

\$1,700,000 DEAL MADE IN REALTY

Chamber of Commerce Building Goes to Railroad

NORTH BANK TRADES GROUND

Moritz Thomsen Gets East Side Waterfront Property.

EACH WORTH \$850,000

Concentration of Railroad and Other Offices in Newly Acquired Structure Rumored.

An exchange of properties involving values of \$1,700,000 between the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and Moritz Thomsen, millionaire Seattle miller, has been arranged, giving to the railway right and title to the Chamber of Commerce building, a big downtown business block of 10 stories, and to Mr. Thomsen 11 parcels of ground located between the Hawthorne and Burnside bridges, on the east side. Each is valued at \$850,000, hence the trade is equal. Papers probably will be signed in the near future. The deal was handled through the realty firm of Keasey & Keasey.

After the deal, one of the largest reported in Portland for a long time, had been made public through another source, W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, and of the other so-called Hill lines in Oregon, reluctantly confirmed the transaction.

Contracts Not Yet Signed. He added that it had been hoped by those interested that it would "get out" just yet, as the actual signing of contracts has not been accomplished. However, he said there is no doubt that the exchange would be perfected soon.

Having confirmed the transaction to this extent, Mr. Turner announced that the S. P. & S. general offices now located in the Pittcock block, would be transferred to the ninth and tenth stories of the Chamber of Commerce building as soon as possible. There were some leases to be considered, he said, and as nearly as possible to be completed before the entire headquarters of the Hill lines were established in the new home.

The property of the railway company involved in the deal is all within three blocks of the waterfront, blocks to be built directly north of the Hawthorne bridge, now occupied by some sand and gravel companies. The other parcels are farther away from the harbor line. They are all surplus land from the purchases of the Hill people here some years ago, when their east side terminals were under contemplation, but have not been used directly by the lines.

The Chamber of Commerce building was constructed of sandstone 27 years ago and, according to Mr. Turner, is as good as new as it is regarded as substantial now as it was when first built. It is one of the largest of the city's business structures, although not as high as several.

Large Frontage Is Held. It has a frontage of 100 feet on Third and Fourth streets and 200 on Stark. It houses, among numerous other features, the Bank of California, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Hartman & Thompson bank and safety deposit vaults of large proportions, all on the ground floor.

There was a strong rumor last night to the effect that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, having exchanged the east side property for the Chamber of Commerce building, that it was the plan to center all of the railroad offices and probably some of the steamship headquarters here in that structure. It was even intimated that, should the consolidated ticket office, now located at Third and Washington streets, be continued by the railroads, that it, too, might be moved to this new location.

At Seattle last night Mr. Thomsen declined to go into details regarding the exchange, except to say that he "has plans" for the property in Portland. Until the deeds are signed and full transfer is made, he said, he would make no extended statement.

Mr. Thomsen is one of the most prominent business men in the northwest and has long been engaged in the milling business. The big Centennial mills in Seattle are a part of his property. He is identified with several other large concerns, including the Seattle Dock company.

LAND BRINGS \$2855 ACRE

Quarter Section Valued for Oil Sells for \$456,800. VISALIA, Cal., April 5.—A quarter section of government land in the Elk hills oil district of Kern county was sold at a United States land office auction here today to E. L. Doherty of Los Angeles for a bonus of \$456,800. In addition to the bonus Doherty must pay the government \$1 an acre and 25 per cent royalty on the oil produced from the land.

All the large oil companies in the state were represented at the auction and three other quarter sections were sold at prices almost as high as Doherty paid.

TOO HASTY PEACE OPPOSED BY HARDING

PRESIDENT FAVORS CAREFUL DELIBERATION, INSTEAD.

Chief Executive Not Committed to Programme Announced by Some Republicans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—Whatever may be the expectations of republican senators who want an early declaration of peace with Germany, it was made known authoritatively today, President Harding has not thrown the influence of his administration behind the movement, but was inclined to look with disapproval on any prospect of precipitate action.

It was revealed that the president has not committed himself to a programme, though he was said to be leaning more and more to a belief that the Versailles covenant cannot in any practical way be used now as a basis for his association of nations. He has begun canvassing the situation, and although a part of his programme may be decided soon, it probably will be many weeks before it is revealed entirely.

