

PORTLAND WINS RATE ADVANTAGE

Recognition Gained for Down-Hill Haul.

10 PER CENT MARGIN FIXED

Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria, Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Points Lose.

VANCOUVER ALSO BENEFITS

Differential Granted Is to Apply to All Commodities, Including Grain.

EFFECT OF COLUMBIA BASIN RATE DECISION. Yields to Portland richest wheat-producing territory of the Inland Empire.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—Portland is entitled to an advantage in freight rates as the outlet for traffic from points in all that part of the Columbia river basin lying south of the Snake river.

While Portland and its allies were becoming aggressive, the Puget sound communities were not asleep.

Method Is Suggested. In directing this change in the rate structure, the commission suggests the method for doing it, taking in consideration the fact that only recently all rates were increased.

Changes in Rates Advised. "If the rates are made lower to Portland from the territory south of the Snake river than the rates from the same territory to Puget sound, the change will have a tendency to increase the traffic and revenues of the Columbia river lines and to decrease the traffic and revenues of the roads operating over the mountains to Puget sound.

KICK FOUND IN CHERRIES. Minicemat Also Seized by Texas Prohibition Agents.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.—In what was said to be the opening of a nation-wide campaign federal prohibition agents here today seized virtually all of Houston's visible supply of Christmas brandied cherries and minicemat put up in glass jars prior to prohibition.

PORTLAND'S RIGHTS FOR YEARS RESISTED

Basin Rate Case Battle Long Costly One.

New Decision Giving City Its Deserts Is Expected to Have Telling Effect Here.

For years the Columbia basin rate case has been a bone of contention and the communities and railroads which held an unfair advantage fought strenuously to withhold justice from Portland.

Persistently Portland representatives have attempted to break the artificial rate structure, which was built up by competing railroads to end competition among themselves.

Distance and cost as the just basis of rates between the inland empire and the coast was the contention of the complainants, with the added argument that blanket rates could not fairly be applied to distances so short.

Four years ago Astoria achieved an advantage over Portland when it won a decision which awarded Astoria a free 100-mile haul.

When the Inland Empire Grain Shippers' association called on the interstate commerce commission for a lower rate from the interior, the battle against the artificial rates erected by the competing railroads, and morally supported by Tacoma, Seattle, Astoria and other communities, was formally launched.

Along the Columbia river and in the interior other towns joined Kennewick and Pendleton came as intervenors, sharing the viewpoint of the Inland Empire Grain Shippers' association.

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RICH COMMERCIAL TERRITORY IS WON

Portland Adds Big Wheat Area to District.

VICTORY IS IMPORTANT ONE

Inland Empire Is Affected by Rate Decision.

JUSTICE LONG DELAYED

Place Belonging to City in Trade Competition Is Captured After Many Years.

Stock in Portland's progressive future, always at par, soared suddenly yesterday with the announcement that the interstate commerce commission had rendered a favorable decision in the Columbia basin rate case.

"The greatest joy to date for the recognition of Portland and the progress of the city and port," was the compressed opinion of hundreds of comments voiced when it became known that the commission had

All Classes Are Affected. By the commission's ruling the new rate, which is to be 90 per cent of the Puget sound and Astoria rate, applies to all class and commodity shipments for the territory designated, and is shared by Vancouver, Wash. It is held to be adequate though tardy recognition of the natural advantages possessed by Portland through the Columbia water grade, and adds to Portland territory an area of wheat country producing in excess of 10,000,000 bushels annually.

Notes Cleverly Raised. Coast Cities Warned Against Altered Paper Money.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Cities of the Pacific coast were warned by the United States secret service here today to be on guard for altered federal reserve notes which have been issued by an unusually clever counterfeit in the far east.

WASHINGTON SOLDIER GETS DIAMOND MEDAL

State's Most Gallant War Hero Is Rewarded.

Lieutenant Allworth Presented With Mark of Esteem for Heroism During World Conflict.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Governor Hart today dispatched formal letters conveying to Lieutenant Edward C. Allworth of Clarke county, the diamond medal distinguishing Allworth as the Washington citizen-soldier who performed the most conspicuously gallant service in the world war.

