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C. A. SMITH'S BUSINESS CHANGE IS APPROVED IN SAN FRANCISCO

W. S. Chandler Wires That Bankers and Business Men Unite in Reassuring View

LIQUIDATING COMMITTEE NOW TAKING CHARGE

Declare All Interests Absolutely Safeguarded—Big Sugar Pine Sale

PART OF PAY ROLL TAKEN CARE OF

Yesterday the monthly pay roll of the Smith-Powers Co. was promptly met the checks being issued and cashed when presented. Owing to an unexpected delay late yesterday afternoon, wire authorization for the pay rolls of the other departments of the business did not reach here and hence a slight delay. Owing to telephone and telegraph wires being down south of Roseburg today, the matter could not be attended to today.

Wm. Grimes today received a telegram from W. S. Chandler, president of the First National Bank of Coos Bay, who is at San Francisco on business, conveying additional reassuring news concerning the Smith companies.

Mr. Chandler said that he had just conferred with San Francisco and Oakland bankers and with members of the Smith Companies Liquidating Committee and all were united in the statement that the change in the company's affairs absolutely safeguarded all interests involved.

It was further stated that all outstanding drafts and obligations would be promptly met and taken care of.

However, the transfer of the direction of affairs into the hands of the liquidating committee is requiring a little time and there are bound to be a few delays in occasional instances caused by possible misunderstandings of the workings of the business, such as are bound to occur when there is a material change in any business.

However, there was not the slightest question among any of the bankers and big business men conversant with the situation but that everything will be taken care of promptly and the general business go on as usual.

The large amount of assets of the Smith companies, which are in the nature of investments and not a part of the active end of the business of the companies nor necessary to the continuance of it will enable the liquidating committee, if they deem it advisable to dispose of any of the holdings, to sell these without interfering with or detracting from the Smith lumber and manufacturing business.

To Sell Sugar Pine. While it is not positively known in Marshfield, it is understood here that the tract which C. R. Johnson, a member of the creditors' committee, announced in a dispatch to The Times yesterday as practically sold, is the large sugar pine holdings in California.

STATEMENT MADE BY GEN. MANAGER MEREEN

Editor Times: We regret very much that the local banks have refused to accept our drafts for the payroll, which is being deferred, although every such draft during our eight years business dealings in Marshfield has been paid when presented. This change in the policy of the banks, due to press reports regarding our financial arrangements, have made it necessary for this office to pass the matter up to our head office at Oakland. We are awaiting their action, and are confident we will be advised so that the checks can be given out not later than Saturday of this week. This is the first time in 37 years of Mr. Smith's active business management that he has failed to pay his men on the regular pay day.

—Arno Merceen.

Libby COAL. The kind YOU have ALWAYS USED. Phone 72. Pacific Livery and Transfer Company.

ALL HAVE FAITH IN C. A. SMITH

Portland Lumbermen Say That Only Temporary Embarrassment Can Result

The Portland Telegram today says: Fred A. Kribs, who is probably closer in touch with the affairs of C. A. Smith than any other person in Portland, expressed surprise when informed of the dispatch concerning the placing of the affairs of the lumber and timber magnate in the hands of a committee of creditors.

"I know that the bond interest was paid last fall and I had information about ten days ago that arrangements had been made to tide matters over when the next interest-paying period came due. Of course there are ample assets to cover all indebtedness and when prosperity comes again to the lumber industry there will be several million dollars left over after the debts are paid."

Lumbermen, loggers and bankers who discussed the news of Smith's embarrassment expressed the belief that the trouble is only temporary. It is generally believed that the margin of assets over liabilities is very large. To the stagnation of the lumber business is attributed the financial distress of the Smith interests whose holdings in southwestern Oregon are immense.

The most modern milling plant in the country was erected on Coos Bay a few years ago by the C. A. Smith Lumber Company. By its labor-saving devices there was said to be a margin of \$1 a thousand feet of lumber in the company's favor over any competitor, and at the rate of production in 1911 the saving amounted to \$250,000 yearly, enough to pay interest on \$5,000,000 at 5 per cent. By means of the package loading system, the company's large schooners, averaging 2,000,000 feet carrying capacity, were enabled to load a full cargo in 18 hours.

L. J. SIMPSON TO GET BIG MILLS

REPORT AT NORTH BEND THAT HE WILL TAKE OVER OTHER HEIRS' INTEREST IN COOS COUNTY HOLDINGS.

According to a rumor in North Bend, L. J. Simpson is now negotiating with the other heirs of the late Captain A. M. Simpson for the Simpson Mills and timber interests in Coos County. It is said that L. J. Simpson wants to personally take them over, giving in exchange his interest in other Simpson holdings. How well founded the report is, there is no way of ascertaining here. The A. M. Simpson estate in California alone was valued at \$2,000,000 besides the Coos County holdings and other Oregon properties.

The annual meeting of the Simpson Lumber Company will be held February 15 and this may come out at the meeting. The meeting is expected to determine about the reopening of the Portor mill and possible reopening or rebuilding of the Old Town mill.

