Recognition Gained for Down-Hill Haul.

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.

Establishes a 90-cent rate for Portland as contrasted with \$1 haul to Seattle, Tacoma and As-

the Columbia river water grade s most economical haul.

Creates a differential wheat rate, all other commodities corresponding, of 2 cents for each 100 pounds in favor of Portland.

Adds immeasurably to prestige and prosperity of Portland as port and distributing center. Makes certain that all export grain shipments, as well as other export commodities, will roll down water grade to the

sea via Portland.

Ends decisively the discriminatory northwestern rates that have throttled the commercial development of Portland.

land is entitled to an advantage in commerce commission ruled today of the inland empire. made last January by its former chief examiner, Henry Thurtell.

"The Portland advantage, held to be a natural one, has been conceded 21, 1919. The commissioners were by the commission fixing a 10 per Henry Clay Hall, Winthrop M. Daniels cent differential in favor of that chief examiner, conducted the inquiry. city on all classes and commodities, The commissioners were here until to be shared also by Vancouver, July 30, when they adjourned to Se-Wash., as against Astoria, Seattle, was concluded August 2. Tacoma and points on Grays Harbor and Willapa bay.

Method Is Suggested.

In directing this change in the only recently all rates were in-

produce a net income in harmony the transportation act of 1920.

Changes in Rates Advised.

the same territory to Puget sound, increase the traffic and revenues of a telling effect. the Columbia river lines and to decrease the traffic and revenues of KICK FOUND IN CHERRIES the roads operating over the mountains to Puget sound.

"In view of this fact and of the recent rate increases, it is reasonable that the difference of 10 per was said to be the opening of a nacent between the rates in question tion-wide campaign federal prohibi should be established by a decrease tion agents here today seized virof approximately 5 per cent in the of Christmas brandled cherries and rates to and from Portland and by mince meat put up in glass jars prior an increase of approximately 5 per to prohibition cent in the rates to and from Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria, and where seized from eight or ten retail gronecessary in the rates to and from that the fruit contained more than

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 rallroads which held an unfair advantage fought strenuously to withhold jusice from Portland. The main conention of Portland has been that is as entitled to the advantages of service on shipments from the in-

Persistently Portland representa ives have attempted to break the artificial rate structure, which was end competition among themselves this railroad plan being the placing on an equality ports which were not equal in natural advantages.

Distance and cost as the just basis of rates between the inland empire nd the coast was the contention of the complainants, with the added argument that blanket rates could not fairly be applied to distances so short. advantage over Portland when it won a decision which awarded Astoria a free 100-mile haul. Not only Astoria ook to wrest from Portland its natommercial supremacy.

When the Inland . Empire Grain Shippers' association called on the inerstate commerce commission for a tle against the artificial barriers rected by the competing railroads. ind morally supported by Tacoma, Seattle, Astoria and other communities was formally launched.

There lined up in behalf of Portland the commission of public docks of Portland, the Portland Traffic and Pransportation association, the port and Chamber of Commerce. As Vanouver. Wash., was affected identicalwith Portland, its officials swuring nto line and there came as interven ers the port of Vancouver, the city of Vancouver, Clarke county, Wash-

the interior other towns joined Kenne- shared by Vancouver, Wash. cred, presented an exhaustive brief | 000,000 bushels annually. proving the advantages of the water

While Portland and its allies were tured our pi THE OREGONIAN NEWS BU- becoming aggressive, the Puget sound petition, long denied to us, and that Coast Cities Warned Against Al- probability REAU, Washington, Dec. 2 .- Port- communities were not asleep. Seattle, our city is now equipped to force Tacoma and Everett fought every ahead with confident vigor." inch of the way. Puget sound was freight rates as the outlet for traf- supplemented in its arguments by the fic from points in all that part of public service commission of the state of Washington, which threw the water grade, as against the mountain eral reserve notes which have been the Columbia river basin lying south weight of its influence to Puget sound haul to Seattle and Tacoma, while not issued by an unusually clever coun- withdrawal would be the inability of

Astoria appeared as an intervenor in a decision upholding a tentative against the appeal of Portland, therereport in the Portland rate case by casting its lot with Seattle, Taoma and Everett.

