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## STEAMSHIP LINES IN LIVELY WAR OVER SALMON SHIPMENT

Longshoremen Force Alliance Warehouse Doors and Take Freight. POLICEMAN AT NORTH BEND IS OVERWHELMED Breakwater, Alliance and Manager Bergman of Gardiner In Mixup.

What threatened to develop into a small sized riot at North Bend Saturday afternoon passed over for the time being as a result of a force of longshoremen overwhelming Marshal Barnes who was trying to prevent the taking of salmon from the Alliance warehouse for shipment on the Breakwater. The door of the warehouse was forced after Agent Painter of the Alliance had locked it and the salmon taken aboard the Breakwater.

The clash resulted from rivalry between the two steamship lines for business and of course each side has a different version of it. The matter will probably be threshed out in the courts.

It seems that Agent C. F. McGeorge of the Alliance arranged to handle the salmon pack of the Cooperative Cannery at Gardiner. Being unable to get any boat in or out, Manager Carl Bergman of the Cooperative contracted with him for the shipment from Gardiner to Astoria. Mr. McGeorge chartered the schooner Wilhelmina to carry the salmon from Gardiner to Coos Bay and from here it was to be taken to Astoria on the Alliance.

Owing to the rough weather, the shipment had been delayed and besides this, the recent accident to the Alliance delayed it still more. Part of the shipment was brought down by the Wilhelmina last week, and placed in the Alliance warehouse at North Bend to await the arrival of the Alliance today for reshipment. Meanwhile Manager Bergman was getting anxious to get the salmon to Astoria so he arranged for the Breakwater to take it out.

The Breakwater and Alliance agents clashed about it, Agent McGeorge refusing to turn it over to the Breakwater on the ground that he had handled it part way, that it was routed over his line and that Mr. Bergman had no right to change the routing except on notice from W. E. Tallant of Astoria, the consignee.

Supt. Miller of the Breakwater says he was not going to attempt to take the salmon until Saturday noon when Mr. Bergman arrived from Gardiner and insisted that it go on the Breakwater.

Agent Painter at North Bend refused to turn it over and locked the warehouse doors to prevent the longshoremen taking it. Acting, it is claimed, on Mr. Bergman's orders, the longshoremen forced the lock on the door and proceeded to carry the salmon aboard the Breakwater. Then Agent Painter called Marshal Barnes and the officer ordered them to desist but they would not heed him and all the salmon there was put aboard the Breakwater. Agent McGeorge has taken the matter up with C. F. Doe who is operating the Alliance and the matter will be taken up in the courts. Mr. Doe has further notified Agent McGeorge to secure sufficient men to overwhelm any possible further attempts of the kind and the matter may develop into a serious freight war.

## HUNDRED DEAD IN MEX. BATTLE

Diaz's Troops Reported to Have Lost Heavily In Conflict Last Week.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PRESIDIO, Tex., Jan. 23.—That fully one hundred government troops were killed in a fight two days ago at Ojinagl was the report received here today. It was stated that the heavy casualty list is due to an ambush.

## LIBBY MINE IS CLOSED DOWN

Employers' Liability Law Given As One of Reasons For Doing It.

Libby mine after fifty-eight consecutive years of operation is being closed down by the Oregon Coal and Navigation company. This is the first time the mine has been completely closed down for any extensive time since it was first opened up by the late Patrick Flanagan.

Pat Hennessey, superintendent of the mine, stated today that the close down was principally on account of the new employers' liability law in Oregon which works too great a hardship on the employers. Some other causes entered into it, but Mr. Hennessey did not want to discuss the matter further for publication.

The mine is not worked out, he says, but still has plenty of coal. Goodall & Perkins are going out of the coal business entirely.

The live stock, cars and tools of the mine will be sold off and the store at Libby closed and the stock taken elsewhere.

From all appearances, it is not believed that the mine will be reopened until the Oregon Coal and Navigation company's holdings here are sold.

Just what effect the closing of the mine will have on the steamship M. F. Plant is not definitely known. It is indirectly stated, though, that unless the vessel is given sufficient business between here and San Francisco to warrant operating her, she will be taken off this run.

## HOTEL FIRE IN OMAHA IS BAD

One Dead and Five Seriously Hurt In Blaze at the Millard. OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 23.—One man is dead and five are in a serious condition from a disastrous fire early today at the Millard hotel. Three hundred guests were asleep when the fire broke out. Many barely escaped. Thomas J. Fields of Sioux City died of suffocation. The property loss is ten thousand.

## TWENTY CHINESE KILLED IN RIOT

Trouble at Hankow Follows Shooting of Coolie by British Policeman—Fear Further Trouble. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HANKOW, China, Jan. 23.—American Consul General Robert Brent Mosher today requested his government to send a gunboat to this port to protect American interests in event of a continuation of the rioting which occurred yesterday following the report that a coolie had been killed by a British policeman. German and British marines were landed and twenty Chinese were killed in the rioting. Today foreign concessions are protected by Chinese troops.

## CLAIMS BILL KILLED TODAY

Measure for Reparation of War Depredations In South Is Knock Out. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—The omnibus claims bill, aggregating approximately three millions, embracing reparation mostly for damages in the south in connection with war depredations was killed for this session by the House Committee on claims today which after a subcommittee investigated indefinitely postponed the action.

## AUTHOR SHOT IN NEW YORK

David Graham Phillips Assassinated By Unknown Who Shoots Self. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 23.—David Graham Phillips, the novelist, was shot and probably fatally wounded near the Princeton club this afternoon.

