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MARKET VENDORS FACE SET PRICES SECRETARY PAYNE MAKES

Bigelow Wants Control Powers Restored.

1920 PROFITS EXCEED 1919

Gouging of Public Said to Be on Large Scale.

EGG MARGIN

Be Double That of One Year Ago.

than those in effect one year ago, nology. under maintained, will go before the city of the project. council with a demand that the power market master, J. A. Eastman.

ing authority as rescinded by the tion of the secretary of the interior. council a year ago has defeated the very purpose for which it was adden of expense to the household shopper. And in support of this contenion they present comparative price lists of the public market, contrast ing those of last year with the amounts demanded today

Profit Exceeds That of 1919. In almost every instance it is

shown that, with similar or lessened wholesale quotations, the vendors have moterially advanced the price than they took last year. In other instances, where the wholesale cost as decreased, the public market stalls have made no move to give the ser the benefit of the decline. In Market Master Eastman's report, surly in November, it is shown that many items reflect profiteering. The flagrant most flagrant example is that of poultry, though garden produce has

ant been overlooked in the quest for extra dimes. November, 1919, for 30 cents a pound and that retailed at 36 cents, were sold on the same day this year for 45 cents, though the wholesale quotation was 29 cents. Market vendors

Report Reveals Situation.

Though the market master's com fom days, beginning early in October, the report for November 12 is indicative of the situation which prevailed

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Dealer Agreement Hinted. Prior to the present year the marcounted upon to produce competition. Americans aboard. the dealers held rigidly to the maximum quotation, it is said, as though by general agreement. The price fixed by the market master was based wholesale quotations and upon

general market conditions and rep-Into this situation the Housewives league injected itself last year with the declaration that removal of the price-fixing power would create competition and bring down the Yambill

street quotations. They carried their claims to the by council, where a bitter fight ensued, with Commissioner Bigelow stoutly maintaining that the supposed reform would react against public welfare. He was overborne by the opposition and the market master releved of authority in determining fair

Profits Now Unrestricted.

Many observers, among them Market Master Eastman, hold that the the market are the direct result of a mistaken policy, and that the usefulness of the enterprise is nullified by

The public market is maintained volcano, about 90 miles northwest os (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1,)

\$400,000 ASKED FOR DESCHUTES PROJECT

White House Is Not Expected to Reject Request for Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 14 .- An appropria tion of \$400,000 for starting work on the Deschutes irrigation project in Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties, Oregon, has been recommended by John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior in a letter sent to President Wilson for approval.

This announcement was made today by A. P. Davis, director of reclamation before the subcommittee of the house appropriations committee considering the estimates of wester eclamation projects for the next fis-

making this recommendation, was understood to have been moved to ome extent by the complaint, long Gain on Potatoes Is Estimated to urged by Representative Sinnott, as Chicago Heavy Splits Jack's Ear, well as the two senators, that Oregon has paid into the reclamation fund more than twice the amount so far allotted to its irrigiation development The Deschutes project involves puting water ultimately on about 200. Because the Yambill public market 800 acres of land. An examination of through its stalls laden with com- the two reservoid sites at Benham modities direct from the producer, Falls and Crane Prairie was made for is not passing the lowered cost of the reclamation service severa living along to the consumer, but months ago by Professor Crosby of actually is maintaining prices higher Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

The report was favorable, so that whose supervision the market is there is no doubt as to the feasibility

The land to be irrigated was visof price fixing be restored to the ited last summer by Chairman Good, sey's inability to finish his opponent of the appropriations committee, who Both Commissioner Bigelow and is also chairman of the sub-commit-Market Master Eastman charge that tee which passes on all reclamation vendors on the public market are estimates. The law requires that esgouging the consumer and are in timates for new projects must have wise fairly meeting the general de- the approval of the president, and it cline in prices. They declare that is not anticipated that the White the removal of maximum price fix- House will reject the recommenda-

vanced and has added a heavy bur- EVICTING LANDLORD HELD

Property Owner Also Will Serve 40 Days in Lockup.

landlord and a property owner were sentenced in a police court here to-LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 14 .- A day to serve 40 days each in the city jail for having disturbed the peace of a tenant by forcibly evicting him. Sam Borelli brought action against shade. have materially advanced the price and are exacting a far greater profit W. Graves, owner of the property the doors and windows of the house before 36 days had expired after