So important was the rate hearing that three members of the interstate land and began their hearings, July attle to take testimony. The inquiry

In January, 1920, the report of Mr. Thurtell was made public. This wiped out the case of the Inland Empire Grain Shippers' association, as the contention of the grain men was contained in the Portland rate case. For rate structure, the commission sug- the past 11 months Pugel sound and gests the method for doing it, tak- Astoria have been hoping against ing in consideration the fact that hope that the report of Mr. Thurtell would not be sustained.

For years the parity of rates affecting ports on the Columbia and The commission said: "In our Puget sound was based on the haul judgment a more important consid- of the Northern Pacific over the Caseration bearing upon all the rates in cade mountain range from the inland issue, both class and commodity, is eration whatever was given to the that since the argument of the case | water route down the Columbia from they have all been increased. The the interior. The haul over the mounincreases there authorized were in- tains was long, arduous and costly. tended to bring the revenues of the but the railroads insisted on maincarriers operating in the so-called grade down the Columbia river. Every mountain Pacific group, including round of freight hauled into Seattle defendants, to a level sufficient to or Tacoma had to be dragged from 2500 to 3300 feet elevation and the with the standards prescribed by to haul a few cars. The unjust rate heaviest of locomotives were needed by Seattle and Tacoma that they came to consider it as an inalienable right. "If the rates are made lower to The rate was very material in up-Portland from the territory south of | building Seattle and the 1916 decision the Snake river than the rates from granting Astoria 100 miles free haul, has been of great benefit to that community. The new decision, givthe change will have a tendency to ing Portland its just rate, will have

Mincement Also Seized by Texas Prohibition Agents. HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2 .- In what

More than 400 jars of fruit were (Concluded on Page 6, Column 2.) one half of one per cent of alcohol.

Portland Adds Big Wheat Area to District.

VICTORY IS IMPORTANT ONE

shorter distance and lower cost or Inland Empire Is Affected by world war. Rate Decision.

built up by competing railroads to JUSTICE LONG DELAYED which is to Major-General John L. with Fiume by both land and sea TARIFF

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

Stock in Portland's progressive fuure, always at par, soured suddenly the interstate commerce commission guard board at Seattle. According to the Columbia basin rate case, thereby his company in swimming the canal establishing the preferential validity at Clery-le-Petit, France, under fire of the water grade and adding rich territory to the city's commercial

"The greatest day to date for the recognition of Portland and the progress of the city and port," was the compressed opinion of hundreds of omments voiced when it became known that the commission had indorsed in detail the report of Henry Thurtell, chief examiner, made public on January 8 and which declared for canal and enabled the rest of the f Portland commission and the Port- a 10 per cent differential in favor of Portland for the territory lying south of the Snake river.

All Classes Are Affected.

By the commission's ruling the ne ngton and the Vancouver Commer- Puget sound and Astoria rate, applies to all class and commodity shipments Along the Columbia river and in for the territory designated, and is wick and Pendleton came as inter- held to be adequate though tardy sharing the viewpoint of the recognition of the natural advantages eutral intervenor. The Oregon pub- Portland territory an area of wheat service commission, when it en- country producing in excess of 10,-

"I count this victory the most imrade between the inland empire and portant that Portland's champions Portland, over the mountain haul to have won in many years," said Mayor

Justice Held Only Partial.

uously for the recognition of the today to be on guard for altered fedminimizing the importance of the de- terfeiter in the far east. cision, are inclined to maintain that (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.) and \$2 to \$50.

WASHINGTON SOLDIER ITALIAN FLEET POKES GETS DIAMOND MEDAL

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. Allsworth of Clarke ounty, the diamond medal disinguishng Allworth as the Washington citisen-soldier who performed the most

tenant in the regular army at Camp craft moored at the Fiume wharves. Gordon, Georgia. The medal will be ington national guard headquarters fleet, but no casualties resulted. with the governor's letters, one of in which the governor asks General Hines to present the medal to All- nunzio was not regarded in a seriou ant Allworth, Governor Hart expressed his hope that the recipient will al- Flume, however, and the sound ways wear the medal with credit cannon and rifle fire may be heard to himself and honor to the state along the Gulf of Quarnero. whose people awarded the honor for dauntless courage.

Award of the medal to Allworth was made from a citation issued from number 4000. esterday with the announcement that the war department by a national the official citation, Allworth, as cap November 5, 1918, to support those of his command who had already crossed and were being roughly handled by the Germans. Rejoining his command Allworth led an attack that machine gun nests and captured 10 prisoners, which was more than his own company numbered. This work re-established the bridge head on the American attack to advance without further delay.

