

WHARFAGE CHARGES NOT TO BE ABSORBED BY DOCK COMMISSION

Practice of Railroads Would Be Mill Stone About Neck Is Declared.

ALASKA LINE IS HELPED

Space Will Be Given for Labeling Salmon and Free Storage for 30 Days to Be Provided.

The public dock commission at a special meeting this morning took the position that it will not absorb wharfage charges, conforming to a practice of railroads owning docks when a rail haul of the commodity is to be had. "To do so would be to hang a millstone about the commission's neck. It would be illegal and discriminatory on the part of the commission, as it is now on the part of the railroads," said Frederick W. Mulkey, chairman of the dock commission. "The railroads have opportunity to recoup wharfage costs in the rail haul. The dock commission and city have no opportunity to recoup."

He voiced the sentiment of the dock commission. The city attorney was asked for an opinion indicating proper procedure. A settlement will be of the greatest importance, first, in defining ways by which railroad competition may be met in public owned water terminals; second, as a precedent affecting other coast cities.

Procedure, it is said, is difficult to define. It may be desirable to obtain a ruling that railroads must fix wharfage charges over their docks on an independent basis. Or, it may be necessary to require railroads to absorb wharfage charges on commodities passing over a public dock.

The question of judicial authority having jurisdiction will need settlement. Commissioner Selling suggested that the state railroad commission be asked to take it up. But since interstate and international freight movement will be involved it is more probable adjudication by the Interstate Commerce commission may be required, suggested Chairman Mulkey.

The subject came before the dock commission after reading of a letter from the Royal Mail Steam Packet company expressing desire to use the public docks here, but only on the same terms as granted over railroad docks.

Will Help Alaska Line. The commission took action this morning that indirectly will help the Portland-Alaska Steamship line. It agreed to give space on dock for labeling of salmon brought from Alaska and to provide 30 days free storage. The arrangement involves construction of temporary warehouse in conjunction with dock No. 1 on the west side.

Preliminary incident to granting the Bell Telephone company cable house space on the east side dock were attended to. Change in plans of east side dock were authorized, increasing width of rear platform from 6 to 12 feet, installing doors at intervals of 20 feet instead of continuously, and decreasing number of ramps on face of dock from 4 to 3. The saving will be about \$300.

Dredging Proposal Accepted. The city was asked to install a fire alarm box. The engineer was authorized to buy reserve stock of 24 sprinkler heads. The Port of Portland proposal to dredge in front of the east side dock, removing 26,750 yards for which it will be paid, and 48,250 yards free, was accepted. The dredge Portland will be assigned to the work. Authority was given to buy 200 cords of brush to retain the east side dock fill. The engineer was given authority for a fill at the west side Albina ferry slip.

It was ruled that vessels tying to the west side dock for water be charged half wharfage rates.

Other Business Transacted. The city attorney was asked to prepare an oath to be taken by the wharfinger, he then to be ranked as an official of the commission.

Wire mesh and steel rods needed in fencing the public from danger of falling into water at the Stark street landing were authorized.

It was ordered that liability insurance be obtained for public dock employees.