Crawford, in passing sentence, proprietor taking possession of a up tenant's rooms without due legal

Fryers that sold at wholesale in RAIL DIVIDEND OPPOSED

State of Nebraska Fights Plan to

Distribute Huge Surplus. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The state were also exacting 3 cents more of Nebraska filed a brief with the profit per dozen for eggs than they interstate commerce com were last year, and almost double the day, objecting to the proposal of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail road that it be permitted to dis-tribute \$140,000.000 of its surplus in parative report covered several ran- stock dividends and in bonds as a cash dividend

The carrier seeks to issue \$60,-900,000 as cammon stock, to be distributed as a dividend to stockholders, and also to sell \$103,000,000 worth of hands \$80,000,000 of which would be distributed as cash.

PLANE DROPS: 4 KILLED

Fire Breaks Out Following Fouling of Tree on Paris Trip.

LONDON, Dec. 14 .- A large pas senger airplane leaving for Paris with six passengers today fouled a tree, burst into flames and crashed to the The pilot, a mechanic and ground. two passengers are reported killed and other passengers injured.

The four who lost their lives were pinned beneath the wreckage and burned to death, calling frantically ker master was empowered to fix a for help which it was impossible to maximum price upon all produce dis- give. Of the passengers who escaped, played for sale in the public market. two were slightly hurt, but the others Even with this provision, which was were not injured. There were no

SAN DIEGO RECORDS SHOCK

Several Persons Feel Tremors: Amplitude .3 of Millimeter. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 14,-The

elsmograph at Point Loma recorded a light shock at 7:57 o'clock tonight. The amplitude was given as three tenths of a millimeter and seemed to have come from all directions, the observer said. The shock was felt by several persons here, being most noted near Point Loma and Ocean Beach.

VOLCANO IS IN ERUPTION

Mount Lanin, Located at Argentine

Frontier, Is Belching Lava. VALDIVA, Chile, Dec. 14 .- The volcano Lanin, on the Argentine fronunrestricted profits now prevailing on tier, is reported to be in a state of

The volcano 's approximately 9000 TOKIO, Dec. 14 .- The Asama Yama

the bunefit of the public," said Tokio, has been in eruption for several selecter Bigelow last night, eral days. The ashes are falling over a wide area.

Knockout Is Scored by Blow to Heart.

SHADE IS HELD ALL THROUGH

Champion Does Quick Job When He Cuts Loose.

The secretary of the interior, in OPPONENT IS UNAFRAID

but Title-Holder Is Master in Nearly Every Stage.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 14 .- Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight champion, tonight knocked out Bill Brennan of Chicago in the 12th round of the first heavyweight championship fight ferences, it being taken for grantstaged in New York since the Walker became operative.

pressed by fistic fans as to Dempquickly. When Dempsey did ose, however, he certainly made a quick job of it, but it was not until Brennan had shown that he pion's punches and had split Demp

sey's left ear with a right hook. The champion proved to be Bren nan's master in nearly every stage of the bout, but the challenger withstood many hard blows in the and ribs through his magnificent physical condition.

Round One. The men got into the center of the ring.
Dempsey landing first, a right chep to the head. They exchanged lefts and rights to the body at close quarters and clinched

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chin.

Both worked fast at close quarters and Dempsey scratched Brennan's right eye with a left hook. Dempsey's round by a

Round Two.

Dempsey landed a light right on the neck, Brennan replying with a similar blow on the neck. Then they got into a short-arm mixup. Dempsey missed a left hook for the head. Brennan hooked left to before 36 ears had expired after serving the enant with notice of rent increase.

"This," said Police Judge Hugh Crawford, in passing sentence, "is a behind it.

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HARDING OPTIMISTIC BIG MODERN FREIGHT OVER LEAGUE SURVEY TERMINALS FORECAST

TO UNITE ALL FACTIONS.

Difficulty Will Be Met When Time Comes for Agreement.

