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MERCHANTS CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF CREDITS AT RETAIL CONVENTION TODAY

es Taken for Sight-Seeing Trip This Afternoon—Banquet at Elks Hall Tonight to Be Big Feature—Special Entertainment for Ladies.

The retail merchants convention this morning with a growing attendance. Additional delegates from various parts of the state, there was a decided increase in the number of women present. All the convention has been held in the state the attendance has been good and what is lacking in the program is being made up in pep.

stated that the letters addressed to debtors should be given much study. In summing up his recommendations to the merchants, Mr. Leiby said: "First, decide on your policy and adhere to it. Second, centralize the responsibility for the granting of credits and collection of accounts. Third, choose your accounts carefully and have a definite understanding when credit is granted. Fourth, follow your collections closely, even aggressively—too much emphasis cannot be put upon that point. Fifth, take trade acceptances and conditional sales contracts whenever and wherever possible. Sixth, organize or join a local merchants' association for the compilation and distribution of credit information and the cooperative handling of delinquent debtors and deadbeats. Seventh, keep posted on conditions, both local and general by consistent and intelligent reading and study."

PRESIDENT LEWIS INVITES OPERATORS

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—President Lewis of the mine workers, asked the coal operators of the central competitive field to meet the union officials in Cleveland on March 2nd for a wage conference to avert the impending strike. Some of the operators have rejected similar requests saying that they wished to discontinue collective bargaining with the miners.

JAPANESE LINES MAKE REDUCTIONS

TOKIO, Feb. 21.—Reduction in passenger rates to Victoria, B. C., and Seattle of approximately 20 per cent was announced today by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha lines.

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COAL OPERATORS REFUSE INVITATION

COLUMBUS, Feb. 21.—Officials of the Southern Ohio Coal exchange said that the Ohio operators refused the Lewis conference invitation. This is the first organization to abrogate the wage agreement and the officials saw no reason to change their position.

BOOSTERS CLUB PROVIDES BANQUET

Portland Business Men Give Real Entertainment For All Merchants.

PROGRAM IS EXCELLENT

Quartette and Orchestra Called Upon for Many Musical Selections While Other Entertainers Take Part in Fine Program.

The banquet given last night by the Portland Grocers Booster club was one of the finest entertainments to be held in Roseburg for a good many years. As explained by the toastmaster, Mr. H. H. Haynes, the rule of the banquet was that any man could do anything he desired to do as long as he "got away with it." The banquet was a "train" to go, and the host and hostess displayed, not only gave everyone a good time but brought about a closer bond of fellowship and good feeling between the visiting and Roseburg merchants.

The Boosters Club is an organization composed of Portland grocers. They are in for the development of Oregon and they have staged some of the liveliest entertainments the state has known and in fact the grocers' banquet, sponsored and put on by the Boosters club is one of the outstanding events in Multnomah county each year.

Last night the club entertained the merchants attending the retailers convention and local business men. The spacious dining room in the Umpqua hotel was fitted up to accommodate approximately 200 men and the tables were completely filled.

The banquet started with the singing of "America" led by the male quartette of the Boosters club. During the evening the quartette was frequently called upon and responded to many encores. Each of the singers is an individual soloist and together the quartette gave some excellent music.

The banquet itself was served in true Umpqua hotel style and was the best to be provided by the culinary art. The chef in charge of the preparation of the food is deserving of much credit for the excellent way in which the banquet was prepared, while Ray Clark, manager, maintained the usual high standard of service.

Hilarious is the only word to describe the entertainment. Two deafening auto klaxons were frequently brought into use by the toastmaster to still the uproar in order that

DIRIGIBLE ROMA EXPLODES IN AIR

Twenty Eight Killed and Ten Injured—Four Badly Burned.

LIBERTY MOTORS USED

Helium Gas Had Been Removed From Bag and Ordinary Field Gas Substituted—Italian Motors Also Removed.

DEAD NUMBERS AT

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—(Associated Press).—The number of dead in the Roma dirigible estimated late today was 28. A total of 42 were on board when the explosion occurred. Ten persons were rescued and many were seriously injured. Eye witnesses said the Roma was flying at a height of 500 to 1000 feet when a thin wisp of smoke appeared and the craft started down obliquely, striking the barracks building. A number of men leaped from the flaming dirigible, some with parachutes and some without.

FOUR BADLY BURNED

All of the injured have been removed to the army base hospital. The big dirigible, purchased from Italy, was making a series of test flights, intending to attempt to make a speed record.

