

USE OF EX-GERMAN CABLES TO CONTINUE

Agreement is Reached at International Meet.

POWERS RETAIN CONTROL

Further Sessions of Conference Arranged, Delegates Going Home to Consult Governments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Sessions of the international communications conference, three days ago over failure to agree on disposition of the former German cables, will continue under a modus vivendi adopted today at a plenary session.

Representatives of France, Great Britain and Japan in the meantime will return home to confer with their governments relative to the primary questions at issue, none of which had been settled at the sessions, which began here October 8. The ambassadors of the three nations will continue in accordance with the stipulations for the specially appointed delegates.

The modus vivendi as drawn up at today's session and made public by the state department tonight further provides: Present Status Continues.—That after January 1 the German cables seized by Great Britain, France and Japan during the war shall be operated as at present for the financial account of the active powers (Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States) provided, however, that in accounting for such operation the income, after deducting expenses, shall be apportioned in accordance with the final disposition to be made of such cables.

That should a final agreement as to disposition of the cables not be reached by next February 15 the conference shall immediately arrange a new modus vivendi to become effective on or before next March 15. Concessions making possible today's provisional agreements were understood to have resulted in large part from pressure brought to bear in the conference by Acting Secretary of State Davis, who last week obtained from the senate foreign relations committee assurances of support for the American delegation's contentions. The American and Italian delegations were understood to have objected to any adjournment of the conference without some sort of an agreement.

Yap Not Yet Disposed Of.—Disposition of the island of Yap, center of cable communication in the Pacific, for which it has been suggested Japan be given the mandate, as well as the settlement of the principle insisted upon by the United States of equal landing rights on the island for the cables of all countries, were questions left unsettled. It was stated that the eventual disposition of Yap might be decided only by a settlement entirely independent of the communications conference and after an examination of the status of the pan's title. The principal other bone of contention which has been outstanding at this time of the disposition of the former German cables was the refusal of the United States to admit the claim of Italy or the United States to the German trans-Atlantic cable held by France connecting New York with Brazil.

INJUNCTION UNDER WAY

PAPERS IN SANITARIUM CASE BEING PREPARED.

Member of Legal Department of State Board of Health at Roseburg to Enter Fight.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—H. G. McInturf, of the legal department of the state board of health, arrived in Roseburg today bringing injunction proceedings against the Winchester Sanitarium company. He is being assisted in the suit by District Attorney Neuner, City Attorney Wimberly and Attorney Coshow, representing Dr. Esther Fohl Lovejoy of Portland, and Steve Pearson, both of the latter owning property adjoining the site of the proposed sanitarium.

The necessary papers were being prepared today. The suit is being brought against the Winchester hospital for the care of tuberculosis, George A. Lovejoy, president of the corporation; V. E. Rutter, vice-president; H. E. Gurney, secretary and C. W. Frazer, the contractor who has charge of the buildings now under construction. The suit is the outgrowth of an attempt on the part of Dr. Lovejoy to prevent the construction of the hospital, partially because she owns property adjoining the sanitarium and for the reason that it is alleged the refuse from the hospital will contaminate the waters of the North Umpqua river from which the city of Roseburg receives its main water supply.

The state board of health and Mr. Lovejoy are bringing separate actions against the sanitarium company and will endeavor to stop the construction or operation of the hospital on the grounds that it will prove a nuisance and menace to the health of the community.

PRICE FIXING REQUESTED

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"and for the outlet of farm produce direct to the consumer. It should benefit both the vendor, who grew or raised his own commodities and it should benefit the customer. "I believe that the present showing is such that immediate reform, through the restoration of the price fixing power, should be undertaken by the city council. A public market that has ceased to be of benefit to the public is an admitted failure for its chief purpose stands defeated." Commissioner Sigelow said that the market master's report on Yamhill street profiteering, together with the recommendation that municipal control of maximum prices be restored, will be laid before the city council at an early meeting. He is confident that the showing is so conclusive, and conditions so plainly at variance with public policy, that affirmative action must and will be taken. There is abundant evidence as recent as yesterday that the amalgamated association of rural chicken dressers—no social pun intended—have successfully raised their wage scale. Neither the market master nor other observers dignified the situation as poultry profiteering, but they did emit sundry clucks of astonishment as they gazed upon the price tags that decorate the poultry stalls.

Plucked hens of four pounds weight, which is the ring-side average of public market poultry, were quoted last year at \$1.12 wholesale, and sold in the public stalls, where countrymen displayed them, for \$1.36, or an advance of 24 cents over wholesale.

