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PRICE FIXING CHARGE MADE BY COMMITTEE

Northwest Lumber Operators Said To Be Banded Together

WHITE PINE MEN ATTACKED IN REPORT

During Periods of Depression Members Said To Have Acted To Regulate Production and Maintain Prices.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The lumber manufacturers of Idaho, western Montana and eastern Oregon "have organized and conducted the Western Pine Manufacturers association for the primary purpose of agreeing on prices," the federal trade commission declared today, submitting to congress the fourth series of a series of reports on the lumber industry.

It charged that the activities of the association were contemporaneous with the steadily rising price level between 1915 and 1920 and that in periods of depression members had acted in concert to regulate production to maintain prices.

MORE HOSPITALS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Establishment of special hospitals for mentally defective former service men each of the 14 veterans' bureau districts has been recommended by the medical experts who met here recently at the request of the bureau, it was announced today by Director Forbes.

WANTS TO BUY LAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Purchase by the United States of all Canadian territory south and east of the St. Lawrence river and the center of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a view to developing and utilizing half of the water-power from this river, is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Ten Eyck, democrat, New York.

TABLE FROM PRISON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—A massive wooden table, heavily inlaid, adorned the office of Attorney-General Daugherty today. It was the work of a prisoner in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The Reichstag voted confidence in the government of Chancellor Wirth today.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Charles Burrow, also known as Charles Miller, American manager of a ranch near Monterey, Mexico, was shot to death by unidentified persons February 1, the state department was advised today by American Consul Bowman at Monterey.

(By Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—The bodies of two men and a woman were found in a closed automobile half submerged in a creek. The car fell from a trestle and broke through the ice. The bodies were frozen in ice formed inside the car.

Symphony program Will be Given Thursday

A real symphony orchestra program—the type of music that is seldom heard outside of metropolitan symphony halls, will be enjoyed by local people at the concert to be given by the La Grande Symphony Orchestra on the evening of Thursday at the high school auditorium.

The La Grande committee is so enthusiastic about the company, and so certain that it will please the most fastidious, that the members of the La Grande Symphony committee are urging the public to take advantage of this opportunity. The number is the best

Would Renew its Option on Building

MACK SENNET QUIZZED BY AUTHORITIES

Denies All Knowledge of Taylor Murder and Declares Willingness to Aid Solving Mystery.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Mack Sennet, director for Mabel Normand, was questioned by the police today but was unable to throw any light on the murder of William Desmond Taylor, movie director. Sennet said he would be glad to aid the authorities in any way possible.

BONE LICK IS FOUND IN CAVE

(By Associated Press)

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 15.—Discovery of the remains of a mammoth of pre-historic days at Big Bone Lick has furnished a fresh trail for scientific research, according to Prof. A. M. Miller, head of the department of geology of the University of Kentucky. The state's licks and caves contain a larger variety of mammalian remains, including those of pre-historic man, than are to be found in other states, he says.

The jawbone of an Indian, skeletons of bears and wolves all of which lived many hundreds of years ago, are among the recent discoveries in the state, Mr. Miller says. These relics were unearthed on the Breck Smith farm, on the old Frankfort pike.

New Manager Named for Concrete Works at Island City

S. D. Clinton, formerly of Seattle has arrived in this city and accepted the position as manager of the La Grande Concrete Pipe company, whose plant is located at Island City. Mr. Clinton is a civil engineer of from 16 to 18 years' experience and in placing him in this position his company believes that the service to farmers and others can be greatly improved, a practical knowledge of engineering problems being of much help in marketing the company's varied line of products.

The company will continue to manufacture concrete pipe, also blocks and septic tanks and the many other concrete products it has placed on the Eastern Oregon market during the past year. The company has recently secured a number of contracts from the county and the state highway department.

WHISKEY STOLEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Theft of 200 barrels of whiskey valued at \$400,000 by the simple expedient of removing them from a government bonded warehouse through a hole in a brick wall into an exporter's warehouse, was frustrated today by prohibition agents and police.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Bardsey, a little island off the Welsh coast, near Penarth, has been described as the "island of ignorance" for it is only just recently that men of the age of 34 have begun to go to school. Up to three years ago the inhabitants believed in ghosts and fairies.