In his consideration of the peace resolution, which some of the senate leaders want to press to an early passage, convening Monday, the president was understood to have held that in the settlement of so important a question the nation must proceed with care.

It was said he had not withdrawn the approval he gave the resolution in the last congress, but was convinced that the situation does not require haste as much as deliberation. There have been indications that the administration would consider itself in a better position to make advances for an association of nations if the peace declaration were delayed.

Intimations have come that statesmen would consider passage of the measure a great handicap in the negotiations for a peace concert, weakening the position of the American government with its ex-associates in the war and making them less susceptible to American suggestions.

It has been hinted to the president by some advisors that, like the outstanding war debt, a pending resolution of peace might be used as a lever to bring the allied governments into accord with the proposals of this government.

At a dinner last night some senators were understood to have informed Mr. Viviani of France, the government not hope a peace declaration would be long delayed. They plan to bring the measure quickly into the programme of the special session and they express confidence that it will be adopted quickly.

There has been no indication that the president would have an open fight to delay action, but what he says in his message would be studied carefully for delicate shades of meaning, and the impression he conveys is expected to have much weight with many republican senators.

ANKENY WORTH \$1,500,000

Will of ex-Senator Leaves Whole Estate to Four Children.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—The will of ex-Senator Levi Ankeny was filed today, his fortune being left in trust until his youngest child, Mrs. Harriet Pope, wife of Colonel Francis Pope, is 35 years of age, which will not be for about six years. The property is to be divided equally between the four children.

The will, which was drawn July 18, 1915, names his wife and his son John as executrix and executor and leaves his wife that part of his property which would go to her had he died intestate. She died about a year ago, leaving John Ankeny sole executor. There are no outside bequests. The heirs are John, Nesmith, Robert and Mrs. Pope. No estimate of the value of the property was given, but it was approximately \$1,500,000. The executor is empowered to advance any part of shares to any of the heirs.

PAPER DELIVERY SPEEDED

Toronto Evening Telegram Begins Use of Branch Plant.

TORONTO, Ont., April 5.—To expedite distribution, the Toronto Evening Telegram today began publishing part of each edition in a branch plant four miles from the main office. The branch turned out papers simultaneously with headquarters. All copy was edited and set in the main plant and pages stereotyped before being rushed to the uptown branch.

OMAHA BEATS REFORMER

Ex-Mayor Dahlman Leads 8000 Votes for Nomination. OMAHA, Neb., April 5.—James C. Dahlman, former mayor, was far in the lead for mayor at the primaries here today upon returns from 142 out of 161 precincts.

A. L. Sutton, former district judge, making the race for mayor upon the moral issue, trailed Dahlman by more than 8000 votes.

AIR TRAIL BLAZER KILLED

Aviator Who Piloted Army Planes to Alaska Loses Life.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 5.—Captain J. A. Leroy, who blazed the trail through the northwest for the American army planes which flew to Alaska last year, was killed today in an airplane accident at Camp Borden according to reports received here.

RIOTS BREAK OUT IN BRITISH STRIKE

Coal Pits Are Raided by Mobs of Workers.

POLICE ARE OVERWHELMED

Concentration of Troops in London Is Started.

PRODUCTION IS HALTED

Parliament Discusses Situation. Does Nothing—Public Wonders What End Will Be.

LONDON, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—With all coal mining in Great Britain stopped, the public was considering tonight whether the paralysis would extend to the railways and other transport, and even among workers generally. Parliament discussed the situation today without taking any steps. The National Transport Workers' federation delegates conferred without reaching a decision as to whether to call a strike in support of the miners. The railway men, the transport workers and the miners will meet separately tomorrow.

The miners took strong measures in several places today against owners protecting their property. A successful attack was made on the guardian of a mine near Edinburgh, Scotland.

Thousand Miners March. A thousand miners marched to the pithead of the Ocean collieries in Rhondda, Wales, and successfully demanded withdrawal of the officials working the pumps. Referees in several towns have refused applications of strikers for unemployment pay. Four hundred delegates, representing a half-million workers, attended the meeting of the transport men's delegates. It was reported they were considering other measures to help the miners as an alternative to striking, one measure being a refusal to transport coal.

