

### AITCHISON BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

#### Ex-Oregonian Advances With Commerce Commission.

#### ABILITY GAINS RECOGNITION

#### Former Resident of Oregon Served Eight Years as Member of State Public Service Commission.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—Clyde B. Aitchison, former chairman of the Oregon State Public Service Commission, on which he served as a member for eight years, tomorrow will become chairman of the interstate commerce commission. The commerce commission is soon to assume greater importance than ever before by reason of proposed new legislation providing for the return of the railroads to private ownership and the restoration of all powers possessed by the commission prior to the enactment of the wartime federal control law, together with greatly enlarged powers.

Mr. Aitchison was the youngest man ever appointed to the commission and is likewise several years younger than any of the other distinguished men who have presided over the destinies of this body. Well-known men who have occupied this place are: Thomas M. Cooley, Martin A. Knapp, now chief of the United States circuit bench at Charles A. Prouty, present director of valuation for the commission; the late Judson C. Clements; Secretary of State, former professor of political economy at Princeton university.

**Notable Opinion Is Given.**

Chairman Aitchison's work on the commission attracted nation-wide attention some weeks ago when an opinion written by him was handed down which asserted with great positiveness that the commission's authority to review rate rulings of the railroad administration.

Mr. Aitchison was born at Clinton, Ia., February 22, 1876. His father was a Baptist clergyman. In his youth Mr. Aitchison lived in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska. He was graduated from the Hastings (Nebraska) college in 1892, the youngest graduate that institution had had up to that time; studied law for a year and a half at Hastings and an equal time at Council Bluffs; admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1896; practiced at Council Bluffs until 1902.

**Oregon Long Served.**

He went to Oregon in 1901 and became the secretary of a committee appointed in 1905 to revise the tax and revenue system of the state. In the latter part of 1906 he was employed by the general merchandising and lumber interests of the state to assist in the drafting of a railroad commission law, and when the legislature enacted the bill he was made one of the original commissioners. He was elected a member in 1908 and selected in 1912, the terms being for four years.

He is the author of the law which changed the railroad to a public utilities commission law, and when the change was made he was made chairman. He resigned in June, 1914, to become solicitor for the valuation committee of the national association of railway commissioners which has been in Washington since that time.

### LUXURY TAX STILL HOLDS BELIEF THAT IT WAS WIPED OUT ERRONEOUSLY.

#### Repeat Amendment One of Those Measures That Got Caught in Jam in Last Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—Individuals and mercantile establishments in the northwest that have been congratulating their representatives in congress on the repeal of the luxury tax are due to receive some disappointing news. Press dispatches saying that the house had repealed that provision of the revenue law gave the general impression that luxury taxes were wiped out. But not so. The repeal amendment was one of those measures that got caught in the jam in the senate in stormy last days of the late congress.

One of the first acts of the new congress doubtless will be to repeal this tax, but unless an extra session is called before May 1 the tax will have to be collected, which means that 19 per cent will have to be added to every one of the following articles: Carpets and rugs, including fiber, except imported and American rugs made principally of wool, on the amount in excess of \$5 a square yard; women's bonnets and hats in excess of \$15; men's hats costing more than \$5; neckties costing more than \$2; women's silk hose costing more than \$1 a pair; kimonos, petticoats and waists above \$15 each; pajamas and underwear in excess of \$5; shirts above \$2, and shoes, boots and pumps in excess of \$10 a pair. Many other articles of clothing are hit and several articles which actually are luxuries above a certain price, such as fans, parasols, purses, traveling bags, trunks and picture frames.

### FRENCH STAY IN HIDING

#### Two Stragglers Recount Experiences During War.

PARIS—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The adventures of two French stragglers, Sergeant Lasgarn and Private Levesque, who, becoming separated from their units after the battle of Charlot, remained in hiding for more than four years in German occupied territory, are told in the newspaper La Victoire. In the early days of the war civilians helped the two soldiers but as the German domination became weightier they took to the woods.

They made their home in the forest of Sapogne in the vicinity of Sedan. Their dwelling was a dugout so concealed that it was never discovered, although the forest which harbored wild

boar and other game was a favorite hunting ground for German officers. The French stragglers lived on wild animals, hare and other game. One German who ventured into too close proximity of their dugout is also buried where he fell.

They made one attempt to escape in 1915, but on the Dutch frontier they were shot at by the German sentries and the sergeant was wounded, so the two of them returned to their forest. The severe winter of 1916 brought them terrible sufferings. They were snowed in and almost starved.