Now they are to have the services of a minister of religion and a school teacher.

NINE MEN ARE HELD BECAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Architect and Men In Charge of Building Knickerbocker Theater Bound Over to Grand Jury.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Nine men were ordered held for the grand jury by the coroner's which brought in a verdict Tuesday night in connection with the collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker motion picture theatre January 28, resulting in the death of 98 persons.

The nine men, all of Washington, were: R. G. Geare, architect of the building; J. H. Ford, the engineer who designed the roof structure; Morris Hacker, building inspector when the building was constructed; Frank L. Wagner, the builder; Donald Wallace, general superintendent of construction; R. G. Fletcher, superintendent of the Hammett Fireproofing company, which built the walls; John L. McDonald, the contractor who erected the steel; Thomas L. Costigan, engineer and computer for the District of Columbia building department, who passed on the plans; and Julian R. Dwyman, the assistant building inspector when the building was constructed.

Faulty Design.

The coroner's jury in its verdict, declared that the "collapse of the roof was due to faulty designing and construction and inadequate supervision and inspection."

It also submitted a number of recommendations, one being that "all theatres and places where the public assemble be closed and kept closed until such time as their safety is assured."

District Attorney Peyton Gordon said Tuesday night that the case would be submitted to the grand jury "as soon as possible."

That body is in session now and the opinion was expressed informally that it would be in a position to take up the Knickerbocker findings by the last of this week. Those who were recommended held for the grand jury were not taken into custody Tuesday night. It was said the would be given an opportunity to appear at the district attorney's office in the morning. Their bonds, Mr. Gordon said, would be \$5000 each.

ARMY IS EXPENSIVE

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 15.—Uncle Sam spent \$11,729,182.71 to maintain his Kahi-clad nephews in the Hawaiian islands during 1921, according to the disbursement reports of the Hawaiian department of the army which were made public today.

Of the total expenditures, \$1,200,000 went to answer the perennial cry of the soldier, "When do we eat?" The largest item of food expense was for frozen beef, which cost \$465,918.09.

IT'S AN ILL WIND, ETC.



Weds Again



Mrs. Sid Hatfield, widow of the late chief of police of Mattawan, W. Va., who was shot to death in a battle between miners and state police, is the bride of Sylvester H. Patten, formerly of the state police. Her first husband, C. C. Testerman, mayor of Mattawan, was killed in a similar battle. Mrs. Patten says she intends to move from Mattawan.

DISORDERS INCREASE IN BELFAST

(By Associated Press)

BELFAST, Feb. 15.—Disorders again broke out at 3 o'clock this afternoon when shooting began in the Staphope street area near Victoria Barracks. The military opened fire. Twenty-five deaths have been reported from the disorders up to yesterday.

Arrangements for the embarkation of British troops from southern Ireland were resumed today after two days' suspension.

Power Concern Is In the Market for Muscle Shoals Now

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An offer for the purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was completed today by the Alabama Power company for immediate filing with Secretary of War Weeks.

LICENSES ARE REQUIRED NOW ON ALL CARS

Local Officials Receive Notification From Secretary of State That License Rush Is Over.

From now on motor vehicle owners operating their cars with 1921 license plates will be subject to arrest unless they can show that they have made application for the new plates, according to a letter of instruction to Sheriff Lee Warnick and Chief of Police Roy Flexer from Secretary of State Sam A. Koser.

A policy of leniency was adopted by the department pending the cleaning up of the congestion of applications that was created in the secretary of state's office the last few days in December and the first week in January. Since the congestion has been cleared, licenses are being issued on the day of application if the letter is in correct form.

No Days of Grace.

"The impression seems to have been current for some time that some days of grace since January 1 have been allowed motor vehicle owners in which to obtain their 1922 licenses," says the secretary in his letter. This has never been the case as no official has authority to extend the time within which applications for licenses may be made. It is incumbent upon the owner of a motor vehicle before operating it upon the streets or highways of the state to secure and have affixed thereto an appropriate license as prescribed by law. The department did, however, request local officers not to enforce the carrying of a 1922 license on cars where it could be shown by the owner that he had made application for a 1922 license, but by reason of the congestion in the license division of the state department, it was physically impossible for that department to promptly issue the licenses applied for, which would of course make it impossible for the owner of the car to have the necessary 1922 license.