MARION, O., Dec. 14 .- With his connations only fairly begun, Presidentelect Harding let it be known today that he already had gathered inforouraged him.

and gratifying." "It apparently will not be so diffi-

cult as some persons had supposed," late hour last night from Rober he added, "to find a common ground Lovett or Julius Kruttschnitt, chair for agreement." The senator would not discuss spe-

ific conferences or detailed suggestions of an association plan. He indicated that he had given considerable thought to the proposal for a world agreement not to declare of- eration of the recent order barring fensive war except in response to a popular referendum, but he said he could express no opinion on the sub-

It is understood that Mr. Harding as felt particularly pleased with the information regarding conditions and opinions abroad as described to him by Herbert Hoover, Ellhu Root and others. Still more detailed surveys are to be given him in future con ed that among others Senator Mc-There were many opinions ex- Europe, will see him within a few Mr. Harding tonight denied direct-

ly, however, published reports that Senator McCormick was acting as a representative in conferences with European statesmen. The presidentwas absolutely unafraid of the cham- elect said he had "no agents in Europe, in the United States or in any ther part of the world."

Today Mr. Harding saw few callers and held no conferences on the association plan. William C. Sproul, governor of Pennsylvania, and W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, were on his engagement list, but requested that

MEN TO GET \$120,000 Employes of Standifer Company to

Receive Back Pay. VANCOUVER, Wash, Dec. 14-(Special.) - Employes of the G. M. of the Portland terminal, as at presshipbuliders, of this city will receive Great Northern and the Spokane, before Christman back pay to the Portland & Seattle lines. amount of \$120,000, according to an This point is one of the announcement made today.

working in the plant will be paid Spencer went into some detail projected navies.

COMING IN WITH THE FLOOD.

PRESIDENT - ELECT EXPECTS JOINT BUSINESS OF ROADS WOULD DEMAND PLANT.

Senator, in Statement, Says Little Chief Counsel for O .- W. R. & N Says Agitation for Union Station May Bring Larger Facilities.

That Portland eventually will have ferences here on an association of one of the most modern of freight terminals, designed to accommodat the joint business of all railroad be located on acreage at Guild's lake mation and advice which greatly en- and will cost more than \$1,009,000 are strong possibilities which loor Making his first comment on the as a result of the action of Mayo progress of the consultations, he Baker's special committee on teraid they had been "very interesting minuls, according to authentic in formation obtained yesterday.

No word reached Portland up to late hour last night from Robert men, respectively, of the boards of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, in reply to telegrams sent to them by City Attorney LaRoche, or behalf of the mayor's committee, late ; Monday, urging immediate reconsid-Portland & Seatle lines from use of the Northern Pacific Terminal con pany's facilities after December 31. It is believed, however, that Messrs Lovett and Kruttschnitt will reply and not unfavorably, but it may be few days before they do so, although it would not be surprising should telegrams be received any time.

Information regarding the action of the mayor's committee in ordering the case referred to the state public service commission, with a view to invoking the aid of the interstate commerce commission under the yesterday, has been forwarded by telegraph to the board chairmen in New York, so hey are in close touch with the details of that feature of the city's determined fight to retain for Portland the benefits of a single terminal passenger station as a temporary facility, and eventually to procure at the hands of the railroads doing business here a thoroughly modern depot, equipped in keeping with the progress and rank of the

Members of the mayor's committee, at their session Monday night, agreed that they would not ask an imme diate capital outlay on the part of the railroads, but, according to Arhur C. Spencer, chief counsel for the O .- W. R. & N. company, it is a physical impossibility for the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific to continue the use Standifer Construction Corporation, ent laid out, and share it with the out debate. The Idaho senstor said

This point is one of the hotly con-This had been hanging fire for traffic officials of the so-called Hill They rushed into a clinch and then ex-hanged body blows. Both landed short ight uppercuts. Dempses ducked into a ight hook which was followed by a left to other places will be paid in Jan-"It is all very well." Mr. Spencer ready to (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

NAVIES PROPOSED

Borah Resolution Names U. S., Britain, Japan.

TRIPARTITE PACT SUGGESTED

5-Year Truce in Building Programme Wanted.

DANIELS OPPOSES PLAN

Alliance Would Be Blunder, Almost Crime, Declares Secretary in Advocating Big Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- Rumored to seek a tripartite agreement with the United States for limitation of warship building programmes come up today in congress.

In the senate a resolution was offered by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. seek an agreement with those powers for a five-year naval building truce with construction programmes cut in half during that period. It would, he said, develop that Great Britain and Japan are sincere in the talk of reducing armaments.