LIBERALS ARE RETURNED

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 nland Empire Grain Shippers' asso- possessed by Portland through the least 24 of 47 seats in the provincial Spokane developed as a Columbia water grade, and adds to legislature, returns today from yesntervenor. The Oregon pubPortland territory an area of wheat

Fifteen conservatives, two independents and four labor or social members, were elected. Two seats re-main in doubt.

tered Paper Money. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2 .- Cities of

AT LAST THEY SEE IT!

FUN AT D'ANNUNZIO

TATE'S MOST GALLANT WAR WARSHIPS WITH GUNS SET MA NEUVER AT FIUME

Lieutenant Allworth Presented Poet's Little Group Seems Insig nificant-Soldiers Fire Rifles From Shore-Line

TRIESTE, Dec. 2 .- (By the Associ ated Press.)-The Italian floet sta tioned at Pola steamed up the Gulf of Quarnero yesterday, maneuvere slowly passed close to the mouth o the harbor, as in review. The war ships, with guns displayed, presented onspicuously gallant service in the a powerful appearance in contrast to Lieutenant Allworth is now a lieu- naught, four destroyers and smaller Some of D'Annunzio's soldiers o forwarded to him there from Wash- the shore emptied their rifles at the

> The cutting off of communication ander at Camp Gordon, were regarded as imminent. The declaration of war by D'An here. There was warlike activity in

> > Superior officers in D'Annunzio' army continued to abandon the poet-soldier. The army was estimated to

FIVE PERISH IN FLAMES

Without Fire Escapes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 .- Identification of the last of the five victims who perished early today amid flames drome, trainer of animals and an that they could perform better servand actress, the wife of Victor Lus-Jenkins of California, sister of Mrs.

The police started an investigation after receiving reports that stairways were missing between certain floors of the building and that there were no fire escapes.

associated Press.)-Withdrawal of as urgent should be attempted in the Baker. "It means that we have cap- NOTES CLEVERLY RAISED Argentina from the league of nations coming congress, preliminary to gen-

> hourly expecting a cablegram from discussed. Honorio Pueyrredon, foreign minister, the Pacific coast were warned by and Argentina's representative at the

Solons Prefer to Serve

CHIEFS IN CAPITAL POW-WOW

D'Annunglo's little fleet of one dread- Framing Slate of Eligibles Norfolk, Va., Saturday morning. for Posts Barred.

President-Elect, to Confer With Knox Today.

Associated Press.) - Elimination of settled. enator Lodge of Massachusetts and nator New of Indiana, as prospec-Harding's cabinet was reported to be tial yacht Mayflower at his disposal here today of Harry M. Daugherty of folk to carry the president-elect to Ohlo, friend and adviser of the president-elect.

cluding Senators Lodge and New, by rall. The senator's message folhouse in West Fifty-second street as There was no announcement of the lows subjects or of the conferences, but London dancer, was made tonight. The close friends said both senators had Mayflower tender. Am obliged to other victims were: Dr. F. M. Potter, advised Mr. Daugherty that they de- travel to Washington by rail. sired no cabinet preferment, believing gratitude to you .- Warren G. Hard-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

Daugherty with his republican conferees. These include Senator Wat-ARGENTINA MAY RESIGN son of Indiana, who will be sometime with delphia tomorrow to confer with Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania. Withdrawal From League Held chairman of the senate finance committee.

The question whether partial tariff BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2 .- (By the revision to meet conditions regarded President Harding's inauguration was It was learned ' s government was among subjects said to have been

Regarding cabinet appointments republican leaders who talked with disposition by Mr. Daugherty or any other republican leader to "frame Exclusion From Operation of Water of cabinet eligibles for President Harding.

Mr. Daugherty talked briefly with Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who Payne has recommended to congress has been mentioned for secretary of legislation to exclude national parks state, and planned a conference with from the provisions of the water-Senator Knox tomorrow before leav- power bill. ing for Norfolk to meet Senator Harding.

WILSON WOULD SEE HARDING special act of congress.

