PORTLAND LEADS IN WHEAT EXPORT

Government Statistics Show Supremacy of This Port in Nation.

PUGET SOUND IS BEATEN

Latter Must Struggle With Baltimore for Second Position in List of Cities Shipping Grain to Foreign Ports.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 14.—Portland today dominates the wheat export trade of the United States, according to official statistics compiled by the United States Department of Commerce and Labor. Over 67 per cent of all wheat exported from this country during February was shipped from Portland, and 32 per cent of all wheat exported from the United States during the eight months ending with February left docks at Portland.

Out of the total export of one and one-third million bushels of wheat in February, 894,732 bushels were shipped from Portland, the nearest approach to this being 182,837 bushels shipped from New York, while Puget Sound exported 181,575 bushels.

During eight months ending with February, Portland exported 6,053,393 bushels of wheat, which was nearly double the export of Puget Sound during the same period. Sound shipments aggregated 3,437,796 bushels.

In the corresponding months of last year, Portland's wheat export was 4,567,196 bushels, as compared to 3,254,269 from Puget Sound. A year ago, however, New York was first among wheat exporters, when it more than doubled Portland's record. Portland is today so far in the lead of all other ports that it will close the fiscal year in first place, and Puget Sound, now second, will struggle with Baltimore for second position.

TOOL WORKS IS BURNED

Carpets in Adjoining Warehouse Damaged.

Fire at 6:25 P. M. yesterday partially destroyed the Portland Tool Works at 209 Thirteenth street North, entailing a loss of $5000 to $10,000, and did several thousand dollars' damage to goods in storage in the Northwestern Transfer Company's warehouse, which adjoins the tool works. The most damage done in the warehouse was to a carload of carpets which arrived yesterday. The tops of the rolls were burned and the bottoms were soaked with water. This loss will be total as there is no insurance. The Portland Tool Works was insured.

The fire was supposed to have been started from a furnace in the Portland Tool Works. The plant was locked up at 6 o'clock, as usual, after the fires had been drawn. At 6:25 flames were seen to shoot from the center of the roof, immediately over the furnaces, and an alarm was turned in. By the time the department arrived the entire center of the roof was ablaze and had communicated to the roof of the Northwestern Transfer Company's warehouse. Almost half of the roof of the tool works was burned off.

W. Irving Spencer, secretary-treasurer of the Portland Tool Works, said last night that the amount of damage could not be ascertained until the machinery was inspected.

George W. Cummins, president of the Northwestern Transfer Company, said the carpets had been placed in storage yesterday. He did not know their value or to whom they were consigned. He said they probably belonged to several merchants in Portland. As they were to have been delivered at once no insurance was taken out.

RUNAWAYS LEAVE TRAIL

Street Sweeper Team Resembles Cyclone as It Races Along.

Three horses drawing a street sweeper became frightened at an automobile at Williams avenue and McMillan street yesterday evening, while the driver was behind the machine adjusting it, and ran away. The horses headed for the city barns at Seventh and Hancock streets and made the trip at full speed, with the sweeper buzzing around and throwing litter broadcast, without injury to the horses, machine, pedestrians, streetcars or vehicles.

The horses drew up panting at the stables, as if their work had been finished. The trail of the sweeper was easily followed by a clean streak along the streets the width of the sweeper. The driver vaintly tried to catch up with the team, but was soon left behind in a cloud of dust. At a distance the oncoming sweeper resembled a cyclone. The horses deftly dodged everything in the path and left people standing along the streets struck with awe.

AD CLUB TO GIVE BENEFIT

Show to Be for Purpose of Securing Next Pacific Coast Congress.

Preparations are under way for the Portland Ad Club benefit to take place in the Baker Theater, Tuesday night, March 21. It promises to be not only interesting but of a decidedly unique character. The drama to be presented by the stock company is "The Texas Steer." Between the acts there will be vaudeville stunts taken from the other theaters and also from the talent which exists in the club. The programme will be full of interesting local hits which, it is believed, will furnish the audience with many laughs.

The purpose of the benefit is to raise funds to secure the next meeting of the Pacific Coast Ad Congress, after the session in Spokane in June. It is believed that with the proper sized delegation at Spokane and a determined contest the Portland delegation can win easily.

SMITHSON IS NOW ANGEL

Portland Hurdling Champion Joins Los Angeles Club.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14.—(Special.)—Forrest Smithson, international hurdling champion, has joined the Los Angeles Athletic Club and will be active in the outdoor athletics of that organization.

This is an important acquisition by the L. A. A. C., as Smithson's fame as an athlete reaches across the seas. He is a life member of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club of Portland and refused a similar favor from the Irish-American Athletic Club of New York, which made an effort to secure him from his triumphs in the Olympic games in London.

The club is planning to put strong teams in every branch of athletics in the field as there is a wealth of available material. The latest proposition is to send a team of four or five men to the A. A. U. track and field meet for the National championship at Pittsburg next Summer. With Smithson as a nucleus, it would be possible to select a five-man team that would give a good account of itself in the National meet.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE MAGISTRAT."

