Committees Are Named to Present Findings to Grand Jury.

BIDDER MAKES AFFIDAVIT

Committee Named at Mass Meeting in Armory Several Weeks Ago Meets in Compercial Club to Further Its Work.

For the purpose of going more into details in its investigation of the acts of the Port of Portland Commission, the

of the Port of Portland Commission, the object being mainly to present facts for grand jury consideration, the committee of 80 appointed at a mass meeting held in the Armory a few weeks ago, last night met at the rooms of the Portland Commercial Cub and appointed several sub-committees and adepted a lengthy reply to the defense presented by the Commission through the columns of the Portland daily hewspapers.

Charles Meachem, Alfred F. Smith and Albert Crows were appointed a committee to delve into the administration of the public drydock. O. Middleton, Fred Ballin and A. G. Rushiight were selected to gather data in relation to towage. George M. Thomas H. A. Heppner and D. L. Povey were delegated the task of inquiring into the Commission's dredging operations. These committees will make reports at the next meeting of the general committee, which will be held in about ten days.

Legislation Is Proposed.

E. B. Seabrook, John F. Logan, R. Citron, Ben Riesiand, Melvin Carter, Seneca
C. Beach and Charles A. Bigelow were
selected to draft a measure changing the
charter of the Fort of Portland in some
manner so as to make the Commissioners elective and directly responsible to
the taxpayers. The information gathered
by the drydock, towage and dredging
committees, in addition to being for
grand jury consumption, will be used in
Salem in urging before the Legislature
the passage of the measure to be proposed by the committee. It is hoped to
secure also a grand jury report showing
the necessity for a change in the method the necessity for a change in the method

of selecting Commissioners.

Prompted by statements made by several of those present to the effect that the Commission has been in the habit of barring the public from its meetings. frequently going into executive session for this purpose, George H. Thomas presented a resolution demanding that the Commission hereafter admit all taxpayers and representatives of the newspapers of the city to their sessions, irrective of what the character of such

specified of what the districts of actions may be. The motion was unant-mously carried.

An executive committee, consisting of George B. Van Waters, George H. Thomas, J. H. Noltz, E. Versteeg, H. C. ompson and H. H. Prouty, was ap-nied by Chairman Munly.

Bidder Makes Affidavit.

In its reply, prepared by a special committee selected at the last meeting, the committee went into details, cov-ering more closely the charges, which have been made against the Commisnave been made against the Comme-sion. The document was accompanied by several affidavita, among which was one from John F. Craig, vice- pres-ident and general manager of the Craig Shipbuilding Company, of Long Beach, Cal, alleging that he had been dis-criminated against in the letting of

criminated against in the setting of contracts for the construction of vessels for the Port of Portland.

Mr. Craig stated in this sworn statement that he had been refused the contract for the building of a bar tug, despite the fact that his bid was more than \$7000 lower than that of his nearest competitor, the Willamette Iron and est campetitor, the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, and in face of a recom-mendation from the commission's con-sulting engineer. J. B. C. Lockwood, that he be given the contract, such recommendation having been made after Mr. Lockwood had fully investi-gated the capabilities of Mr. Craig's

plant.
The next time he bid, his affidavit un-The next time he bid, his affidavit states, his envelops was returned unopened. The third time he refused to hid, and he declares that several other builders also refused, believing that there was no possibility of receiving fair treatment. The Willamette Iron and Steel Works, in which C. F. Swigart is alleged to have been a stock. art is alleged to have been a stock-holder, received the contracts.

### Rates Advanced Is Charge.

Charles F. Machem, F. Hagemann, E. W. Spencer, O. W. Hosford, A. W. McIntesh, Osborne Middleton, Andrew Hoben and Albert Crowe had signed an affidavit, marked "Exhibit A" and rates the steamer Northland could, they said, be docked for three days for \$232.50, while under the new rates it would cost \$245, an increase of 23 per cent. It was formerly possible, according to the sworn statement, to they said, be docked for three days for \$132.50, while under the new rates it would cost \$145, an increase of 23 per cent. It was formerly possible, according to the sworn statement, to dock the tramp steamer Beachley for three days for \$714. Now it would cost \$1355, an increase of \$30 per cent. The business, they declare, has been going to the Oregon Drydock Company, in which they allege C. F. Swigert holds an interest.

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In the reply the committee scores the Commission for falling to take legal action against Robert Wakefield & Co., to secure the money which the taxpayers, according to a finding of Judge Cleland, were defrauded in the drydock contract transaction by celluaive bidding, and ascribes as the reason for such failure the fact that Robert Wakofield and C. P. Swigert are authors in business enterwise. partners in business enterprises. The allegation is made that the Commission paid the O. R. & N. Company an exorbitant price for the tugs Ocklahama and Wallula, despite a report to the contrary from Consulting Engineer

## LONG 'BIKE' JOURNEY ENDS

John E. Norman Reaches Los Angeles From Seattle.

LOS ANGELES Cal. Nov. 30 - (Special) - John E. Norman reached Los Angeles on a bleycle today from Seattle via Portland. He left Portland on July 11 and has wheeled every foot of the way. He says he will walk back, as it is too tough work on a "bike."

