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## HOOVER STRIPPED OF HIS POWER TO REGULATE RADIO

### Government Has No Air Control

### CONFUSION THREATEN

### Future Depends Upon Immediate Needed Legislation by Congress

(CHICAGO, April 6.—(United News)—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has been stripped of his powers to regulate radio broadcasting by a federal court ruling in the government's "air piracy" suit against the Zenith Radio corporation.

The decision may plunge the entire broadcasting industry into chaos as it means that the government now exercises no control over the time programs may be put on the air or over the use of wave lengths.

The principal hope of broadcasting stations and their millions of listeners is that the chaos will hit congress before it hits the air. If congress acts promptly to put teeth in the laws governing radio the immediate threat of general "congestion" of the air lanes may be avoided.

Secretary Hoover recently estimated that a decision such as that handed down Friday by Judge James H. Wilkerson would render useless to thousands of American families approximately \$500,000,000 worth of radio receiving sets.

No Restrictions.  
He pointed out that regularly licensed broadcasters could go on the air at any time and on any wave length and that the government would be powerless to restrain them.

Judge Wilkerson held in effect that Secretary Hoover did not have the power to enlarge the acts of congress.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(United News)—The decision of Judge James H. Wilkerson at Chicago, holding in effect that Secretary of Commerce Hoover has no authority to assign wave lengths or time to radio broadcasters, makes it almost imperative that congress enact legislation firmly establishing federal control. If utter confusion is to be prevented.

This is the opinion here of the decision in favor of the Zenith Radio corporation, which was sued by the government on the ground that it had "usurped" the wave lengths of five Canadian stations at hours not assigned to WJAZ. The future would seem to depend entirely upon the attitude of congress toward legislation and its determination as to whether or not federal control of the situation shall be continued," said Judge Stephen B. Davis, solicitor of the commerce department, commenting on the decision.

Here from Fort—Ray Loosley, prominent rancher of the Fort Klamath country, was in the city Friday afternoon to look into business affairs.

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## CLEAN WINDOWS THIEF'S FORTE

### Officers Identify Finger Prints in \$40,000 Jewel Robbery

NEW YORK, April 16.—(United News)—Detectives seeking to recover the \$40,000 in jewels which were stolen from the Park avenue apartment of Miss Muriel H. Wurtz-Dundas are searching for an expert gem thief who piles his trade regularly in the guise of a window cleaner. The society leader's jewels disappeared Wednesday with the sudden leave-taking of a man who had been hired to wash the windows.

This man, whose name they know and whose description and finger prints they have, gets about \$100,000 a year in his window cleaning visits. Then he uses the money to mingle in Europe and Palm Beach with the society leaders he has robbed, according to stories told of him here.

For several years he has appeared in New York in the spring cleaning season. Last year Colonel William Hayward's home yielded him \$20,000 in jewelry and that of Adelaide Phillips \$25,000 in diamonds and pearls.

The same finger prints which were found on windows at the Hayward home were on windows of the apartment of Miss Wurtz-Dundas.

## FETE TO MARK REBUILT CITY

### San Francisco to Mark 20 Years' Progress Following Earthquake

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—(United News)—San Francisco is in gala dress for its celebration of 20 years of progress since the earthquake and fire of 1906.

Two decades ago San Francisco was a city of 272,434 inhabitants. It was a city of wooden houses by the Golden Gate, serenely confident of its future, taking life as it came.

On the night of April 17, 1906, a Saturday, metropolitan opera stars had been widely acclaimed. Corks were popping at gay restaurants; Chinatown was aglow with light and life. The Barbary coast was thronged with men from the square riggers off shore. The Lenten season was past and merry dances were in progress.

The next morning buildings were wrecked and torn by an earth tremor of less than a minute's duration. Structures crashed to the streets, light and water were cut off, street cars stopped—and flames began to lick about the ruins.

Before the holocaust was ended, 54 city blocks had been razed, damage was placed at \$500,000,000. There were 498 dead.

Market street is draped with flags now. San Francisco is again serenely confident, taking life as it comes. Public functions and a score of dances and entertainments are scheduled for observance of the anniversary Saturday.

