

BANKER BEHIND BID IN FLEET SURPLUS

Herbert Fleishhacker Adds
Weight to Barde Offer.

SHIP FIRM ALSO SIGNS

Man Close to Federal Agent Says
Economy Sought in Transaction.
Critics Hold Other Version.

Herbert Fleishhacker, president of the Anglo & London Paris National bank of San Francisco, is the real power behind the arrangement whereby the Barde Industrial company of this city was to acquire all the property of the supply and sales division of the emergency fleet corporation on this coast, it was learned yesterday from reliable authority. Mr. Fleishhacker, who is backing both M. Barde & Son and the ship operating firm of Sudden & Christensen of San Francisco, signed the agreement covering the arrangement made in San Francisco with H. B. Miller, director of the supply and sales division of the emergency fleet corporation, and a high officer of Sudden & Christensen, who were also appended. Under the arrangement, as originally outlined, Sudden & Christensen were to take the uncompleted wooden hulls and the Barde company the material.

Arrangement Is Blocked.
The execution of this arrangement was blocked last Friday afternoon when prospective purchasers who desired an opportunity to bid on this property—assessed at \$1,000,000—met with Mr. Miller in the office of Senator Chamberlain and obtained the extension of bidding time for 14 days. That close co-operation existed between Mr. Miller and his customers, Fleishhacker, Christensen and Barde, as charged by opponents of the plan to sell to these interests, is not denied by Miller, who, however, is far from admitting that there was anything reprehensible in this procedure. When the whole history of the emergency fleet corporation has been made public, the chapter concerning the present controversy will read somewhat like this, according to a man in close touch with the business of the organization, who outlined it yesterday:

"On the Pacific coast, as the result of the cancellation of contracts for wooden steamers when the armistice was signed, a fleet of wooden hulls in various stages of completion, and enough machinery, anchors, windlasses, lifeboats and all equipment to complete them as regulation emergency fleet steamers. To dispose of all this property and keep the war loss to the people of the United States as low as possible, a supply and sales division was organized."

Payroll Cost Big.
"After this division had been functioning for many months, selling few hulls and small and large lots of equipment, it appeared to the shipping board that the payroll of the supply and sales division, amounting to something over \$1,500,000 a year, together with allowances to his staff for interest on the investment, depreciation of the property, office and warehouse rent, were eating up an enormous amount of money. At the rate hulls and equipment were moving, it was evident that a small army of sales division employees might be maintained on the Pacific coast indefinitely, and that in a comparatively short time the cost of maintaining this sales force would be greater than the value of the stuff they were to sell."

"Hence it was determined to liquidate the supply and sales division, dispose of all the property in a lump, if possible, and put an end to the constant drain of the army of fleet corporation employees. "About this time there acceded to the directorship of this division one H. B. Miller, a cold-blooded executive. Where he saw that a high-salaried chief's work could be done, now that the bulk of the program had been finished, by his low-salaried assistant or chief clerk, he asked the chief for his resignation. Thus he made himself unpopular. A general indictment charging him with violation of the national prohibition act, was brought from The Dalles by Deputy United States Marshal Carter to the federal building yesterday morning. By an order issued by Federal Judge Bean he was confined in the county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail. He has been held at The Dalles on this charge. Other charges are pending against him here."

Bids Are Advertised.

"In accordance with his plan to liquidate the division, Mr. Miller advertised in 65 papers throughout the country for bids on all of the equipment on the Pacific coast, listing the warehouses where the equipment could be viewed. From the results of this advertising, it appeared that the only possible purchaser of this enormous amount of property was a combination of a big junk firm and a big steamship firm, headed by a big banker. If the offer of this combination was less than what might have been derived by selling the property bit by bit, the director figured that the thousands of dollars that would be spent by prolonging the activities of the supply and sales division compensated the difference. He offered to take the whole lot, including not only the valuable bits, but also the stuff that was worth less than the cost of its removal from the yards. So he completed preliminary arrangements with the heads of the combination and sent their offer to Washington with his endorsement upon it. When he asked, by way of formality, if there were any other bidders, it appeared that there were, and they demanded an opportunity to bid."

"All right," said the director. "There is nothing in the new merchant marine law, any old law or my instructions from Admiral Benson that requires me to ask for bids, but if you mean business, come on in. I'll give you 14 days."

Next Chapter to Be Written.
The next chapter of the story will be written when the bids are opened in Mr. Miller's office a week from today."

"The next to the last chapter will be written in an almost incredibly short time, when more than 60 per cent of the present employees of the supply and sales division find that there are no longer any government jobs for them to hold."

