

PASSAGE OF CHINA BILL SNEED VITAL

Carl L. Seitz Argues Before
House Committee.

BUSINESS HANDICAP CITED

Americans, Burdened by Taxes and
Various Incorporation Laws,
Unable to Compete.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Carl L. Seitz, speaking for the united business interests of China, and accompanied by W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, appeared this afternoon before the ways and means committee of the house and argued for the federal incorporation measure sponsored by Representative Dyer of Missouri. The ways and means committee has that portion of the bill related to the exception of proposed Chinese companies from excess profits. The house judiciary committee has the other phases of the bill before it, and expects to report it out favorably within the next few days.

"American business in China is folding its tents and stealing away," said Mr. Seitz. "This is due to the disadvantageous conditions under which it labors. Our chief competitors, particularly the British, have most encouraging incorporation laws for China business. These favorable measures on the part of our rivals lead to stability and inspire the confidence of the Chinese. We, on the other hand, working under the incorporation laws of about 48 states, face a maze of system and thus confuse the Chinese as to what American corporations really are."

Tax Burden Lifted.

Also the British, French, Japanese and Italian exempt their China companies from excess profits taxes, so long as they operate in that country, thus inviting Chinese capital to join these nations. Without tax burdens and through this system they build up great, sound business. The result is that Americans cannot procure this co-operation of native capital in their companies, and the cream of China business is lost to them.

You have your ships going to China, to deliver and receive cargo. Your American companies are the only ones that will fully protect the business of these vessels.

Equal Laws Held Necessary.

"Your American manufacturer and exporter seeks that great growing market. It is wholly impossible to expect China companies of other nations to press our goods. You must have American organizations operating there on an equal competitive basis with the companies of other nations. To insure the presence of these companies, they must have equal laws and protection."

Mr. Seitz told the committee that China and the Orient as a whole are great potential markets for American products, but to realize upon these possibilities, America must meet competition at every step of the game.

No Report Promised.

He received considerable encouragement, but no report by the ways and means committee was promised at an early date. Further presentations will be made in the hope of early action.

All of the commercial bodies of the Pacific slope have seen the strong possible endorsements of the plea of the Chinese business men and the case is being taken up by nearly all of the commercial interests of the east. It now looks as though this measure will have a practically unanimous support from commercial and industrial interests of the country, which will in all probability induce congress to give it favorable and early consideration.

Both Senators Jones of Washington and McNary of Oregon have introduced similar bills in the senate. As soon as the house has acted the senate will take up consideration of the measure and friends are confident that it will get through before the end of the present session.

PARTY PROTECTION IS AIM

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law, if amended will probably be even more the voice of the people than it is now.

Naturally, there will be opposition to any attempt to change a line of the primary law, but in the years the law has been in operation, it has developed many defects, and the people do not consider it so sacrosanct today as they did when the "assembly" was held long ago. The "assembly" was a wish to maintain party organization, but in those days, the direct primary was too new and the people were not so aware of its weak spots.

Heretofore the most vociferous opponents of any change in the primary law have been the Democrats, and the leaders have come to the conclusion that they are soon to have nothing to lead unless the party can be rehabilitated. The Democrats contend that if a convention can be held, it will be possible to go to substantial citizens of that party and induce them to run, whereas now only those people become candidates who are self-starters.

The proposed change in the primary law is now being carefully drafted. The subject has been under consideration for a week and has been discussed in conference on several occasions. If sufficient support is gathered for the bill, the measure will make its appearance possibly next week.

GAS RISES TO 85 CENTS

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In comparison with the schedule asked by the company and the rates granted by the commission.

The new rates, announced effective on January 15, will be pro-rated with the old in charging for the month of January, said John C. Laing, the president of the company. Official notification of the increase has not yet been received by the company and until it has been examined and the new schedule worked out very little definite information on its application can be given out.

Consumers under the new rate will pay \$1.71 for 1000 cubic feet; \$3 for 2000 feet and \$4.45 for 3000 feet. Under the rate asked by the company they would have paid \$1.59 for 1000 feet; \$2.25 for 2000 feet and \$4.59 for 3000 feet. The old rate was based on \$1 per 1000 feet with a discount of 5 cents for cash on the rate per 1000.

In its ruling on rates for gas heaters for houses the commission will allow a net rate of \$1 cents a thousand feet on all gas consumed in excess of 5000 feet. This ruling applies, however, only to residences in which heaters were installed prior

to January 15. New gas heater customers must be charged at a net rate of about 50 cents a thousand feet for all gas in excess of 5000 feet consumed.

The first 200 feet for gas heaters will cost the consumer 85 cents, while the charge for the next 4200 feet is placed at \$1.05 per thousand under the new schedule. The rate in this case granted by the commission represents a higher charge than that asked by the company, which sought a service charge of \$1.20 a month and a net rate of 50 cents a thousand feet for all gas used for heating.

Rates for commercial users will increase about 60 per cent under the new schedule, officials of the company estimated. The large user will pay for the gas consumed at the prices authorized for various quantities and not at the rate granted for his entire consumption as at present. Under the new schedule all users, no matter how much they consume, will pay the first charge of 85 cents for the first 500 feet; for the next 9500 feet he will pay at the rate of \$1.05 per thousand, and on up through the various stages. Consumers who use more than 200,000 feet will pay 85 cents a thousand for all exceeding that amount, but must pay according to the schedule for the 100,000, the 50,000, the 40,000, the 30,000 and the 20,000 feet consumed before reaching the 200,000 mark.

