

BUILDING STOPPED FOR TRUST PROBE

New York Cancels Contract for \$7,000,000 Courthouse.

EXTORTION IS CHARGED

Labor Leaders Declared to Have System for Getting Money From Contractors of City.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—New York is ready to suspend all public works until it is learned whether there is "open competition in bidding for the work."

This announcement was made late today by Mayor Hylan when the city legislative committee adjourned until November 4 after its counsel had asserted it had only scratched the surface in its investigation of the "building trust."

Developments in the building situation came in a dramatic fashion today after Mayor Hylan had addressed the board of estimate, declaring that "the building trust, the milk trust, the coal trust and the other trusts have built a wall about New York greater than the great wall of China."

While the legislative committee was questioning witnesses in one chamber of the city hall, the board of estimate, meeting in another, considered four contracts involving approximately \$7,000,000 of work on New York city's proposed court house. The mayor also authorized Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld to make searching investigation of all contracts for schoolhouses.

"I want the people to know they will be protected against men who are seeking means of combinations and unfair practices to mule the people," explained the mayor.

While the legislative committee held but a brief session today, Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel, examined several witnesses regarding the activities of the alleged labor contractor combination which, he asserted, was stifling construction work.

Important developments were: Refusal of Robert F. Rindell, president of the building trades council, to take advantage of the opportunity given him by the committee to refute testimony of Ephraim Levy and George Backer regarding a bribe of \$25,000 paid to alleged labor agents to call off a strike.

Labor Accused of Extortion. Assertion by Mr. Untermyer that a widespread system of extortion was being practiced by unscrupulous labor leaders to obtain vast sums of money from employers under the threat of calling strikes or actually doing so.

Testimony to the effect that upward of 400 plumbing contractors in New York submitted their proposed bids for plumbing work to a central clearing-house under the "code of practice" before they were offered a prospective client.

A dramatic moment came when Milton Schnaier, a plumbing contractor, pleaded on the witness stand before the committee counsel not to continue questions which he said would imperil his "million dollars worth of business" by withdrawal of labor.

Prosecutions Are Threatened. Schnaier made this appeal after testifying that he had subscribed under pressure to the "code of practice" of the plumbing contractors. This organization, he said, consisted of the 400 contractors of the "Fifty-Eighth Street" association, who sent their bids to John T. Hettrick, a lawyer, who is alleged to have operated the "code."

Schnaier said that under the "code of practice" four per cent of the annual gross income of the plumbing contractors was paid into Mr. Hettrick's office, one per cent of which went to Mr. Hettrick.

"What became of the other three per cent is Brindell anywhere in that?" queried Mr. Untermyer.

"I have no means of knowing," said Schnaier. "I can only have my suspicions."

The legislative committee, it is understood, considers that it has sufficient evidence to start "criminal action in a number of cases at once."

FIREMEN IN CAMPAIGN

Location of City Hall in Park Will Be Fought at Election.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 22.—(Special)—The controversy over the location of the new city hall, which is to house the recently purchased modern fire apparatus took a new turn last night when the volunteer firemen at their annual meeting and banquet adopted by a unanimous vote a resolution favoring a down-town location for the building.

There were about 75 firemen, representing the majority of the fire companies of the city, at the meeting and a committee consisting of Fire Chief Selzer, as chairman; Gerald Warner of Turner Hose company No. 1, Ed Lovier of Cataract Hose company No. 2, Fred McCann of Hose company No. 3, Ray Welsh of Hose company No. 4 and Ted Miller of the hook and ladder company was appointed to conduct a vigorous campaign to bring about the defeat of the measure that will be submitted to the people at the November election, and which provides that the new municipal building shall be located in McLoughlin park.

IRRIGATION FILING MADE

Construction Permit Requested for Winona Reservoir.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—William T. Reed of Kansas City, Mo., today filed with the state engineer application to construct the Winona reservoir on Jumpoff Joe creek in the storage of 2872-acre feet of water. The development contemplates the construction of a dam 82 feet in height at an estimated cost of \$100,000 for irrigation of land in Josephine county.

The Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber company of Wallawa would appropriate water for the development of 408-horse power. This company contemplates taking 300 second feet of water from the Wallawa river for power development in connection with a sawmill. The cost of the project is estimated at \$15,000.

BOND SALE IS ANNOUNCED

State Highway Securities to Be Disposed of November 6.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—State highway bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 will be sold at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland November 6, according to announcement made here today.

These bonds will be in denominations of \$100, except each \$25 bond, which will be \$500. The commission also will open bids at this meeting for the construction of five bridges and the improvement of approximately 50 miles of road. The bridges to be constructed include: Jackson county—Four concrete structures on the Agate-Trail section of the Crater lake highway; cement and steel construction. One bridge over Rogue river on the Agate-Trail section of the Crater lake highway; concrete construction. Jackson county—Repairs to the supports of the pony truss span of the intercounty bridge over the Willamette river at Salem. Grading and paving contracts to be awarded follow.

HAWLEY RAPS WASTE

TILLAMOOK HEARS PLEA FOR REPUBLICANS AND TARIFF.

Mismanagement of War Business Is Attacked and Lack of Army Supplies Pointed Out.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—The republicans held a rally at the city hall last night, when a large and attentive audience listened to Representative Hawley speak on the issues of the day. A large part of his address was devoted to the wasteful and extravagant manner in which the democratic party had conducted the affairs of the country previous to and during the war. He sharply criticized the government in providing war contracts and in not providing the boys in France with proper fighting material, the American army having to depend upon the allies for bombing planes, shells, guns and other supplies. He recommended a budget plan which would put the country on a financial basis and prevent the waste and employment of so many unnecessary employees.

