

CIGARS GOING UP WITH NEW TARIFF BUT PIPES SHOULD BE LESS DEAR

Cigar Bands Cheaper and So Are Cigarette Papers; Better Papers for Less Money.

By Bond P. Geddes.
(Staff Correspondent of United Press.)
Throw out the old cigar box. Give me my pipe of clay. For the tariff has raised the price of cigars. And these pipes I cannot pay. —Apologies to Mr. Kipling.

Washington, Nov. 27.—If Kipling had waited until today to write that poem in which he made a lot of women dislike him when he declared: "For a woman is only a woman. "But a good cigar is a smoke." It would have been necessary for him to replace the cigar with the pipe, to make it appeal to the average man, for the Democrats treated the cigar and cigarette as luxuries, which means that instead of reducing import duties on them, they either remained the same or were increased. My Lady Nicotine received few favors from the new tariff law. Devotees of the weed do not stand much chance of saving any money under the new law, unless they smoke it in pipe form. If he smokes a clay pipe, he'll be able to save more.

The same old import tax of \$1.55 per pound on filler tobacco is in effect today. American smokers paid \$5,120,000 last year on this grade of tobacco. Likewise the old duty of 35 cents a pound on unstemmed filler tobacco prevails. Seventeen millions seven hundred thousand dollars "went up in smoke," literally last year, as the "indirect tax" on that article, and \$2,985,000 more in taxes on stemmed filler.

The Democrats even refused to reduce the tariff on snuff. They did, however, slightly lower the import taxes on cigar bands, especially the fancy varieties—which may interest the label collectors who paste up vases, jars and ash trays in a riot of labels.

While the new law imposes a tax lower by one-half on cheap clay pipes, the regular penny clay pipes will sell for the same amount. "T. D.'s" however, and other more expensive clay pipes, will sell cheaper. For men who use "makins" no tariff saving can be seen, unless it will be that he can get a better grade of papers for the same or slightly lower price. The import tariff on "papers" is reduced 16 per cent. Republicans, however, declare the importers will get the difference.

The "pipe fiend" who burns tobacco incense at the shrine of "My Lady" with mostly imported briar-root or meerschaums, may be able to save a quarter or half a dollar when he finally discards his old, time-stained favorite and buys a new pipe imported since October 3. The 16 per cent tariff reduction on the fancy imported pipes will, it is believed, cause some slight reduction at the tobacco stores.

Campaign Against Quacks.
San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Following several arrests for practicing medicine without a license, members of the state board of medical examiners said they were starting a state-wide campaign against quacks.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS WHICH WILL COME BEFORE VOTERS ON DEC. 9 ARE EXPLAINED

Second and Third Measures on Ballot, if Passed, Will Give Council Power to Hire City Engineer and Park Superintendent Without Restrictions.

Title of Amendment No. 2.
An act to amend section 123 of the city charter of Portland so as to exempt the city engineer and superintendent of parks from the provisions requiring all municipal officers to be registered voters of the city.

Section 123 of the charter he so amended:
192. Yes.
193. No.

The purpose of this amendment is to exempt the offices of city engineer and superintendent of parks from a charter provision requiring all municipal officers to be registered voters of the city of Portland.

Both offices require special qualifications of incumbents. The superintendent of parks and the city engineer each much be an expert in his particular line. The exemptions are for the purpose of making it possible for Portland to pick the best men it can secure, even though they are not residents of the city.

Mr. Mische is a competent park superintendent, but should he resign or die, the vacancy, as the charter now stands, would have to be filled by selecting from among the city's registered voters. The practical management and development of city parks is a science by itself.

Few, if any, other cities limit themselves in the selection of superintendents to registered voters of those cities. Park superintendents, the men upon whom elective officials must depend for expert advice, are almost universally selected from among a small class of recognized experts, whether or not they are residents of the cities.

The amendment does not require the

selection of a non-resident. It simply authorizes such a choice in a larger field of candidates.

The city engineer exemption is for the same reason. Portland's city engineer has an oversight of annual expenditure running up to \$5,000,000. Portland has a number of competent engineers, but municipal engineering is a profession distinct from the general scope of engineering work. There are comparatively few municipal engineers in the city, and in great demand.

It is urged that Portland should be abreast of the procession by giving it self authority to employ the best man that can be attracted by the salary offered.

Adoption of this amendment will also have the effect of placing women on a parity with men as eligibles for public office.

Title of Amendment No. 3.
An act to amend the charter of the city of Portland so as to provide that officers appointed by the council, instead of all appointed officers, shall serve during the pleasure of the council, and to provide further that the city engineer and superintendent of parks shall be exempt from the provision which requires that such officers shall, at the time of their appointment, be citizens of the United States, residents and qualified voters of the city of Portland.

Shall the charter be so amended?
194. Yes.
195. No.

The amendment is supplemental to the one above applying to another section of the charter. It affects the offices of park superintendent and city engineer as stated in the discussion of amendment No. 2.

GOMPERS THANKFUL ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Relected Head of A. F. of L. Finds Considerable Cause for Gratitude.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Nov. 27.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was local unionism's guest of honor today. He arrived from Seattle last evening and a little later, striding up and down in his hotel room, dictated the following message to the world's workmen:
"On this, the national day of thanksgiving, the union man should be thankful that, through the efforts of the workmen themselves, they have achieved their present position in life."
"Thankful for the clear conception on the part of our people as to the rights to

which the toilers of the country are entitled."
"Thankful for the spirit and character of the men and women in the organized labor movement."
"Thankful that they are in a better position to secure a larger degree of justice now than ever before in the history of mankind."
"Thankful for the opportunity of establishing a higher civilization."
"Thankful that the spirit of unity, solidarity and fraternity is growing amongst the workers of America, and that it is keeping pace with the organized workers of the civilized world on the march toward international peace and brotherhood."
The labor leader stopped and spoke slowly at first, but his stride and his speech quickened as he warmed to his theme. As he finished he stopped in the center of the room.
"Thirty," he said with a smile, which, as everyone knows, is the printer's and telegrapher's amen."