The author was shot by an unidentified man while on his way from his home to the Princeton club this afternoon. His condition is serious. He was taken to Bellevue hospital. His assailant shot and killed himself.

## WAGON ROAD IN BAD SHAPE

Hugh McLain Has Rough Experience Coming From Roseburg. Hugh McLain returned Saturday evening from Salem where he was in attendance at the inauguration of Governor West as the governor's special guest. Mr. McLain had an experience on his trip from Roseburg to Coos Bay by way of Sumner on the old Coos Bay wagon road that makes him more than ever an enthusiastic advocate of good roads. He left Roseburg at 1:30 Monday afternoon of last week and spent the entire six days reaching this city over some of the worst roads he thinks there are in the country. The road is good and bad in spots and it is these spots that dot the highway with delay and danger. The whole road is a horrible example of lack of system in the manner of its management. Mr. McLain states that close observation of the route convinces him that the road could be made passable in Coos county by an expenditure of \$40,000 and probably \$20,000 in Douglas county. Mr. McLain regards it as the best investment both counties could make to forward their interests.

Mr. McLain says in the condition of the road in some sections that the width of the vehicle tires has no effect for wheels with tires as broad as the moral law would not be of any value. What is needed is a plank road and systematic effort in that direction will be the only solution of a good all the year road.

REACHES SAN FRANCISCO. A telegram received here today announces that the Nann Smith with the Lakme in tow reached San Francisco safely early Sunday morning. As yet, no word has been received as to what salvage the Nann Smith will receive for saving the Lakme.

CAN'T AGREE ON PRICE. At a meeting of the Marshfield saloon proprietors yesterday, plans for increasing the price of booze were talked over. All the liquor dealers with the exception of J. N. Burke of the Coos Bay Beer Company, it is said, favored the increases to go into effect February 1. Another meeting will be held later to determine what shall be done.

## THOUSANDS OF TELEGRAMS ARE SENT IN BEHALF OF 'FRISCO

### VOTE BUYING TO BE PROBED

Illinois Grand Jury to Investigate Alleged Fraud In Cannon Election. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 23.—The Vermillion county grand jury will begin today an investigation of the buying and selling of votes in the past elections chiefly the general election last November in which Cannon, speaker of the House of representatives was elected.

### PROGRESSIVES FORM LEAGUE

Insurgents in Congress Unite to Advance Popular Government. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—The organization of a Republican Progressive League by the "Progressive" Republican senators, representatives, governors and others, an organization which shall seek to fight for the establishment of popular government, was announced here today. The plans for the new league which has been underway since the assembling of Congress were concluded at a meeting here Saturday night when the declaration of principles was signed, the constitution adopted and the following officers elected:

President — Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon.  
First vice-president — Representative Norris of Nebraska.  
Second vice-president — Governor Charles Osborn of Michigan.  
Treasurer — Charles Crane of Chicago.  
Executive committee — Senator Clap of Minnesota, Senator Bristow of Kansas, Representative Hubbard of Iowa, Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin, Representative-elect Kent of California, Gifford Pinchot, George Record of New Jersey, and the president, vice-president and treasurer. The declaration of principles says the organization has for its object the promotion of popular government and legislation.

### NO WORD FROM WILHELMINA

Telephone Wire to Gardiner Down and News Can't Be Obtained.

The long distance phone wire between Gardiner and Coos Bay has been down since previous to Saturday and consequently no word could be obtained from there relative to the extent of the Wilhelmina accident.

The first news obtainable will be when the Drain stage line boat arrives late this afternoon. Many are inclined to believe that even though she went aground on the South Spit as reported, she would get off without serious damage, as she was without cargo.

Oregon Business Men and Commercial Organizations Unite In Effort.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESSMEN

Special Wire Will Be Kept Busy For Thirty-Six Hours With Messages.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—A leased wire established by the Western Union direct from Portland to the White House is being freighted today with messages to President Taft requesting recognition of San Francisco for the site of the Panama Canal exposition. From all the leading commercial organizations in Portland, from many leading citizens of the city and from all the commercial bodies in the Oregon Development League, numbering 120 associations, and from fraternal societies and mercantile firms, messages are pouring in upon President Taft requesting that he use his influence to secure the exposition for San Francisco in 1915. This torrent of telegrams will not cease for at least 36 hours. This campaign on the part of Oregon citizens and commercial organizations is said to be the most extensive and unique ever conducted for any promotion purpose in this country. The campaign of Portland and Oregon does stop with requests to the President and to Oregon delegation in Washington, but also involves sending thousands of messages by Portland and Oregon business firms to business men and their correspondents and representatives from many states asking them to give their assistance to the cause, through legislative and other channels.

SEATTLE ALSO HELPS.

Business Men There Send Messages to President and Congressmen. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23.—A great number of telegraphic messages were sent from Seattle today to President Taft urging him to use his influence in the settlement of the exposition matter on broad business lines. Messages were also sent by business men and organizations to congressmen and senators asking that San Francisco be chosen as the convention city.

### STEEL TRUST IS TAKEN UP

Investigation of Great Combine Is Asked By Resolution In Congress.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Declaring that the steel industry has passed from the hands of those who developed it into the hands of those who practice dubious acts by which the law is violated and the public exploited, Representative Stanley of Kentucky urged the rules committee of the House today to approve his resolution calling for an investigation of the so-called steel trust.

SHOOTS GIRL AND SELF. Baltimore Man Commits Double Crime. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 23.—Matie Handlals was shot and killed here today by Herman Enzo who then shot himself with fatal effect.