

## STRIKERS, BENSON AGREE ON WAGES

Terms to Be Submitted to Local Unions.

## HARDING DISCUSSES TIE-UP

Shipping Board Chairman Confers With President.

## DAVIS AT CONFERENCE

New Agreement Will Run for Year if Accepted by Vote of Marine Engineers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—An agreement on wages and working conditions was reached tonight between representatives of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association and Chairman Benson of the shipping board in the controversy which has threatened a tie-up of American shipping.

The terms will be submitted to the various local unions Sunday for ratification.

The agreement was reached at a conference with Secretary Davis after Chairman Benson had discussed the situation with President Harding for several hours. If the terms are accepted by the locals, the agreement will be signed to remain in effect for one year.

The action was taken regardless of the decision of the American ship-owners' association, which was communicated to Secretary Davis today, to refrain from entering into any agreement with the men. The shipping board, however, it was pointed out, operates four-sevenths of all American ships.

The terms of the tentative agreement were not made public, but they are understood to follow the lines previously laid down by the shipping board, providing for a 15 per cent wage reduction and some changes in overtime rules and working conditions.

## ARBITRATION OFFER MADE

Head of Paper Workers' Union Says Employers Acted.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 27.—J. T. Carey, president of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers, announced today that a group of manufacturers had submitted a proposition to arbitrate the disputes which brought about the paper workers' strike and that there would be a conference in this city next Tuesday to decide the unions' course.

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## CORNLESS 'WHISKY' KICKS

Analysis of 'Jackass Brandy' Almost Saves Law Violator.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—A chemical analysis by F. L. L. government chemist, showing that "jackass" brandy is a liquor made from raisins or grapes, and not a corn product, saved Oscar M. Edminster from prosecution today in the United States district court on charges of possession and manufacture of whiskey as James Dooley ruled that a man cannot be charged with one offense and prosecuted for another.

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CEREMONY HELD AT LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING PLACE.

Commander W. B. Allison, on Behalf of Government, Accepts Land for Use as Naval Base.

ASTORIA, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Almost on the same spot where 116 years ago Lewis and Clark, as representatives of the United States government, landed on their historic trip down the Columbia, the United States today took formal possession of the site purchased and donated by the people of Clatsop county for a naval base site.

Delivery was made by Chairman Stone of the port commission, who served as chairman of the naval base committee of the chamber of commerce during the long campaign to obtain a naval base for the Columbia. Acceptance in behalf of the navy department was made by Commander W. B. Allison of the U. S. Eagle boat 57, sent here for the occasion.

The ceremonies attending the formal transfer of the property were held on the shore of Tongue Point and were witnessed by a large number of citizens. A flagpole had been erected on a grassy spot near where Captains William Clark, on December 3, 1805, marked his name and date on a pine tree, and as Chairman Stone and Commander Allison, concluding their addresses Old Glory was raised on the standard to signify that the property belonged to the United States government.

As the raising of the flag announced to the crowd that the long delay was over and the naval base site finally had been turned over to the department for the beginning of construction work the crowd gave three rousing cheers.

Commander Gaylor Church is expected to arrive here next week to make the necessary surveys, preliminary to the beginning of the actual work on the building of the station.

## MOVE TO DISARM BEATEN IN SENATE

Brisk Clash Precipitated by Amendments.

COAST NAVAL BASE LOST

Final Action Is Taken on Alameda, Cal., Project.

LEAGUE PLAN DEFEATED

Lodge Denounces Disarmament Proposals as "Side Door" Entrance of America.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Final action on disarmament questions and against beginning a new Pacific coast naval base was taken today in the senate but other amendments to \$495,000,000 naval appropriation bill were not disposed of when adjournment was taken until next Tuesday.

The proposal for a new naval base at Alameda, Cal., was lost finally when Senator Ball, republican of Delaware, announced that no further action would be made to rescind the senate's vote striking the item from the bill.

His announcement came after Senator King, democrat of Utah, had served notice that opponents would delay passage of the naval budget indefinitely should the Alameda amendment again be passed.

Disarmament proposals caused a brisk clash over amendments of Senators Pomerene of Ohio and Walsh of Montana. With the Borah amendment "authorizing and requesting" the president to call a three-power conference to discuss disarmament already in the bill, Senator Pomerene offered a supplementary amendment. It would have authorized the president to suspend American naval construction for six months "in order to arrange" the conference, and if a disarmament agreement should be reached to suspend construction in part or in whole. The proposal was beaten.