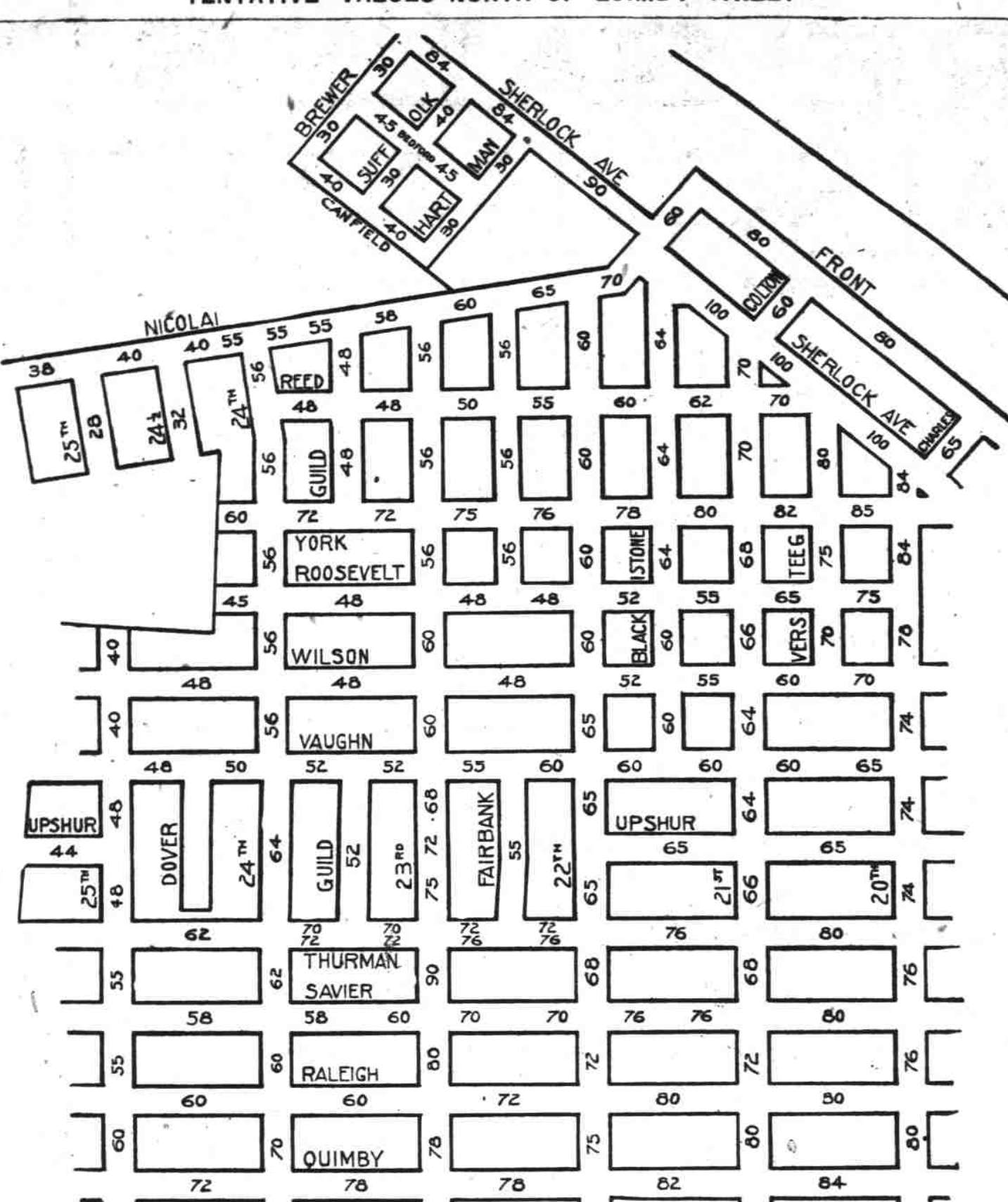
HUERTA READY TO SALUTE IF U. S. FIRES RETURN

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"It is inconceivable. The Mexican salute of our flag as an apology for an insult is symbolic, but the minute we return the salute it becomes a mere exchange of courtesies."

Not only would an American salute wipe out the apologetic nature of the function, but it involves American

TENTATIVE VALUES NORTH OF QUIMBY STREET



Map of district bounded by Quimby, Twenty-fifth, Twentieth and Nicolai streets, giving tentative unit-foot valuations to be used in connection with Somers System of land appraisal for assessing the district. At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon a meeting of the owners of property in this district will be held in the office of Assessor Reed.

recognition of the Huerta government. "The whole proceeding would be changed by this exchange of courtesies so as to make us ridiculous because we would be receding from our demand for an apology and accepting something absolutely valueless. But I feel confident the proposition will not be accepted."

Depends on Language. Shively, despite this view, stuck to his guns. "It is perfectly obvious," he said, "that America would be humiliated by the ordinary rules of courtesy to return the salute."