## Council Talks on Paving Thickness

A short special meeting of the council was held in the council chamber last night for the purpose of altering the paving specifications so as to permit concrete bidders to enter competition on a party with bitulithic. After a general discussion on the question of paving thickness and the desirability of permitting concrete to be put in of a less thickness, the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting time, Monday evening.

The 1926 paving activity will get under way at an early date and it is considered likely that when all the present projects are completed along with a number of other districts yet to petition, Klamath will make a greater paving investment in 1926 than was made in 1925, when some 28 blocks were surfaced, mostly in the district below Klamath avenue.

In from Camp—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Puckett were in the city yesterday for the day to visit with friends and ship. They reside at the Puckett Logging company where Puckett is contracting for logs.

## SECRETARY WORK AGAINST PAYMENT TO FRANK ADAMS

### Opposed to McNary's \$30,000 Bill

### WORK NOT PERMANENT

### Since Adams Attempted This Reclamation the Land Has Gone Back

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(United News)—Senator McNary has received from Secretary Work of the interior department an unfavorable report on a bill proposing to pay J. Frank Adams \$30,000 as reimbursement for the construction of dikes at Hank's Marsh on Upper Klamath lake in connection with the Klamath reclamation project.

Five hundred acres of government land was included in a dyking project some years ago, and in 1919 the government accepted the bid of Adams for reclaiming this land. He was to be paid by proceeds of leases. The American Legion post at Klamath Falls entered protest and after much discussion the interior department decided that it had no authority to make the contract.

Spent \$24,956.

Adams went ahead with the dyking project, some of his expenditures being on government land. He claimed he spent \$24,956 on it in 1922, it is stated, an investigation being made in that year. The report held that the dikes were not up to government standard and only about half the necessary work done to make the reclamation of this marsh land permanent.

Since the time of Adams' dredging activity on the Hank's Marsh a good share of the dikes have been leveled from action of the elements and the marsh land has gone back to practically its original state, it is claimed.

## Valley DeMolays Visit Last Night

Twenty-five Medford young men, members of the chapter of DeMolay, paid Klamath Falls a visit yesterday to put on the initiatory degree. The boys in full uniform marched through the streets of Klamath Falls prior to enjoying a banquet held in the Masonic Temple in their honor. Work was put on after the banquet, followed by a dance.

## HUGE DOOR PLACED FOR SAFETY VAULT

A new vault door, weighing 6000 pounds was placed in the American National bank yesterday, forming an entrance to the safety deposit vault. Four men worked constantly during the afternoon hoisting the heavy door in place. The old vault door will be used on the second vault which is being placed in the rear of the bank.

According to E. M. Bubb, cashier of the bank, the remodeling will be finished by May 1.

## Trout Eggs Taken to Crooked Creek

P. W. Southwick, superintendent of the Crooked Creek hatchery took 514,300 rainbow trout eggs from the Spencer Creek hatchery to Crooked Creek, yesterday.

The majority of the fish, when hatched will be planted in Klamath's lakes and streams. It is probable that they will be liberated late in the fall, according to Southwick.

"I am planning to keep a large number of the fish and not plant them until next spring," said Southwick. "The fish would have hatched in several days in the Spencer Creek waters, warmer than the Crooked Creek waters, and so it was necessary to do the transplanting immediately. Those fish will hatch within the coming week in colder water and I am planning to hold some of them until spring."

## CITY MANAGER PLAN

### Government Executive Is Appointed By Councilmen and Paid Good Salary

(In the effort to find out how the shortcomings of Klamath Falls' present form of government may be remedied, The Klamath News is studying the city manager plan, which has met with wide success in other cities. In this, the fourth of a series of articles on the subject, further advantages of hiring a city manager are presented.)

The city manager is appointed and is responsible entirely to the elective body that engages his services. Under the typical city manager plan he may be hired from out of town, if the central governing body thinks that course best. He is usually paid a salary comparative to what some of the large successful private corporations offer.