Many men close to shipping circles do not agree with this version of the situation. Senator Chamberlain has denounced the methods that were followed and a group of private big game hunters who met in Portland were agreed that they had practically been frozen out by the emergency fleet corporation. They say that if the best interests of the government had been

considered bids would have been received covering separate units of the properties and that in this way everything could have been disposed of and the business wound up, but more profitably to the government. The resignations that have been occurring in Portland and Seattle are also seen from another angle by the critics. They believe that men are being forced out who were not satisfied with the way that the sales activities of the corporation were being conducted, particularly as relating to Barde and his associates.

Obituary.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Mrs. Anna Harris, mother of Mrs. E. L. Moody, who died Monday at the Moody residence in Baker, was buried today at Mt. Hope cemetery. Dr. William Westwood of the Presbyterian church conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Harris was born in Howard county, Missouri, 58 years ago and had lived in Oregon ever since her second birthday. The last four years of her life were spent with her daughter in Baker. Mrs. Harris was the mother of eight children, five of whom survive. They are Mrs. L. Harris of Colorado, Mrs. N. L. Bragg and Mrs. E. L. Moody of Baker, Joseph Harris and Albert Harris of Portland.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Alfred Fredericksen, 40, resident of Astoria, died at a local hospital Tuesday night after a brief illness. Efforts are being made to locate friends or relatives.

AURORA, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special).—George Ziegler, 77, died Friday at his home near Baskin. Burial took place at the Aurora cemetery. Mr. Ziegler having been one of the original members of the Aurora colony, coming across the plains by ox team in 1862. He is survived by two sons, C. F. and H. G. Ziegler, and a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Zimmerman.

Miss Blanche May Sims, 18, died yesterday at a local hospital. The family came here from Camas, Wash., three years ago. Miss Sims leaves father, mother, eight sisters and three brothers.

JITNEY PROBLEM TACKLED

Seattle Mayor Hopes to Avert Costly Litigation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Mayor Caldwell conferred today with Superintendent Reeves of the utilities department in an effort to draw up jitney bus regulations that would satisfy all sides in the controversy and end the litigation pending against the present regulatory ordinance. The mayor, who a few days ago asked Superintendent Reeves to draw up regulations as to routes, fares, terminals, etc., under the present ordinance, received the latter's report today. "If we can regulate the jitney business so as to satisfy the owners, while protecting public interests," said the mayor, "we shall be able to save a lot of money on the court fight now developing against the city."

POLK COUNTY FAIR OPENS

Horticultural Display Is Better Than in Many Years.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The ninth annual Polk county fair opened today with a bigger and better display of horticultural products than has been seen at any fair here for several years. The rains have had a tendency to distract interest, but notwithstanding this fact, the entire space in the big pavilion has been taken by exhibitors. The fair, which will continue until the 14th, is expected to bring in a large amount of money for the balance of the week for exhibition flights.

MATERIAL WILL BE SOLD

Britain to Dispose of Railway Supplies Russia Failed to Accept.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 6.—Railway material, consisting of 20,000 tons, ordered by the Russian government and which has been lying for years in the Canadian Pacific yards at Coquitlam, B. C., awaiting shipment, will be sold by the British government to the highest bidder. This was announced today by J. E. Francis, controller of the disposals board, British war munitions, who arrived here today to check up the material.

Fugitive Is Returned.

Russell Haines, who has been sought since September, 1919, on an indictment charging him with violation of the national prohibition act, was brought from The Dalles by Deputy United States Marshal Carter to the federal building yesterday morning. By an order issued by Federal Judge Bean he was confined in the county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail. He has been held at The Dalles on this charge. Other charges are pending against him here.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—Highest temperature, 64.3 degrees; lowest, 51.1. River reading, A. L. 6.3 feet; channel in last 24 hours, 0.3 foot fall. Total rainfall, 0.5 P. M. to 2 P. M. 0.1 inch; total since September 1, 3.49 inches; normal, 2.92 inches. Wind, S. by E. 2 to 7. 6:17 A. M.; sunset, 5:41 P. M. Total sunshine, 11 hours and 24 minutes; possible rise, 2:35 A. M.; moonset, 3:17 P. M. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 30.00 inches. Relative humidity, 5 P. M., 80 per cent; noon, 48 per cent; 5 A. M., 56 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Temperature.	Wind.	Weather.
Baker	44	50.02/12/NE	Cloudy
Boise	44	58.07/0	Cloudy
Boston	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Calgary	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Chicago	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Denver	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
El Paso	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Evansville	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Galveston	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Houston	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Juneau	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Kansas City	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Los Angeles	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Madison	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Memphis	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Minneapolis	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
New Orleans	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
New York	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Portland	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Rochester	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Sacramento	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
San Francisco	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Seattle	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
St. Louis	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Tacoma	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Tulsa	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Walla Walla	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Winnipeg	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy
Yakima	44	52.01/12/NE	Cloudy

*A. M. today; P. M. preceding day.

