MAY WHEAT AT $1.57 IS HIGHEST PRICE OF YEARS FOR CHICAGO

May Opens at $1.54 and Soon Reaches 5 1-8 Cents Above Saturday's Close.

WEATHER HELPS PRICE

Portland Wheat Exchange Has Most Exciting Day Since Local Market Was Established; Demand Oats

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—An exciting session of the board of trade here closed this afternoon after a flood of buying orders had sent the price of May wheat up to $1.57, the highest price for wheat in many years. This is 5⅛ cents above Saturday's close.

The advance of May wheat carried the July option up with it. May opened $1.54, and immediately began to soar sensationally. In the first hour it registered an advance of 1⅜ cents, and by 11:30 it had taken a jump to $1.56¾, and in a sharp buying movement a few minutes before the close the top price of $1.57 was touched. This is a gain of 3 cents over the opening price. May closed at $1.56¼.

Both May and July wheat continued to ascend as the day advanced. At 11 o'clock May was at $1.55⅝ and July at $1.37½. Both of these figures were the highest in many years.

Half an hour later May had risen ⅝c to $1.56 and July touched $1.37⅝.

Corn was also higher, May reaching 83⅛ and July 85⅛ at 11:30.

May oats, at the same hour, sold at 61⅝ and July at 59¼c.

In the next 15 minutes May wheat went up ⅜c more, reaching $1.56¾. July went to $1.38.

Offerings were at a minimum today owing to the weather. This, coupled with heavy domestic and foreign orders, was the cause of the sensational rise. At 12:15 p. m. prices had receded from ⅛c to ¼c. Later there was a lull in the buying and prices were off still more.

Shortly before the close May touched $1.57, a record for the movement. Excitement in the pit was at fever heat. July rose to $1.38⅝, but dropped back to $1.37½ at the close. May closed at $1.56¼.

May bluestem wheat bids were advanced to $1.57 a bushel on the Portland Merchants' Exchange today. It was far the most exciting session since the local market was established. A sale of 10,000 bushels of March delivery club was made at $1.50 a bushel or 8c above the extreme price of Saturday.

There was a general scramble for wheat supplies when the exchange opened. With California millers on the anxious seat for actual needs, the southern buyers were grabbing everything that was offering.

Other sales of wheat today on the exchange were: 15,000 bushels March red Russian $1.42½, 5000 bushels at $1.43, 5000 bushels prompt red fife at $1.43.

In response to the higher cost of flour, one of the big local mills advanced its quotation on patent grade 20 cents a barrel to $7 this morning, and it is generally forecasted that other mills will name a like price tomorrow.

The oats demand from Europe is keeping exporting agents here on the anxious seat. The country is not a free seller of coarse grains at this time, and prices are showing a further rise. On the Portland Merchants' Exchange spot oats advanced 75 cents a ton to $38. There was a like advance in feed barley at $34.50, and 200 tons of March delivery were sold at $36 a ton.

Man Dies as He Finishes Prayer

Samuel Isaacson, 68, Was Enthusiastic Worker in Series of Religious Meetings Being Held at Spokane.

Spokane, Feb. 1.—As he finished uttering a prayer, "May mission work begun in the west be blessed by the Lord," Samuel Isaacson, age 68 years, collapsed before the altar in Bethania Norwegian Lutheran church last night and died in the arms of the pastor.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Idaho-Washington Missionary society, which is conducting a religious campaign. Isaacson was one of the most enthusiastic workers.

RANCHER IS ARRESTED

J. Alexander Taylor, a rancher, was arrested by Detectives Cahill and Tichenor at one of the leading hotels this morning on a charge of larceny by embezzlement preferred by Miss A. E. Massey, of 404 Madison street. Miss Massey complains that the accused contracted to sell her a carload of wood and that on December 12 he borrowed $50 in advance to defray the expense of removing the wood from his property. She declares that the wood was not delivered. The amount secured was returned, however, today, and the complaining witness asked that the case be dropped.

Taylor explains that the $50 had been mailed before the warrant had been issued.

Although coal is known to exist in several parts of Honduras, the fuel never has been used commercially.

Behlows Continue Search for Heir

Relatives Do Not Believe Body of Man Found Near Lordsburg, N. M., Is That of Their Missing Kinsman.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—The mystery over the disappearance of Edward Behlow, the heir to the Behlow California estate, grew deeper today. Although detectives employed by the family partially identified as Behlow's a decomposed body of a man found near Lordsburg, N. M., not far from El Paso, Texas, the missing man's relatives doubted the identification and continued the search.

Mrs. Charles Behlow, a sister-in-law, stated today that there was nothing to prove Behlow had ever been at Lordsburg and that the identification made by detectives was very uncertain.

Lordsburg dispatches declared the man whose body was found there had been shot to death. The clothing answered the description of that worn by Behlow when he was seen last and the revolver near the body was like one ordinarily carried by the missing man.

Relatives continued to deny these statements, however, saying their advices indicated the Lordsburg body was that of a man who had died of pulmonary hemhorrage. Behlow disappeared last October after he had started on a trip to Arizona.