Box Factory Deal. It is also reported that L. J. Simpson is negotiating for the North Bend Box Factory. Mr. Kern will close the plant March 1. The Swayne & Hoyt interests were also after it.

CLOSE SALOONS IN DES MOINES

Capital of Iowa Refuses Licenses to Eighty Which Must Close Saturday

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 11.—The city council today refused to grant the saloonkeepers renewal of licenses. This means that the eighty saloons of Des Moines will permanently close their doors Saturday night.

England Will Not Specify Peace Terms from Allies

RUMOR LODZ EVACUATED.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The evacuation of Lodz by the Germans has been confirmed, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Havah News Agency, which stated that the stores, offices, commissariat and transports are being removed hastily to Kallsa.

GERMANY TO FLOAT BIG WAR LOANS

LONDON, Feb. 11.—German financiers have been summoned to a conference in Berlin with the Finance Minister, who considers that a new loan of \$1,250,000,000 is required for the continuance of the war, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph.

GERMANS CLAIM SMALL VICTORIES

Announce Gains in the Argonne and Vosges—Progress Against Russians

BERLIN, Feb. 11. (By Wireless.)—The official statement today says: "In the west, an attack in Argonne resulted in a net gain of ground for us. We captured 313 prisoners, two machine guns and six small cannon. In the central and southern Vosges we also gained a few small successes. On the East Prussian frontier the engagements continued yesterday with results satisfactory to us, although deep snow hindered the movements of the troops. In Poland on the right bank of the Vistula, an advance brought us into the district northwest of Sierpe, through which our opponents were repulsed. On the left bank of the Vistula there were no special incidents."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—To meet the new traffic conditions which have arisen with the opening of the Panama Canal, the Interstate Commerce Commission today permitted the trans-continental railroads to establish certain commodity rates from eastern points to the Pacific coast terminals lower than those to intermediate points in the intermountain territory.

BULGARIA NEUTRAL LOAN BY GERMANS

SOFIA, Feb. 11.—"Bulgaria has decided to maintain strict and loyal neutrality," said Premier Radoslavoff, at a meeting today with parliamentary adherents, at which a German loan to Bulgaria was discussed.

ALLIES WIN STUBBORN BATTLE FROM GERMANS ON FRENCH FIELD

After Six Weeks Struggle They Have Captured Hill of Notre Dame de Lorette

GAIN AND LOSE ELSEWHERE ON LINE

Stubborn Fighting Continues in Prussia and Poland—Battle in Bukovina

LONDON, Feb. 11.—One of the most stubborn fights on the French battlefields is said to have been won by the Allies. For six weeks the hill of Notre Dame de Lorette, in the northwestern part of France, has been in dispute. In winning possession of this hill, the Allies gained an important advantage since the position dominates the surrounding region.

Berlin reports ground gained in an attack in Argonne, while Paris says the ground which was lost by the French at Lafontenelle was regained.

In the East stubborn fighting continues, with apparently no change in East Prussia and Poland. In Galicia and Bukovina, the Austro-German army is meeting with stubborn resistance in an apparent effort to cut off the Russian troops in Bukovina.

ARCHIE KRUSE, the former Coquille River shingle mill magnate, is a Marshfield business visitor today. Get our prices on Meats, Palace Market.

Foreign Minister Grey Refuses to Give Any Indication of What Will Be Done

PUBLIC UTTERANCES IN GERMANY CAUSE

Non-Committal in Response to Question in House of Commons Late Today

LONDON, Feb. 11.—"Recent public utterances in Germany give no reason to suppose the purpose in view will be promoted by adopting the course suggested," was the answer of Foreign Minister Grey to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, asking whether, with a view to ending the terrible loss of life in the war, Great Britain was prepared to declare publicly the basis whereon the Allies were willing to discuss terms of peace.

LOWER RATES TO PACIFIC COAST

Interstate Commerce Commission Allows Railroads to Compete With Canal

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ASQUITH BLAMES U. S. SPECULATORS

LONDON, England, Feb. 11.—Dealing with the food question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith said the determining factor in the price of wheat was speculation on the New York and Chicago markets. He said these markets are in a highly nervous condition. He anticipated that this fever of speculation would abate after June.

PARIS TELLS OF GAINS BY ALLIES

French Announce Germans Repulsed and Former Gains Recaptured in Argonne

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The official statement this afternoon says: "In Champagne a German attack against our positions in the forest north of Meuzil Les Hurus, recently occupied by us, was repulsed. In Argonne, the fighting near the Maria Theresa earthworks was very violent. We maintained all our positions. The losses of the enemy were considerable and ours were serious. In the Vosges there is thick fog and abundant snow. It was during a very dark night there that occurred the infantry engagement reported yesterday at LaFontenelle. After having ceded some ground, our troops recaptured everything they lost. This occurred yesterday by a series of counter attacks."