### 36TH BIRTHDAY IS KEPT

St. Andrew's Society Celebrates With Banquet at Commercial Club.

and there, occupied seats around a banquet table at the Commercial Club last night in honor of the 18th anniversary of the ogranization of the society in Portland.

K. K. Baxter, president of the society, was toastmaster, and Dr. W. T. Williamson spoke on "The Land We Live in." W. J. Burns responded to the toast, "The Land We Left." W. D. Wheelwright spoke on "The Scot Abroad," and Robert Gray on "St. An-

toast. "The Land We Left." W. D. Wheelwright spoke on "The Scot Abroad," and Robert Gray on "St. Andrew and St. Andrew's Societica." Telegrams from San Francisco, Seattle, Victoria, B. C., Philadelphia and Toronto, Canada, cangratulating the society were read. Major MacDonald played the bag pipe. Guests at the banquet were:

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EX-GAMBLER SAID TO HAVE DUAL PERSONALITY.

Captain J. B. Smith, Ousted From Snobomish, Arouses Everett. Malady Deemed Incurable.

EVERETT. Wash. Nov. 20 .- (Spe fal.)-Afflicted with a dual personality and compelled to appear to be a devil when he would rather pose as a saint, Captain J. B. Smith, years ago, a gambler, but now reformed, is pussling physicians and the authorities of Snohomish County.

homish County.

For 13 years Captain Smith has been unable to control his voice and in a running conversation, he has been obliged by the evil personality to inject profane words which have no connection whatever with the subject discussed. The profane words are spoken in a voice having an altogether different beet from that in which Mr. Smith ent key from that in which Mr. Smith

Captain Smith was cross-ex amined thoroughly by Prosecutor Bell, in an effort to ascertain if the man could cease the involuntary exclama-tions which have proved so objection-able. Those in the adjoining room could have imagined a gambling game was in progress with Smith as one of the most excited players. Throughout the conversation, he injected remarks utterly irrelevant and objectionable. Mr. Smith came here from Snoho-mish, where he owned a small cabin,

and where the Chamber of Commerce had decided at a meeting that means should be taken to oust him from the city. He persisted in talking to women and children and his shocking, al-though, involuntary exclamations made him the terror of the town. A complaint charging insanity failed and Smith refused to leave when it was found that he was not insane but that his nervous malady was such that his presence was objectionable in Snohe-

mish.

Mr. Smith arrived in Everett today and created consternation whereever he appeared. Just what will be done with him has not been decided at Snohomish. He announced today that he would return to that city and a warm contest is expected. He says he is a member of a big grocery firm in Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco and carries a letter from a savant saving carries a letter from a savant saying that his malady is incurable.

STEEL TRUST HAS 12 MILLIONS FOR WORKERS' PENSIONS.

Men and Women Who Have Been in Service 20 Years or More Will Be Cared For in Old Age.

NEW YORK, Nov. 38.—Judge Elbert H. Gary announced today that begin-ning January I, 1911, the United States sized Corporation will pay three classes of old age pensions to those of its employes who have served with either the parent company or its subsidiaries for more than 20 years. The income will be derived from the United States Steel Corporation and Carnegie Joint Fund, to which no employes contribute and will be divided into three classes.

an affidavit, marked "axhibit A" and presented with the reply, declaring that the recent action of the Commission in tampering with the public drydock rates had had the effect of raising them from 21 to 80 per cent. Under the old rates the steamer Northland could, they said, be docked for three days for \$232.50, while under the new rates

month. Between these extremes, I per cent of the regular monthly pay re-ceived during the last 10 years of service will be allowed for each year of total service.

or total service.

The United States Steel Corporation has a pension fund of \$8,000,000 and the Carnegie fund, established in 1901 by Andrew Carnegie, amounts to \$4,000,000, so that the joint principal available will be \$12,000,000.

### MISS LENEVE NOT ABOARD

Dr. Crippen's Companion Doesn't Appear on Steamer List.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 -- If Ethel Leneve. NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—If Edney Leneve. Dr. Crippen's erstwhile companion, is on board the steamer Majestic, which anchored off Quarantine tonight, she had a better disguise than when she came to Canada in boy's clothes abroard the Montrore. Her name does not appear on the passenger list and no one like her, officers of the ship said today, had been recognized.

ficers of the say recognized.

It was reported from London that Miss Leneve had taken passage second-class under the name of "Miss Allen" and would embark at Southampton, but the prediction apparently went wrong.

Victoria Feels Earth Shake.

VICTORIA, B. C. Nov. 20.—Two slight earthquake shocks were felt here at 11:55 o'clock tonight. No damage Eighty-seven Scotchmen, members of at 11:59 o'clock to St. Andrew's Society, with a guest here has been reported.

# ROADS DENIED

Shippers Contend Securities Are Still Favored in Financial Markets.