Factory Closings Continue. Reports of factories closing continue to be published. The attitude of the public and workers seemingly was that this is as good time as any for threshing out the vital problem of reduced wages, which the employers contend is necessary if the country is to continue doing business, and which the workers insist should be accomplished by gradual stages if it cannot be avoided.

The government began concentrating troops in Kensington gardens, in (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

EX-EMPEROR CHARLES QUILTS WEST HUNGARY

SPECIAL TRAIN TAKES RULER FROM STEINAMANGER.

Imposing Escort Is Provided for Dethroned Monarch Who Is Returning Into Exile.

BUDAPEST, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ex-Emperor Charles departed from Steinamanger, in West Hungary near the Austrian border, at 10:35 o'clock this morning on his way out of Hungary. Premier Teley made the announcement in the national assembly this afternoon.

A special train with the Austrian official escort was provided for the ex-emperor. The route was understood to be by way of Graetz, Innsbruck and Feldkirch to Buchs.

The ex-emperor had quite an imposing escort. In addition to two officers and eight men of the Volkwehr, he had 16 members of the police force, a representative of the Austrian foreign office, three entente officers; Albert Sever, ex-governor of Vienna; Herr Mueller, a Christian socialist member of the assembly, and half a dozen Hungarian noblemen in his personal suite, with a physician.

The government ordered Colonel Kissling to receive Charles and notify him of the government's conditions. The ex-emperor has been expressly prohibited from giving newspaper interviews in Buchs.

ROOSEVELT PLANS VISIT

Assistant Secretary of Navy May Be in Tacoma May 9.

TACOMA, Wash., April 5.—Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, plans to be here May 9 when the scout cruiser Cincinnati is launched. It was announced by officials of the Todd shipyards today.

Mr. Roosevelt will be present unless his executive duties make the western trip impossible, it was said. The Cincinnati will be a sister ship of the Omaha and Milwaukee, launched here recently, and the three will be the fastest cruisers in the United States navy.

FARMERS TO GET FUNDS

Federal Board to Resume Making Loans About May 1.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 5.—The federal farm loan board expects to resume making loans about May 1. Governor Davis of Idaho said in a message received here from Washington, Governor Davis called upon the board yesterday to urge early resumption of loans to farmers.

The board advised him that priority would be given to claims heretofore filed and long held up and that it would then proceed with new loans as fast as they could be approved.

RESERVE OFFICERS BEGIN OWN TRAINING

WAR DEPARTMENT ACTION IS NOT AWAITED.

Oregon Corps Members Meet at Armory and Organize for Instruction Purposes.

Oregon reserve corps officers took the matter of keeping themselves fit for war into their own hands last night when they organized for instruction purposes. While the federal government is struggling with the problem of how to provide training for citizen officers of the reserve corps, 50 Oregon officers met at the Multnomah county armory, heard the first of a series of lectures and planned to proceed with their own training rather than wait any longer upon the government.

Following a lecture delivered by Colonel C. E. Dentier, United States army, on the new national defense, the assembled officers launched the Oregon Reserve Corps association, destined to take in all citizen officers of the state. Major L. Griswold, Oregon Reserve corps, was elected temporary chairman and Captain Franklin Korell, Oregon Reserve corps, was named secretary.

A second meeting was called for Wednesday, April 13, at 8 P. M. This meeting will be held in the board of officers' room at the armory. An effort to have several hundred reserve corps officers present will be made for the second meeting.

Status of the reserve corps training plans for the present year were explained to the officers by Colonel George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, who had obtained this information from Washington and who suggested that the officers organize in order to further their own training interests.

There is no provision for field training for the present year, he explained, although energetic efforts will be made by the war plans division of the general staff to obtain a large appropriation the end of this month. When funds are available the government will proceed to organize combat divisions, the 91st division having already been assigned to Oregon and other northwest states with headquarters in Oregon.

FEMINISM GETS SETBACK

Women Badly Defeated in Cripple Creek Election.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., April 5.—Feminism received a setback here today when present city officials were re-elected, receiving a six-to-one vote over the women's non-partisan ticket. The women made their campaign on a reform platform, charging that gambling and bootlegging were allowed to flourish.

Mayor Arthur's vote was 605 to 101 for Mrs. Stella Nichols.