Market Prices Raised.—The prices in general were high, but the profit in this instance was not apparently exorbitant. A similar fowl today, fattened on cheaper feed—for the cost of poultry scratch has declined materially—is quoted wholesale at \$1.20. But the price asked for the same bird at retail on the public market is \$1.80, or an advance of 60 cents over wholesale.

"The public market is contributing to the plucking of the customer," declared Marketmaster Eastman "Here, where the housewife has every reason to expect an early reflection of the price decline in all commodities, she finds that prices in general are higher than they were last year. Why is it, with cheaper feed, that producers are compelled to ask more than three times the profit of last year on a dressed chicken? Not only is it, but the price of the dressed chicken is being denied the reductions that should result from the vendors, but actually these fellows have arbitrarily increased their charges."

On the "inside" markets along Yam-

COUNTY'S HOSPITAL MAY COST MILLION

Increase Foreseen by Commissioners in 1916.

\$250,000 ALREADY SPENT

Latest Request Is for \$450,000 and Guessers Hope to Stop at \$750,000.

Originally starting out aimlessly with an appropriation of \$100,000, the new county hospital being constructed on the brow of Marquam hill is in a fair way to cost a million dollars or more.

In its construction the new hospital

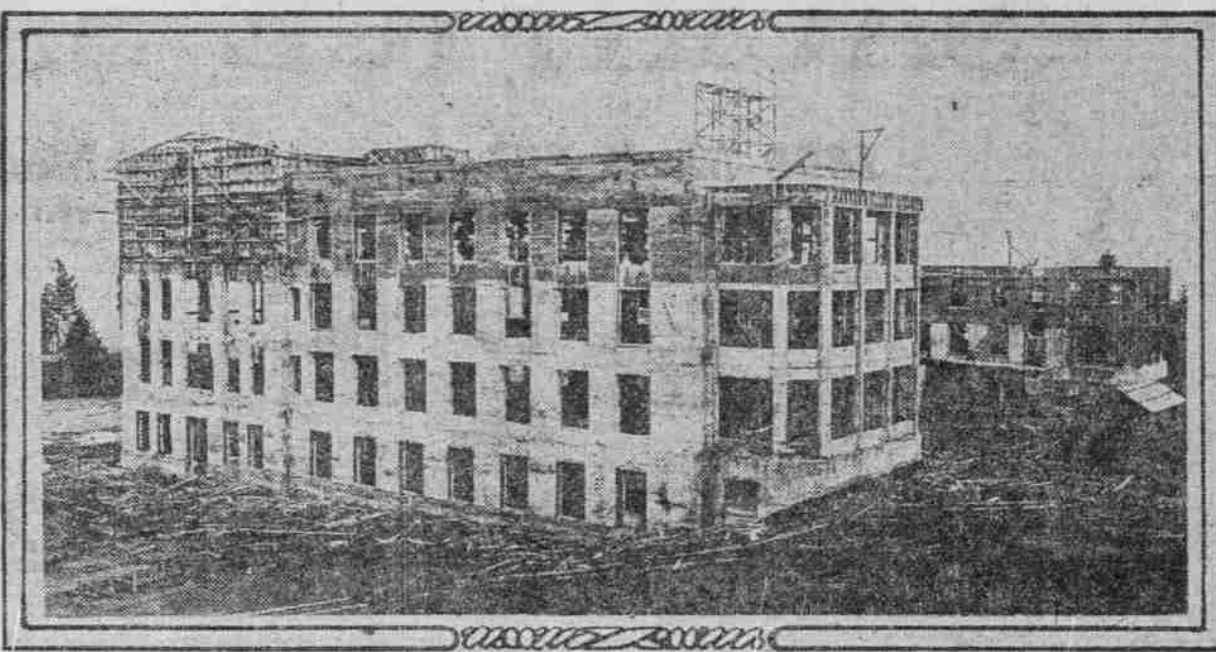
committee, before any money was expended. The committee observed that the county commissioners, while wanting to build a new hospital, had no definite project outlined and no estimate of what the cost to the taxpayers ultimately would total. After making this wise recommendation to the county commissioners, the budget committee decided that \$100,000 instead of \$150,000 be put in the budget for the first year of the hospital.