On last Saturday the naval authorities ordered the helium gas removed from the Roma and stored, as the ship contained the total supply of helium in the country. Ordinary field gas, used by balloons, was substituted.

The original Italian engines refused to function in cold weather and Liberty motors were substituted in December. Today was the first trip with the new motors.

The giant dirigible landed in flames shortly after the explosion. Four men taken from the wreckage were badly burned.

WILL SAY FAREWELL TO LIVERY STABLE

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 21.—Max Oser, the Swiss groom-to-be of Miss Mathilde McCormick, 16-year-old granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, will sell his livery stable and become a resident of America, following his marriage. He made this announcement today.

SENATOR HALL VISITS ROSEBURG

Republican Candidate For Governor Spends Day at Merchants Convention

IS LAUNCHING CAMPAIGN

Big Banquet To Be Held At Marshfield Thursday at Which Time Candidate Will Start Active Work in His Own Behalf.

Senator Charles Hall, of Coos county, republican candidate for governor of the state of Oregon, was in attendance at the Merchants convention today. Mr. Hall is the largest independent owner of telephone property in the state. He owns the property of the Coos and Curry telephone company, supplying telephone service to all of Coos and Curry counties and a large part of the lower Umpqua community.

SENATOR CHARLES HALL



commerce and retired the first of the year from this position. He has been quite active in the state legislature as a senator from Coos county and is very well known throughout the state. He came to the merchants convention as a delegate from Marshfield but is forced to leave tonight as he must be in Salem tomorrow and must be back in Marshfield on Thursday.

SOLDIERS' BONUS FACING DEFEAT ACCORDING LATEST NEWS WASHINGTON D. C.

President Indicates That He Will Veto Measure If Opposition Telegrams Do Not Cease—Postponement Is Considered Likely—Veterans Are Aroused.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A reliable authority declares that President Harding indicated to a republican senator calling at the White House that he was "strongly in favor" of postponing the soldiers' bonus until next year. He indicated that he might veto the measure if protests continue to reach him.

House members are demanding that the president declare his intention to veto a bill coming to him with other than a sales tax providing revenue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The question of financing the soldiers' bonus was referred back today to the special tax sub-committee by the majority members of the house ways and means committee and it was announced that the sub-committee would attack the problem again late tomorrow.

The trend of thought in cloak-rooms and corridors was that some sort of manufacturers' or wholesalers' plan would be drafted in accordance with President Harding's suggestion that financing be done by a sales tax. Whether approval of such a tax by the entire committee, republicans and democrats, could be obtained, appeared to be a moot question.

In an effort to block the sales tax within the committee, 22 republican opponents met and framed petitions which were freely circulated and signed before the house adjourned. Representative Dickinson of Iowa, who called the meeting, said it was the hope to obtain sufficient signatures to convince the majority committee members that it would be impossible to put a sales tax provision through the house.

The petition declared in favor of adjusted compensation but in opposition to financing it by sales or manufacturers' tax and sets forth that its signers "will oppose any rule for the adjusted compensation that does not permit a separate vote on any sales or manufacturers' tax provision therein."

Protests Sent President. While the ways means committee was discussing the bonus question, it was made known at the White House that President Harding had received many communications opposing enactment of the bonus legislation for the present. At the same time the American Legion's executive committee made public a telegram from Hanford MacNider, the Legion's national commander, opposing any further delay in the bonus legislation.

It was said that the communications reaching Mr. Harding in opposition to immediate enactment of the bonus outnumbered those favoring action at this time, but it was added that many of those opposing the bill

showed a similarity. Democrats Solidly Opposed. Much of the informal bonus discussion at the capital today centered around the question of whether a sales tax provision could be voted out of the ways and means committee.

Representative Gardner of Texas, the ranking democrat on the committee, said the democratic minority members would vote solidly against such a tax. On this basis five republican votes would defeat the proposal and it was understood that present estimates were that four of the 17 republicans would be against it, with two others probably doubtful.

Harding's Influence Counted On. Representative Dickinson reiterated that if the agricultural bloc was unsuccessful in its efforts to block the sales tax in committee it would make a determined stand in the republican conference which is to be called to consider the bill. He seemed confident of a victory there, but proponents of the sales tax believed that they would win the conference and were understood to be counting on administration influence, as embodied in President Harding's letter, to swing votes to their side.

