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COAST YARDS GET PROMISE OF SHIPS

Hurley Says Contracts Will Be Reinstated.

BUILDERS DEMAND JUSTICE

Shipping Board Chairman Admits Unfairness Done.

HOG ISLAND CASE EXPOSED

Government Official Confesses Work Is Continued Since Yard Is Left "On Hands" of U. S.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, May 28.—Pacific coast shipbuilders won a victory today when the shipping board agreed at the end of a hearing lasting for nearly three hours to allocate ship contracts in such a way that there will be no immediate idleness in western yards.

The builders told the shipping board that they had not been fairly treated and Chairman Hurley conceded that probably some individual injustices had resulted from the suspension of contracts.

Congressmen Are Present.

Chairman Hurley, vice-president, and John A. Donald and R. B. Stevens of the shipping board occupied seats at the hearing table, with J. L. Ackerson, manager of the emergency fleet corporation, and John H. Rosseter, director of operations for the board. All of the senators from Oregon, Washington and California attended, besides Representatives McArthur and Hawley of Oregon, Miller of Washington and Nolan, Lea and Elston of California.

Harrison S. Robinson of San Francisco opened the case for the shipbuilders, asserting that unless there is a reinstatement of cancelled contracts there will be several idle or partly idle yards on the Pacific coast within the next two or three weeks. He further declared that unless contracts in large numbers are reinstated every steel yard on the coast will be out of work by the end of December. He declared that it costs the shipping board \$82 a ton to cancel the Pacific coast contracts, although the board's own figures place this loss at only \$50. He showed that the shipping board estimates do not take into account all of the losses.

Board's Defense Assailed.

As Mr. Robinson proceeded Senators Chamberlain and Jones and Representatives McArthur and Nolan began to strike at the weak point in the shipping board's defense of Pacific coast cancellations by inquiring about Hog Island.

In the course of his statement Mr. Robinson said 1,745,924 tons of steel vessels had been built by the 18 Pacific coast yards between August 3, 1917, and May 15, 1919, or 55 per cent of the total production in the United States during that time. When it came to cancellations, he said, the board had left the yards with 750,000 tons of contracts, cancelling 785,000, whereas on the Atlantic coast 2,500,000 tons were being built. Pacific coast costs, he said, were \$19 a ton, while at Hog Island they had averaged \$25 per ton on the first 17 ships.

"We'll not know the cost at Hog Island until 25 or 30 ships have been delivered," Chairman Hurley interrupted him. "I think your costs are a little high."

Chamberlain Asks Questions.

Mr. Robinson rejoined that the government was furnishing the plant at Hog Island and had to provide for other costs as well, which the Pacific coast builders were taking care of themselves.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon demanded to know why the board was continuing to build at Hog Island. Mr. Hurley responded that it was because the yard was on its hands.

J. H. Rosseter, director of operations for the board, asked the builders to be ready to make lump sum bids for contracts and said that so far the board had been unable to secure definite prices.

In discussing proposals to substitute new types of ships for those now contemplated for construction in Pacific coast yards, Mr. Rosseter said American builders had been offering to build ships for Great Britain and France for \$142 a ton, whereas the price to the United States had been \$129.

Mr. Robinson concluded by declaring that all of the ship yards on the Pacific coast would be vacant by February, 1920, under the present government arrangement, while the Hog Island and other government and private yards on the Atlantic coast would be able to run to 1921.

It was shown that the cost of building ships at Hog Island is approximately \$58 a ton greater than in the Pacific coast yards.

When Chairman Hurley undertook to defend continuing the work at Hog Island while cancelling the lower priced contracts on the Pacific coast, on the ground that the steel in large quantity is fabricated and delivered at Hog Island, he brought quick retorts from Senators Chamberlain and Representative Nolan, who declared that much of this material could be shipped to the Pacific coast to keep western shipyards going and be manufactured

REPUBLICANS MOVE TO PROBE WAR BILLS

RESOLUTION PROVIDES FOR INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

Party Leaders Intimate That Investigation May Go Beyond War Department.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Republicans made their first move in congress today toward beginning their proposed investigations of war expenditures. A resolution approved by party leaders was introduced by Representative Graham of Illinois, calling for the appointment by Speaker Gillett of a special committee of 15 members "to investigate fully all contracts and expenditures made by the war department or under its direction during the present war."

Early action on the measure is planned by the republicans.

Party leaders said the resolution merely contemplated an element of the standing house committee on war department expenditures, consisting of four republicans and two democrats, and headed by Mr. Graham. Provision for the larger committee, Floor Leader Mondell said, will be made "because there are a number of branches in the department which it may be deemed wise to examine separately" through subcommittees.