Newspaper Men Told of President's INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS Desire for Visit.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 2 .- President Wilson is willing to see President-elect TODAY'S-Rain, southwesterly winds. Harding when the latter reaches Washington on his return from to see the president-elect, but the manner in which the intimation has been given is interpreted here as meaning the president is anxious to discuss affairs with the president-The announcement of the presi-

dent-elect was given through his secretary, Mr. Tumulty, who passed the information on to the newspaper men. From men close to the president it is understood that Mr. Wilson is not only willing and anxious to be courteons to his successor, but is desirous of discussing the international situation with him. While the fact that President Wilson has not congratulated Senator Harding upon his elec tion has been noted, the tone of the president's telegram to the league of nations expressing his willingness to regarded as indicating that he has heeded the verdict of the polls. That telegram expressly explained

the president was acting with no authorization and his acceptance of the Invitation was not to be interpreted Ex-hueband sought to explain killing. ing range between the packing house as meaning any commitment on the Page 11. as meaning any commitment on the part of the government of the United States. There are various international

problems pending in addition to the American attitude toward the league anese and Mexican situations, together with America's attitude toward Russia. While Mexican recognition may be extended before President Chicago wheat in 11 cents on covering movement, Page 23. Harding takes office, there is a posafter March 4, while the determina- Owners of docks scheduled for condemnation of Secretary Colby to talk over men suggests the probability that this problem will be handed over to the next administration without ac-

It is also considered probable that Intimations have been given by the (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

HEAD WINDS BUFFET HARDING AND PARTY

FEAMER PASTORES DELAYED

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

ON BOARD THE STEAMER PAS-TORES, 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 speed which made it doubtful whether her officers would be able to realize their hopes of docking the vessel at

Most of today the steamer battled against head winds and a moderate sea and at nightfall was opposite the north central Florida coast, about 30 nilles at sea.

Notwithstanding the constant rollng of the ship, Mrs. Harding renained on deck

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

After his speech in Bedford Sen ator Harding probably will go to Washington, although that has not been definitely settled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. - Senator Harding declined today President Wilson's offer to place the presidendefinite development of the visit next Saturday on his arrival at Nor-It was necessary, the senator said,

Mr. Daugherty conferred with a in a radio message to Secretary number of prominent republicans. in-

"Please thank the president for

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE Fourteen New and Seven Used Cars

Go Up in Flames. RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 2 .- (Speial.) - The Rose Motor company's lant in this city burned to the ground a fire which started from a heating stove in the rear of the building. In than the aggregate ordinarily on addition to the building being de- hand when a new harvest is beginstroyed 14 new automobiles and seven ning about July 1. second-hand cars were lost. The roperty was owned by Chris Rose. tion was added to by statements that

oil rendered fire-fighting dangerous vest was being interfered with owing It was necessary for the men to wear to adverse weather. gas masks when penetrating the caped being crushed to death when which may be taken soon by congress

Mr. Daugherty said there was no PARK EXEMPTION ADVISED

The bill drafted by the secretary provides that permits for such de-

YESTERDAY'S-Highest temperature, 5 degrees; lowest, 46; part cloudy, Foreign.

Covenant changes rejected at meeting

National. odge and New shun cabinet posts. Page 1

ator Chamberlain and Representativ ntative kept pace with the falling wholesale

Grand Jury takes hand in New York building proba. Page 7.

Loans to foreign countries to aid exports suggested by governors as way to aid farmers. Page 4.

one whose store is classed as a high-priced establishment and the other as a cut-rate market, show a wide divergence in prices, partly due, how-ever, both said, to a difference in the

Pacific Northwest. Washington soldler gets diamond meda ce-cutting trend followed by fruit grow-ers in Oregon. Page 10.

ported, says Senator Poindexter. Page Joe Lynch knocks out Jack Sharkey, Page 16. iam Langford knocks out Tiny Herman Page 16

Commercial and Marine.

Profit selling crases part of gains in Wall institute says that during November street market. Page 23. Astoria will get Hawalian trade. Page 22. drop of 45 per cent since October 1. Portland and Vicinity.

Campaign starts for relief funds. Page 13. compared with October 1 of this year Portland's rights in Columbia basin rate case long bitterly fought. Page I. the president might wish to discuss the Mexican situation with the president-elect before taking action there.

Intimations have been given by the Butter often gets mouldy in transit, says expert at Hazelwood trial. Page 11.

SHORTAGE RUMOR SENDS WHEAT UP

March Delivery Climbs 11 Cents a Bushel.

BUYING SCARE SWEEPS PIT

Bulge Lifts Grain to \$1.661/2, 20c Higher Than Friday.