Masquerade Ball, St. Valentine's Eve, Saturday, Feb. 13, Eagles' Hall. Prizes for best costumed. Martin's Orchestra. Admission 50c and surely worth it. You'll be there, we'll all be there—everybody's going. NUP SED.

NEW BLACK POPE.

ROME, Feb. 11.—Father Ledochowky was today elected General of the Society of Jesus, known as the "Black Pope," in succession to Father Francis Xavier Wernz, who died a few days after Pope Pius.

GERMAN FOOD SHIP SEIZED BY ENGLAND

FALMOUTH, Feb. 11.—The cargo of the American steamer Wilhelmina was seized by the British authorities here today, in accordance with a decision of the foreign office. The cargo is to go to the prize court.

Replying to the question whether the government will place all food and raw material on the list of absolute contraband, the Premier said: "The government is considering the question of taking measures against German trade in view of the violation by the enemy of the rules of war. I hope shortly to make an announcement of these measures."

SENATE SHIPPING BILL IS KILLED

Republicans Win in Long Filibuster—New Measure Up From House Next Week

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The situation in the fight over the administration ship bill underwent a complete change today as the result of conferences between President Wilson and Congress leaders. It was determined to relax the fight in the Senate thus suspending the historic filibuster while important appropriation bills are passed.

Meanwhile Gore's substitute for the administration bill will be introduced in the House as an addition to the Week's bill, another ship measure which has already passed the Senate. Under a special rule it would be perfected to meet the views of the administration and presented to the Senate for action as a new proposition.

The present bill, over which a long fight was waged, will be allowed to die in committee. This decision of the administration forces is a result of the success of the opposition in getting the Senate adjourned late yesterday after a 54-hour session. When the new bill comes over from the House, if the fight in the Senate is renewed upon it, President Wilson will decide whether to call an extra session for the consideration of the ship bill alone.

In the House tentative arrangements have been made to take up the ship bill immediately after the passage of a renewal of the ship fight and it was generally agreed that a coalition of the Republicans and insurgent democrats had blocked the measure temporarily at least.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 11.—Dawn today found Lassen peak belching vapor in great puffs that trailed southward before the wind in a streamer 40 miles long. Three hours after sunrise the eruption was unabated.

UNITED STATES SENDS WARNING TO GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY

DACIA SAILS TODAY FOR GERMAN PORT

American Steamer Questioned by English Officials, Leaves With Cargo of Cotton

NORFOLK, Virginia, Feb. 11.—The American steamer Dacia sailed today with a cargo of cotton for Germany, via Rotterdam. Great Britain has threatened to seize the ship, questioning its transfer from German to American register.

CLAIM RUSSIANS ARE DRIVEN BACK

German Correspondent Says Czar's Force in Carpathians Has Lost 10,000 Men

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—A correspondent in the Carpathians of the Berlin Tageblatt reports that the offensive spirit of the Russians in this arena appears to be broken. Contenting themselves with a defense by artillery against a German attack. They lost in round numbers 10,000 dead, wounded and prisoners since the end of January.

ENGLAND TO MAKE BLOCKADE RIGID

Premier Asquith Announces More Stringent Measure Against Kaiser's Trade

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Premier Asquith in an announcement in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the British government was about to take more stringent measures against the trade of Germany.

BARROWS AFRAID MESSAGE IS FAKE

In Message to Mayor Allen Declares Move to Kill His Port Bonding Bill

Believing that fake telegrams have been used and that there is a conspiracy on foot to defeat his port bill, Representative C. R. Barrows sent a telegram crackling along the wires from Salem to Mayor Allen this morning asking for information. The telegram said: "Have you held an election in your Port of Coos Bay in regard to changing the law of bonding? Peirce showed me a pretended telegram stating you had such an election. Senator Smith does not think you have had such an election. He said the telegram was not signed. I think it is a fake." (Signed) C. R. Barrows.

The bill presented to the legislature by Mr. Barrows would provide that all bond issues by any port in the state must first be submitted to a vote of the people, a measure that has occasioned considerable attention, the Port of Bandon being strongly opposed to the measure.

MOUNT LASSEN IS ACTIVE AGAIN

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Warns England Against Misuse of American Flag by English Vessels

TELLS GERMANS NOT TO SINK U. S. SHIPS

Washington Diplomats Stirred by Notes to Warring Powers Last Night

GERMANS TRY TO SINK DISGUISED SHIP

YUMIDEN, Netherlands, Feb. 11.—The German submarine U-2 yesterday attempted to torpedo the British steamer Laertes, which arrived here today from Java. The vessel escaped by adroit maneuvers. When attacked the steamer was flying the Dutch flag.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The United States has warned Great Britain and Germany, respectively, that general use of the American flag by British vessels would be viewed with grave concern here, and the destruction by Germany of any American vessel in the newly prescribed war zone would lead to serious complications. It became known that the text of the two notes sent Great Britain and Germany last night expressed more emphatically than was generally known the displeasure of the United States against the misuse of the flag and the possibility of neutral vessels being sunk.

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