Senator Lewis took still another view. "It depends on Huerta's exact language," he said. "If he demanded that the Mexican colors be saluted following the Mexican salute of the American flag, it will mean his recognition as president of Mexico."

Shively's only comment on this was that he expected the crisis to pass quickly.

The majority of the senators were of the opinion that the fleet would be allowed to assemble off Tampico, however, for the moral effect of the demonstration.

In the meantime the battleship squadron under Admiral Badger steamed on toward Tampico, the battleships Louisiana and Ohio left New York and the Michigan sailed from Philadelphia for the same destination.

The Pacific fleet was preparing under Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt's direction, to hurry to the Mexican coast, and the army was held in readiness for field service on short notice.

O'Shaughnessy Not Popular. Charge d'Affairs O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City, was conducting the negotiations with Huerta. President Wilson explained, and as soon as there was anything definite to announce it would be given to the public.

In connection with the reference to O'Shaughnessy, another interesting thing developed. Presidential Private Secretary Tamm no longer ago than this forenoon denied emphatically that the chief executive was displeased with the charge d'affaires on account of the latter's personally friendly relations with Huerta.

Yet at a secret meeting of the house committee on foreign affairs it came out that the president had intimated he would remove O'Shaughnessy if it were not that he would have to send another representative in his place, which would be virtual recognition of the Mexican dictator. And it was because he considered O'Shaughnessy too friendly with Huerta, it was stated positively, that the executive felt thus.

One thing President Wilson made plain in all his conversations today—

Business Men Will Do Work on Roads

Many Respond When the Question of Good Roads Is Put at Luncheon After an Interesting Address.

The Progressive Business Men's club at luncheon in the Multnomah hotel this afternoon heard addresses by Wallace R. Struble on the importance of development for water transportation on the Columbia river and by Albert G. Clark, president of the Pacific Coast Advertising association, telling how the campaign for truth in advertising is gaining ground. Full 90 per cent of the club members stood when volunteers were called for by President Kanzler for work on the Columbia highway, Good Roads day, April 25.

Huerta must make the fullest amends for the slights he has put upon the United States or a blockade of the Mexican coast will be declared, and maintained until the point of hostilities.

Would Be "Real" Blockade. Dwelling on the blockade proposition, the president remarked that someone had suggested a "pacific blockade" was not an act of war. That, he said, was true, but "pacific blockades" seldom amounted to much for the reason that the blockade is always doubtful what he can do toward holding up other nations' shipping. The president made it clear that if a blockade is declared against Mexico it will be one which will paralyze its commerce.

Investigation proved that what was advertised as an entirely harmonious meeting of the house foreign affairs committee was not quite so harmonious as was represented. A resolution was adopted to "sustain" the president's policy growing out of the Tampico incident. The original plan was to use the word "approve" instead of "sustain," but the change was made when Congressman Alney and others declared pointblank they would not vote for it in the original form. Alney, Barthold and others maintained the president was justified in sending the fleet to Mexican waters.

It was stated that after the fleet's arrival at Tampico, unless the federal salute the American flag, the executive would send a message to the committee or to congress as a whole, making definite recommendations.

It was plain, however, that the administration was hopeful the crisis would be over soon.

Admiral Badger's battleship squadron will continue southward at any rate, until the salute actually is fired. It was thought likely they would be kept in Mexican waters in readiness for the crisis which it was thought might follow another important rebel victory.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan insisted, a majority of the senate foreign relations committee upholding them, that returning the Mexican salute would not constitute recognition of the Huerta government. Every precedent in naval history, it was stated, called for acknowledgment of such salutes.

Huerta's personality was the only thing which it was thought might yet cause a hitch. Inasmuch as he has changed front once or twice daily since the last crisis, government officials here said they would not believe the present incident was closed until the salute actually was fired.

M. A. A. C. Must Pay Property Tax

Following his declaration at the time the suit was argued Circuit Judge McGinn this morning declared that he could not find any reason for holding the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club a charitable and benevolent institution and that it is not entitled to exemption from taxes.