They owe their lives to an old Belgian poacher and smuggler who, throughout all the years of their adventures, helped them with provisions. They are now in a French hospital recovering from the effects of their privations.

### OCEAN FLIGHT IS DUE SOON

#### TRANS-ATLANTIC TRIP WITHIN MONTH EXPECTED.

#### Naval Bureau Hopes to Beat Britain Across; Four Big Flying Boats Now Are Nearly Ready.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Rear-Admiral D. W. Taylor, chief of the naval bureau of construction and repair, announced today that the navy would be ready to attempt airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean within a month.

"I do not believe that Great Britain will beat us across," he said, "if the attempt is made with heavier than aircraft."

"We are under the impression in Washington, however," he continued, "that a dirigible trip will be undertaken by England," possibly within the coming week. The navy has four flying boats of the NC-1 type and work on these is almost completed. It has not yet been decided whether all four will be sent over at the same time, but I believe that more than one will start. This will insure against total failure should one or two break down."

Admiral Taylor said that he was not certain whether a non-stop trip would be attempted.

"We may break it into two hops," he said, "and this will entail the use of airplane mother ships, vessels equipped with oil, gasoline and food."

"Through their wireless apparatus," he added, "mother ships can keep in touch with the flying boats. Although the flying boat may alight only once at sea, it is possible that more than one mother ship could be used."

### TWO MOTORCYCLISTS HURT

#### Warrants Issued for Arrest of Drivers of Autos in Collision.

Two motorcyclists were injured in collisions with automobiles yesterday, and Traffic Sergeant Ervin has obtained warrants for the drivers of both automobiles. H. L. Wood, 1275 Klickitat street, collided with an automobile at Hood and Grant streets. He was injured slightly. He reported to the police that the automobile went on without stopping. Sergeant Ervin obtained a warrant charging C. A. Wallace, Route A, Box 211, Bond, with failing to render assistance after an accident. The machine is listed as Mr. Wallace's property.

The other cyclist is C. G. Hume, 183 1/2 Broadway, who was arrested on a charge of reckless driving after he collided with a motorcycle ridden by R. E. Luckwald at Third and Salmon streets.

### NEW WORK IS UNDERTAKEN

#### Idaho Dean of Women to Aid War Camp Community Service.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 15.—(Special.)—Miss Bernice McCoy, who has been dean of women for two years at the Idaho Normal school, will leave April 1 to serve with the war camp community service in its work relating to reconstruction and demobilization. The particular work in which Miss McCoy will be engaged is the organization of women and girls in industry. She will travel in the western part of the United States, being subject to call from cities and communities needing her assistance in solving post-war problems.

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### POSER PUT UP TO CLARK

#### EX-SPEAKER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD LEAGUE DESIRED.

#### Missouri Is Asked to Show Where He Stands on the Question.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Champ Clark was asked to declare his position on the league of nations in a telegram sent to him at New Orleans by Representative Mays of Utah, who repeated his assertion that the former speaker had said in his presence that the league constitution has "as much chance of being ratified as you have of being pope of Rome."

Mr. Clark had publicly denied making such a statement. Mr. Mays, whose message was made public tonight by the organization of democratic members of the house who oppose the selection of Mr. Clark as minority leader in the next congress, said the former speaker's reference to the league was made on the day Senator Reed of Missouri spoke against it in the senate,

and that Mr. Clark had declared that Mr. Reed's argument "was unanswerable."

"All other prominent public men have announced their position on this vital question," said Mr. Mays, "even Bryan from a sick bed declared the covenant of peace to be the greatest forward step in a thousand years, suggesting minor amendments. May we ask what are your suggestions, as we desire you to come out in the open like other public men assuming to lead in official position. We remember you did not vote for the war resolution and that you snuck and voted against the selective draft, urged by the president. We remember your attitude throughout the period of the war as being out of sympathy with the administration and the majority of your democratic colleagues."

"Do you now propose to act in harmony with the majority view or to compel the majority to act in accordance with your views? Are you with Lodge, Penrose, Borah and Reed, or are you with the president and for the league of nations?"

### Alleged "Ace" Claims to Be Minor.

Robert Koppell, arrested Friday by Sergeant Van Overn and Patrolmen Schulpius and Corder on a charge of conducting a gambling game on Flinders street, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail after his conviction in the municipal court yesterday.

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