The increase in rates probably will allow the company to remedy low pressure trouble in the outlying districts of the city by construction of larger mains and building of tanks, according to Hilmar Papst, general manager of the company. No announcements of improvements were made.

AUTO OWNERSHIP NO BAR

SEIZURE OF ALL LIQUOR CARRIERS IS UPHOLD.

Supreme Court Holds Innocence Does Not Prevent Loss of Machine, Even if Lent Friend.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Seizure of automobiles or other conveyances in which liquors are transported illegally is authorized whether or not the owner of the conveyance has been found innocent of conveying the law, the supreme court held today in deciding a case from Georgia.

In the case at issue, federal agents seized an automobile owned by J. W. Goldsmith, which had been loaned by him to a friend and in which intoxicants were transported, illegally. Goldsmith claimed that he did not know that the machine was to be put to such use, but the government's contention that when he entrusted his property to another he assumed the risk of loss from whatever cause it might occur was upheld by the court.

Justice McKenna, who read the opinion of the court, went back to the Mosaic statutes for initial justification of the government's contention, quoting from the ancient tablets to the effect that "if an ox gore a man and he die, the ox shall be stoned and his flesh not eaten." From that he turned to the present case, saying: "Whether these indicated possibilities under the law are justified, we are not called upon to consider." Justice McKenna said, "We also reserve opinion as to whether the section can be extended to property stolen or otherwise taken from an owner without his consent."

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Guard at Vladivostok Admits He
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Ante-Mortem Tale Upheld.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, American naval officer who was shot and killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok January 8, was the victim of an unprovoked attack, dispatches to the state department and to the navy department today agreed.

The dispatches were based on statements elicited from the accused sentry by the Japanese board of investigation and court of inquiry. The sentry's statements were described as agreeing with the ante-mortem story by Lieutenant Langdon in that the sentry was the first to fire. The sentry, who previously had maintained that he was shot by a Japanese officer, also was reported as agreeing with the court of inquiry that he had discharged his rifle by accident.

Court-Martial Is Advised.

The dispatches to the navy department, filed by Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, now en route to Vladivostok with an American naval court of inquiry, added that the sentry had been recommended for court-martial by the Japanese authorities.

While the dispatches were more complete than any previous ones and, while officials expressed gratification that an agreement had been reached as to what happened, no tendency was displayed in official circles to relax the determination to investigate thoroughly, and for that reason Admiral Gleaves will continue to the Siberian port. State department officials also continued to await a reply to the note sent Japan requesting an explanation of the incident and assurances that it would not be repeated.

Victim Returning to Ship.

The state department was informed that Langdon, who is described as "a total abstainer," was returning to his ship early on January 8, using a flashlight to pick his way along an ice-covered street. The sentry was on duty before the headquarters of the Japanese 11th division.

The final story and full admission of the sentry, the summary of the report of the investigating board ascertained by the state department, "made out a thorough and thorough investigation and court of inquiry, was that the sentry left his post, ran across the street, three times fired his rifle, and that Lieutenant Langdon did not halt."

The sentry said that he then took position three paces in front of Lieutenant Langdon with his rifle held at "charge bayonet." Lieutenant Langdon then stopped according to the sentry's story, and shifted the electric pocket lamp to his left hand, groping with his right hand in the pockets of his overcoat.

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FARE RISE DISAPPOINTING

STREETCAR REVENUE NOT AS BIG AS SEATTLE EXPECTED.

Superintendent Makes Report on First Two Days' Receipts—Figures Are Not Published.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The increase in streetcar fares in Seattle thus far has failed to produce all the revenue expected of it, Superintendent Henderson said today.

While figures on actual fare receipts are available for only two days, Superintendent Henderson said, they indicate that while the \$1.3-cent fare will produce revenue enough to meet operating expenses and interest charges, it will not produce enough to meet payments on the principal, which will become due next year and for which the railway fund should be setting aside cash all this year.

"I will not give out the figures for the two days now available," said Superintendent Henderson, "for I am sure they are not adequate as an indication of what the increased fare will produce in revenue. I will wait until at least a week's figures are ready."

"We have figures on cash taken in over several days, but as the cash will not be earned until the tokens are tendered for transportation it would be useless to announce these, as the figures would be misleading."

"Altogether the figures on fares thus far are satisfactory, but those who expected the increase to produce enough money to pay the principal on the \$15,000,000 purchase price will be disappointed, I believe."

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SPAIN MACHINE HALTS

High Government Officials Join Subordinates in Strike.

MADRID, Jan. 17.—The strike of government employees has interfered with the state machinery, high officials joining their subordinates. Consequently government checks are unsigned and persons to whom interest is due have been unable to collect the money.

There has been discontent owing to the government's refusal to grant the demand for increased salaries to meet the high cost of living.

Passports to Be Vised.

VIENNA, Jan. 17.—(Jewish Telegraph Agency.)—As a result of an urgent telegraphic appeal from Vienna, Poland has instructed its ambassador at Budapest to give the passports of all Galician Jewish refugees returned in Hungary who desire to return to their native homes.

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