ST. JAMES, Mo., April 5.—Mrs. Maye Ousley was elected mayor of St. James today by a majority of eight votes over Roger S. Hall, according to unofficial tabulation tonight. Both ran on a non-partisan ticket. She is the first woman in the state to hold the mayoralty office.

\$351,026 ORDERED SPENT FOR ROADS

Grade Contracts Awarded by Commission.

\$486,000 IN BIDS REFERRED

County Gets Behind Mount Hood Loop Project.

\$5,000,000 IN STATE FUND

Average of About \$142,000 Reported Available for Counties for Coming Two Years.

DOINGS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION. Bids aggregating \$486,000 on 15.3 miles of paving on Pacific highway referred to engineer. Grading jobs aggregating \$351,026, representing 37.43 miles, awarded.

Estimates made that of remaining funds counties in next two years will receive an average of \$142,000.

Request from Multnomah county commission to proceed with Mount Hood loop, county promising to repay \$85,000 in 1922, received.

Action on proposed road improvement district in Scoggin valley deferred. Co-operation by state on Oregon-Washington highway for about 12 miles west of Pilot Rock assured.

Commission promises to expedite in Deschutes county as much as equity expended on road projects last year.

Loop Road Advocated.

The commission yesterday afternoon sent word to the Wasco county court requesting the presence of those officials today, so the Dalles-California highway location can be disposed of. Sherman county officials are already in the city, but the Sherman county road is contingent on the Wasco county proposition.

As for the Mount Hood loop, the highway commission received yesterday a resolution from the Multnomah county commissioners asking the commission to proceed as proposed and declaring that \$85,000 would be appropriated from the 1922 road budget of the county, insofar as the board of county commissioners is empowered by law to authorize such an appropriation. The offer of the highway commission stipulated that the state will match all money for the loop between Sandy and Zigzag that Multnomah and Clackamas counties contribute; that if these counties have no cash at present the state will advance the money on condition that the sum is repaid next year and that work will start at once. It may be that the highway commission will order bids advertised on this Sandy-Zigzag section of the loop for the May meeting.

New District Proposed. One of the last laws passed by the recent legislature was a bill authorizing creation of road improvement districts on the same principle as irrigation districts. This law will not become effective until about May 30, but yesterday the first application to create a district under the law was received by the highway commission. This body is authorized to approve the boundaries of the proposed district and to approve the form of petition. The law is in an experimental stage and the commission has not yet worked out its line of procedure. L. M. Graham of Forest Grove headed a delegation asking creation of a road improvement district in Scoggin valley, Washington county. Opposition developed from some of the people within the proposed district, so the commission advised that the whole subject be postponed until the May meeting.

Other delegations conferred with Umatilla county—On the Oregon-Washington highway the county has (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

BABE, 24 HOURS OLD, DESERTED BY MOTHER

NOTE SAYS FATHER IS OF WELL-KNOWN FAMILY.

Package at Fruit and Flower Mission Found After Unwed Girl Call on Telephone.

A derelict baby boy, less than 24 hours old, its only companion a hot-water bottle and its only clothing a small bath robe, was picked up on the front doorstep of the Fruit and Flower Mission day nursery, 444 Madison street, last night at 10 o'clock for a bundle of old rags, by the matron, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Jehu, following a telephone call from an unidentified woman.

Pinned to the wrapping about the baby was a note which was signed, "An Unmarried Mother," and which declared the child's father to be a member of a well-known Portland family and a resident of this city for many years.

In less than an hour after the discovery of the "Moses" by Mrs. Jehu the baby had found a permanent home with a Portland family. "There were two requests for the child," said Mrs. Jehu, "and where it has been placed it is assured of good care."

"The mother and father are both of good families," was part of the text of the note, and went on to state that the mother, too, had lived here several years.

Whether it was the mother who deposited the baby at the nursery and then telephoned the matron was not known. "The voice was that of a young woman, refined and pleasing," said Mrs. Jehu.

The water in the bottle was still slightly warm, indicating that no great amount of time had elapsed in passage of the derelict from the mother to the nursery.

"There was absolutely no clew of any kind attached to the clothing to make identification of the parents possible," said Mrs. Jehu.

HARDING PAYS TO PLAY

25 Cents Given to Share Golf Course With Scores of Clerks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—President Harding played a round of golf today on the municipal course, near the Potomac, where anyone with the necessary paraphernalia and a spare quarter may do 18 holes.