Walsh Amendment Beaten.

Even a livelier tilt developed on Senator Walsh's amendment, which would have requested the president to send American representatives to sit with the disarmament commission of the league of nations "in a consulting capacity."

This amendment was beaten 42 to 23, after it was denounced by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, rearator leader, as a "side-door" entrance of America into the league.

Besides the disarmament controversy, the senate also clashed over (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## \$1,502,039 BILL ALLOWED

San Francisco Bank Forecloses Seattle Mortgage.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Mortgages held by the First National bank of San Francisco on warehouse and dock properties in Seattle, owned by the Seattle Pierway Dock and Warehouse company, held by the Rogers Brown Transportation company were foreclosed yesterday in the United States district court here in a judgment for \$1,502,039.

The judgment was against Rogers, Brown & Co., a holding company which has been in the hands of a receiver since June 7, 1920. Bank officials said the suit was a friendly one. H. M. Wright of San Francisco was appointed a special master to dispose of the property to satisfy the judgment.

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AUTO SIGHTSEERS NARROWLY ESCAPE DISASTER.

W. L. Thompson, A. L. Mills and Several Others Have Exciting Experience in Washington.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 27.—It was a distinguished party that sat in the District of Columbia police court this morning at the trial of a negro charged with having driven an automobile while intoxicated. The company was distinguished because it included Senator Stanfield and Representative McNary of Oregon.

As a result of this trial the fact came out that a week ago last Sunday five prominent residents of Portland, while seeing the national capital from the hurricane deck of an automobile, came near being killed by a collision with an automobile driven by the negro at the bar today. In the car, besides Senator Stanfield and Representative McNary, were W. L. Thompson, A. L. Mills and Buzz Gary, all of Portland.

The negro drove his car broadside into the car occupied by the Oregon men and besides endangering their lives came near crashing with several other passing automobiles. He managed to get away, however, and both cars yet being navigable, through some peculiar good fortune, a hot pursuit took place.

There was a chase of almost two miles before the driver of the Oregon car got the number of the vehicle driven by the negro. An arrest followed and the case came to trial today.

Senator Stanfield testified that the negro was either drunk, crazy or incompetent to drive, and Mr. McNary's testimony was not calculated to help free the prisoner. The jury was debating the case tonight.

## RETURN OF WOMAN ASKED

Extradition From Canada of Adelaide Verge Is Demanded.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 27.—The United States government has demanded of the Canadian government the extradition from Vancouver, B. C., of Adelaide Verge, a woman who wanted on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, a letter from Secretary of State Hughes to Governor Stephens received today said.

The Verge woman, who is alleged to have tried to kill C. Frederick Kohl, San Francisco capitalist, was arrested at Vancouver upon the allegation that she was on her way back to California to attack Kohl.

## NEW BUREAU IS PROPOSED

Department of Public Works and Public Lands Suggested.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, introduced a bill today to create a department of public works and public lands.

Under its terms the interior department would be reorganized to take over all government activities involving roads, waterways and buildings.

## McNARY MENTIONED FOR SURVEY BOARD

Plans Already Are Being Made to Investigate Agricultural Industry All Over Nation.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 27.—The northwest is to figure prominently in the personnel and activities of the new agricultural commission which it is proposed to create for making a national survey of the agricultural industry.

Assured that the bill will pass both houses of congress in a short time, officers of the national farm organizations began today to lay their plans for organizing the commission and carrying on the investigation. It is expected that the farmers' organizations will be consulted before the commission is appointed.

It was said today that the farmers' representatives would ask the appointment of Senator McNary of Oregon as the northwest member of the commission. The name of Senator Gooding of Idaho also has been under consideration, and if Senator McNary should find it impossible to accept, the Idaho senator likely will be named.

On the list of witnesses to be called to testify before the commission are A. D. Cross of Spokane, secretary of the Washington State Farmers' union, A. A. Elmore of Spokane, who recently completed the successful organization of the northwest wheat growers, A. V. Swift of Baker, Or., president of the Tri-State Terminal Elevator company and vice-president of the National Farmers' union.

Mr. Elmore is to be called to testify particularly as to the grain-growing industry in the northwest. Mr. Cross is to tell of the farming industry generally in that section, and Mr. Swift is expected to detail to the committee something of the losses of the farmers through difficulties in getting cars for shipment of their products.

