

**EIGHT HOUR LAW
CONSTITUTIONAL.****Chief Justice White Deliv-
ers Majority Opinion,
Upholding Action
of Congress.**

Washington, March 19—The Adamson eight-hour railroad law was held constitutional and valid in all respects today by the supreme court.

The decision makes eight hours the standard of a day's work and wages for men in operation of trains and legalizes the wage increase which went into tentative effect on its passage.

The immediate temporary wage increases won by the railroad employes affect 400,000 trainmen as of January 1 and are estimated to total between \$4,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Federal Judge Hook's ruling in the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad case, enjoining enforcement of the Adamson act and holding it "unconstitutional, null and void," was reversed.

The decision was five to four. Justices Day, Pitney and Vandevanter announced their dissent from the bench and later Justice McReynolds announced his.

In dissenting, Justice McReynolds held that congress did not have power to enact the law, but that the majority decision now gives it authority to fix trainmen's maximum and minimum wages, "and to require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes which may seriously jeopardize movement of traffic and to take measures effectively to protect the free flow of commerce against any combination, whether of operatives, owners or strangers."

Justice McKenna concurred in the majority opinion, but on slightly different grounds. Justice Day read his own dissenting opinion and Justice Pitney delivered the other dissenting opinion in which Justice Vandevanter joined.

**Hindus in California Can-
not Return to Asia.**

Sacramento, Cal., March 19—The British consulate refuses to issue passports to Hindus wishing to return from this country to India, according to leaders of the Hindu colony here. This prevents the return to India to Hindus now here, as no steamship tickets can be bought by them unless they show passports.

**THREE AMERICAN
SHIPS SUNK.****German Submarines Destroy
Memphis, Vigilancia,
and Illinois, 24 Men
are Missing.**

London, March 19—Three American steamers—City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia—have been sunk by German submarines. The destruction of the ships was announced yesterday.

Fifteen men from the Vigilancia are now listed as missing. The American embassy learns that the submarine fired two torpedoes at the Vigilancia. The first missed by a considerable distance. It was followed immediately by the second, which found the mark.

Captain Borum and the eight men who formed the complement of his boat are among those missing from the City of Memphis. Four of the eight sailors are Americans. The boat was picked up at 10 o'clock Sunday morning empty and it is hoped that its occupants were rescued either by a patrol boat or by a vessel carrying no wireless and landed at some out of the way port.

The crew of the Illinois landed safely. The City of Memphis, in ballast, from Cardiff for New York, was sunk by gunfire.

The Illinois, from London for Port Arthur, Texas, in ballast, was sunk at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning.

**Freight Charges on Sheep
Are Too High.**

Washington, March 19—The interstate commerce commission in the case of the American National Livestock association against the Oregon Short Line holds not unreasonable the freight rates on cattle from Oregon points to Los Angeles. It holds unreasonable the rates on sheep in double-deck cars to the extent that they exceed the rates on cattle. The present rate on sheep is \$3 a car higher than on the cattle. The railroads are directed to establish joint rates on hogs from Oregon to Los Angeles not in excess of 90 per cent of the rates on cattle.

Tillamook to get two-story \$12,000 theatre.

ALASKA COAL FIELDS**Plots of Coal Lands In-
clude Half the Survey-
ed Lands in the
Territory.**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, all field and office work in connection with the coal areas in Matanuska, Bering river and Nenana coal fields was completed in time for opening the coal lands under the leasing act. Plots of township surveys, approved by the surveyor general and sent up for acceptance amount to over 350,000 acres, which is about one-half of the total area of surveyed land in the territory. The secretary of the interior, in his last annual report, recommends that an appropriation of \$50,000 be made for the continuance of the policy of group surveys under the present system of investigation, selection and execution.

Formal announcement of the opening of the coal fields of Matanuska and Bering river to leasing privileges was made May 8, 1916, resulting in six applications in the Matanuska and two in the Bering river fields, proposing a maximum investment of nearly \$3,000,000.

Under section 10 of the leasing act, which authorizes free permits to mine coal on small tracts for domestic use, 15 permits have been issued. The estimated annual output under these permits is 142,700 tons.

The new United States map shows the extension of public surveys during the fiscal year to an area of 8,855,724 acres. The issuance of a general map of Alaska during 1917 is announced by the commissioner of the general land office, which will show all recent work in the public and coal land surveys, also the line of the government railroad and the several towns located thereon.

**Demands Shells and Coins
From Carranza.**

El Paso, Texas, March 20—An American arriving from Chihuahua City today brought a report that General Francisco Murguia, commander in chief of the de facto troops in the north, had sent a message to General Carranza requesting money with which to pay his troops and munitions with which to conduct his campaign against Villa, threatening to resign unless the request was met at once. The report was in general circulation in Chihuahua City, the American said, but could not be confirmed.