Before the house naval committee, ecretary Daniels presented his recmmendations for naval construction with this comment:

Blunder Feared by Daniels. "I profoundly believe that the Unit-ed States cannot afford to take a fiveyear 'naval holiday' as it has been ru-

suggest to this country. "It would be a blunder, almost ; rime, for the United States to enter nto an alliance with any two or three nations either to suspend or curtail naval building or for any other purpose. It would certainly make for uspicion among the other nations Senator Borah's resolution went to the foreign relations committee with-

he would urge prompt action. The house naval committee prepared

tested issues in the present fight, to inquire into the relative strength many months, but the company has lines contending that it is possible; It was informed by Admiral Counts, In passing sentence, is a behind it.

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Some without due legal a hade in this round.

Dempsey was short with rights to the emergency fleet corporation. However, the company has taken upon it. Strained the limit during the great a lively mixing at the bell. Brennan had a hade in this round.

Strained the limit during the great the comparative capital ship tonnage a lively mixing at the bell. Brennan had a hade in this round. been held up on settlement by the that the terminal was jointly used chief of naval operations, who ac-

> "It is all very well," Mr. Spencer ready tomorrow to discuss in detail bill become a law the state fair and lows: at an executive session the question livestock exposition would be held of relative strength of existing and annually in Portland.

> > folk that the navy should be commensurate with the nation's interests, re-Iterating his opinion that it should be "equal to any in the world."

> > Naval Programme Urged. "I wish we could have a world agreement to settle disputes without recourse to arms," he added, "but until that times comes and comer

> > surely, we ought to carry out our naval prgoramme. The text of the Borah resolution follows:

"Whereas, a representative and official of the Japanese government has advised the world that the Japanese government cannot consent even to onsider a programme of disarmament | Bot on account of the nava! building programme of the United States and,

"Whereas, by this statement, the world is informed and is expected to to support a programme of disarmation, but cannot do so in safety to erself on account of the attitude and pulldless programs. believe that Japan sincerely desires to support a programme of disarmaherself on account of the attitude and building programme of this govern-Disarmament Is Favored.

"Whereas, the only navies whose size and efficiency require the consideration of this government in determining the question of the size of | Minand Japan, two governments long associated by an alliance, and, "Whereas, the United States is now

and has ever been in favor of a practical programme of disarmament; "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled, that the president of the United States is requested, if not incompatible with the public inter-Great Britain and Japan respectively, that this government will at once take up directly with these governments and without waiting the action of any other nation, the question of disarmament, with a view of quickly coming to an understanding by which the building programme of each of these governments, to-wit, of Grea Britain, Japan and the United States shall be reduced annually during the first add to Christmas relief the county for the first respect to So par cent of the fund of The Oregonian. Page 19. next five years to 50 per cent of the present rate.

Programme Would Conform. "Second, that it is the sense of the ongress that in case such an un-erstanding can be reached, that it Southern Pacific cuts lumber rate, Page 7. congress that in case such an unwill conform in its appropriations and building programme to such an agree-"Resolved, further, That this plan is

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BARONS BLAMED FOR HIGH COST OF COAL

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NEW YORKERS DECLARED AT

Operators Charged With Selling at \$15 With Profit Possible at Half That Price.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- Mine operstors were blamed for prevailing high coal prices in a statement issued to day by A. W. Riley, head of the de partment of justice "flying squadron organized to curb profiteering. Mr. Riley charged that some oper

ators are selling coal at \$15 a tor f. o. b. when they could make profits Most of Total Voted Preat half that price. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. - Sharp

criticism of the national coal industry, with implied threat of drastic legislation by congress to meet aleged evils of profitcering and speculation, accompanied the partial reluction and reconstruction, aubmitted to the senate today.

In general, the report, which asked power to continue the investigation suggested government activities to bring about co-operation under regu lation in building construction, by its three republican members. Sen-ators Calder of New York, Edge of itentions of Great Britain and Japan New Jersey and Kenyon of Iowa, supplemented their findings with addiasking special legislative attention to present methods of producing and distributing coal.

