

FARE MEASURE IS HELD BY COUNCIL

Action of Public Service Commission Awaited by City in Submitting Bill.

VOTERS MAY GIVE DECISION

If Commission Will Restore 5-Cent Fare in Portland, Council Will Submit Measure to Voters Asking Reduction in Expenses.

Provided the State Public Service Commission is willing to go on record in favor of restoring the 5-cent streetcar fare in Portland, the City Council will submit to the voters at the special city election May 17 a measure to enable the City Council to relieve the company of the burden of paying between its tracks, paying bridge tolls, carrying firemen and policemen free of charge and paying streetcar licenses.

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G. L. Ranch, one of the members of the committee, forthwith took exception to this charge. "If you've got any manhood or any backbone," he declared to Commissioner Kellaker, "you will get up and present any facts showing that this commission is or has been guided by any ulterior motive."

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SALARY CUTS SCENTED

FEDERAL EXPERT CHECKING UP RAILROAD PATROLS.

San Francisco Visitor's Mission May Affect Income of Southern Pacific Head and Other Officers.

INJUNCTION IS OPPOSED

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF OREGON PROPOSED.

LEPPER STATES CASE.

CADETS PASS IN REVIEW

LEGISLATIVE SEAT IS GOAL

WAGE RISES REQUESTED

COUNTY OFFICIALS PETITION ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYEES.

Increase for Sheriff's Office Tentatively Approved—Treasurer's Deputy Gets Advance.

The County Commissioners were deluged yesterday, at their regular meeting, with requests of officials and department heads for salary increases for employees in minor positions.

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"In the first battle of Ypres the British held their line with only one man to the yard, and every cook, bottlewasher and clerk in the whole army was fighting in that line, too."

"Again, at second Ypres, where the Germans first used gas, they went through the line again. This time a few battalions of Canadians behind the first line threw themselves into the breach and fought so furiously that the Germans thought they were being a whole new army. They had broken through the line, but what good did it do them?"

"In this last great battle on the Somme, they broke through the line, but British troops fighting rear-guard actions held them until the line was connected up again a few miles back. And so it will be in this drive, if they do break through. Resolute men will stop them behind the lines until the new line is formed."

"The Germans may break the line, but let me tell you, they will never get through it in the way they mean to get through. They mean to get through the heart of our country, and they will never kill that same heart."

Major Sturrock, in the course of his address told his hearers they must get the spirit of the British and French people to win the war. He said that before he went to the front he supposed the spirit of the Canadian people was the epitome of the spirit of a people at war, but when he got to England he found a spirit of greater sacrifice, and when he got to France, a still higher and never-dying spirit.

"You do not realize what this war is, and even the Canadians do not realize it yet to the full, magnificently as they have done," he declared. "But over there in England and France the war comes home to them every day, and they live the life of a soldier. They will fight to the last man and the last cannon and the last dollar to kill the swinish Hun."

Soldiers Anxious to Fight.

"There's no such thing as doing your bit," he said, "and this is the only way the people of Oregon to subscribe will get any good out of it."

Major Sturrock paid a tribute to the bravery and self-sacrifice of the stretcher bearers. "He is in the heavy front line all the time," he said. "Where the fighting is hardest, there you will always find the stretcher bearers bringing in the wounded. The stretcher bearer is taking all the medicine he can get, and he never falters or holds back. All honor to these men."

French Women Are Brave.

Another speaker at the luncheon was Lieutenant James Warren, of the British Royal Flying Corps, who shot down six German planes before a German "got" him and he was sent back to "Blighty" to recover, and thence to the United States to bring the message of the war to this country.

He, too, spoke of the wonderful spirit of the French people. He told of one woman whose husband and three sons had all been killed. "She was convinced," he said, "that the reason she had been brought into the world was to bear these three sons for her country, and that the mission of her husband had been to fight and give his all."

He gave a graphic description of a battle he had had with German airplanes, in which his observer was killed and he himself was hit by two spent bullets.

Judge George W. Staniston was chairman of the day. The Street quartet sang and led the audience in patriotic songs. The quartet is composed of Miss Ruth Agnew, soprano; Mrs. George Hotchkiss Street, contralto; Richard Robertson, tenor, and George Hotchkiss Street, baritone.

J. M. Layhuc, School Head, Dies.

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—J. M. Layhuc, superintendent of the summer schools, died of pneumonia Tuesday night. He had been ill but five days. Mr. Layhuc was 53 years of age and had devoted the greater part of his life to the teaching profession. He is survived by his wife. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—E. J. Stack, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, here today that the organization is planning to initiate an amendment similar to the Clayton Federal amendment prohibiting the use of injunctions against strikes for a lawful purpose.

The amendment would cover interstate commerce, as the Clayton amendment covers interstate business.