As Original Farce in Three Acts by Sir Arthur Pinero, Presented at the Heilig Theater.

Mr. Posket .....Edward Terry
Mr. Bullamy .....Percy Bell
Colonel Lukyn .....Robert Pateman
Captain Horace Vale.....
..... Christopher Steele
Cis Farringdon..Percival Madgewick
Achile Blond .....J. Mansfield
Isidore .....R. Francis
Mr. Worthington .....B. Cositt
Inspector Mesitter .....F. Pearson
Sergeant Lugg .....William Dexter
Constable Harris .....C. MacManus
Wyke .....George Byrne
Agatha Posket .....Adah Barton
Charlotte .....Kathleen Leigh
Beattie Tomlinson..Christine Rayner
Poobam .....Una Tristram

THE entanglements and swift overtaking of the youngish wife who deceives her aged and doting husband has gibbered in the courtroom, from the pulpits, from daily newspapers, even the comic supplement has not overlooked it, and the tragic and comic stage have given us their various versions. But it has remained for Sir Arthur Wing Pinero to combine the potentialities of the topic into one of the most laughable and really plausible farces imaginable, in his play, "The Magistrate," in which Edward Terry and his company of English players appeared last evening at the Heilig. Mr. Terry has had great success with this farce in England, in fact, it is one of several written for him by the great dramatist. The play was well received last evening, as much on account of the acting as on its intrinsic merits. The treatment of the world-old subject is new and thoroughly enjoyed.

A widow, who marries a second husband, gives her age as six years younger than she is and discovers, unhappily too late, that the other dates and data must be proportionately arranged. Her son, then, a big strapping youth, of 20, must needs appear to be but 14, with a music teacher and an Eton collar. Step-papa, however, is led first into gambling, then into more indiscreet affairs by the lamb-child, and finally goes one evening for a high time to a private room in a hotel, where the youthful son of a deceiving mother entertains friends. As it happens the one man who knows the date of the boy's christening goes to these apartments from his club, where he is followed by the frantic wife and her sister, anxious to warn him against chattering. When everybody is distributed about the apartment, each hiding from some one else, the situation is at a climax, which is later well worked out.

It is all very, very funny and the lines are tremendously keen, the dialogue sparkling throughout and the acting quite above reproach. Situations that are wholly original and mirth-provoking are handled with fine discrimination, and above all else hovers the atmosphere of reality.

Mr. Terry is a pastmaster as a farceur. Numberless details of "business" make his performance perfect in every particular. He actually succeeds in making the unauspicious, old doting husband, who is dignity incarnate, turn as a living character into a dust-covered, disheveled magistrate, utterly lacking in any semblance of decorum but trying painfully to be awe-inspiring. His artistry is certainly delightful and the audience laughed at him and with him in keenest enjoyment. An individual success is scored by Robert Pateman as Colonel Lukyns, whose knowledge of the youngster's baptismal date forms the beginning of things. Mr. Pateman carries off many honors for the dramatic quality of his role.

Percival Madgewick is the son, and a very youthful rake and fascinating young man he makes of the part. The role of the wife is given to Ada Barton, reminiscent of Mrs. Leslie Carter in coloring and movement, and a very capable actress, too. Other roles are well cast.

Chehalis Distributes Folder.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 14.—The Citizens Club of Chehalis has issued 5000 copies of the address of N. B. Coffman of this city on, "The Problem of the Land," delivered at the recent meeting of the Southwest Washington Development Association at Vancouver. The address is printed in folder form.

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FINAL DEMANDS MADE BY RUSSIA

China Told She Must Yield. Troops Are Massing on Frontier.

PRESS WANTS ANNEXATION

Procrastination of China Brings on Crisis and They May Now Lose Much Territory and Be Driven to Other Concessions.

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ure of amicable negotiations. Next, the Novoe Vremya makes the unusual intimation that there is discord in the government over the measures to be taken against China.

The third situation is revealed today in disquieting dispatches from the army of occupation on the Chinese frontier. These advices describe a disturbance among the soldiers over the poor quality of the food provided for them. An outbreak was prevented only by the tact of the commanding general, who ordered the Governor-General of Russian-Turkestan to take prompt measures to remove the causes of Russian dissatisfaction, and adequately to organize supplies for the expedition.

It is said here today that the situation created by China's quibbling has caused a realization that the Russo-Chinese relations are less satisfactory than had been thought. China's suspicion of Russia's good faith and the resentment of supposed aggression are blamed.

The sole course left open to St. Petersburg was a serious military action which would not shrink from permanent measures in Ili Province. Military circles, the opinion of which had great weight with Emperor Nicholas in reaching a decision, considered the occupation of Northern Manchuria along a line of demarcation from Kwang Cheng Tze to Kirin a possibility.