PROMINENT MEN WILL REPRESENT PORTS OF COLUMBIA AT CAPITAL

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In addition to that he has already received, to show why he should support the building of the dredge, the increasing of the appropriation for the north jetty and the adding of two big suction pumps to the present equipment of the Chinook.

The appointment of Mr. Teal, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hill was made by Dr. Alfred Kinney, chairman of the Ports of Columbia committee, by special message from Astoria this morning. Mr. Teal is already in the east and Mr. Jackson, who left for Washington this morning, will carry his appointment to him.

More Pumps for Chinook

Adding two 20 inch pumps to the Chinook, it is asserted, will increase the craft's dredging capacity 275 per cent.

Attention is called to the enhancement in values the government may expect on its own timber holdings. The first year after a 40 foot channel is opened, it is asserted that the government will benefit 20 cents on every 1000 feet of its timber, or a total of \$60,000,000. Estimating that the same rate of enhancement may continue for 5 years, the total benefit is estimated at \$300,000,000 to the government. In the same way it is said that privately owned timber will increase in value at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year or \$450,000,000 in five years.

The prediction of a transportation authority is quoted.

Mineral products may be shipped west via the Columbia, then through the Panama canal, at a saving of \$3 a ton, provided a 40 foot channel is provided at the mouth of the river.

That the maritime commerce of the district may be expected to grow to \$150,000,000 a year, if a 40 foot channel is created, is stated. This would be greater than the commerce of any other Pacific coast port and greater than any Atlantic port commerce, except New York and Boston. The grade, route from the east and the immense producing territory are given as reasons for commercial growth.

Included in the information furnished are copies of petitions addressed to Chief of United States Engineers Kingman, circulated by licensed pilots, tugboatmen and shipping men in service on the Columbia river and bar, asking his support of the appropriation for the proposed \$1,500,000 dredge, and saying:
"Great wealth is entrusted to our care in taking vessels in and out of the river and this responsibility is increasing yearly with the constant advent of larger vessels. It is with a view of providing for the safety of those craft, and thus furthering the interests of commerce, that we seek to enlist your assistance in securing the construction and operation of a large dredge."

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Teal and Mr. Hill are to attend the National Rivers and Harbors congress which will be held in Washington, D. C., beginning December 3.

County Court Will Redistrict

McMinnville, Or., Nov. 27.—At the December term of the county court the redistricting of the county into voting precincts will take place, data having been gathered for that purpose by the county commissioners. Ten new precincts are to be created making the whole number of the county 25. The old names are to be eliminated and the districts will be denominated by numbers, just as the road districts. The changes will affect McMinnville, Newberg, Sheridan, Carlton and Willamina and one or two other precincts.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB IN FAVOR OF MORE PARKS

Rose City Park Organization Opposes \$200,000 Bond Issue.

The proposed \$200,000 park bond issue was opposed in a resolution adopted by the Rose City Park Development league at its meeting Tuesday night in the Rose City club house, as it made no provision for purchase of additional parks, but only providing for improvements in present parks.

Walter Seabury declared that every community was entitled to have a park or playground within reasonable distance, and deplored the fact that there are no parks except Holladay park in the central east side. The large number of members present opposed the large expenditure proposed for electric lights in parks and favored a bond issue for securing new parks for districts needing them.

After several suggestions for rerouting Rose City Park cars to avoid delay from team travel on First street and to approach nearer to the main shopping district, it was decided to request the routing of the cars out on Fifth street instead of out Third, as at present. Floyd J. Campbell, F. L. Purse and A. H. Metcalf were appointed a committee to take the matter up with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

A delegation was present from the Union Avenue Development league, and after Bruce C. Curry spoke in its favor, a resolution was adopted favoring the Union Avenue approach to the Interstate bridge.

Upon motion of W. McKenna, a resolution was unanimously adopted disavowing the club's responsibility for the recent letter of L. M. Lepper, president of the Greater East Side United Improvement Clubs association, which severely criticized the city commissioners.

NEGRO'S BODY FOUND BY CHURCHGOERS

Tumbia, Miss., Nov. 27.—James Higgins, accused of a double murder, was lynched by a mob here last night. Church goers this morning found his corpse hanging to a tree.

FRANCIS G. LAWTON WAS G. A. R. VETERAN

La Center, Wash., Nov. 27.—Francis G. Lawton, a Civil war veteran, and an old pioneer of Clark county, died at his home here at the age of 81 years. Mr. Lawton was born in New York state August 1, 1832. In 1848 he moved to Wisconsin, where in the year 1855 he was married to Miss Maria Neeley, who

died at her home here in 1909. Mr. Lawton served his time during the Civil war as corporal in Company H of the Forty-sixth regiment of Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. In the year 1875, with wife and family, he moved to Clark county, settling near Washougal, where he lived until the year 1895, when he moved here and bought a farm. The surviving children are, Mrs. A. D. Wright, of Portland, Or.; Mrs. Ella Robb, of Gridley, Cal.; G. W. and F. P. Lawton, of this place. The funeral was held from the home. Interment was in the Mt. Zion cemetery.



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