"The purpose of the investigations, as I call the committees that will undertake work of that character," added Mr. Mondell, "is accurately stated in the legislative programme promulgated by the republican conference at the beginning of this congress, as 'such investigations as to inform the people of war expenditures and serve the public interest.'"

The resolution was referred to the rules committee, headed by Representative Campbell, Kansas, who said he anticipated that the resolution would be called to the attention of his committee next week.

Party leaders intimated the investigations might assume a wider scope than inquiry merely into the war department. It was said that the committee might investigate expenditure of the \$100,000,000 war fund given the president for discretionary disposal and also for an investigation of the war risk insurance bureau.

HINES SEES PROSPERITY

Director of Railroads Optimistic After Western Trip.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Highly favorable conditions and an outlook for excellent business were reported today by Director-General Hines of the railroad administration, after an extensive trip throughout the west. He expressed a belief that the reconstruction process now under way would create a big industrial revival, because of the arrested demand for many products for the increasing deficit arising from large buying power of the public, due to high wages and high prices for record farm crops.

Until the industrial situation is clarified, officials of the railroad administration do not expect to consider an increase in freight rates to compensate for the increasing deficit arising from reduced business after the armistice.

CHICAGO SCHOOL HEAD OUT

\$18,000 Superintendent Removed as Result of Political Contest.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Chicago's recently appointed superintendent of schools, Charles E. Chadsey, whose salary was fixed at \$18,000, was replaced today through actions of a newly appointed school board, by Peter A. Mortenson.

A political contest is back of the change. Mr. Chadsey, in over two months' incumbency, has never received any of his salary.

Mr. Chadsey is well known among American educators. He formerly was superintendent of schools at Denver and later at Detroit.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS LESS

Demand for Farm Labor Grows; 227,425 Idle in New York City.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—A growing demand for farm labor is decreasing the amount of unemployment over the country, the United States employment service reported tonight in presenting a summary for the week ended May 24, showing 227,425 persons classed as unemployed were reported in New York City.

In the middle west farming states and the south reported need of farm labor, while on the Pacific coast Los Angeles and San Francisco reported a surplus.

PERUVIAN RIOTS PUT DOWN

Order Restored in Lima and Callao; Agitators Foment Strike.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Order has been restored completely in Lima and Callao, where there was rioting yesterday in which a number of persons were killed and many others wounded, the Peruvian legation was informed today in advices from Lima.

The dispatches said the disorders resulted from a strike "promoted by the action of agitators."

WIRE RETURN IS UP TODAY

Interstate Commerce Commission to Tackle Problem.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Consideration of legislation providing for the return of the telegraph and telephone systems to private ownership will be taken up tomorrow by the interstate commerce committee.

Chairman Cummins said today that the committee planned to expedite the legislation.

ITALIAN QUESTION SETTLED BY ALLIES

Fiume Difficulty Said to Be Finally Adjusted.

ADRIATIC PUZZLE IS SOLVED

Agreement Reached on Economic Arrangements.

HUN PROPOSALS OUTLINED

Germany Refuses to Accept Punishments Fixed by Treaty—Counter Indemnity Is Demanded.

PARIS, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The question of Fiume and the southern territorial boundaries of Austria has been settled by the allied council, according to the best information here this evening.

An agreement also has been reached on the general Adriatic questions, except regarding economic arrangements. Thus all territorial questions will be presented to the Austrians Friday in the proposed terms.

The matter of reparations will be considered later.

Andre Tardieu of the French delegation has framed a formula covering the Italian question which is understood to follow generally the lines of a compromise proposed by E. M. House considered last week.

Berlin Reads Counter Proposals.

Mr. House, Captain Tardieu and Premier Orlando were present at the council meeting today.

VERSAILLES, May 28.—The German peace delegation here, it was learned today, will present a counter claim of 12,500,000 marks for damage from the allied blockade as an offset to the reparation demands of the allied powers.

The counter claim is based largely on the alleged effects of the blockade upon the life and health of the civilian population. It argued that, roundly, a million births were prevented as a direct result of the food blockade upon the vitality of the women. The same cause, it is contended, increased the deaths approximately 800,000. Lack of milk for young children, absence of rubber and cotton for hospital use and interruption of supplies of quinine, camphor and other medicaments were further factors in the losses, according to the German argument.

Allies' Reply Prepared.

Should the Germans open this field of inquiry the allies are prepared to reply effectively by reference to the far greater decrease of births and increase of deaths in France, Belgium, Poland, Roumania and Serbia, as a direct result of the German war measures.