The president had passed a busy day, which included a two-hour cabinet meeting, conferences and interviews, and it was not until 5 o'clock that he left the White House for a little recreation. He paid 25 cents to share the course with scores of government clerks, and also paid the admission fees of his three companions.

VISCOUNT ASTOR RESIGNS

Health Compels Retirement From Government Position.

LONDON, April 5.—The resignation of Viscount Astor as parliamentary secretary to the ministry of health is announced. Viscount Astor has been in Egypt and is reported to be suffering from lung trouble.

Viscount Astor is the son of the late William Waldorf Astor. He succeeded his father on the latter's death in 1919 to the title of Viscount Astor of Hever castle.

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MINING EXPERTS OPEN CONVENTION

International Session Is Started in Portland.

CANADIANS CITY'S GUESTS

Flags of United States and Britain Fly Side by Side.

FRIENDSHIP IS KEYNOTE

First Day of Gathering Devoted Almost Entirely to Exchange of Good Will Expressions.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME. 10 A. M.—Wylie Hemphill, Seattle, presiding: "Geology and Coal Resources Washington and Oregon," George Watkin Evans, Seattle. "Methods of Mining Coal in Flat and Steeply-Pitching Coal Seams," S. H. Green, Seattle. "Preparation of Coal," E. R. McMillan, United States Bureau of Mines. 2 P. M.—J. Dickson, Portland, presiding: "Utilization of Coal," Ralph Gault, fuel engineer. "Discussion of Locomotive Fuels," A. W. Ferlay, Portland. Motion pictures—"The Story of Coal," U. S. Bureau of Mines. 8 P. M.—High lunks smoker, green room, chamber of commerce. W. J. Hofmann, chairman; E. N. Weinbaum, special features.

Flags of two nations, the United States and Great Britain, fly side by side above the public auditorium stage where the third annual International Mining convention opened yesterday. Rather more was heard about those two flags at the first session than about mining.

Mayor Baker started it in his address of welcome. He spoke of the importance of preserving the good feeling that extends across the border between the United States and the Canadian provinces.

Canadian delegates present echoed the kindly sentiment. A Californian took it up and carried it farther, declaring that more significant than armies or navies, the treaty of Paris or whatever, more hope of enduring peace on earth lies in that 2500 miles of unguarded border between Canada and the United States.

Country Declared Safe. "I don't know whether there are any Irishmen present or not and I don't care," said Mayor Baker, "but as long as those two flags are together this city is safe."

"I am glad to see so many of you mining men in our city. It is a regular American city and we are proud of it. Never, during the time of great stress so recently passed, did we come even near to the line of falling to put our resources of our state have hardly been scratched, and we are glad to have the mining men come and delve into our mines and develop the mineral lodes that lie beneath the surface of the ground."

"I welcome you to the city of Portland. I am particularly happy to have you with us, and it is a pleasure to welcome those from foreign soil. I know you will be happy here. I welcome you in that true western spirit. I want you to come again and I hope this convention will bring you great results and I wish for you all the success in the world."

Hospitality Is Accepted. "In the name of British Columbia and all representatives of the mining industry in the province, I have very pleasure in accepting the hospitality so graciously offered by his worship the mayor," said S. S. Fowler of Nelson, B. C.

"It is upon the furthering of Anglo-Saxon civilization that we build our hopes for the future. We are working, perhaps unconsciously, but after all we are struggling to extend our civilization. In our section of the northwest we are overcoming troubles we have suffered by reason of foreign agitators."

T. A. Rickard, editor of Mining and Scientific Press, San Francisco, who responded to the welcoming address for California, carried the entente cordial still farther.

Fellowship Is Enjoyed. "I am enjoying the fellowship of the English-speaking peoples," he said. "It is one of the subjects I like to dwell upon. It does me much good to see those two flags and I hope they will always be found together. Better than in armaments or the treaty of Paris, hope for peace lies in 2500 miles of unfortified frontier between the United States and Canada."

"I esteem it an honor to respond to these cordial welcomes for California. The Californian who cannot speak a good word for California is a poor thing indeed."

A band concert by the Washington high-school boys preceded the opening. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