As a result, the profession of city management has been steadily growing in the United States, attracting to its ranks some of the best executive material in the country.

Genuine public service, if it is fairly paid, makes a strong appeal to the finer types of manhood and womanhood, and since city managership opens the door to such service, it is already the goal on which thousands of youths have set their eyes.

Ambitious young America once looked forward to the public platform, to the arena of political debate, as the way to fame. The engineering impulse of the present age supplies a further motive. The satisfaction that comes from understanding and being able to operate and direct mechanism and organization is a factor of increasing social importance.

City managership, basically a matter of mechanism and organization, is thus in harmony with the newer spirit of the age and will experience no difficulty in enlisting a high order of recruits.

Advocates of the new plan emphasize the fact that the city manager is not necessarily involved in politics or in disputes on matters of general policy and that this permits comparative permanence in the office of the city's chief executive.

This permanence, it is held, is an important thing in developing a smoothly running mechanism.

In all plans involving elective executives, long tenures of office are too rare, it is contended.

If the city manager plan rids our cities of amateur and transient executives and substitutes therefor men experienced in municipal administration, it is argued, it will have done enough to justify its coming.

"For the first time," the National Municipal league says, in a recent pamphlet on city managership, "the people have gotten their own corporation into such shape that it can hold its own with private corporations in competition for competent executive talent.

"For the first time it is able to provide these attractive conditions: Tenure for as long as the man 'makes good,' chance for advancement and professional reputation and a chance to achieve things by straightforward unincumbered business methods."

## ARMY TRIAL IS IN FINAL STAGE

### Negro Maid Who Served Cocktails to Testify What Drinks Contained

U. S. MARINE BASE, San Diego, Cal., April 16.—(United News)—The court-martial of Colonel Alexander S. Williams on charges of intoxication preferred by General Smedley D. Butler, marine thunderbolt, will adjourn Saturday noon until next Monday morning.

This was announced when the court adjourned late Friday after re-hearing the evidence of several marine officers who attended the Coronado cocktail party given by Colonel Williams in honor of General Butler's arrival here to relieve him of the local marine command.

Captain Clifton Cates, staunch friend of Colonel Williams and legal (Continued from Page 1)

## Wisconsin Man to Head University

EUGENE, April 16.—(United News)—Arnold Bennett Hall, head of the political science department of the University of Wisconsin, was elected president of the University of Oregon here today.

The board of regents met in secret session Friday to consider the educational leader's ability for the position, which was left vacant by the death of President P. L. Campbell.

Hall was elected by the unanimous vote of the board, and his salary fixed at \$12,000 per year. At the same time H. C. Townsend, formerly of Smith college, was elected professor of philosophy at the salary of \$4000 per year.

## SHOW NEED FOR FEDERAL BLDG.

### Judge Gaghen Wires Wiest to Boost for Klamath's Cause at This Time

The present situation arising out of the possible lack of suitable law enforcing agencies on the Klamath Indian reservation is to be capitalized by the boosters for a federal building and a federal judge for the Klamath country. Taking advantage of the presence of a Klamath man in Washington at this time, Judge Lem L. Gaghen head of the federal building committee of the chamber of commerce, yesterday forwarded a wire to attorney W. A. Wiest to use every means to promote the cause of Klamath before the national leaders at this time.

"The need was never so evident and clearly shown as at this time," according to the judge. "I received a wire from Senator McNary a short time ago that the bill appropriating funds for federal buildings would come up immediately after the Italian debt settlement is disposed of, and that appears to be the next business on the congressional calendar. Some good hard work for Klamath coming just at this time should result in a very material aid to our cause in which merit is certainly most evident."

Mr. Wiest is in Washington at this time in the interests of Klamath's claim in the O. & C. grant lands tax loss to this county as well as many other Oregon counties.

## LOCAL OFFICERS IN ASSOCIATION

### Important Meeting of Law Enforcement Body Is Held in Medford

Burt E. Hawkins, sheriff of Klamath county, will serve on the executive committee of the Southern Oregon Enforcement association, which was formed in Medford Thursday night with a banquet in the Hotel Medford.