OUR OWN STATE**Some Recent Happenings
Various Parts of
Oregon****Express Building Improved**

Klamath Falls, Or., March 19—The Wells Fargo company here is remodeling and improving its office here. Last year a handsome office building of stone was constructed by the company near the depot, and this is being changed. J. F. Goeller & Son have been awarded the contract for the improvements.

Not Company Investments.

Salem, Or., March 20—Stating that gifts and donations may be included in the valuation of railroads for a rate making basis, Public Service Commissioner Corey in a letter to the mayor of Klamath Falls suggests that Eastern Oregon municipalities contemplating to aid in the construction of railroads accompany the donation with a proviso that it shall not be considered by the railroad in fixing rates.

Wealthy Rancher Disappears

Roseburg, Or., March 20.—R. M. Burns, 50 years old, a well-to-do rancher here, came to town yesterday after spraying materials, left his horse in a livery stable, his money in a bank, and disappeared. He left a bride of two years. He is a former Klondiker, and made his money in the Far North. A brother of the man, years ago, disappeared in the same way, and was never again heard from. Burns bought no railway ticket.

**A. N. Bush Builds Fine Home
On Beach at Newport.**

Newport, Ore., March 19—A new \$4000 cottage is being erected here by A. N. Bush, the Salem banker, for a summer home. The cottage will contain a dining room 40x60 feet, circular in shape, and will have a panoramic view of the ocean. The site is on Agate Beach.

I. O. O. F. Plan Celebration

Roseburg, March 19—The I. O. O. F. lodges of Douglas county will hold a celebration here on April 26, the anniversary of the order. There are 12 lodges in the county.

**Marion County Farmers Will
Raise Bean Crop.**

Salem, Or., March 19—At a meeting held here Saturday afternoon Marion county farmers signed an agreement to plant 500 acres to beans this season. The crop will be handled by the Oregon Fruit company, which agreed to furnish the market, and grade and clean all the seed on a 10 per cent commission basis.

Honor Lodge at State Prison

Salem, Ore., March 19—What has been designated as "the honor lodge" is being perfected among the prisoners at the penitentiary. More than 300 have already signed, and it is expected the lodge will elect officers this week. The objects of the organization is to promote the mental, moral and physical standard of prisoners and to bring about better discipline.

**Timber Thefts on Land Grant
Found by cruiser.**

Roseburg, Or., March 20 Gus Lovgren, head cruiser on the O. & C. land grant, is investigating alleged illegal timber cuttings on the railroad lands near Myrtle Creek. The timber is being sold for wood, according to report.

**Two Veterans Die at Rose-
burg Soldiers' Home.**

Roseburg, Or., March 23—James M. Reese, aged 76, a Civil war veteran, was buried here today. He has been an inmate of the Soldiers' home since 1894. Levi M. Reis was buried today at Yoncalla. He, too, died at the Soldiers' home at the advanced age of 82 years.

Portland will put \$3,000,000 bond issue for grain docks and elevators up to vote of the people at next election.

ASHLAND VOTES BONDS**Will Buy Park. -\$25,000
Auditorium to be
Built.**

Ashland, Or., March 20—Construction is to begin at once on the new civic auditorium and chautauqua building as the result of the two-to-one vote in favor of a \$15,000 bond issue at the special election here yesterday. The new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and is to seat 4500, with provisions for later additions to seat 6000 more. The walls will be of concrete and the stage sufficiently large to accommodate the largest attractions visiting the coast. The building will be used for the chautauqua sessions in summer and will be ready for the assembly next July.

The proceeds from bond issues will be used to purchase seven acres of park from the Southern Oregon Chautauqua association, and the association will use funds in the new building and turn the building over to the city except during the sessions of the chautauqua. The new park system extending from the heart of the city to the forest reserve.

An amendment to the charter permitting re-assessment in case of technical errors, and an amendment providing for the care of the new park also passed. Two measures, instructing the council to repeal ordinances prohibiting minors in billiard parlors and enforcing Sunday closing, were defeated.

The Awakening of the Bear

It has always been predicted that the time would come when Russia would awaken from her sleep of centuries, shake off the shackles of ignorance and superstition, and take up the long-contemplated march for a "place in the sun."

That time has come. The bear is wide awake, but the situation is vastly different from what men anticipated. Think of it: An imperial ukase ignored by the duma at a time when the whole nation was under arms and the czar at the head of his army. Then in swift succession came the revolution, the mutiny of the soldiers, the flight of the royal family, the abdication of the czar, and the reorganization of the government—all this happened within the short space of a few days. It is too early to discuss the details involved with any degree of accuracy. The available dispatches simply tell of the bare facts surrounding the overthrow of the bureaucracy.