A correction of the frontier of Tarbagatai in Mongolia is also held a possibility. The military party frankly favors the utilization of the crisis to strengthen the Russian garrisons in the Far East and to correct the frontier strategically at Chinese expense. This argues that Russo-Chinese relations are so strained that nothing can be gained from China amicably for many years.

The Cabinet, however, has decided to restrict the military action to the barest necessity.

The Novoe Vremya in an editorial calls for the appointment of a responsible Minister to replace Foreign Minister Sazanoff, who is incapacitated at a critical period, and indicates that the government is not agreed.

The Novoe Vremya prints a dispatch from Mukden, which states that 110 tons of gunpowder, 43 boxes of cavalry rifles and 70 boxes of infantry rifles, destined for Chinese garrisons in Northern Manchuria, have reached Mukden from Pekin. Forty-one vanloads of rifles and ammunition, the dispatch adds, have been sent from Kwang Cheng Tze to Kirin.

Telegrams from Harbin state that the Russian press in the Far East has for weeks been talking of preparations for war and declaring that the railroads and roads are being adapted to the transportation of troops. The staff of the Chinese Railway and the employes generally have been replaced by Japanese and armed soldiers. Huge barracks, it is asserted, are under construction at the principal stations.

An evening paper confirms the report that M. Kokovsoff opposed the recent policy of the Foreign Office toward China and succeeded in deferring the military demonstration which M. Sazonoff had intended should accompany the first ultimatum.

WASHINGTON IS SURPRISED

Few Consulates and Tea-Trading No Excuse for Ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Officials of the State Department and the Chinese legation here are puzzled to find a reason for the sudden delivery of an ultimatum by the Russian government to China in connection with the negotiations regarding Russian trade relations in Ili province.

Several weeks ago, after Russia had announced its purpose to have a military demonstration in that province, what appeared to be a satisfactory arrangement of the difficulty was reached.

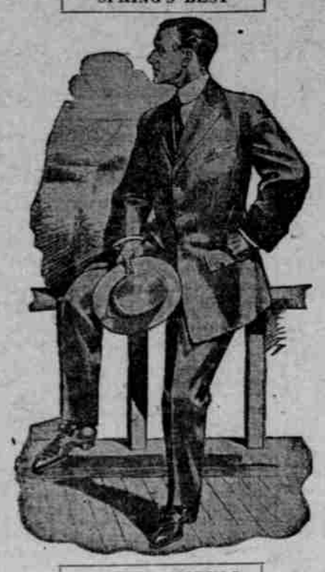
The department and the legation have no knowledge of any recent developments to interfere with a peaceful adjustment by diplomatic means and are at a loss to conjecture why there should be a resort to ultimatum over such issues as the establishment of a few consulates or the right of foreign merchants to trade in tea in the Chinese province.

Swimmers Try Out Tonight.

Tryouts for the handicaps in the Y. M. C. A. six-day Marathon swim will be held tomorrow night at the association tank. The six-day swim will begin next Monday night, and it is thought that nearly 40 boys will be entered in the contest. Harry T. Smith, assistant physical director, will arrange the handicaps after taking the time of the various swimmers tomorrow night.

MEN'S SUITS

SPRING'S BEST



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IDAHO'S FUND SLASHED

APPROPRIATION BILL TO BE CUT $305,000.

Governor Hawley Sees Extravagance and Will Veto Buildings for Educational Institutions.

BOISE, Idaho, March 14.—(Special.)—Rather than attach his signature to a bill which he says calls for extravagant waste of public funds, Governor Hawley announced tonight that he would veto portions of the general appropriations bill passed by the recent Legislature.

The Governor especially opposes those sections of the measure calling for appropriations for buildings at state educational institutions. The amount carried in the bill will be reduced about $305,000.

Governor Hawley will take off $28,934 from the University of Idaho fund for buildings and permanent improvements and $9500 for stock barns and stables. He will veto that section calling for an appropriation of $15,800 for improvements and equipment for the Academy of Idaho at Pocatello and $42,800 for buildings at the same institution. No less than $29,870 for the improvements at the Lewiston State Normal will be clipped, while $30,806 set aside for the Albion State Normal will be vetoed.

Iowa Democrats Drop Porter.

DES MOINES, March 14.—The Democrats in the Iowa Legislature switched today from Claude R. Porter, for whom they have been voting since the session opened, and cast 47 votes for Frank O'Connor, of Chickisaw County. O'Connor alone voted for Porter. The vote: Deemer, 52; Kenyon, 4; O'Connor (Dem.), 47; paired, 4; 6 absent. Necessary to a choice, 74.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, March 14.—(Special.)—People from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—At the Broadway Central, A. G. Long; at the Imperial, C. N. McArthur.

From Seattle—At the Broadway Central, A Kennedy; at the Grand Union, H. Kellam; at the Hotel Astor, J. W. Considine, Miss R. Considine, Miss F. Considine; at the Gilsey, J. H. Young.

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