Stack also stated that the Portland Central Labor Council and a committee from the Oregon State Medical Society has under consideration the initiation of an amendment to the state constitution enlarging the scope of the work of the Industrial Accident Commission to take in certain occupational diseases, as well as injuries sustained from hazardous forms of employment.

Marion County Exceeds Quota.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Both Marion County and the city of Salem went over the top in the Liberty Loan drive today. Salem exceeded its quota of \$17,500 by \$50 and is still going fast. The county total is not available, but Chairman Deckerbach says the \$22,000 quota is passed and a number of districts are still to be heard from.

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SHIP SAFETY SOUGHT

Board Decides on Bulkhead Non-Sinkable Plan.

DAMAGE TO BE REDUCED

Belief Expressed That Effectiveness of U-Boats May Be Reduced 50 Per Cent; Installation to Cause No Delay.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—All American merchant vessels will be equipped immediately with double the number of bulkheads now carried for protection against torpedoes and mines.

The Shipping Board approved the plan today as the most practical of all the "non-sinkable" schemes and James C. Stewart, of New York, was asked to undertake supervision of the work.

Authority was telegraphed Mr. Stewart to purchase immediately the necessary equipment, including barges for handling material.

Right Walls to Be Built.

Eight instead of four walls hereafter will divide American ships into compartments, decreasing by 50 per cent the space which is likely to be flooded after an external explosion and increasing in the same proportion the chances of the vessel reaching port instead of going to the bottom.

The bulkheads will be made of four-inch planks with tongue and groove and latticed with wood and steel construction was adopted as being lighter and taking less room.

Cargo Space Loss Small.

It is estimated that in 400 ships there will be a loss of only 5000 tons cargo space due to the new walls.

No delay in the movement of ships is expected to result from the installation of the new safety devices. Mr. Stewart will be given complete floating equipment so that the work can be carried out without interfering with loading.

As food and small freight occupy 85 per cent of the tonnage going to Europe, the smaller compartments will not make any material difference in most ships.

Vessels carrying locomotives and other heavy equipment may find their stay in port lengthened, owing to the necessity for more careful handling of the big engines.

Bulkheads to Come Out Later.

The new bulkheads will come out after the war.

The board's decision is in accord with the recently announced policy of investigating and trying every device that seems to offer a practicable means of saving tonnage.

Suggestions for increasing the number of bulkheads have been made

LABOR SUPPLY IS ASSURED

Federal Employment Agency Reports Workers Plentiful.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—There will be no need to bring soldiers back from the cantonments to help with the Spring planting this year and there will be little, if any, shortage of labor for the harvest in this section of the Northwest, say Federal officials.

The Federal employment agents here say they are having no difficulty in supplying farm laborers at \$6 a month, with room and board. Unless conditions change before the harvest, the labor supply will be sufficient for the increased work then.

OREGON MEN TRANSFERRED

Adventists Ordered to Porto Rico and to India by Conference.

SAK FRANCISCO, April 12.—Plans were adopted at today's session of the general conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, now in progress here, for the granting of scholarships to from five to 30 students in each union conference in America.

W. J. Montanye, of Oregon, was transferred to Porto Rico; Bernard

Voith, of Oklahoma, to Oregon; Harold Reith, of Oregon, to India.

LIBERTY ISSUE AT STAKE

Inmate of Kelly Butte Home Files Habeas Corpus Writ.

Louise Troutville, at present detained at the Kelly Butte Home, instituted habeas corpus proceedings yesterday in Circuit Court seeking her release.

In the writ it is recited that Miss Troutville was arrested as a vagrant about March 30 and was sent to the Kelly Butte Home after being placed under \$500 bail in the Municipal Court. Bail in the sum required was presented April 11 and an order for the woman's release was signed by Judge Rossman, it is contended. It is charged that, disregarding the order, those in charge of the home are detaining her, ostensibly because of infectious disease. Access to medical examination records revealing disease has been denied, it is averred.

Dr. B. Carradine to Speak.

Dr. B. Carradine, an evangelist, will conduct services tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. in the Portland Commons Mission, Front and Burnside streets. He will close this series of meetings Tuesday night.

"Men fight like the devil on Chocolate" - Brig. Gen. L. W. Waller, U.S. Marine Corps. What a tribute to the food value of chocolate! If "men fight like the devil on chocolate" (and we have Brigadier-General Waller's word for it) those of us who must "carry on" at home can look to chocolate as a food that will yield the utmost strength and nutriment in proportion to the cost. In Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate you get chocolate at its best. It is a sustaining, nourishing food—an ideal blend of pure cocoa and finest sugar. At your grocer's—in 1/2 lb., 1 lb. and 3 lb. cans; a tablespoonful—one cent's worth—makes a cup. D. GHIRARDELLI CO. Since 1852 San Francisco

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