

BIGGER BOND ISSUE PROPOSED FOR PORT

Needed Facilities May Cost Five Millions.

POST-WAR TRADE SOUGHT

Indications Are Voters Will Be Asked to Approve Bigger Issue Than at First Planned.

Authorization of a total bond issue of \$5,000,000, instead of \$3,000,000, as reported unofficially, may be asked of the voters at the November election to provide increased port facilities which the Emergency Fleet Corporation and other bureaus have recommended to assure Portland its share of the trade that will follow the war.

The Commission of Public Docks was not ready yesterday to decide the amount. It was considered certain that the programme outlined, which has been forwarded by telegraph from G. H. Hogard, chief engineer of the commission, now at Washington, would necessitate a larger bond issue than was at first contemplated.

Needs to Determine Sales. As with the \$3,000,000 bond issue with which the St. Johns Municipal Terminal project is being carried along, the bonds will not all be disposed of unless needed. Only such amounts are to be offered as are necessary for the improvements, but to place the city in its rightful position in a maritime way it is asserted, will call for placing at the command of the government adequate dock space, a suitable drydock, floating machine shop, fuel oil storage as well as tanks for storing cargo, such as soy bean oil, and a cold storage or refrigeration plant.

The commission will confer with the City Council and Port of Portland so that each important detail may be gone over before the maximum bond amount is fixed and in arriving at that estimate will be made covering each plant and additional dock or warehouse. The Edliefson Fuel Company made application yesterday for certain coal storage space at the St. Johns terminal. A bunker plant also was talked of, but in view of the expansive plans now under consideration, action on this was deferred.

Portion of Street Ceded. Permission was granted for the erection of a shed 20 by 40 feet on the site of the old North Coast Door Company's plant, north of Irving dock, and permits were granted the Coast Shipbuilding Company for the use of a portion of Gibbs street in increasing its roadway and lumber storage; the Northwest Steel Company for an additional building just west of its administration building; Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation for the use of 200 feet of Curry and Penney streets for a lumber storage, and the Albina Engine Machine Works for a restaurant and recreation hall.

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Though it was shown in yesterday morning's advices to the Weather Bureau that the stage of water at Salem was 1.4 feet below zero, that was a gain of four-tenths of a foot in 24 hours, steamboat men say that the stage prevailing most of last week at the Capital City was about the lowest in the memory of the Upper Willamette navigators.

Captain A. B. Graham, now with the Coast Shipbuilding Company, and who with Captain A. W. Graham, until recently operated the Oregon City Transportation Company and its fleet of vessels, says he has been informed the water was so "thin" at Salem a few days ago that the latest service has been discontinued. The vessels would have been unable to get closer than 25 feet of the Salem dock. The vessels were withdrawn from the Portland-Corvallis route several months ago.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The maritime records for the year 1918 will indicate more sailing ship disasters on the Pacific than any other year in a 12-month period previous to this year. More storms have been reported, and formerly and a greater toll of sailing vessels have consequently gone to the bottom, or thrown up on the beach, or wrecked, or dashed upon the rocks of the coast of Japan.

According to private advices received here today the bark Flying Cloud, on route from Manila for a Pacific port, has been wrecked on the Japanese coast. No details of the disaster have been received. The Flying Cloud was formerly the Columbia bark of Ottawa and arrived at San Francisco, August 21, 1918, where it was interned. In discussing the loss of the Flying Cloud, shipping men comment upon the fact that this vessel was officered and manned by experienced seamen, and that three other big ships sailing from a Pacific port have crossed the Pacific during the worst part of weather and were manned by full crews of apprentices furnished by the Shipping Board.

President R. H. K. Smith, of the Gulf Mail Steamship Company, announced today that although the steamer commanded by Captain Jones, Albatross, was overdue at a main port, he and his fellow owners are still of the opinion that Albatross succeeded in weathering the terrific series of hurricanes that destroyed two vessels and other shipping two weeks and more ago. One of the big liners of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha arrived at Pacific ports today and shortly afterwards the sum of more than \$1500 was turned over to the Red Cross fund.

Advices received today by the maritime press from the member of the Shipping Board at a Pacific port that could have continued the voyage if a goodly portion of the Pacific Ocean had not decided to creep into the holds through the medium of the oncoming seams of the hull. The vessel has put into a port and will go into drydock for good caulking before being taken to sea. According to shipping men a considerable amount of leakage experienced by a number of wooden ships may be due to the introduction of timber in the construction that has not been seasoned thoroughly.

NORTHWEST SWELLS WAR FLEET West Kyka Makes 17th Hull of 8800-Ton Design to Leave Ways. On the launching at 10 o'clock yesterday morning of the 8800-ton hull West Kyka, the 17th vessel the Northwest Steel Company has coated, the organization has pushed overboard almost 150,000 tons, deadweight, for the cause of war. The first two vessels, the War Baron and War Viceroy, were built for the British Government, all the others for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Mrs. Gerald Beebe, sister-in-law of Walter B. Beebe, vice president of the corporation, christened the big hull. Despite the somewhat early hour for the exercises, as the Northwest's force of workers launching for late in the afternoon, the event was attended by equal interest.

NEPELEM IN PEOPLE'S LINE New Owners Will Fit Upper River Vessel for Portland-The Dallas Route. By virtue of negotiations concluded by the People's Navigation Company the steamer Nepelem, which was steamed here from the Upper Columbia River several weeks ago, making her initial appearance in these waters, is to fly the flag of the United States.