This original \$100,000 never went into the hospital. The war came on and it was used for other purposes. In 1913 the budget contained \$200,000 for the new county hospital. This was supposed to be the amount that would be necessary. The hospital proper, it was estimated, would cost \$150,000, and a home for nurses would cost another \$50,000. At the end of 1913 only a few thousand dollars had been expended out of the \$200,000, and the \$150,000 balance lapsed.

\$450,000 Additional Asked.—For 1920 the county commissioners planned as usual to build the first unit of the hospital and \$250,000 was put into the budget and all has been used, and for 1921 the commissioners are asking for an additional \$450,000. Thus the new county hospital which in 1916 was thought could be built for \$100,000 and in 1919 was thought could be built for \$200,000, has already had expended on it \$250,000 and \$450,000 more is asked. Commissioners

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NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL AS IT NOW APPEARS.



THIS BUILDING IS INTENDED AS FIRST UNIT IN EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ON MARQUAM HILL.

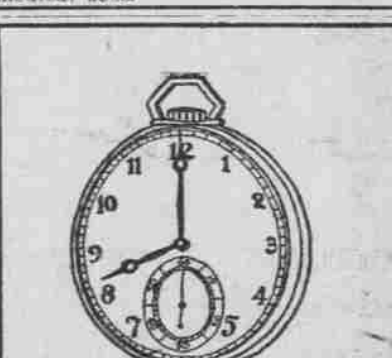
hill, over which the market master has no supervision, a somewhat similar attitude was observed. Fancy porks listed in the present market at quotations 14 cents. Yet for pork shoulder steaks, not at all fancy, dealers were asking and getting as high as 39 cents a pound, while for loin steak they were receiving as high as 40 cents. Just what happens to the porker, from the moment he leaves the chilling room, rather humbly rated, to that instant when he appears in the block, is not clear. The increase in value, in one of the most pressing puzzles of the times.

"The retail price of pork is far too high, considering the wholesale market," commented a patron. "Here, too, it is noticeable that the public is not receiving the proper benefits of the price decline. Pork loins should retail, if a just reduction were made, for not more than dealers are asking today for pork shoulders."

Bakers Are Criticized.—Criticism along the market was also directed toward the price of bread. Though slight reductions have been made, it was pointed out that the flour which is sold for example, was selling for the same figure approximately that it brought when flour was 100 cents a barrel. And bakers' flour yesterday was quoted at \$8.75. Another item that entered into the bakers' argument for higher bread prices, some time ago, was shortening. They declared that the unprecendented cost of this ingredient made an advance urgently necessary. Shortening has been selling for at least 20 per cent less, so it was charged, while bread moved handily on at the old figure.

Prohibition Director Sued.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A suit in equity to restrain the federal prohibition director, Ralph W. Stone, from refusing to issue prescription blanks for medicinal liquor to physicians, as required by the doctors, instead of a limited number each month, was filed today in the United States district court by Dr. E. P. Murdock, president of the American Protective Medical Association. The suit is based on the 18th amendment merely forbids the use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes and places no restrictions on medicinal uses.



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is doing the very thing that the budget advisory committee feared and warned against November 17, 1916. The budget advisory committee did considerable thinking when county commissioners asked for \$150,000 to be appropriated in the budget for a new county hospital to be built on the hill.

The main idea of the county commissioners was that there should be a new hospital and that it should be erected on the hill. The commissioners had no plans and no idea of costs, but thought that \$150,000 would build a very nice unit.

Far-Sightedness Evident.—The advisory committee rubbed its collective chins, squinted collectively at the ceiling, and offered and adopted unanimously a recommendation. This recommendation in the light of December, 1920, shows that the members of the advisory board were far-sighted back in November, 1916.

The courthouse was expected to cost \$800,000. It cost more than \$1,500,000 when finished. The budget committee was thinking of the courthouse when the county commissioners were asking for an appropriation for a new county hospital.

"This hospital," announced a member of the budget committee, "may ultimately cost far in excess of what was contemplated first." Acting on this thought the committee drafted and adopted a resolution to the effect that a committee consisting of taxpayers and doctors investigate the proposition of a hospital and get estimates of the work, without expense to the county. This data was to be obtained, according to the recommendation of the budget

admit that it will not cost less than \$750,000, but the commissioners have not been as good guessers as was thought. In 1916, which foresaw exactly what would happen to the hospital proposition.

ROAD FUND IN REACH

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maiz, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county, appeal from Multnomah county. Opinion by Justice Johns. Judge G. U. Gantenbein reversed.