The allies possess the German official figures showing that the milk production in Germany during the war was never below 45 per cent of the normal production, which would be

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OREGON BOYS WITH 20TH ENGINEERS LAND

MEN HURRIEDLY TRANSFERRED TO CAMP MERRITT.

Numerous Towns of State Represented by Regiment Which Served in Many Parts of France.

BY PEGGY CURTIS.

NEW YORK, May 28.—(Special.)—Some of the small Oregon towns not represented before among the returning troops were in evidence today when the 20th engineers arrived early on the Santa Paula. There are Oregonians in almost every company and from almost every part of the state.

The transport docked at 7 o'clock this morning and the rush of transfer from the boat to the piers and from the piers to ferry, and thence to Camp Merritt, was so hurried that these men of adventure had small time to recount their experiences. The men served in many parts of France.

The regiment will be through the sanitation process by tomorrow. The following are Oregon men in the regiment:

Seventh company—Sergeant James R. Lux, Sheridan; Carl Redmond, Casper; Hanson, Earl Hanna, Portland; Oscar Mathews, Klamath Falls; Cecil McKenzie, Prineville; Alfred M. Townsend, Springfield; Paul Erdosa, Klamath Falls; John Peltro, Quincy.

Sixth battalion, headquarters detachment—William G. Williams, Portland.

Sixteenth company—William B. Curtis, Marshfield; Claude Gaines, Athens; Henry Murphy, Wallawa; Hugh W. Bean, Prineville; Clyde A. Whitlock, Wapinita; Reuben F. Chindgren, Wallawa; Myron N. Hayes, Wallawa; Carl Nys, Grass Valley; Edward G. Peterman, Bend; John R. Chapman, Eugene; Carl M. Bennett, Baker; Shannon E. Oliver, Phoenix; Shelby L. Davies, Portland; George Shafer, Bend; Clarence A. Mott, Rainier; Perry Carper, Promis; Lester L. Smith, Galice; Elvin O. Steben, Springfield; Stephen M. Gurney, Gilde; Edgar W. Hollinger, North Powder; Warren L. Lison, Drew; Clarence E. Johnson, Portland; ester E. Sanford, Cottage Grove; Ray O. Rennie, Thurston; conard D. Wolford, Silverton; Thomas H. Jerzyk, Rainier; Walter Larson, Warren; Fred Burdett, Bend; Austin M. Lockman, Hood River; Arthur J. Ream, Eugene; Frank L. Clark, Portland.

Seventeenth company—Cecil G. Slack, Hillsbrand; Charles Hendricks, Ashland; Arthur L. Bragg, Blodgett.

Eighteenth company—Hallie M. Haselton, Eugene; William J. Burrand, Marshfield; Archie J. Jeans, Mapleton; Peter H. Audestad, Milwaukie; Maximilian Jusman, Portland; Stephen Mead, Reed; Gilbert Simmons, Coburg; Cyrus Kimmel, Lebanon; James Hallgarth, Elgin; Henry A. Norberg, Astoria; Claude V. Francis, Pleasant Valley; Edwin J. Burgess, Noti; Clarence M. Wright, Willamette; Earl R. Pattison, Portland; Albert F. Amn, Friend; Lee F. Jackson, Celilo; Gray W. Jameson, Portland; Abram L. Rose, Myrtle Point; Joseph Zeman, Harriburg; Floyd P. Fry, Springfield; Orin Zimmerman, Milwaukie; John L. Doane, Portland; Arthur D. Sargent, Portland; William C. Gosney, Heppner; Donald R. Franklin, Baker; Anton E. Christensen, Mulino; Louis C. Blen, Dufur; George H. Perkins, Drain.

Sergeant Gaylord B. Abraham of Gaston was in St. Nazaire special casual company No. 890, which came in on the Edward Luckenbach, and went to Merritt.

On the Prince Frederick Wilhelm were the following:

Medical detachment, train 314; Sergeant Ray McMullin and Floyd D. Gifford, both of Portland, and now at Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y.

Colonel Robert W. Collins of Eugene was an arrival on this boat to take orders here. Miss Elizabeth Ulrich of

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DR. MORROW WINS SEAT AT CHICAGO

Democratic Committee Ignores Newton McCoy.

HORNIBROOK'S PROTEST VAIN

1920 Campaign to Be Based on Peace League and Treaty.

LEADERS PREDICT VICTORY

Wilson Is Lauded for Work at Paris and Chairman Cummings Talks in an Optimistic Manner.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Describing the republican party as an organization which "complains and moves backward" and the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant as "the greatest document of human liberty ever prepared," Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee today sounded the keynote for an aggressive presidential campaign in 1920.

