, Calif., April 27.—For the second time within a year, Hilt, the most northerly town in California, was swept by flames late Saturday evening. The old Hilt hotel, its annex, the hospital belonging to the Fruit Growers Supply company, an apartment house and the P. W. Foster residence were completely destroyed at an approximate loss of $50,000. Many of the employes of the company lost their entire personal effects.

The fire started in the hotel from unknown causes and rapidly swept through the frame structures. A feeble fight was offered by a volunteer fire department badly handicapped by lack of equipment, and the fire practically exhausted itself. No one was injured but the only patient in the hospital had a narrow escape from being burned.

BUS AND TRUCK BILL APPROVED

Approval of the stand taken by the association of county judges and commissioners in fighting the referendum against the so-called bus and truck bill is given by the state highway commission in resolutions adopted in Portland, according to word received here today by the county court.

In the opinion of the highway commission the bill does not levy a confiscatory fee, but does attempt to distribute the burden equitably among those who use the highways, and for that reason should not be defeated.

"Bud" Moe Freed; No Evidence

On the ground that not sufficient evidence was available to warrant prosecution, larceny charges against "Bud" B. F. Moe, former manager of the Pine Tree theater, were dropped this afternoon. Dismissal of the charges was made by Justice of the Peace R. E. Hunsaker at the recommendation of the acting district attorney.

The acting district attorney dropped the case following a conference today with Frank Cassidy, general manager of the George Mann interests, Moe's former employer. W. C. Van Emon, local attorney, was Moe's attorney.

News Flashes

FIGHTER MEETS COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Johnny Dundee, world's featherweight champion, was received today by President Coolidge. The fighter had just returned from a trip through Europe and he assured Mr. Coolidge of the latter's popularity abroad.

HERE'S GOOD NEWS

WASHINGTON, April 27.—An intoxicated person, if he so desires, may become sober in about half an hour by the proper exercise of his lungs, Dr. Yandell Henderson of the Sheffield scientific school at Yale told the National academy of science here today.

TO SELECT SITE

SALEM, Ore., April 27.—Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Kozer and State School Superintendent Churchill, members of the board of regents of Oregon normal schools, left today for Ashland, where the board will select a site for the building at the Ashland normal school.

TO RETURN FUGITIVE

SALEM, Ore., April 27.—Governor Pierce has received a requisition from the governor of Michigan for the extradition of Leonard Hall, alias John Skinner, an escape from the Michigan reformatory at Ionia, who is now under arrest at Klamath Falls. Hall was sent to the Michigan reformatory from Kalamazoo on a five-year sentence for assault with intent to rob.

SEEK MURDER CLEWS

CHICAGO, April 27.—Working meager clews authorities today hunted for the slayers of a 16-year-old girl whose burned and mutilated body was found last night near Chesterton, Ind.

CHICAGO, April 27.—The unclothed body of a woman identified as Miss Marie McCormack, 43, was found in an apartment in the Hyde Park district today. Thomas Davis, a hotel chef, who called the attention of the police to the death, was held for questioning. Empty bottles and disorder in the apartment, the police said, indicated death may have followed a moonshine revel.

SHEPHERD TRIAL SET

CHICAGO, April 27.—William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder of William Nelson McClintock, his foster son, from whom he inherited a $1,000,000 estate, will be tried May 18 before Judge Lynch.

WM. S. SLOUGH DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME TODAY

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Prominent Klamath Citizen

Apparently in the best of health this morning, William Sewall Slough, aged 63 and prominent citizen of Klamath Falls, was dead a 1 o'clock this afternoon following a sudden attack of heart trouble. The end came at the Slough home, 131 Washington street.

Shortly after breakfast this morning Mr. Slough complained to his wife of an annoying pain in his chest. He remarked at the time that he would call on the doctor when he went down town later in the morning.

Went to Bed

While attending to other business he called on a physician, who prescribed certain medicine. After running a few errands he returned home, arriving a few minutes before 11 o'clock.

He again complained mildly of pains in his chest, and announced his intention of going to bed for the rest of the day.

After undressing and going to bed, his wife asked him if he didn't think it would be a good idea to call the doctor.

"No, I don't think so. I will be all right in a short time, after I get a little rest," Mr. Slough responded.

Last Words Uttered

Those were the last words he uttered. Ten minutes later Mrs. Slough asked him a question and he did not respond. Investigation disclosed that he had passed into unconsciousness. A physician was called, but all attempts to revive him proved unavailing. Two hours later he died. Doctors pronounced cause of death as anginapestoras, an acute disease of the heart.

Mr. Slough came to Klamath Falls in 1903, from the Puget Sound country, where he and his wife taught school. At one time he was principal of the Klamath county high school.

Later he entered the abstract business, with J. B. Mason as a partner. The firm was known as the Slough-Mason Abstract company. Poor health in 1911 led him to sell out his interest to Mr. Mason.