Klamath Falls was well represented with E. V. Kendall, deputy sheriff; E. L. Elliott, district attorney; Walter A. Foster, state traffic officer, and Joe Kinsey and Len Fornbrook, deputy sheriffs, present for the meeting.

W. S. Levens and H. K. Newell, heads of the law and prohibition enforcement departments of the state, spoke during the evening, discussing on co-operation between state officers and federal workers.

Sheriff Hayes of Josephine county and Sheriff Jennings of Jackson county were also named to serve on the executive committee with Hawkins.

The president of the association is District Attorney Nathan Miller of Grants Pass, and District Attorney Chaney of Medford is secretary-treasurer.

The meeting next year may be held in Klamath Falls, although no action was taken upon the invitation by Kendall. It is planned, if the meeting is held in Klamath, to have Lake and Deschutes county officers in attendance.

## 12 MORE GARAGES TO BE BUILT HERE

Klamath Falls motorists will soon have the use of another garage if plans now under way by Mrs. Nellie L. Summers materialize. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Summers appeared in the city clerk's office and obtained a permit to erect a 12 unit garage on High street at an approximate cost of \$2000.

Other permits issued from the clerk's office were given to H. E. Getz for a \$100 addition to a house on White street; F. McMahon, \$400 remodeling to house on Eleventh; Mrs. C. A. Mathison, \$325 garage on Yale street; J. F. Maguire, new glass on business house, Main street.

## 8 GATHERED IN.

Carrying out their threat of "pinching" over-time parkers and trifle violators in general, the police department yesterday afternoon brought eight law breakers before the city police judge.

The charges embraced two-hour parking in a 30-minute or 15-minute zone and in one case a violator had parked two hours and was without a non-resident permit.

## OFFICERS MOP UP GOOD SUPPLY OF ALLEGED LIQUORS

### 1 Man Caught With Bottle Goods

### TO CONFISCATE AUTO

### "Bud" Hodges Pays \$500 When Officers Find Secret Cache in his Home

Klamath's dry sleuths, county and state men aided by federal officers mopped up more than \$1000 worth of "bottled in bond," plain "moon" and imitation liquor yesterday afternoon in an assault upon bootleggers and liquor dealers throughout the county.

A year ago George Wagonheim of San Francisco brought a carload of choice Scotch whisky into Klamath Falls. According to Wagonheim the market was good and invited a return. Yesterday Wagonheim fared badly for he had not been in Klamath Falls but an hour when Officers McMills and Knowles, on the lookout for his new touring car, located him in a local garage. In the tonneau of the car was found 30 quarts of alleged Scotch whisky with foreign labels and gold-banded necks.

Wagonheim was taken before R. C. Spink, justice of the peace of Wood river, where he entered a plea of guilty. He was fined \$250 on each charge of possession and transportation. According to Wagonheim, who is now in the county jail, he will be able to raise his fine within two days.

Hodges Fined.  
Wagonheim's car has been confiscated, according to the sheriff's office.

"Bud" Hodges, alleged bootlegger, drew a fine of \$500 in Justice Spink's court late yesterday afternoon after he had been arrested charged with possession of 30 gallons of alleged moonshine. Hodges entered a plea of guilty and accepted the fine philosophically. He drew a check for the amount and was instantly released with an admonition from state and federal men.

Hodges was arrested yesterday morning in his domicile on Early street in Hot Springs addition. Concealed in a wall between his kitchen and bathroom was a tank holding the 30 gallons of supposed liquor. After searching the house from top to bottom McMills discovered a screw plate which gave evidence of frequent usage. The plate was taken from the wall and the intake of the tank discovered.

Arrests were not only confined to Klamath Falls, but in Malin federal men working in that district brought R. T. Yardy to court, charged with possession and transportation of liquor. Yardy had five gallons of moonshine in his car at the time of his arrest. He appeared before Justice Spink late yesterday afternoon.

Returns from Chiloquin—Jack Alexander has returned to Klamath Falls after spending some time in Chiloquin on insurance business.

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