Party leaders declared they welcomed the opportunity to make the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant the issue in the forthcoming fight and expressed confidence of victory.

Until President Wilson definitely announces his attitude toward a third term party chieftains say there will be no serious discussion of candidates.

Dr. Morrow Is Seated.

The committee seated Dr. J. W. Morrow of Portland as committeeman from Oregon. Newton McCoy presented the proxy of W. H. Hornibrook, who resigned as committeeman several months ago and protested the seating of Dr. Morrow on the ground that the meeting of the state central committee at which Morrow was chosen had not been legally called, but the claim was not recognized. This was the only contest.

The committee adopted a resolution congratulating President Wilson on his work at Paris in drafting the treaty of peace and the league of nations covenant and calling on the United States senate to ratify promptly the documents.

J. Bruce Kremer of Montana, vice chairman of the committee, said the democrats would welcome the opportunity to make the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant the issue in the next presidential campaign.

Party Accused of Blunder.

The democratic party had fulfilled all its pre-election pledges, he asserted. He welcomed the advent of women into party politics and said that the votes of women in the western suffrage states were largely responsible for democratic success in 1916.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Texas, speaking for the woman associate members of the committee, said the democratic congress made a blunder when it failed to adopt the woman's suffrage constitutional amendment, and that the committee should admit it. She said if the country was to remain

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LONE ROBBER LOOTS HAINES BANK VAULT

CASHIER IS LOCKED IN AFTER \$3500 IS SECURED.

Sheriff Finds No Clues to Highwayman, Though Report Is Man Went from Baker.

BAKER, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—About 4 o'clock this afternoon a lone robber held up the bank of Haines at Haines, 12 miles north of this city, secured \$3500, and made his escape.

The robber entered the bank and after making his mission known, locked the cashier, Will Wright, in the vault.

The sheriff and a posse left for the scene as soon as possible after notification, but up to this time no clue to the robber has been obtained.

A report is that the robber was taken from this city by a "for hire" car and returned in the same car after the hold-up, the driver of the car not knowing anything of what had happened until after his return.

PENDLETON, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—From the description furnished him of the man who this afternoon robbed the bank at Haines, Sheriff Taylor is convinced that the robber is Charles Connors, or Charles H. Burke, who broke out of the county jail here Sunday.

HUN MEETINGS MUST STOP

Occupation Troops Ordered to Destroy Political Posters.

COBLENZ, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Orders were issued today to the American military police in Coblenz and Treves and to patrols throughout the area of occupation to tear down immediately any political posters, should they appear. The soldiers also were cautioned to prevent any meeting of political character.

This action was taken as a result of a telephone message from British headquarters in Cologne that demonstrations had occurred there today in protest against the proposed separation of Rhineland from Germany.

Reports from Cologne also said that a general strike had been declared there as a protest against the separation movement.

Posters in Cologne set forth that monster meetings had been held in Coblenz, where the initial action had been taken by the Germans who favor a Rhineland republic. At the headquarters of the 3d army it was said that no such meetings had taken place.

PETROGRAD DEATHS MANY

Estimates Place Death Rate at More Than 1000 Daily.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Official health reports in Petrograd show that the death rate in that city now exceeds 1000 daily, according to Swedish press reports to the state department.

Further reductions in the food rations even for workers have been made and it is estimated that no worker is able to live even in a modest way on less than 500 rubles a day.

PARIS, May 28.—The allied council on food supply has eight ships loaded with pork products and flour at Baltic ports and these cargoes could be delivered in Petrograd within seven days.

Their delivery will have to await joint orders from the allied powers pending outcome of events in Russia.

"FLU" HITS ALASKA AGAIN

Natives in Southwest Section Suffer Severely from Malady.

VALDEZ, Alaska, May 28.—Influenza has again broken out in southwest Alaska, with heavy death toll among the native population. At Nushagak in the Bristol bay district more than 40 deaths have occurred, according to a dispatch received today from United States Marshal W. E. Lowe. Most of the other natives and the entire hospital force, including United States Commissioner French, are ill and in need of immediate attention. Few white residents are afflicted, the message said.

At Naknek, in the same district, United States Marshal Victor Sedgwick reported today 23 influenza cases among the natives at the cannery, with the situation serious.

GRATITUDE SENDS \$15,000

Blind Newsdealer Heir to Estate of Man He Tried to Benefit.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 28.—Charles Gardner, known as "Blind Charley," a newspaper vendor, told his customers today they would henceforth have to buy their papers elsewhere as he was going to take a long rest.