Lieutenant Allworth is now a lieutenant in the regular army at Camp Gordon, Georgia. The medal will be forwarded to him there from Washington national guard headquarters with the governor's letters, one of which is to Major-General John L. Hines, commander at Camp Gordon, in which the governor asks General Hines to present the medal to Allworth.

Award of the medal to Allworth was made from a citation issued from the war department by a national guard board at Seattle. According to the official citation, Allworth, as captain in the 60th infantry, led part of his company in swimming the canal at Clerly-le-Petit, France, under fire November 5, 1918, to support those of his command who had already crossed and were being roughly handled by the Germans.

LIBERALS ARE RETURNED. Premier Oliver's Government Wins in Victory British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 2.—The liberal government of British Columbia, headed by John Oliver, premier, has been returned to power with at least 24 of 47 seats in the provincial legislature, returns today from yesterday's election.

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ITALIAN FLEET POKES FUN AT D'ANNUNZIO

Warships with Guns Set Maneuver at Fiume.

Poet's Little Group Seems Insignificant—Soldiers Fire Rifles From Shore-Line.

TRIESTE, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Italian fleet stationed at Pola steamed up the Gulf of Quarnero yesterday, maneuvering in the bay before Fiume, and then slowly passed close to the mouth of the harbor, as in review. The warships, with guns displayed, presented a powerful appearance in contrast to D'Annunzio's little fleet of one dreadnaught, four destroyers and smaller craft moored at the Fiume wharves.

FIRE PERISH IN FLAMES. Apartment House Reported to Be Without Fire Escapes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Identification of the last of the five victims who perished early today amid flames that swept a five-story apartment house in West Fifty-second street as Betty Jones, wife of Bobby Jones, a London dancer, was made tonight. The other victims were: Dr. F. M. Potter, veterinarian of the New York Hippodrome, trainer of animals and an owner of race horses; Mrs. Eva Luscombe, English premier danseuse and actress, the wife of Victor Luscombe, an employe of Lloyd's London; Mrs. Harold B. Reid, vocational student of Goddard, Ont.; Mrs. Jessie Jenkins of California, sister of Mrs. Reid.

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NEWSPAPER MEN TOLD OF PRESIDENT'S DESIRE FOR VISIT.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson is willing to see President-elect Harding when the latter reaches Washington on his return from Panama.

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THE WEATHER. YESTERDAY'S—Highest temperature, 51 degrees; lowest, 40; part cloudy.

FOREIGN. Italian fleet pokes fun at D'Annunzio. Page 1.

CABINET SHUNNED BY LODGE AND NEW

Solons Prefer to Serve Harding in Senate.

CHIEFS IN CAPITAL POW-WOW

Framing Slate of Eligibles for Posts Barred.

TARIFF REVISION TOPIC

Harry M. Daugherty, Adviser to President-Elect, to Confer With Knox Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Elimination of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Senator New of Indiana, as prospective members of President-elect Harding's cabinet was reported to be a definite development of the visit here today of Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio, friend and adviser of the president-elect.

LODGE ISSUES STATEMENT. Mr. Lodge made public a statement urging that course on Senator New. Friends of Senator Lodge said they believed that his position regarding Senator New applied with equal force to himself.

FINANCE. Five thousand dollars' insurance on the building and contents was carried. The explosion of gasoline and oil rendered fire-fighting dangerous.

PARADES. President-elect Harding's inaugural parade on Washington, D. C., today.

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HEAD WINDS BUFFET HARDING AND PARTY

STEAMER PASTORES DELAYED EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK.

President-Elect Declines Wilson's Invitation to Use Mayflower From Coast to Washington.

ON BOARD THE STEAMER PASTORES, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The steamer Pastores, with President-elect Harding on board, this evening was proceeding northward off the Atlantic coast at a speed which made it doubtful whether her officers would be able to realize their hopes of docking the vessel at Norfolk, Va., Saturday morning.

Mr. Harding worked on the speeches he will deliver before the Chamber of Commerce at Norfolk and to the Elks at Bedford, Va. He took time to play his daily game of shuffleboard.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Wilson's offer to place the presidential yacht Mayflower at his disposal next Saturday on his arrival at Norfolk to carry the president-elect to Washington.