MEAT NEARS 1913 LEVEL

Products, Carcuss Beef Join in March Down Hill.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.-Suggestions of ossible coming shortage of bread panied a buying scare today in the up 11 cents a bushel for March delivery, the principal future contract

The sudden bulke lifted March wheat to \$1.66%, nearly 20 cents higher than last Friday, when the market was in a state of collapse failures in North Dakota and to a combination of other depressing cir-

The long downward plunge of other prices which then culminated had been taken advantage of from time to time by European interests to acquire ownership of large amounts of wheat, but it was not generally realized until today that the total of foreign buying might ultimately

60,000,000 Export Surplus

Five thousand dollars' insurance on the new crop in Australia had been ne building and contents was car- mostly bought up, presumably for The explosion of gasoline and Europe, and that the Argentine har-"Buy a barrel of flour" agitation

from every opening in the big build- disturbances in wheat values, and so ing. Several firemen narrowly es- also did uncertainty as to measures with a view to relieving econ difficulties, especially as affecting

Cotton Trader Short.

Among the shorts in wheat who were popularly believed to have hurried to cover today was a big New WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. Secretary York speculator who is identified with the cotton trade.

Hogs on the hoof have returned to what is practically their 1913 pre-war price, judging from figures obtained today from one of the "big five" packers. Pork and pork products, at wholesale, are on their way toward that same fevel, the November report of the institute of American meat packers indicates, and have reached the scale prevailing in April, 1917. when the United States entered the

Beef also is on the downward path, the wholesale price of carcass beef having dropped 17 per cent since September 1, according to the institute's

Live Hogs in Big Drop.

The biggest drop recorded, howlouse figures sho pork on the hoof brought 8 cents a pound in November, American-British contest for world trade 1913. During the war the farmer vir-developing, says Mark Sullivan. Page 3. treatly was guaranteed a minimum tually was guaranteed ; average of 1712 cents. In July, 1919, the price reached 23 cents a pound. Today hogs are back around 10%

Retail prices, however, have not

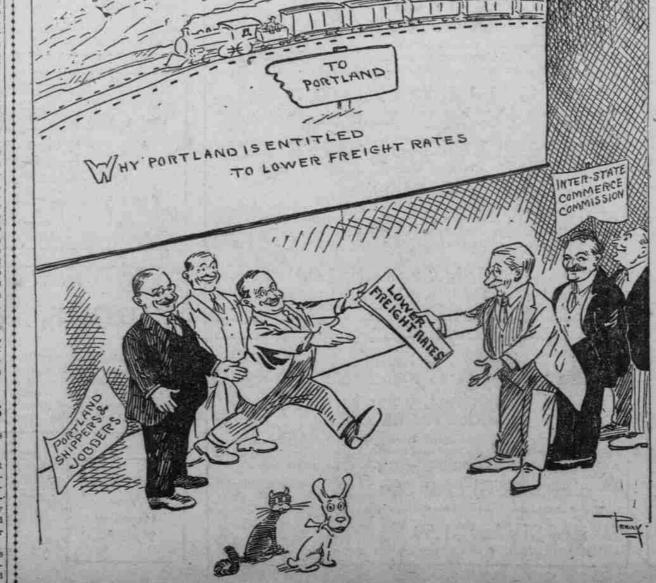
market, the packing house official said, but he declined to be quoted directly on the ground that retailers might boycott his company. Quotations from two retail dealers. one whose store is classed as a high-

grade of meat handled. Figures Show Range Figures furnished by the packers and the two stores show the follow-

wholesate price and the retailers' schedule: 1919, Today 40c 21c 60c 35c --- 24%c

The bulletin of the meat packers' the wholesale price of pork loins declined 27 per cent, making a total Other declines on November 29 as fancy breakfast bacon, 15 per cent; standard bacon, 25 per cent; fresh

Explaining why the wholesale price has failed to fall as fast as the live-(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)



Harding in Senate.

REVISION TOPIC

worth. In the other letter to Lieuten- light by the military commanders Harry M. Daugherty, Adviser to

Betty Jones, wife of Bobby Jones, a veterinary of the New York Hippoowner of race horses; Mrs. Eva ice for President Harding and their Luscombe, English premier danseuse party by remaining in the senate. imbe, an employe of Lloyd's. London; Mrs. Harold B. Reid, vocational tudent of Goderich, Ont.; Mrs. Jessie

Strong Probability.

Yet those who strove most stren- the United States secret service here assembly of the league, reporting his decision on the question. It was bethe Argentine delegation to obtain

The notes have been raised from \$1 the assembly's approval of its pro-