State of Oregon vs. Lark N. Evans, petition for rehearing denied in opinion by Justice Harris. Joe Obermeier vs. Esther Mattison, mortgage company Holland-America, and John Van Zandt, appellants; petition for rehearing denied in opinion by Justice Burnett.

PROGRAMME IS OUTLINED.—Contracts for 55 1/2 Miles to Be Awarded in January. For the January meeting of the state highway commission contracts will be awarded for 55 1/2 miles of work. Of this mileage, 21 miles will

be for hard-surfacing on the Pacific highway; 19 miles of grading on the old Oregon trail and 14 miles of surfacing on the Columbia highway and 1 1/2 miles of grading and graveling on the coast highway.

This was the agreement reached yesterday noon by R. A. Booth and John B. Yeon of the state highway commission. As soon as the commissioners agreed on these sections Chairman Booth telephoned to the highway department at Salem to prepare the calls for bids. Estimates for all this work have been compiled by the engineering force.

One of the paving projects will be hard-surfacing for six miles from Roseburg south toward Dillard, which will connect it with the hard-surface now laid from Dillard to the point opposite Myrtle Creek. A six-mile paving contract is contemplated for the stretch between Walker and Divide, or rather coming within half a mile of Divide. To connect the paving at Junction City and Monroe, a contract will be let for paving nine miles. This will link up other paving jobs. The pavement now runs from Goshen north through Eugene to Junction City and the proposed contract will push it north to Monroe, where it will join more pavement.

Nineteen miles of grading will be contracted on the old Oregon trail from Nelson to Huntington. From The Dalles to Deschutes, on the Columbia river highway, the commission will contract for a macadam surface. This is a 14-mile project. Curry county will receive 1 1/2 miles of grading and graveling from Port Orford south to Hubbard creek where the commission is now completing a section from Hubbard creek to Brush creek.

At the time the commissioners defini-

nitely decided on this programme yesterday word was received that the supreme court had reversed itself on the county bond decision. The commission has advanced \$900,000 to counties and now that the bonds are declared valid by the supreme court the commission need not worry about reimbursement. The advance was work which the state highway commission did for the counties, such as financing grading of state highways.

PRESENT MEASURES OPPOSED

County Judges and Commissioners Discuss Limitation Amendment.

Discussion of the 6 per cent tax limitation by officials yesterday attending the convention of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners developed strong objections to the present measure and probably will result in the adoption today of resolutions proposing changes.

The opinion seemed general that counties were forced to take from their road funds amounts needed for administration and other purposes. In some cases, it was brought out, such small levies were being made at the time the limitation was first put in force that this slight annual increase has not grown in proportion with the needs of the government.

IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED

Work on Highway to Be Considered at Local Meeting.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Proposals for the improvement of approximately 48 miles of road in Oregon will be received and opened at a

meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland January 4, according to announcement made here today. The roads to be improved, together with the character of work, follows: Huntington—Nelson section, old Oregon trail in Malheur county, 19 miles of grading; Port Orford—Hubbard creek section, Columbia river highway in Wasco county, 12 miles of grading; Lexington to the Gilliam county line section, Oregon—Washington highway in Morrow county, 25 miles of crushed rock macadam; Roseburg—Dillard section, Pacific highway in Douglas county, 6.7 miles of paving; Divide to Walker station, Pacific highway, Lane county, 9 miles of paving.

CLACKAMAS TO SELL BONDS

Original Plan to Be Followed but Bridge Idea Is Dropped.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—By a ruling handed down by the supreme court today, the \$1,700,000 road bond issue for Clackamas county was declared valid. This decision was brought about by purchasers of bonds in Union county, who, on the refusal of the treasurer of that county to pay the interest due on bonds sold there, brought suit to determine the validity of the bonds in Union county. The supreme court automatically made the Clackamas county issue valid.

While the bonds here will be sold under the original plan to purchasers the amount of \$250,000 for a new bridge across the Willamette river, connecting West Linn and Oregon City will go by the board. The reason for this is that if the \$250,000

bridge bond issue was included, the county would then exceed the limitation act of 6 per cent as made plain by the law.

FURLOUGHS ARE OFFERED

Men Enlisting Now Need Not Report Until After Holidays.

Men who enlist in the navy prior to the holidays will receive furloughs from December 15 to January 3, inclusive, and at the expiration of that period they may report to the main recruiting station of the district in which they are in for orders, according to advices received by the local navy recruiting office yesterday from Washington.