FORECASTS.
Oregon and vicinity—Friday rain, east wind. Oregon and Washington—Friday rain, moderate westerly winds. EDWARD A. WELLS, Meteorologist.

NEW PARTY IN QUANDARY

JAPANESE LEASE OF FARMER
CANDIDATE IS BLOW.

Stand of Granges Against Asiatic
Tenants Pronounced, Through
Leaders Decline Comment.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Various leaders of the farmer element in the farmer-labor party of the state today bestirred themselves to meet the new situation created by the disclosure that in nominating Robert Bridges for governor the new party had named a man for standard bearer who, official records show, had leased lands to Japanese, a practice denounced by the farmers' grange of the state.

The seriousness of the situation now confronting the state organization of the party was indicated by a statement from Fred W. Lewis, secretary of the Washington state grange and one of the leading farmers of southwest Washington.

"Five or six years ago," said Secretary Lewis, "the Washington state grange formally placed itself on record against the growing practice of establishing Japanese farming in this state under the leasing guise, denouncing it then as a menace to American farming, ideals and living conditions and demanding that this means of procuring Asiatic tenants and control of food production in the state be prevented."

Although Secretary Lewis declined to comment on the Bridges-Japanese lease case specifically, he declared that "if the practice of leasing farm lands in Washington to Japanese becomes general the American farmer will have to come down to their level of living and working in order to remain in the business, something, it seems to me, distinctly noted of interest to either farmer or laborer, a policy that neither farmer or laborer can afford to tolerate."

Likewise William Bouck, master of the state grange, referred to the fact that the Washington grange is opposed to "the use of Japanese on our farm and in industries and the leasing of land to them," although declining comment, specifically on the Bridges-Japanese lease.

HOUSING PROBLEM ACUTE

REALTORS OPEN NEW TRACT
TO RELIEVE SITUATION.

Coe A. McKenna Says Portland Is
Actually Short 5000 Homes Ow-

ing to Increasing Population.

Increase in population and the shortage of houses have created new interest in Portland home sites in the opinion of Coe A. McKenna of Coe A. McKenna & company, well-known Portland realtors. Mr. McKenna's company has just started a sale of 123 building lots in University Park on the peninsula and yesterday he told the reasons that influenced them to put property on the market at this time.

"During the period of the last number of years," he said, "the people of Portland have been investing their money in all kinds of securities which have been flooding the country. Many of these investments have proved almost worthless and the money has been lost forever to the city of Portland. During this period Portland's population has been increasing by leaps and bounds. Every available housing space has been occupied and it has been estimated that at the present time Portland is actually short of 5000 homes. Increasing population in cities has been invariably followed by rapid increasing of real estate, but owing to the high price of building materials Portland has been slow in house construction with the result that there has been very little movement in vacant lots."

"The past few months has seen this condition very materially change. Building prices has been coming down, labor is more plentiful and house construction has started on an increased scale."

GINGER MAY BE BARRED

Seattle Cattle Cure Held Cause of
Much Intoxication.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Adults subject to colic and similar illnesses are in a fair way to being deprived of that old standby, Jamaica ginger, the public safety committee of the city council having indicated today its willingness to legislate against it, either with a sweeping ban or drastic restrictions. Chief of Police W. H. Searing recently called the council's attention to the fact that the ginger preparation, containing 93 per cent alcohol, had come to enjoy a most unaccustomed popularity since the passing of brandy, blackberry wine and kindred cures for "tummy ache." The chief complained that a lot of the cases of intoxication coming to his department's notice were traceable to the colic cure dispensed in drug stores. Even the warning on the label that non-beverage alcohol has been used in the mixture seems to be no deterrent.

EXECUTION IS PROTESTED

Union Friends of Boy Slayer Plead
for Commutation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The hanging of Roy Wolff, California boy slayer, was vigorously protested in a petition for a new trial drawn up by James A. Duncan, secretary of the central labor council. The petition will be sent to Governor Stephens of California.

In the central labor council, meeting in the labor temple last night, went on record as opposed to the hanging of Wolff. A communication from the central trades and labor council of Bremerton brought the matter before the local council.