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GOVERNOR HART TO SPEAK

Washington Executive to Be Heard by Vancouver Audience.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special)—Governor Louis B. Hart will speak in the Clark county courthouse here tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock on topics of interest to all voters. John Gellatly of Wenatchee, candidate for the office of governor at the primaries, and defeated by Governor Hart, will also speak. The third speaker will be Clifford L. Babcock, candidate for treasurer.

The trio will speak first at the Grange hall, Orchards, at 7 o'clock. The distance is but six miles over a fine road and there will be machines to take the speakers from Orchards to Vancouver.

United States Senator Wesley L. Jones will speak in the Liberty theater here Monday evening. Tuesday evening Porrett L. Hudson and T. Y. Copeland will both speak for the republican ticket.

George F. Cotterill, candidate for United States deputy clerk, met and spoke tonight in the American theater. Miss Jean Stovall and Anna Louise Jones spoke in favor of the farmer-labor party tonight in the boiler-makers' hall.

STRANGE MAN IS SUICIDE

Body Found Hanging in Shed and Identification Is Not Made.

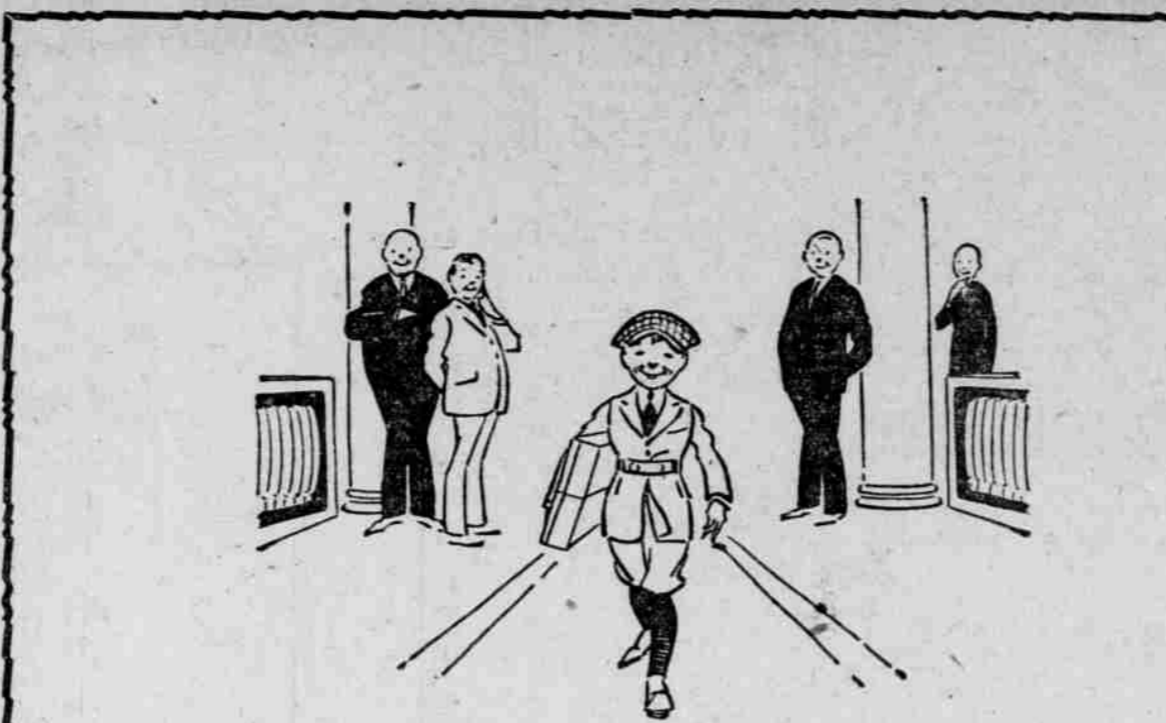
OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—An unidentified young man, about 27 years of age, committed suicide by hanging in a small shed on the property of H. Zetke at Oswego last night or an early hour this morning. He was discovered by Mr. Bethke this afternoon. E. L. Johnson, coroner, did not hold an inquest, as it was a plain case of suicide.

There was no mark of identification on the body except there is a laundry mark on the band of the trousers. He was about 5 feet 8 inches, weighing about 170 pounds, and had wavy, light brown hair, gray eyes, with protruding forehead and sharp nose.

PAY FOR SCENERY URGED

Forests Along Highways Should Be Paid For, Says C. S. Chapman.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—Remuneration for property desired for public purposes in connection with the campaign to conserve the forests by cutting the scenic highways of Oregon where the owners are not



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BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier—Morrison at Fourth

able to make donations was advocated in a letter received at the executive offices here today from C. S. Chapman of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, Ltd., of London. It was alleged that the North Cambria collided with another ship of the same line.

feet of timber near Powers, to the steamship North Cambria August 2, 1918, was instituted in admiralty court in Brooklyn today against the Commonwealth & Dominion Line, Ltd., of London. It was alleged that the North Cambria collided with another ship of the same line.

Standard Oil Tax \$35,206.59. SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—A check for \$35,206.59, covering sale of distillate and gasoline in Oregon by the Standard Oil company of California, for September, was received at the offices of the secretary of state today. A statement of unreported sales by the company for the months of May, June, July and August, aggregating a tax of \$401, also was remitted by the corporation to the secretary of state.

Water Company Incorporates. SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special)—The Colton Water company, capital stock \$5000, has been incorporated by Alfred Danielson, Oscar Hunt and Martin Lundstrom, according to articles filed today. It is the purpose of the corporation to install a water supply system.

Withdrawal of Dry Denied. CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the prohibition national committee, denied reports that he said were flooding his office that Aaron S. Watkins, prohibition presidential candidate, planned to withdraw from the race.

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