

NEW VOTE ON CAR FRANCHISES PROPOSED

5000 Names Needed to Get Action by Voters.

SAME ISSUE BEATEN ONCE

If "Excess Assessments" Are Removed, Workers Propose Re-hearing on Carfare.

Voters of Portland may have an opportunity at the coming general election to pass upon the question of "excess assessments" against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

J. O. Bailey, assistant state attorney-general, Saturday ruled that the public service commission has the power to determine what charges against the railway company were "reasonable or unreasonable" and that they could refer hearings on street car fares to the public utility commission.

F. D. Broderick, one of the signers of the petition directed to the commission, asking a reopening of the case, declared yesterday that plans are under consideration to circulate a petition asking that the question again be placed before the people themselves at the coming election, despite the attorney-general's ruling.

It was pointed out that 5000 names were obtained to sign a petition and it could be placed on the ballot, that would be but another way to "gain relief as hastily as possible." The sole purpose of placing the matter again before the people in an election would be to "try all routes to the same end."

Rolling Made March 27. On March 27 last the public service commission held a hearing on the company's franchise relating to franchise taxes, car licenses, free transportation for city employees, bridge routing and paving assessments were "unreasonable and amounted to double taxation."

The commission recommended that the Portland franchise be renewed, and on May 21 the question was placed before the voters. They decided that the charges should stand. As a consequence, the railway company petitioned for a higher fare and obtained an increase from 8 cents to 10 cents.

The petitioners then asked a re-hearing on the case, and the commission turned to the attorney-general for a ruling as to whether they had power, in face of the vote, to decide the matter.

The commission now has two alternatives, according to Mr. Broderick. They may render a decision, or they may ask an official ruling from the supreme court whether or not they have such a right.

It is thought that the voters, having received a demonstration of what their decision of May 21 brought might turn the tide and relieve the company of the burden of the general tax fund. In such a manner citizens generally would be relieved of the burden, they stated, and not patrons of the cars exclusively.

U. S. SHOTS ARE BEST

RECENT OLYMPIC SHOOT IS TYPICAL OF EXCELLENCE.

Run of 138 Made in England. Previous Longest Run Made on Island Before Was 49.

At shooting—traps shooting in particular—the United States outclasses the remainder of the world.

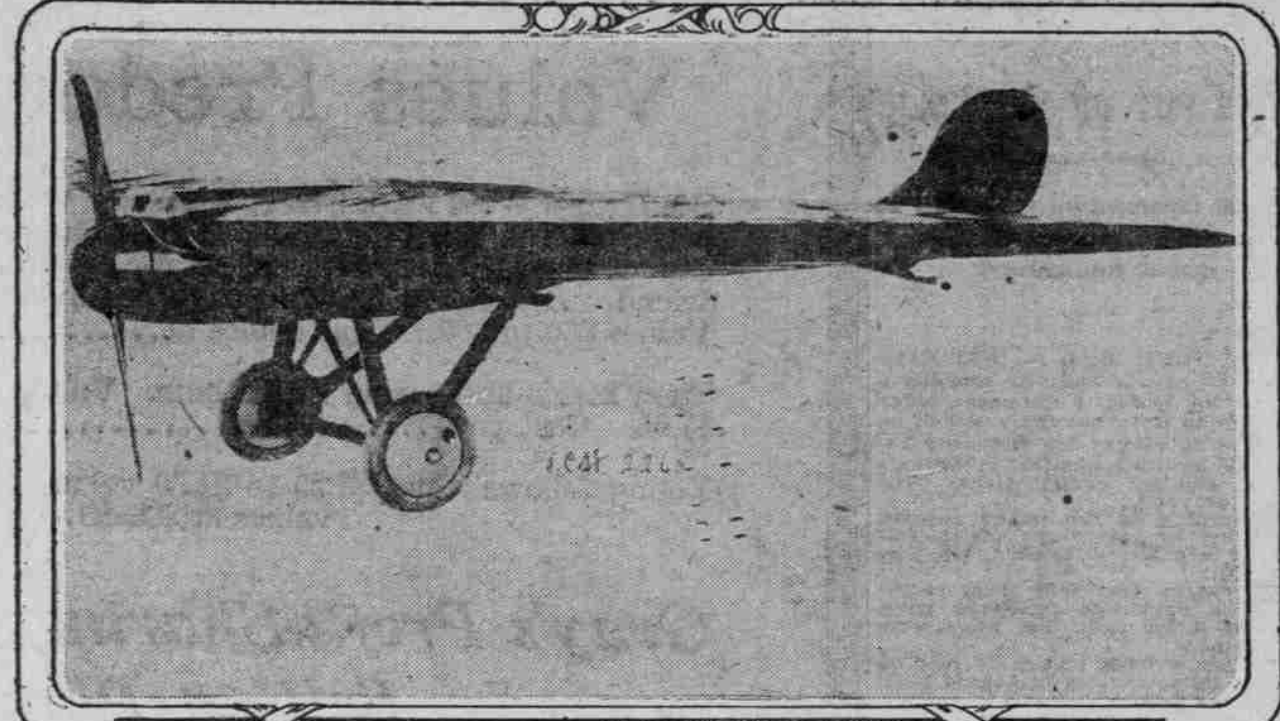
This has been proved time and again and the demonstration will continue as long as the United States is a nation or through its individual citizens invited to participate in competitions which shooting sports play a prominent part.