"No car owner now has an excuse for not having a 1922 license on his motor vehicle when operating it at this time, except those few car owners who have applied for 1922 licenses and whose applications have been returned for correction for some reason or another," continued Secretary Koser.

"Approximately 79,500 licenses for the year 1922 have been issued up to this time as against 75,800 licenses up to the same time in the year 1921. By reason of the change in the basis of the license fee for the year 1922, that is from the horse power of the car for passenger cars, and the carrying capacity for trucks, as under the laws prior to 1922, to the weight of the passenger car and total tire width in the case of trucks, considerable misunderstandings have followed, and consequently involved the department and the motor vehicle owners in much correspondence which has tended to materially slow up the work of issuing the 1922 licenses. In fact it has been necessary to return from 20 to 25 per cent of the applications for some needed corrections. This is not unusual where radical changes in such laws are made."

Business Halted In City During Funeral of J. D. McKennon

The offices in the city building were closed all afternoon today because of the funeral of the late City Commissioner J. D. McKennon, which is being held this afternoon. Business houses in general paused during the hours of the funeral, from two to four. A large number of out-of-town friends and relatives of Mr. McKennon are here to attend the services in his honor today. Among those arriving this morning were Fred Montgomery, formerly employed by Mr. McKennon while he was in the mercantile business here. Mr. Montgomery is now located in Burley, Idaho.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Currey yesterday

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie C. Currey, known to those who knew and loved her as Grandma Currey, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and floral pieces. A large number of friends and relatives were present, a number of them having come from outside points to attend the services.

Reverend Gen. H. Quigley delivered an appropriate funeral sermon. The music was exceptionally good and the entire assembly permeated with sorrow at so beloved a member of the community having passed on. The funeral was under the auspices of the Eastern Star.

BONUS MAY BE SQUEEZED OUT OF THE ARMY

Slashing of Appropriations for Military Department Possible

SHORT TERM NOTES MAY SUPPLY PART

Republican Leaders Working Hard To Find Substitute for Taxation or Bond Issue.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—With the president opposed to both additional taxes and a bond issue, republican leaders in the house cast about today for other means of financing the bonus.

Representative Mondell said that the appropriation bills, especially the army and navy bills, would be scrutinized with a view to slashes to provide in a good measure the money needed. It is thought that the deficiency will be made up by short-term treasury certificates.

FARMERS WILL HEAR STEPHENS

Man Who for Past Ten Years Has Been Studying Summer Fallow To Speak Here at Annual Farmer's Week.

For ten years F. E. Stephens has been carrying on experiments on the handling of summer fallow at the Sherman County Experiment Station at Moro. The work has been carried on on a large scale and the results obtained have been generally adopted by farmers all over Sherman county and their results and continued practice bear out the accuracy of the station findings. A great many cultivation methods have been tried for growing wheat under the summer fallow system. Among things the results so far indicate as follows: 1. Fall discing, unless the stubble is very heavy, is not profitable. 2. If plowing is done early, spring discing is of doubtful value. 3. Early fall plowing of dry ground will give as high yield as late fall plowing when the ground is wet. 4. Deep plowing does not give higher yields of spring wheat after summer fallow than shallow plowing.

These matters and many others will be discussed by Mr. Stephens Farmers' Week.

ASKS AID OF IRISH

(By Associated Press)

BELFAST, Feb. 15.—The Most Rev. Charles Frederick D'Arcy, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (Church of Ireland) who was one of Lord Carson's leading supporters throughout the Ulster controversy, has just issued a statement calling on the Irish people to do all "that in us lies to help forward every movement that makes for the common good."

"We must cooperate," he adds, "each in his own sphere, with all who are working for the restoration of order, and for the well-being of the whole people of our land."

At the close of the services in the church the procession went to the Olds Fellows cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were interred.



Tonight and Thursday rain in the western portion of the state and rain or snow in the eastern portion. Warmer in the western portion tonight, with southeasterly winds, possibly becoming strong gales.