## \$40,000 THEFT CHARGED

Denver Man Accused of Stealing Amalgam Metal.

DEADWOOD, S. D., May 27.—Colon J. Sinclair, who gives his home as Denver, was arrested here yesterday on a charge of stealing amalgam valued at \$40,000 from the Home-Make Mining company. The alleged thefts cover a period of years.

At the time of his arrest it was said, more than \$1000 worth of the metal was in Sinclair's possession. Officials believe others are implicated in the thefts.

## POUND STERLING SLUMPS

Break Is Sensational Feature in Foreign Exchange Market.

NEW YORK, May 27.—An overnight decline of 6 cents in the pound sterling, to \$3.88 1/4 for demand bills, was the sensational feature of today's early dealings in the foreign exchange market.

The break was attributed by local dealers to heavy selling in London, chiefly for German account.

## RUSSIAN EXCHANGE FIXED AT 20,000 RUBLES TO DOLLAR.—NEWS ITEM.



## \$1,000,000 ROAD BONDS ARE SOLD

Award Made to Bidder Trying to Withdraw.

MOUNT HOOD LOOP WAITS

Multnomah Commissioners Fail to Act in Time.

NOT ENOUGH PLEDGED

Bids Are Opened on 97 Miles of Work and Contracts Will Be Let This Morning.

DOINGS OF STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Bids are received for Mount Hood loop, but will be referred to engineer until more definite promise is received from Multnomah county.

One million dollars road bonds at 6 per cent are awarded to bidder, who tried to withdraw and recover \$50,000 deposit.

Bids are opened on 97 miles of road work; awards to be made this morning at 10 o'clock. Relocation of Roosevelt highway on Tillamook beaches instead of on the Miami route may be considered.

Work on John Day highway and central Oregon highway in Malheur county is decided on.

## STRIKE BEGUN IN NORWAY

Government Calls Troops to Assist Police in Capital.

NEW YORK, May 27.—A general strike has been started in Norway, said an official dispatch received here today, although no serious disturbance has been reported, the government has called troops to assist the police in Christiania and other cities.

The dispatch, which stated that settlement negotiations had been started between employers and employees, said there was plenty of food in the cities to meet the emergency. The electric plant at the capital still is operating, but the gas plant and other municipal institutions have closed.

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## \$7091 IS MISSING; CASHIER IS ARRESTED

CIGAR CONCERN FILES CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Neil W. Turrell Taken in Custody on Complaint Issued by Tobacco Company.

NEIL W. TURRELL, ex-cashier for the General Cigar company, Inc., of Portland, was arrested last night charged with the embezzlement of \$7091 from the firm.

T. L. Louison, assistant secretary of the concern, who filed the complaint with District Attorney Evans, estimated that the total defalcations charged up against Turrell would reach between \$16,000 and \$18,000.

More than \$10,000 already was said to have been traced in an audit of the books of the company, with only half a year covered in detail. Shortages for the remaining six months, when losses were noted, are expected to make up the total, according to Louison.

Turrell was arrested at his home, 185 East Twenty-sixth street North, by Deputy Sheriff Schirmer.

All of the defalcations were said to have occurred prior to October, 1920. Sudden signs of affluence displayed by Turrell in the purchase of real estate and automobiles were explained by a purported legacy which he said had been left him by his father in Boulder, Colo. Investigation of the claim by the Pinkerton national detective agency, which has been working on the case, revealed no dead letters nor wealthy estate.

In his position with the company, Turrell was authorized to sign checks. He would draw checks for large amounts to "cash" and then deposit them in his own account in the same bank where the firm kept its money.

Turrell said. The names of the check books would be marked "Cancelled," in red ink.

The specific checks on which the larceny by embezzlement charge was based were drawn in August, 1920. It was asserted.

Turrell was arrested by Schirmer as he was eating supper at his home. The deputy sheriff waited until he had finished the meal, and then escorted him to the county jail.

Bail was set at \$10,000 on the technical charge of larceny by bailee. Turrell was unable to raise the amount of the bail last night, and as a result was forced to pass the night in jail.

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## EDISON'S 146 QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Edison's questions, which he submits to applicants for industrial positions, have attracted more attention and discussion than any similar test-chest that has been brought before the public. Some of the questions have already been printed. Tomorrow in the Sunday Oregonian will appear the entire list of 146 questions with their answers. It will be one of the scores of interesting features in the big Sunday paper.