The pick of the world's athletes are to be found in the Olympic games. Nations that never turn out a good track athlete or swimmer can be depended upon to turn out good marksmen. Most every one can shoot there are some who can shoot better than others. The best shots in the world are found in the Olympic games.

How the United States outclasses the other nations can be summed up quickly.

AMERICA'S WONDERFUL NEW MYSTERY PLANE PERFECTED BY INVENTOR WITH EXPERT AIDES

Construction of Parts Divided Among Many Workmen During War to Keep Plans Secret, But Believed That Stolen Specifications May Have Been Employed by Enemy to Manufacture Plane Embracing Idea.



WASHINGTON, July 31.—William B. Stout, American aeronautical engineer formerly with the aircraft force in Washington, has produced a wonderful new airplane, with the assistance of Orville Wright and the government, of the hollow-wing type. It is claimed this machine antedates the German machine of the same type recently put into use here. It was built at Dayton, O., during the war and made its first flight in 1918.

More than 1000 men made the parts as the government wished to keep its secret, but photographs and designs were stolen during the war and may have given the Germans the idea for their plane. The Stout "batwing" is nothing but a giant wing, with all machinery, trussing, etc., in the wing. The engines are set in the front edge and the passengers are inclosed between the surfaces and every part of the machine exposed to the air is designed to lift. Although the ship has 480 square feet of wing, 40 square feet more than our best army two-seater fighters, it weighs less than half as much, 1550 pounds as against the 3250 of the army machine.

LITHUANIANS, POLES WAR WARS AWABLE TO EXPLAIN ATTACK BY FOES.

Warsaw, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—An attack on Polish forces by the Lithuanians with machine guns and artillery near Sainy, 25 miles northwest of Grodno, is announced. The reports declare the attack was unprovoked, and that the Lithuanians had received orders to occupy Augustow.

The Polish press comments on the Lithuanian action as inexplicable, as the provisional frontier between Poland and Lithuania has not yet been reached by the Poles. The latter contend that the Lithuanians are occupying several localities on the Polish side of the frontier.

It is also announced that the negotiations regarding the frontier and the future relations of Poland and Lithuania have been broken off and that the Polish delegates are returning to Warsaw. These delegates comprise a special mission which went to Kovno about a month ago to confer with the Lithuanians. It is said the supreme council has been informed that the Lithuanians propose a new line of demarcation running through Margrabawa Augustow and Sauczyn.

It is noticed the Lithuanian government places the responsibility for the clash upon the Poles, asserting that the Lithuanians were compelled to defend themselves.

Tonight's Polish communique asserts that the attack by Lithuanians upon the Poles was in pursuance of an understanding between the Lithuanians and the Russian bolsheviks. The statement says the Lithuanians have crossed the Curzon line, the tentative Polish boundary drawn by the allies, without declaring war.

With regard to the Polish-Russian fighting the statement announces that between Wlodek and Dubienka, at the center, the Russians launched an attack to force a crossing of the Bug, but were repulsed. It is asserted that the Poles have learned that at Berzecz the Russians were compelled to fight under the pressure of machine guns from the rear.

Near Belets the Poles are advancing and repeatedly breaking the soviet resistance.

To the east of Lemberg the Poles have occupied the railway junction of Kravchyn and Dubienka.

Another detachment of anti-bolshevik Russians left Warsaw today to join General Wrangel, anti-bolshevik commander in south Russia. Eighteen thousand men have left Warsaw so far to join the Wrangel forces.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in the Crimea is reported in dispatches. Wrangel, it is declared, is throwing back the bolsheviks in the Crimea.

Further progress by the Greeks against the Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor was reported today. The nationalists, it is stated, have evacuated Kutayah and Afium-Karahissar, the Greeks entering both places.

FARE CUT DOUBTED - EVEN MINUS TOLLS

Alleged Franchise Burdens Held Not Affecting Rides.

HEARING FIGURES CITED

State Employee Declares Reduction Would Amount to Only Fraction of Cent Per Patron.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Should the Oregon public service commission accept the interpretation placed upon the public utility act by Assistant Attorney-General Bailey and eliminate from the assessments franchise burdens referred to the commission said today that under the act the benefit of a slight decrease in street car fares more than a fraction of a cent.

This assertion, made by a state employee who has given the street car case considerable attention, was based on figures submitted to the commission at the time of the last hearing on the fare question, and accepted by the body as the true financial condition of the corporation.

It might be possible, however, one state official said, to give the car riders the benefit of a slight decrease in scrip or book transportation, although the reduction would be small and apportioned among all the patrons.

Although not ready to make any definite statement as to what action will be taken as a result of the attorney-general's ruling on the public utility act, one member of the commission said today that under the opinion it still would be necessary to investigate and determine what franchise provisions have imposed upon the railroad corporation were unreasonable.