These, Chairman Calder said, must be corrected, while Senstor Kenyon declared that "if the matter is to go on, I, for one, harsh as the remedy might be, shall favor taking over the mines. Senator Edge said that "the con

industry cannot bring order out of able relief to the suffering people, se I am ready to modify somewhat, in court opinion made here t "Coal profiteering, especially as it has followed the priority orders of their assessed valuation the interstate commerce commiss ored that England and Japan will has continued unchecked by the de- the voters at a special election held partment of justice, and is a national early in 1919. Figures showing the joint report. "Coal speculation has public by the state highway depart-been permitted to monopolize ment here following the announcethe transportation facilities of the country."

FAIR MERGER IS PLANNED Consolidation of Two Big Orego

Expositions Proposed. SALEM, Or., Dec. 14 .- (Special.)-It was announced here today that a bill is being drafted by a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the state legislature providing for

Marion county legislators said to- Union county, \$1,498,000; Harding's recent statement at Nor- cally all of the representatives and senators outside of Multnomah county,

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FUND PUT IN REACH

Supreme Court Upholds 6 Per Cent Amendment.

BONDS NOW CAN BE SOLD

viously by Counties.

FORMER DECISION VOID

Buling in Hawley Case Against Clackamas Reversed, Also Releasing Other Issues.

ROAD BOND ISSUES MADE AVAILABLE BY SUPREME COURT RULING. ickamas

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14 - (Special.)-Approximately \$6,000,000 will be made the prevailing chaos, and give reason- available for road construction work in Oregon as a result of a supreme this case, my opposition to govern- ing valid the constitutional amendment intrusion into private business ment providing that counties may and to advocate legitimate scrutiny." Issue bonds for permanent highway improvements up to 6 per cent of The amendment was approved by

disgrace," the committee said in its amount to be available were made public by the state highway department of the supreme court's decision Today's opinion by the supreme ourt reversed the ruling in the case of W. P. Hawley of Oregon City

against Clackamas county. Bond Issues Made Available. The ruling validating the constituional amendment was ase brought by the Ladd & Tilton bank of Portland against John Fraw lev. treasurer of Union county, to collect interest on approximately \$69,000 of road bends purchased from the county. In the Clackamas case the ourt had held that additional legislation was needed to make the

amendment effective. Bond issues voted by counties which 864,600, United States 468,000, Japan in readiness to submit for the con- | were held up by the first opinion of sideration of the lawmakers early in the supreme court, but which new The officer was instructed to be their session next month. Should the will be made available are as fol-Lane county, approximately \$2,000 .-

000; Clackamas county, \$1,700,000; Secretary Daniels told the commit- day that the bill would have hard county, \$500,000; Yambill county, tee he agreed entirely with Senator siedding. They declared that practi- \$420,000, and Crook county, \$220,000. Bonds Voted Previously. Practically all of these bonds had

been voted prior to receipt of tha opinion in the Clackamas county case, which held them to be invalid in the absence of legislation putting the 6 cent Indebtedness limitation amendment into effect. Roy Klein, secretary of the highway department, said that in revers-

ing its previous ruling the supreme court had placed the several countles iffected in a position to sell their securities and start actual road imrovement operations at an early date ext spring. The opinion validating the highway

onstitutional amendment was writen by Justice Bean. Concurring with Justice Bean in his opinion were Chief Justice Mc-Bride and Justices Harris, Johns and Brown. Justices Burnett and Benson Question Carefully Examined.

"After a careful examination and econsideration of the questions volved," said Justice Bean in the case. Domestic.

Barding thinks association of nations problem will be solved without difficulty.

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affecting Union county, "we hold that the amendment of section 10, article 2, of the constitution, taken in connection with change 102. the amendment of section 10, article 2, ion with chapter 103, general laws of Oregon for the year 1913, is in full ine operators held responsible for high and complete effect. The bonds in coal prices in New York. Page 1. question were regularly issued and are a valid obligation of the county

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Outlier, while Justice Brown ounty, while Justice Brown, who sucseeded Mr. Bennett on the bench, concurred with Justice Bean in the predominating opinion in the Union

to 6 per cent was not self-executing. and consequently the bonds were invalid for the reason that the amount involved was in excess of the 4 per ent limitation based on the assessed valuation of all taxable property in

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n et al. vo. N. M. Apple (Concluded on Page 6, Column 4)