CAPITAL EXCESSIVE

Iowa Commissioner-elect Testifies That Over-Capitalization in Four States Is \$400,000,000-Development Not Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- Testimony in the Eastern Trunk Line freight advance cases was virtually concluded by the Interstate Commerce Commission today, after many witnesses for the shippers had agreed that the proposed increases would localize competition, burt the Western market for Eastern goods and otherwise seriously interfere with their

The period of suspension of the procosed advances to until January 10 and in the meantime, on January 9, arguments of the counsel will be made. The Commission may be prepared to give its decision by the expiration of the present

Shippers Well Supported.

There was a steady run of witnesses today in support of the shippers' pro-tests. They included heads of the West-inghouse Airbrake Company, of the Rail-way Business Association, of the Ameri-can Locomotive Company, and of shoe and leather, drug, cotton goods and oth-er enterprises.

er enterprises.
Clifford Thorne, of Washington, Iowa,
State Railway Commissioner-elect. counsel for the Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association and the Farmers and Grain Dealers' Association, contended that in four states alone the railroads had been over capitalized by \$400,000,000. This was based on statistical summary of the ac-tual physical valuation of 125 properties having a combined capitalization of more than \$1,000,000.

than \$1.090,000.

Mr. Thorns contended that railway net sarnings have been increasing faster than their expenses and that the credit of the roads was good. He urged that the only proof offered by the railroads to support their argument of credit impairment was that they could not market a per cent bonds at par, an ability which he regarded as by no means indicative of bad credit.

### Railroad Securities Good.

He said that rallroad securities were more desirable today than five, ten, 15 and 20 years ago and command higher market prices than those of other pub-

lie utility or industrial companies.

"Tell your troubles to the Commissioner," was the only consolution President Lawrence, of the Lawrence Company, of Boston and New York, testified he received from the railroads when he tried to talk to them about advances which meant \$70,000 increased cost annually to his cotton-piece goods busi-

Edwin F. Forbes, of Boston, candy Edwin F. Forbes, of Boston, candy manufacturer, contended that candy is a necessity and not a luxury. A. D. Butterfield, for the New York Central lines, forced him to eay that he saw no reason why sugar, unaffected in the proposed advance and a big factor in the candy business, should not bear its share of the Increase.

business, should not hear its share of the increase.

He said the increase would take off half of his quarter of a cent profit on the 6 and 8 cents a pound candy and that in the East his candy goods jobbed at 35 and 40 cents a pound were sold by retailers at from 50 cents to \$1.50 a record.

Cost Reaches Consumers.

Charles L. Swarts, of St. Louis, repre-senting the National and Western As-sociation of Shoe Wholesalers, testified that the increased cost would be put upon the dealers and that it would ultimately reach the consumers on certain medium and low-grade shoes. He referred to the old rebate "plums" which the railroads gave favored shippers until the Hephurn act stopped these secret

"Are any of these rebates still ex-isting" saked Commissioner Clements.
"I wish they were, under conditions."
"It is surprising to me," continued
Mr. Clements, "to find now how ex-

Mr. Clements, "to find now how extensive these relate practices used to
be when it was so hard then for us to
find them at all."
George A. Post, of New York, president of the Railway Business Association, testified that the main purpose of
his organization was to promote friendly relations between the railroads and
the public.

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of development already begun?" asked ommissioner Prouty.
"Not at this moment," replied the wib-

Herman Westinghouse, vice-president of Herman Westinghouse, vice-president of the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, de-clared that sirbrakes had a much higher efficiency than five years ago, that a train could carry 50 per cent more load down heavy grades, and that he believed the increasing price of from 12 to 15 per cent had been made up to the carriers by the increased efficiency. W. H. Marshal, president of the Amer-ican Locomotive Company, testified as to the absence of the railroads from that company.

Railroads were not paying more, he thought, than heretofore, for freight engines, although passenger equipment was higher. He thought there had been an effective improvement in engines as

freight carriers, while the price per ton was about the same as a decade ago. TO INDUCT DIAZ TODAY

Mexican Dictator Will Take Oath for Eighth Time.

MEXICO CITY Nov. 20.—With simple ceremony, General Diaz will take the oath of office as President of the Republic of Mexico for the eighth time, tomorrow. In view of the disturbances through which the country has recently passed the inauguration will not be marked by the season of festivities that has accompanied it in former years, but will be conducted with the same for-

dent of the Hallway Business Association, testified that the main purpose of his organization was to promote friendly relations between the railroads and the public.

"We have learned," he said, "that conservative talk is better than virticlics. We are organizing good humor, not gloom."

Mr. Post declared the purchases of the railroads had diminished markedly in the last four or five menths.

will be conducted with the same formal dignity and impressiveness.

The ceremonies will take place at 10 o'clock tomerrow morning in the hall of the Palace of Mines, where the Chamber of Deputies has been holding its new home. Only the diplomatic corps and a few other distinguished personages, in addition to the high Mexican officials, will attend.

Following the induction of President

Following the induction of President Diaz, the cath will be administered to Ramon Corrai, re-elected to the vice-"Do you know of an instance where presidency."
The President and Vice-President will

then proceed to the National Palace where they will receive the congratu-lations of diplomats, government of-ficials and private delegations.

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