Does this shake-up mean that Russia has finally liberated herself for all time to come; Who knows but what she has at last found her "place in the sun," not by having her hordes overrun her neighboring nations on an expedition of conquest, but by providing with in her own vast domain for the complete emancipation of her millions of down-trodden people?—Goodwin's Weekly.

**State Authorizes Siski-
you Road Work.**

Fifty-nine thousand dollars is available for further construction work upon the Siskiyou grade, and the State highway commission in a meeting at Portland, Thursday, authorized early prosecution of the work on the Siskiyou highway. Work will be started as soon as weather conditions permit, which will not be for at least a month yet.

At present the highway is graded from the foot of the mountain, seven miles east of Ashland, to the California line and the road in California is graded on through to Yreka. From Barron's ranch to Steinman an eight-foot cement pavement has been laid and this will probably be extended to the summit. Last fall the outer half of the road was laid with crushed rock and topped off with fine rock from the summit toward Ashland and several miles finished before bad weather ended the work for the winter. The inner half of the road will be paved. With almost \$60,000 available, good progress should be made this year.—Ashland Tidings.

Civil War Veteran Is Dead

Baker, Or., March 20—G. W. Mathis, aged 77, a Civil war veteran and a member of the G. A. R. post here, died yesterday of pneumonia. He had lived here 36 years. One son and three daughters survive.

Lakeview—Project on foot to irrigate 54,000 acres between Lawton and Crane.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW**Manufactures, Enterprises and
Improvements, Providing
Payrolls and Promot-
ing Development
of Oregon.**

Bend has opened the new \$80,000 Pilot Butte inn.

Rasmussen & Co. will build a \$50,000 paint warehouse at Portland.

Salem—State buildings amounting to \$150,000 let to architects.

Portland organizations have initiated an anti-picketing law to protect business against conspiracies and boycotts of any kind.

Oregon City gets \$10,000 hospital improvement.

East Portland to get \$20,000 bakery.

Eugene—Farmers creamery will add a 300 lbs. a day cheese factory.

Gold Hill—Cinnabar mines in Sams Valley being worked for quicksilver.

Oswego cement plant will receive 1,000 tons lime rock from Gold Hill.

Swift Livestock Co. has bought bank at Bend to promote cattle industry.

Lebanon has subscribed nearly \$10,000 and seems sure to get a cannery.

Head River—Oregon-Washington telephone company shows loss for 1916 of \$4087.51.

To merely parallel main line railroads with hard surface roads cripples the former and helps develop the state very little.

Corvallis—Electric trains to be running here in 60 days.

Marshfield—Krusse & Banks soon to launch another ship.

Gladstone—Brick factory planned here.

Silverton—Cheese factory opens here.

Union Pacific railroad carries on big campaign to colonize European immigrants on idle land of the west.

Salem—Associated Oil Co. to build \$30,000 distribution plant here.

Eugene Creamery plans to establish cheese factory.

Springfield—Favorable decision rendered in favor of S. P. Co. in unmerited suit undoubtedly means building large car shops at Springfield.

Brookings—1200 foot wharf to be built here.

Linnton—Citizens here suffer by jitney tactics—fare raised at rush hours, relief is sought. Portland laughing stock of Pacific coast for failure to regulate jitneys.

Eugene cannery to try packing pork & beans.

Cottage Grove cannery expects great year.

\$50,000 road being surveyed across Morrow county.

Oregon City Woolen Mills running double time.

Pacific Coast Defense League organizes with primary object to obtain construction of military highway from Canadian to Mexican line. Will ask Congress for appropriation.

If the Adamson law is decided in favor of railroad unions alright, if against them, they will pay no attention to it. What would happen if an individual or a corporation took this stand.

Coquille—Reynolds mill starts on 12,000,000 foot spruce order for Great Britain.

Coos Bay—S. P. Co. lets contract for rip-rapping new bridge piers. Will take 10,000 tons of rock and employ 30 men 4 months.

Roseburg—Broccoli shipments to begin soon. Several carloads to be canned this year.

Donald citizens installing numerous electric motors for cheap power.

Baker—Stoddard Lumber Co. to make \$25,000 improvements.

Salem to have a \$75,000 hospital.

Coos Bay to start \$300,000 road work.

Lane county to try experiment of growing rice.

Waterpower development means everything to the west. So called conservationists have hindered waterpower development at this critical time, and congress fails to pass remedial legislation.

Canyon City—Sumpter Valley Ry. to expend \$150,000 on improvements.

The Dalles—Wittenburg King Co. to enlarge plant at cost of \$15,000.

Gervais working for cannery.

West Linn proposes \$14,000 school.

Coquille—18,000 of paving to be laid here in business section.

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