

NEWS PRINT PAPER BILL IS DEBATED

Press Publishers Divided Over Anthony Measure.

WASHINGTON HEARING ON

Small Newspapers Desire Its Passage, While Big Ones Say It Will Ruin Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Provisions of the Anthony bill which would limit to 24 pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second-class mail privilege in order to conserve news print paper were commended and opposed by more than a score of newspaper and magazine publishers today before the house postoffice committee.

Opposition to the measure came chiefly from representatives of the larger newspapers who declared that restriction on the size would do little to remedy the situation resulting from the shortage of paper and would serve only to work a great if not fatal hardship on the large newspapers. The bill was supported by publishers of small newspapers who declared they would be forced to suspend publication unless something was done.

Representative Anthony of Kansas, author of the bill, declared that from 2500 to 5000 small papers face suspension and perhaps extinction should the present shortage of news print paper continue. The shortage, he charged, was due to the action of great publishing concerns in buying up practically the entire available supply.

Speaking for the Chicago Tribune, a large user of paper, J. Medill Patterson declared that the 24-page restriction would affect only 50 newspapers, but to put it into effect immediately would bankrupt many of the newspapers. The larger papers, he said, were willing to accept a 10 per cent cut, but were strongly opposed to the Anthony proposal which he estimated would reduce the total amount to a cut of 60 per cent. Many of the larger papers, he added, already had instituted reductions in circulation amounting to more than 10 per cent.

Chance to Live Asked. Speaking for the Kansas-Missouri Publishers' association in support of the bill, Herbert Caviness denied statements by metropolitan publishers that the country dailies and weeklies could obtain plenty of print paper if they had the initiative and courage to contract for it. Scores of publishers in his section, he said, were running on a day-to-day basis, had no visible supply and were utterly unable to make contracts at any price for the coming year.

"Many of them must cease publication unless something is done," he declared. "They do not ask class legislation; only a chance to live. We have in the United States the only real country newspaper system that exists in the world. It is endangered. The end is in sight. The country newspapers are fighting a losing fight for their very life. If the government will voluntarily, unilaterally, and voluntarily will keep at congress until that body, which we have been taught to believe in all-wise and all-powerful, takes some action."

Representative Randall, prohibitionist, California, stated that the situation might be remedied if the newspapers would all refuse to accept cigarette advertising and thus save paper. Hearings on the bill were concluded today and the committee will hold executive sessions tomorrow preparatory to filing a report.

Coal Embargo Suggested. Suggestions that an embargo be placed on coal to the country dailies, which, he said, were using all the news print they desired, agreed to submit to the same conservation program for the use of the newspapers of the United States were made by H. L. Rogers, business manager of the Chicago Daily News. His action could be justified, he added, by the fact that Canadian pulp mills use American coal in making their product.

A directory containing a list of the state schools, independent schools, county school superintendents, districts of the first class, standard high schools, and all other schools having more than one room, district clerks, city superintendents, teachers, and a table of valuable statistics relative to these schools has been issued by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction. There are now 22 districts of the first class in Oregon. To be in the first class a district must have 1000 children of school age. North Bend, Coos county, is the only school in Oregon advanced to the first-class district during the past year. The directory will be sent to all superintendents and high school teachers of the state.

QUAKE THEORY CREDITED

OREGON PROFESSOR EXPECTS DISTURBANCES TOMORROW.

Dr. W. D. Smith, However, Avers Movement Will Be Slight and This State Will Escape. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 15.—(Special).—Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology, is not among those who expect no effect on the earth from the alignment of seven planets on the same side of the sun, next Wednesday. He does not, however, believe the effect will be generally serious and believes Oregon will escape noticeable disturbances. "The world has faced the same alignment before, and the positions were recorded by such eminent scientists as W. W. Campbell of Lick observatory and Professor Campbell of Mount Wilson. The occasion was accompanied by minor disturbances of the earth as a whole came through as good as new.

"There is something to the theory, however," Dr. Smith said. "While there is no danger of any great cosmic disturbances, the occasion may be accompanied by a few terrestrial outbreaks."

"The day may pass without any disturbance at all," Dr. Smith continued, "but I would not be surprised to hear of small earthquakes or one or two tremors at some of the weaker spots on the world's surface." Oregon, in his opinion, is in little danger of being affected at all.

TILLAMOOK BUDGET TOPIC

DAIRYMEN AT MEETING INSURE FAIRGROUND PURCHASE. Road Funds Are Allotted—\$5000 Is Provided for Erection of Service Memorial Hall.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—A meeting to discuss the county budget was held this afternoon. The budget calls for \$115,000 for next year, \$211,400 of that amount being for roads. Comparatively few persons attended the meeting, and those who did so were dairymen who were interested in the purchase of a fair ground and the building of a stock pavilion. The budget provided \$5000 for the purchase of the fair grounds, but nothing for improvements. The county court was authorized to appoint a committee of the dairymen's associations to formulate some plan whereby the improvements could be made this year. A motion was adopted to erect a memorial hall in memory of Tillamook boys who joined the army or navy.