"Without going into the case at any length," said the commissioner, "it does not appear to me that more than two of these franchise provisions will be found unreasonable."

Free Rides, Tolls Are Two. "One of these involves free rides for city employees and the other bridge tolls. It hardly seems possible that the commission would be warranted in eliminating paving and street assessments from the levies made against the street-car company when these taxes have to be paid by private citizens and corporations. The sum of money that would be saved by eliminating these two franchise provisions would hardly be noticeable and would have no material effect on the cash-fare schedule now in effect."

Another question entering into the removal of the alleged unreasonable tax burdens now imposed upon the railway company is the action of the voters of Portland when they went to the polls last May and by decisive majorities refused to sanction the elimination of any of the franchise levies.

Cash Fare Cut Doubted. Local officials argue that these voters probably have not changed their minds since that time, and will protest any action to that end on the part of the public service commission. From a survey of figures in possession of the public service commission it appeared that the elimination of the burdens now imposed upon the traction company by the city of Portland would save the effect of reducing slightly the operating and overhead expense of the corporation without giving corresponding benefits to the car riders as far as the cash fare phase of the situation is concerned.

None of the commissioners would make any statement regarding the opinion today by deputy sheriffs indicated that the shooting at a dance hall in Bryn Mawr, a suburb, early this morning when John J. Donovan, a special deputy sheriff, was instantly killed and John R. Conlan, another special deputy, and Lester Paul, 21, were probably fatally wounded, was done by the two officers who mistook each other in the darkness for attacking members of a gang of youths whom they had ejected from the dance hall earlier in the evening for disorderly conduct.

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SHOOTING HELD MISTAKE

Deputies Believed to Have Been Taken for Disturbers.

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U. S. TO FORCE ACTION

Trade Treaties Called Contracts Up to Foreign Nations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Responsibility for termination of the commercial treaties between the United States and more than a score of foreign nations in conformity with requirements of the shipping act probably will be placed squarely upon the other parties to the treaties by the state department.

In other words, it will be left to the other government to say whether it is content to accept the terms of the act, or to acknowledge the right of congress to discontinue against its shipping without entirely canceling existing treaties. Officials regard these treaties as contracts against which the right to cancel a single provision without the consent of the other parties.

The state department, it was said today, soon will announce its policy.

Pre-Harvest Spray Necessary.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—The sprayers have been ordered to begin spraying for control of newly hatched worms, according to Leroy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station.

Bolshevik Mission in Angora.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 5.—A bolshevik mission has arrived in Angora. Advice received by Victor Trebison showed that the bolshevik propaganda is making headway slowly. Assurances have been given that the bolsheviks will be respected.

Wilson Greets Refugee Children.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Greetings and autographed photographs from the president and Mrs. Wilson will be delivered to the 780 Russian refugee children at the camp at Camp Adair, at a Junior Red Cross reception tomorrow.

Poles' Munitions Cross Danzig.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—Danzig dispatches announced that the first transport load of munitions destined for Poland crossed the territory of the free city of Danzig yesterday.

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HOLIDAY GIVEN TO CREW

DIVER MEN OFFER TO DO ANOTHER "CRASH DIVE". One of Party Goes to See Baby Born While Father Was Trapped Under Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5.—The crew of the sunken submarine S-5 received a holiday today. Before leaving the navy-yard to visit friends they offered to do a "crash dive" to prove, they said, that their commander was not to blame for the accident.

One member of the crew went to New York to see his wife and a baby born while his father was held prisoner under the surface of the ocean. Three of the 57 survivors were still in the naval hospital tonight, but they were reported on the way to recovery.

It was said a formal inquiry board, which will attempt to fix responsibility of the safety valve to work when the craft started a "crash dive," probably will be appointed soon.

Child Hit by Car to Recover. Alice Maple, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Maple, 610 Milwaukee avenue, who was struck and

severely injured by an automobile driven by A. C. Bishop of Salem Saturday evening, will recover, according to Dr. Vernon Brown, who treated the child's injuries following the accident. Dr. Brown announced Sunday that the child had not sustained a fracture, as first reported, but was severely bruised, and no bones broken.

LINEMAN SURVIVES SHOCK

Crossarm Holds Body Until Victim Regains Consciousness. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Only the fact that his limp body fell over the crossarm and remained dangling there until he regained consciousness, saved Victor Kem, lineman for the Cottage Grove Electric company from a fall that probably would have been fatal, when the full voltage of a high power wire went through his body yesterday while he was making some changes in a primary wire.

He accidentally touched a guy wire with his foot and formed a short circuit. The accident was not discovered until he regained consciousness to be able to call for help. C. M. Parker, the first to come to his aid, said that when he touched Mr. Kem, after the shock, he received a severe shock. Mr. Kem entirely recovered within a few hours.

What is to happen two weeks from today? See page 7.—Adv.

How Many People Know There Are 32 Teeth?

So few men and women reach their twenty-first birthday with every tooth intact, that most of us hardly remember that we had 32 teeth to start with.

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