Executive labor is said to be fighting strongly for the commutation of Wolff's death penalty, as two of Wolff's brothers are members of Bremerton unions.

SALMON RUN IS LARGE

Prices of Chinooks at Vancouver
Below Last Year's Mark.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The fall run of salmon, now on, is reported the best in several years. Salmon trout follow in wake of the chinooks and several good catches were reported today.

The chinooks are unusually good for the fall run and are selling in the round for 10 cents a pound; 15 cents for half a salmon, and 20 cents a pound for sliced. These prices are considerably under last year's.

Cottage Grove Levy Passed.
COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special).—By a vote of 76 to 60 out of a possible thousand votes at the

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Rock Bottom Prices

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We have always been able to sell high quality men's clothing and furnishings at rock bottom prices—because we have always done business on low rent and without any expensive store fixtures.

Now we have outgrown our present quarters and will shortly open a

GIGANTIC UPSTAIRS CLOTHES SHOP

on Fifth Street, near Morrison, where our present money saving selling policy will be continued.

THE NEW STORE WILL CARRY CLOTHING ONLY AND ALL NEW STOCK. CONSEQUENTLY THE ENTIRE STOCK OF OUR PRESENT STORE, BOTH CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS, IS NOW OFFERED AT PRICES THAT MAKE IT MIGHTY GOOD POLICY, NOT ONLY TO BUY HERE ALL THE CLOTHING THAT YOU NEED, BUT TO STOCK UP FOR MONTHS AHEAD. PRICES ARE SO EXTREMELY LOW THAT ALL SALES WILL BE MADE FOR CASH ONLY.

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JUST A FEW GOOD SERVICEABLE OVERCOATS AT \$15.00

Others of the finest quality and design in a wide range of color and material, worth every cent of the original price of \$25.00 to \$65.00, now on sale at from \$18.75 to \$48.75.

RAINCOATS

In the latest and snappiest styles at \$18.75, with a few extra quality silk-lined at only \$37.50.

SUITS

From \$18.75 to \$48.75 in every desirable style and color. Hundreds of snappy up-to-the-minute styles for young men; sound, conservative, hard-wearing styles for older men. THE RIGHT STYLE, FIT AND PRICE FOR EVERY MAN IN PORTLAND.

FURNISHINGS

Wonderful bargains in standard lines of men's furnishings. For example—ARROW COLLARS AT TWO FOR 35 CENTS, all Cooper's underwear at 25 per cent off. Ties, shirts, hosiery, handkerchiefs—all at 25 PER CENT OFF.



"House of Personal Service"

148 Fourth St., Ten Feet Off Morrison or Alder

special city election Monday, an amendment to the charter was adopted which gives the council authority to levy a special tax for paying in full the cost of the city's preparation for providing a sinking fund to retire bonds.

ARMY UNIFORMS CHECKED

Improper Use of U. S. Toggery Jo
Be Stopped in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 7.—Co-operation between the police department and the local army recruits making improper use of the uniforms of the United States army was agreed upon today. Chief of Police Weir announced.

Violation of laws prohibiting unauthorized wearing of the uniform has been noted by recruiting officers, it was stated. A burglary suspect arrested recently was wearing a uniform which he said he had purchased at an army goods store.

CAR SHORTAGE IS FELT

Lumber Mills at Cottage Grove
Complain at Lack.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special).—Many thousands of dollars are being lost to Cottage Grove, it is said, because of inability of the mills to get cars. The Western Lumber & Export company reports that it is getting not more than a car a day, which is not a small part of its needs.

Never before has the situation been so serious and unless there is immediate relief the shutting down of the mill is the only alternative.

empty to handle ocean business at Portland.

Couple Are Held.
Adolph Schieve, 442 East Thirtieth, and Matilda York, 987 East Twenty-seventh street, were ordered held to the grand jury on a serious charge yesterday, following a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Rossman. Schieve's wife filed the complaint.

Portland Man Enjoyed His Food for First Time in Years

Mr. G. J. Reader, 511 Rodney Ave., writes:


My bowels were in very bad condition and I was compelled ever since childhood to take a laxative nearly every day. I had sour stomach, too, whenever I ate all that I wanted.

I saw CASCA-TONE mentioned in the newspaper and decided to get a bottle and give it a trial.

The very first bottle relieved me of my bowel trouble and now my stomach don't burn so, either. I eat everything I want now and enjoy it. I honestly feel that CASCA-TONE has helped me very much and heartily recommend it to anyone having stomach and bowel trouble.

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Get a bottle from your druggist today

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