To provide \$5000 for that purpose the item of \$4500 for cruising burned timber was struck out. The three road districts will each have \$62,800 to expend on roads, and \$24,000 is provided in road district No. 10 for the completion of Bay Ocean road.

Now that it is decided to complete the Cape Ocean road the government will build a road to Cape Mearns light station from Bay Ocean, which will cost \$18,000 on a 7 per cent grade.

FUEL DELIVERY PROBLEM

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATOR ASSURES SHORTAGE NOT ACUTE. Efforts Being Made to Supply Wants of Those in Need—Complaints Are Investigated.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Inability to deliver because of snow conditions, rather than a shortage of fuel, is the most serious problem now faced by the people of Oregon, according to H. H. Keck, federal coal officer with headquarters in Salem. "There has been no actual suffering for lack of fuel in Oregon," said Mr. Keck today, "and latest reports received from Portland, eastern Oregon, and other points in the state indicate that conditions are fast improving."

As fast as complaints are received they are investigated, and where representations are warranted, relief is provided. Mr. Keck now has an office in the station, where he will remain until conditions regain their normal.

Line Again in Operation. SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Portland, has written the Oregon public service commission that traffic has been resumed on the Mill City line out of Salem. Mr. O'Brien's letter was received in reply to a complaint filed by 150 men employed by the Hammond Lumber company's mills at Mill City to the effect that they had been unable to reach the valley Saturday because of the lack of transportation facilities.

GERMANS ACCEPT NEARLY 100 POINTS

Reply to Entente Note Submitted in Paris.

ONE DEMAND PROTESTED

Reservation Asked With Reference to Settlement With Allies of Scaupa Flow Issue.

(By the Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 15.—The German peace delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the entente note to Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference. The German note is regarded in French circles as acceding to all the points raised in the allied note, excepting that concerning the sinking of the German warships in Scaupa Flow, which points is reserved with a view to keeping the negotiations open.

"The German government desires to dispel the misunderstanding that, owing to the momentary absence of American delegates from the commissions provided for by the treaty, Germany claimed modifications and dispositions of the treaty concerning the extradition of persons charged with culpability in acts contrary to military laws, or the repatriation of prisoners. "The German government previous to receiving the allied note had already explained the reasons why it would appear necessary to modify the conditions for the execution of these clauses, but the German government never made its assent for the putting into force of the peace treaty conditional upon a previous solution of that question."

"The German government maintains its opinion that the best means to reach a solution of the Scaupa Flow incident would have been to submit the case to international arbitration at The Hague. Such a measure would not have delayed putting the treaty into force or the signing of the protocol thus modified. "Desirous, however, of doing its utmost to hasten the re-establishment of peace, the German government declares itself ready to make reparations for the damages caused to the allied and associated governments by the destruction of the ships.

Economic Life Menaced. "But the German government is unable to effect such reparations in the manner demanded by the protocol of November 1, because the execution of the protocol would compromise irretrievably Germany's economic life and also render impossible the execution of other obligations which the treaty imposes on Germany. "The German government will formulate through experts, detailed propositions showing a mode of reparation which, although adding a new and heavy burden on Germany in its present situation, are not altogether incompatible with its vital interests."

SHARES IN SHIPS FAVORED

PROJECT TO BUY AND EQUIP WOODEN HULL PRAISED. Paul C. Bates Also Indorses Proposal to Ballast Ferris Tye With Tanks Carrying Fuel.

BY PAUL C. BATES. During the past ten days an opportunity has been offered the business interests of this community to subscribe to a wooden steam schooner to be constructed and equipped by Harry Bates, a local lumber and shipping firm. Mr. Bates' experience of 25 years or more in the management of the Simpson Lumber company's properties at Coos Bay and San Francisco, covering the operation and construction of wooden vessels engaged in the lumber-carrying trade, together with his experience as active head of the Coast Shipbuilding company of this city, have qualified him in a practical and successful to such an extent that he has an enviable reputation among the largest lumber and shipping firms of the Pacific coast.

The proposal which he has submitted calls for the purchase of one of the better types of the Ferris hulls and the making of such alterations as will make it a practical and successful lumber-carrying vessel. Among some of the changes called for by his revised plans would be the installation of machinery and equipment already in use on the Ferris hulls; removal of the thwartship bulkhead, together with bilge stanchions, making as a result a vessel with a large deck carrying capacity and a free hold. One of the objectionable features of the Ferris hulls from many standpoints is the necessity of carrying 600 or 700 tons of ballast, which his plans do away with, as he proposes to use oil for ballast, and carry a total of 5000 barrels stored in steel compartments in the hold of the vessel and as the oil is withdrawn water may be substituted.