Should the committee fail to report out a sales tax, it seemed to be a somewhat general opinion that the house would get a bill without any specific provision for financing the adjusted compensation. A bill in this form is favored by some leaders of the agricultural bloc and also by some of the leaders of the minority party.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REMOVED BY COURT

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, of Suffolk county, was removed by the supreme court today. The court found him guilty on several counts under charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office.

FARMER'S LOAN BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The McCumber bill providing five million dollars for government loans to farmers to buy seed, grain and feed for livestock was reported favorably by the senate agricultural committee.

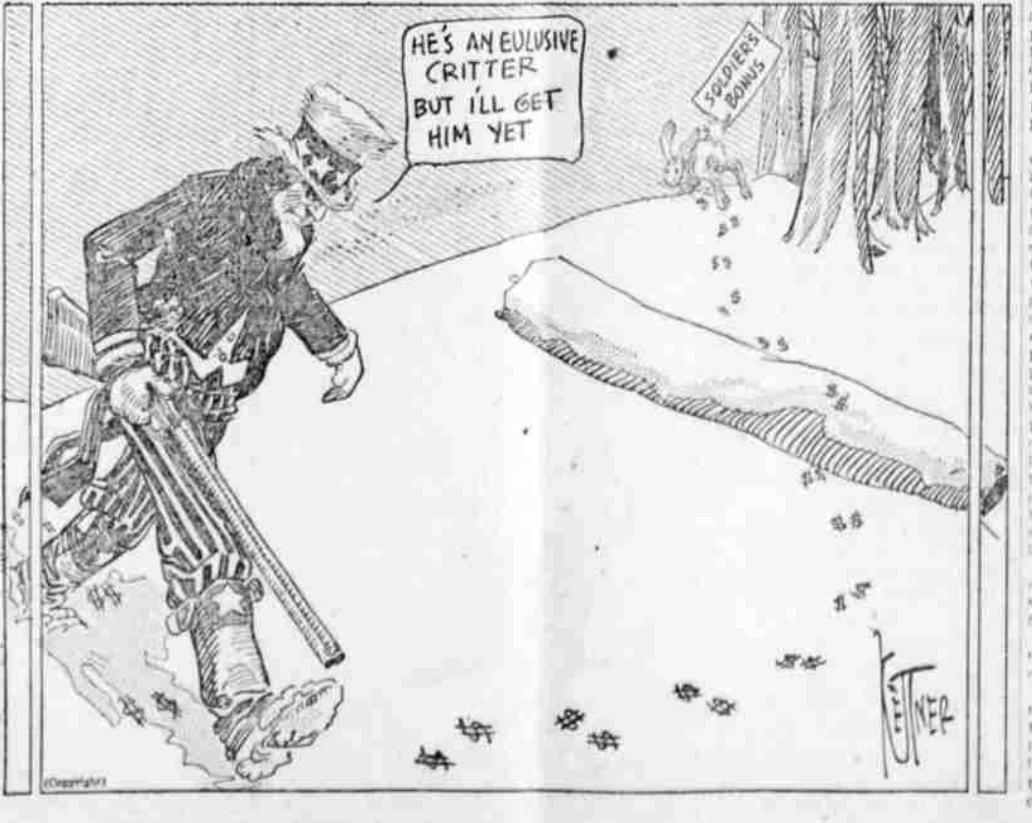
FORD'S OFFER BEING EXAMINED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The house military committee will conclude this week the hearing on Ford's Muscle Shoals offer.

TELEPHONE RATE ORDER CONFIRMED BY COMMISSION

SALEM, Feb. 21.—Affirming the original order granting increased rates to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and scoring the petitioners who asked for a rehearing, the public service commission today handed down a final decision on the company's higher rates. The increases were ordered on February 28th, last year, and were effective last March 1. They ranged from 10 to 100 per cent for different changes of service. The rehearing was asked for by the city of Portland, the Oregon telephone federation and other organizations and municipalities. The hearings occupied several weeks last summer. The petitioners for the telephone rehearing were flayed by the commission for burdening the state with unnecessary expense and wasting the state officials' time. "The evidence produced at the rehearing was insufficient to justify a change in the original order granting the increases," said the commission. "They declared that no evidence worthy of the name was offered to support the assertions of error."

On His Trail



PS USING POT GUNS ON FIGHTING STRIKERS

WINDYBEE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Following an attack on a night hall at Pontiac by strikers, state cavalrymen attacking Pawtucket valley.

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Several thousand strikers, including many women, advanced on the mill and smashed windows and doors.

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