Work is to be commenced at once on necessary changes to fit her for the general freight and passenger trade, and when ready she will join the steamer Tahoma in the Portland-The Dallas service. At present the steamer Nepelem is being fitted out for the command of the government adequate dock space, a suitable drydock, floating machine shop, fuel oil storage as well as tanks for storing cargo, such as soy bean oil, and a cold storage or refrigeration plant.

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GOVERNMENT OF CITY TO CAST MUCH MORE

Commissioners File Budgets for Coming Year.

INCREASE NEARLY \$700,000

High Cost of Materials Is Declared to Be the Principal Reason for the Greater Figures Quoted.

The city government for the coming year will run at a cost of about \$2,500,000, if estimates prepared by City Commissioners and filed with City Auditor Funk yesterday are followed. This is an increase of nearly \$700,000 over last year and it is believed it may be pruned somewhat in the council meetings for the next few weeks.

No general salary increases are given in the estimates. In but few offices have there been advances in pay, but the increased cost of the materials sent the budget list higher than was expected. Many salary increases were given during the year and do not appear as excess in the new budget, though representing increases over the same estimates of last year.

General Statement Not Included. While all the reports except that of Commissioner Barbur were turned in yesterday in skeleton form, totals for the different departments and a general statement of conditions as compared with last year were not included. Work will be done within the next day or two, when the reports will be made complete.

The budget covers all the different bureaus except the Water Bureau, which is self-supporting. A special appropriation of \$12,255 in connection with the guarantee of the water on the Hillside boulevard improvement probably will total less than the estimate. Other special appropriations are small in keeping with the general economic condition which has been adhered to in the preparation of the figures.

Commissioner Barbur estimates expenditures in his department as slightly higher than the approximately \$400,000 given last year.

All Supplies Are Higher. In the Police Department the allowance for salaries has been cut down slightly, while the amount asked for supplies is 20 per cent greater than last year. In the Fire Department pay has increased somewhat and supplies will be 85 per cent over last year. Street cleaning is higher in salaries but less in supplies. Most other bureaus record slight increases in pay and increases in supplies which, it is said, have increased 50 per cent in cost.

Major Deich Is Target ADJUTANT-GENERAL BEEBE CALLS COURT OF INQUIRY. Commander of Oregon Military Police Charged With Conduct Unbecoming an Officer.

Charges preferred two months ago by Major William M. Campbell, medical officer in charge of the 10th Cavalry, Richard Deich, commander of the Oregon Military Police, evaded yesterday by City Health Officer Parrish, to many restaurant owners who have been besieging his office in order to get on the list approved by the government for clean eating places for soldiers and sailors. It is said to provide for an absolute clean bill of health of every employee.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—Maximum temperature, 67 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees. River reading, 8.2 feet. Change in last 24 hours, 0.7 foot. Total rainfall in last 24 hours, 0.2 inch. Total rainfall since September 1, 1918, 1.37 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 1918, 1.25 inches. Barometer, 30.1. Wind, S. by E. 10 miles. Possible maximum, 11 hours 24 minutes. Moonset, 7:30. Barometer (reduced sea level) 30.1. Relative humidity at noon, 76 per cent.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

COL. LEADER TO MEET GUARD OFFICIALS TONIGHT. Feasibility of Organizing Citizens' Training Corps Here Likely to Be Discussed.

For the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the welfare of the Multnomah Guard, a conference will be held with Colonel John Leader, commanding officer at the University of Oregon, upon his arrival in Portland tonight.

WEST POINT TEST IS SET

Youth From First District to Be Named After Examination Oct. 21.

SALEM, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The War Department has invited Representative Hawley to nominate a principal and two alternates to the United States Military Academy at West Point. This is a special appointment due to the war emergency, and the successful nominee will be admitted to the academy on November 1, 1918. Candidates must be active citizens of Oregon, under the direction of President Campbell, Saturday, October 21.

100 MORE PERMITS ISSUED

Demand on Part of War Workers Increases.

There was no diminution yesterday in the demand for permits for temporary homes to be built by war workers in Portland's shipyards, and nearly 100 have been issued since Saturday noon. Men in the shipyards who are urged that in shanty towns and tent camps are anxious to have their little homes ready for occupancy before unsettled weather arrives and are working early and late in that endeavor.

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ATKINSON SCHOOL READY

NEW BUILDING NECESSARY BECAUSE OF CONGESTION. Enrollment in Portland Schools This Year Is More Than Last Year, Say Officials.

The Atkinson grade school, located between Tenth and Eleventh streets and Couch and Davis streets, will be ready for use tomorrow, according to an announcement made yesterday by Alvin L. Grout, City Superintendent of Schools.

Crowded conditions in the elementary grades of the Couch and Ladd schools have made necessary the new building. It will accommodate only the first four grades of the school, but Mrs. Edna Cameron will be transferred from the Washington School to teach the first grade. Mrs. Josephine Shaw, a substitute, will take the second and third grades, while Mrs. Gertrude Rookwell, now of the St. Johns School, will have charge of the fourth grade.

Practically every grammar grade room in the city is crissed, according to Mr. Grout. Thirty more teachers for the grammar schools are on the payroll, and the number of children enrolled this year is 5000 more than last year. As a result a large number of substitute teachers are being employed. School regulations prohibit the election of married women as teachers, but as the majority of vacancies are for men in the service, conditions are being kept for them. It has been decided to employ married women as substitutes during the period of the war.

An election of new teachers for regular positions will be announced soon, according to Mr. Grout.

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