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SHORTAGE RUMOR SENDS WHEAT UP

March Delivery Climbs 11 Cents a Bushel.

BUYING SCARE SWEEPS PIT

Buige Lifts Grain to \$1.66 1/2, 20c Higher Than Friday.

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Hogs on Hoof, Pork and Pork Products, Carcass Beef Join in March Down Hill.

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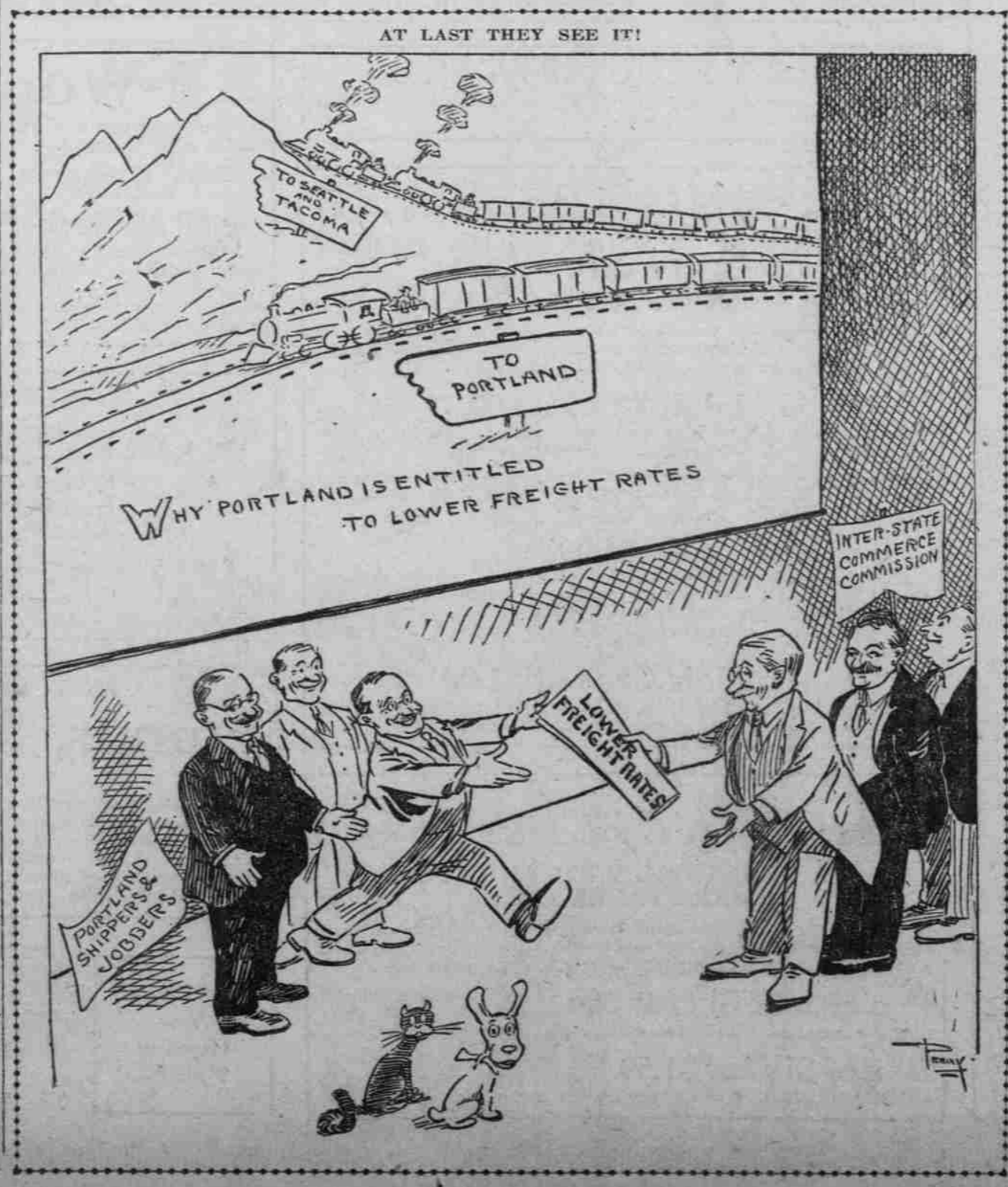
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