Built Slough Building

Since 1911 he had built the Slough building on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and had been active in the real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Slough, since his arrival here, had been active in the Presbyterian church. At the time of his death he was an elder of the church.

Born in Ohio

He was born in Pataskola, O. He and his wife devoted the greater part of their lives to teaching both public and private schools. They taught in Kansas and also in Washington.

Funeral arrangements have been deferred until word is received from relatives.

VISIT IN MEDFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard and daughter Mary and Miss Louise Cattuzza, Miss Cecilia McMahon and Miss Loraine Lavenik visited friends in Medford over Sunday.

PENALTIES REMITTED

Opinion of the attorney general received today by the Klamath county court holds that the farm relief act passed at the state legislature last session, makes it mandatory for all county courts to annul all penalty and interest charges on delinquent taxes that have not been paid for 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Neighbors See Smoke And Call Department Just In Nick of Time

Spontaneous Combustion Is Believed to Have Been Cause of Blaze Starting in Science Laboratory---Fire Chief Ambrose Slightly Injured by Fall

Fire, originating in the general science laboratory from spontaneous combustion, threatened Klamath County high school with complete destruction last night. The flames had burned their way through the second floor and from the first floor to the basement when the alarm was turned in to the fire department. In ten minutes the fire was under control and in fifteen minutes, practically extinguished.

Total destruction of the high school was probably avoided by Miss Betty Mueller, trained nurse, and her brother, Louis Mueller. The Mueller family reside on Third street, between High and Washington. Miss Mueller, happening to glance out of the window at 11:15 o'clock last night, thought she saw smoke filtering out of the school. She told her brother, who, after a careful look, reported the matter to Keith K. Ambrose, fire chief.

Damage $500

Damage of approximately $500 was done to the building, was the report of Mr. Ambrose and Deputy State Fire Marshal Will J. Lester, who thoroughly investigated the fire this morning.

The last person in the laboratory was Harmon Chapman, a member of the faculty. Mr. Chapman had been working in the laboratory where acids, phosphorus and other chemicals were stored. The fire is thought to have started from spontaneous combustion, in an open container of phosphorus.

Investigation disclosed that the fire had probably smoldered an hour before it was discovered. A vent in the ceiling of the laboratory carried the flames to the second floor.

First Fire

The fire was the first in the high school. While the laboratory could not be used today, the general science class convened in an adjoining room.

If the fire department had arrived three or four minutes later, the fire would have been virtually out of control, Chief Ambrose said. The fire had worked up to that point where a general spread of the flames was about to occur. Pitch was melting from beams and about ready to ignite.

Ambrose Injured

Fire Chief Ambrose narrowly escaped serious injury after the fire was extinguished. He slipped through the hole burned through the laboratory floor to the basement and only saved himself by catching onto the floor as he fell. He is suffering from minor cuts and bruises today.

$916 IN FINES

Klamath county has realized $916 from fines for traffic violations during the last three months, the county court announced today. All the money collected for traffic violations goes into the county coffers. R. E. Knowles is the county traffic officer.

MATCH—GAS—HOSPITAL

Anacortes, Wash., April 27.—John Bailey got up before daylight Sunday to go fishing. He struck a match and peered into the gasoline tank of his automobile. He spent the day in a hospital, suffering from badly burned hands and face. He has no garage today and his car is in ruins, with no insurance.

LOGGER MAKES THREE EFFORTS TO KILL SELF

SPOKANE, Wash., April 27.—H. George Smith, a woods worker, aged 42, was recovering from three attempts to take his life which were terminated when the chilly waters of a mill pond here gave sudden birth in his mind of a desire to live.

Smith told police he had become despondent from drink and had decided early yesterday to commit suicide. He cut his throat, but still lived, then slashed his wrists, but found that ineffective, and then walked several blocks from his hotel to a mill pond and jumped in. The cold water gave him a different notion and he seized a convenient log and called for help.

After an all night rest in jail, his view upon life was reported as considerably improved.

FOUR CHILDREN MEET DEATH IN FIRE

Youngsters Playing With Stumping Powder Bring Fatal Results

OREGON CITY, April 27.—Four children were killed, one seriously injured and another received severe burns, the result of burning black powder Saturday at the farm of J. Kolschinski about 25 miles south of Molalla.

Clare, aged 11, was buried yesterday and the bodies of Joe, 14, Carl, 9, and Paul, 5, are at an undertakers here where funeral arrangements are pending. Wesson, 7, is at the Oregon City hospital where his chances for recovery were said by his attendants today to be fair. Frank, the sixth child of the Kolschinski family is at the family home.

The children had been playing with a quantity of black powder which had been obtained for the purpose of blasting. There was no explosion, the powder being loose in a larbe container. The injuries of the children were from burns, physicians stated.