It is the intention of the navy department to recruit 4000 men this week, this being the quota which must be maintained weekly by recruiting officers if they hope to secure 142,000 men before March 1, given an opportunity to join the fleet in its world cruise, which is scheduled to begin June 1, 1921.

JANITORS DEMAND RISE

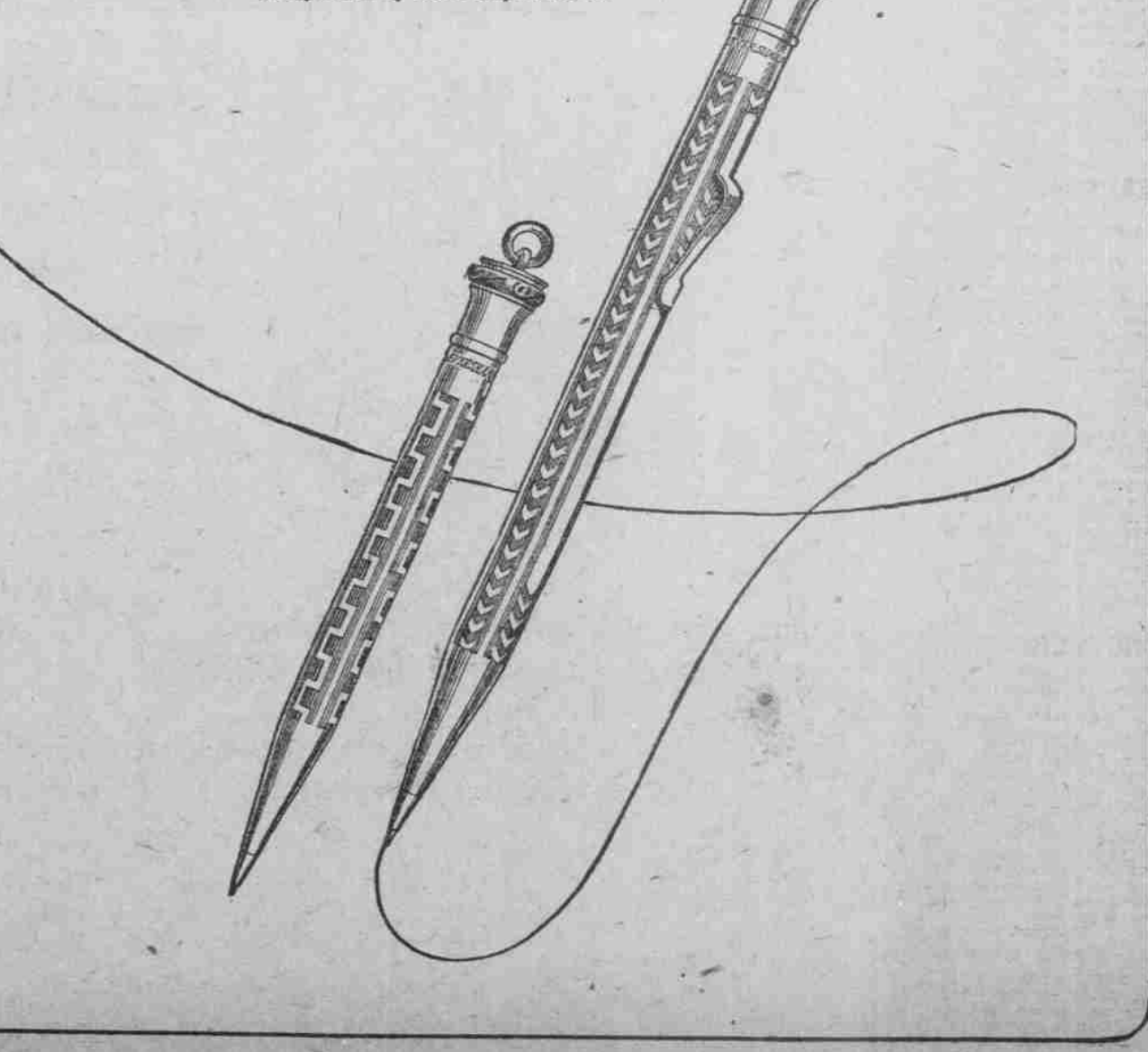
25 Per Cent Increase or Strike Is Ultimatum of Union.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Chicago janitors issued their "Happy New Year" message to apartment dwellers today. Unless demands for a blanket increase of 25 per cent in wages are granted, union janitors will desert their fires and go on strike December 31, according to Wm. Quesse, president of the union.

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