Gardner volunteered last week for a blood transfusion operation which it was hoped would save the life of John Kennedy, a health-seeker here. Kennedy died, however, and today Gardner was informed Kennedy had made him heir to an estate valued at \$15,000.

JUDGE SPEEDS BEER CASE

Special Session of Court to Hear New York Suit.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Judge Henry G. Ward of the United States circuit court of appeals today called an extraordinary session of the court for June 17 to hear the government's appeal from the decision of Federal Judge Mayer, temporarily restraining government officials from enforcement of the wartime prohibition law against the Jacob Hoffman Brewing company, pending a decision as to whether beer containing a maximum of 2.75 per cent of alcohol is intoxicating.

\$1,557,000 HIGHWAY WORK IS ORDERED

Contracts on 88.15 Miles of Construction Let.

MORE BIDS TO BE REQUESTED

Crater Lake Cut-Off from Roseburg Authorized.

CLACKAMAS' CLAIMS HEARD

State Commission Promptly to Organize Maintenance Department to Patrol All State Roads.

Contracts for 88.15 miles of road work, aggregating \$1,557,848, were awarded by the state highway commission yesterday. Fifty-four miles are to be hard-surfaced. The end is not in sight for at the June 10 and the July meetings as the commission will open bids on further work. The desire is to clean up the Columbia river and Pacific highways next year, so that attention can be turned next to the development of the secondary roads of Oregon.

The commission is planning to organize without delay a maintenance department and has directed State Engineer Nunn to make preparations. With the single exception of Columbia county, every county where the state highway commission has construction, has signed a maintenance agreement. Dozens of the motor trucks turned over to the highway department by the federal government will be used for patrolling the roads and all the state roads, paved, macadam or dirt, will soon receive constant attention.

Crater Lake Cut-Off Authorized.

One of the important features of yesterday's session was the decision to open up the Crater lake cut-off from Roseburg, which will place Roseburg about 98 miles from the lake instead of more than 700 miles via the Medford route. This is a co-operative project, the state, Douglas county and the federal government each contributing \$21,000 to dispose of the main obstruction, a 2½-mile section. On the barrier is removed the rest of the road, locally known as the Tiller trail, extending through practically open country and will be of inexpensive construction.

A loan of \$25,000 was also advanced to Douglas county by the commission to enable the county court to buy a right of way for the Pacific highway through some "inside" orchards. The county will repay the loan next year.

Clackamas Claims Prepaid.

To tie-in with the Mount Hood loop a delegation from Clackamas county appeared before the commission with E. W. Bartlett of Estacada as the spokesman. Mr. Bartlett suggested that the commission designate as the route through Clackamas county a connection with the loop at a point near Cherryville, then to the headwaters of Eagle creek at Bissell, then through George, across Eagle creek to Garfield, then to Estacada and down the Clackamas river to Baker's bridge and thence to a connection with East Eighty-second street, which is now paved from Portland. The delegation advocated this route in preference to one via Boring and Sandy. In reply the commission promised to have the engineers make an examination and report as soon as the engineers are available.

More Contracts to Follow.

Bids will be called for the June meeting of grading seven miles between Hubbard creek and Bush creek, in Curry county. The estimates show that a 16-foot road will cost about \$187,000. It is a co-operative project. Two calls jobs will be advertised in Coos county at the June meeting and for the July meeting the commission decided to open bids for nine miles of paving between L. then and Milto.

Umatilla county is turning over \$525,000 to apply on the paving jobs in that county. Sag section, in eastern Oregon, will also be advertised for the June meeting. The commission decided on an assortment of projects which will soon be ready for advertising, among them being pavement on the lower Columbia highway between Clatskanie and Svenson. The Canby to Aurora section on the Pacific highway was ordered advertised and engineers were instructed to view the possibilities of avoiding the railroad crossing at Canema.

Eleven Contracts Awarded.

Contracts were awarded as follows: Cascade Locks to Hood River, 22.3 miles of paving, G. E. Kibbe, \$123,670. Rainier to Clatskanie, 11.3 miles of paving, Warren Construction company, \$195,812.

Jacques Place to Johns Place, Douglas county, seven miles, grading and macadam, Joplin & Elgon, \$70,869.50.

Yamhill-McMinnville, 9.8 miles, grading and paving, Northwest Construction company, \$224,155.

Newberg to West Dayton, 6.2 miles, grading and macadam, R. B. Greave, \$69,325.

The Dalles to Chenoweth, grading and paving, 2.1 miles, United Contracting company, \$56,613.20.

Oakland to Wilbur, 7.3 miles, grading and paving, \$100,000.

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