This vessel will be equipped with 145-horsepower engines capable of making nine knots an hour, and in order to facilitate rapid loading and discharge there will be three hatches with one double-loading gear at mainmast. These changes in the above type will enable the ship to load 1700 tons of lumber on a ten-foot deck load, and which might be increased materially if marine surveys permit a 12-foot deck load. Under existing freight rates to Australia and return rates on cargoes that are available, this vessel should earn easily 20 per cent or better for stockholders after allowing for federal taxes and depreciation account. The lumber mills of the Columbia river, Grays Harbor and Puget sound are at the present time loaded down with orders for foreign export cargoes, probably 4,000,000 feet, or more, and are daily required to take on additional orders because of lack of either wooden or steel tonnage needed for transportation. Incidentally, the lumber industry by itself is unable to provide the capital necessary for the construction of these vessels, having in mind that more than ever before it requires enormous amounts of capital to acquire standing timber at its present value, camp equipment, construction of logging railroads, as well as its plants, together with yards and yard stocks. They have, on the other hand, created a world-wide demand for lumber products that gives this community and its representative institutions and individuals an oppor-

tunity for investment in vessels which are auxiliary and yet independent of the main business, and which can be utilized for the transportation of their products and give the owner a willing to take advantage of this opportunity more satisfactorily returns on their capital invested together with stability than almost any other proposal would afford.

There is an opinion prevailing among some of our citizens that our resources should be conserved for the purpose of acquiring investments in steel vessels having in mind that it may be advisable to build them as a community, or that there may be possibilities of the shipping board through the Emergency Fleet corporation disposing of the steel tonnage already controlled by them. There is, however, a strong doubt in the minds of most of the private operating shipping concerns of this country as to just what the permanent policy of the shipping board will be as to the final disposition of its merchant marine tonnage. There is a prevailing opinion that the government will endeavor to retain the ownership and control as well as a direction of the larger type of merchant marine steel vessels and pay experienced and successful shipping firms percentages on gross income for their services as managing agent, thus combining government ownership and control with the efficiency of private management on as near a practical basis as possible.

Inasmuch as two-thirds of the lumber which moves away from the Pacific coast is in small cargo lots and by a large percentage is not affected by the competitive features which would be the rule in large steel tonnage, I am still of the opinion that there is a large and remunerative field for investment and operation of medium-sized up-to-date wooden schooners which are under all conditions protected against foreign shipping so far as coastwise trade and inter-coastal trade is concerned, in which field there are large possibilities and always have been for the wooden vessel of the character proposed by Mr. Bates.

HOWELL'S JAILER ACCUSED

PREJUDICING OF MURDER CASE IS CHARGED. Sheriff and Deputy Make Denials When Arraigned; Four Jurymen for Retrial Chosen.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—John C. Kendall appeared today as associate counsel with Charles F. McKnight in the defense of Harold Howell, the 34-year-old youth accused of murdering Lillian Leuthold of Bend. Mr. Kendall demanded a new jury by censuring and demanding that Sheriff Gage and his deputy be brought into court and admonished for prejudicing the case of the Howell boy. Mr. Kendall charged that the sheriff had circulated stories of the Howell case which tended to prejudice the jury. He said that Clyde Gage had shown bullets from the Howell gun and had discussed them. Judge Coke brought the sheriff and deputy into court. The sheriff denied he had talked about the case as said, while Deputy Gage said he had shown a bullet, but that it was not one of the exhibits that had been shot from the Howell gun for the purpose of proving that the sheriff was right in holding the boy. Four jurymen were accepted today—Grover Gauthier, farmer of Ararat; F. C. Raymond, Templeton, rancher; Carl G. Golden, machinist, North Bend, and J. E. Noah, dairymen, of Coos River.

JUDGE G. W. RIDDLE 80

Birthday Anniversary of Early Settler Is Observed. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—In celebration of the 80th birthday anniversary of Judge George W. Riddle, several scores of relatives of the pioneer assembled at the home of the judge in Riddle Sunday, according to Sheriff Gauthier, who, accompanied by his family, participated in the affair. Judge Riddle was a member of the first family to settle in Riddle valley in 1821. At the age of 80 years he is hale and hearty. Among those at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Riddle of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Glen N. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whartney, Mrs. Charles Hunt, of Halfway, Mrs. W. T. Langlois of Portland, Miss Adelaide Stewart of Sutherlin, and Mr.

PUPILS BUY SEALS FAST

Schools Send Out Calls for Additional Supplies. Although the sale of Christmas seals in the public schools of the city began only Monday, before the end of the day additional seals had been ordered by the Couch, Kerns, Creston, Fulton Park and Thompson schools. Rivalry in sales is keen in both the high and elementary schools. Twenty-one booths in the downtown hotel, which were maintained by the police for the purpose of making hard from early until late and in consequence the tuberculosis fund is richer by \$27.02. Today the booth sale is in charge of the Wellesley club, Miss Elizabeth Peacock, chairman; the Fortnightly club, Mrs. Delmar Shaver, chairman; the Corriente club, Mrs. G. O. Jeffrey.

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The trains shown above run via S. P. & S. R. R. between Portland and Pasco and via C. B. & Q. R. R. between Portland and Pasco via Northern Pacific and C. B. & Q. R. R.'s.

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