Judge McGinn in an similar suit

Red and White to Be Festival Colors

No action was taken by the Multnomah club looking toward an appeal and it is believed that no appeal will be taken.

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PORTLAND CHURCHES PLANNING TO HANDLE BIG CROWDS SUNDAY

Ministers Predict More Than 70 Per Cent of Population Will Turn Out.

INVITATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Overflow Meeting for Children From 4 to 10 Years Old to Be Held on East Side.

Churches of Portland are making elaborate preparations to house the big crowds that it is anticipated will attend the services next Sunday, Go-to-Church Sunday. Many of the churches plan to have chairs in Sunday school rooms transferred to the main room and one of the large downtown churches has arranged to hire 500 extra chairs.

Ministers of the committee anticipate that more than 70 per cent of the city's population will attend church somewhere on that day. Yesterday afternoon more than 100,000 invitations were distributed to the east side had been canvassed by ministers, bearing invitations.

Rev. H. N. Mount, of Vernon Presbyterian church, wrote Rev. Delmer H. Trimble, chairman of the committee, to the effect that all ministers in his district had met and prepared a joint invitation which was taken to every home in the district bounded by Williams avenue, Thirty-third street, Alameda and Fremont streets, yesterday afternoon and evening.

Big Streamer Displayed. At the East Side Baptist church a big streamer stretching almost across the front of the church gives its invitation to the hundreds who daily pass the edifice. Invitation cards have been distributed all over the section in which this church is located and telephonic invites are being made.

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Recall Petitions Not Yet Presented

Deputy City Attorney Believes Injunction Would Follow Filing of the Document.

Persons who put themselves up as recall candidates against Mayor H. R. Albion and Commissioners Dieck and Brewster may possibly face an injunction to restrain the city from holding a recall election.

This is the opinion of Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, who is investigating phases of the recall as applied to city officials for City Auditor Barbur, who wishes to be prepared should the recall petitions be filed. It had been rumored that they were to be filed yesterday or today, but up till noon they had not been placed in the hands of the auditor.

A muddle may result, says Mr. Tomlinson, because there exists a question, settled neither by the state constitution nor the city charter, as to the number of days a candidate may have before filing his nominating petitions.

Similar in every respect except that an employee is the plaintiff this time instead of an employer, another attack was made yesterday on the minimum wage order of the Industrial Welfare commission. Elmita Simpson, an employee of Frank C. Stettler, a paper box manufacturer, who brought the first suit to have the order declared unconstitutional, is the plaintiff.

The case went at once to Circuit Judge Cleaton, who decided the Stettler suit against Stettler on the fact, and a demurrer which was filed immediately in the new suit was sustained. The suit was dismissed with judgment for the commission and with \$10 costs. No arguments were made.

The attorneys for Miss Simpson at once gave notice of appeal. As the higher court in this case and that of the Stettler suit and the supreme court upheld Judge Cleaton, it is expected that the same ruling will be made in the present case.

Miss Simpson alleged that she has been employed by Stettler for three and a half years and is receiving \$3 a week, with which she says she has lived in comfort and health. She alleges the ruling of the commission would force her employer to pay her \$8.64 a week. She states that she would be discharged if the order is carried out.

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STRAHORN SEES HOPE OF RELIEF IN INCREASE OF RATE ON FREIGHT

Pending Consideration of Eastern Lines' Plea May Strengthen Investors' Faith

Enthusiastic over the development of the great southwest since his previous visit long before the railroads had built westward from Tucson, President Robert E. Strahorn of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway returned today from a six weeks' vacation spent where the sun could shine on him every day.

Mr. Strahorn was accompanied by Mrs. Strahorn in his private car. When he started he declared he intended to leave work behind and today he said he had fulfilled that vow to the letter. They shipped their automobile to Los Angeles and spent most of their time traveling there, over the old trails that once were traversed only by the occasional stage coach.