GERMAN ASSAULTS ON ALLIES AT YPRES ARE REPULSED WITH EASE

Paris Swept by Great Wave of Enthusiasm at News of Failure of New Attack.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Feb. 1.—The Germans have been thrown back violently in another attempt to smash through the lines of the allies at Ypres. French infantrymen met the assault so well with the bayonet that the enemy's columns, shattered and unnerved, were repulsed in great disorder.

This announcement, contained in the official statement issued by the war office this afternoon, created a tremendous wave of enthusiasm throughout the city. For several days it has been reported that the Germans were massing reinforcements in Belgium for a new drive.

When the assault was delivered, however, the French were found to be ready. Their riflemen mowed down the enemy's first ranks with a murderous fire before charging with the bayonet to complete the repulse. The ease with which the first German attacks were checked has resulted in supreme confidence in the power of French arms.

Aerial scouts, says the statement, report that the shelling of the German positions along the Aisne by French artillery has been very effective. The enemy's trenches at several points along the river have been destroyed.

In the Soissons' region a German battery had been silenced after undertaking a duel with French guns. From Ypres to the coast a constant artillery fight has been in progress for several days.

German bombardment of the outer trenches of the French positions at Verdun is declared to be ineffective. Quiet prevails in Alsace and the Vosges.

BILL TO INCREASE PAY OF CLATSOP TREASURER STARTS TALK IN HOUSE

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nounced the result of the vote and did not entertain the demand.

On Eight Hour Law.

A second appeal on the bill to extend the force of the eight hour day as affecting public work led the reference of the bill back to the committee for amendment. Mr. Horne declared the eight hour law is abused by contractors, who snap their fingers in the faces of the men who work with pick and shovel, and tell them to collect their double overtime if they can. Horne declared the present law requires the workman to take his case before the grand jury, which is almost impossible when he is getting $2 per day.

A third bill introduced by the labor representative prescribing one day's rest in seven was sent back to committee when the author discovered that an amendment he had made was not included in the final draft of the bill.

Members Were Late.

The house session was brief this morning, the members arriving late after the Sunday recess. The last of the bills had been introduced Saturday, and the prospect was that the week would be spent in the hardest work of the session.

Representative Forbes of Crook county submitted a joint memorial in the house this morning to urge the secretary of the interior to hasten the issuance of patents to vast areas of Carey act lands in eastern Oregon. The memorial sets forth that patent lists have been hung up in the department for years, though the terms of the law have been complied with in all cases, and the delay is preventing sale and securing of loans, greatly to the detriment of state development.

Mr. Horne declared that already $8000 overtime is due workmen on reclamation work at Astoria from unscrupulous contractors.

"Of what use is the eight hour law at all if it is to be violated by the men who are supposed to enforce it?" Horne demanded. "The trades unions can care for their own problems, but it is the men who have no organization who are suffering. If you reject this bill, which merely makes effective the law we now have, you are making yourselves party to a crime against labor."

Motor Licenses Increase.

Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—Registrations at the state motor vehicle department showed a marked increase in the month just closed over January, 1914, the totals being as follows:

For 1915—Motor vehicles, 11,092; motorcycles, 1028; chauffeurs, 1047. For 1914 — Motor vehicles, 6718; motorcycles, 734; chauffeurs, 487.

The increase is due, in part, to the increased use of automobiles in cities and country because of better road conditions and the further fact that the department urged the owners of machines to get their licenses early in the present year.

CASE OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IS TO BE CONSIDERED

Committee Assures Delegation From Portland Women's Club.

COST IS ONE QUESTION

Denominational Institutions Might Carry On Work Is Suggestion Made.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—A delegation of women from various women's organizations of the state and the members of the advisory board of the state training school for girls were promised at a meeting of the joint ways and means committee at noon today, that consideration would be given their protest against the decision of the committee to lop off the appropriation for the industrial school with the result that the institution would be abolished. Senator Day, chairman of the senate committee, Representative Cobb, of the house committee, and Representative Smith, Portland physician, did most of the questioning and talking.

Day said that the committee's decision to cut off the school's appropriation was taken after due consideration.

Day Explains Stand.

"It was felt it was getting off in the wrong direction," asserted Day. "I helped to get an appropriation for the school two years ago but I never expected that its conduct would take the turn it did. I am one of those who believe that there should be less space for administration and attendants, and more for inmates. The trouble with state institutions is that they are conducted on too elaborate a scale. One institution, with 105 inmates, wanted three separate cooking departments."

Dr. Smith raised the question of why the care of the delinquent girls could not just as well be carried on at the denominational institutions of Portland, which charge the state but $8 per month per capita, and the discussion revolved largely around this problem during the entire session.

The question of whether it would be necessary to have denominational institutions aid in the care of wayward girls, even if the state allowed the additional appropriation for maintenance and a new building, was raised by Day, and Mrs. J. Blaumaeur, one of the speakers, who represented an organization of women of Portland, said she thought that this would probably be the case, to some extent, but said she believed that the state should go ahead with the Industrial school.

Opportunity Is Less.

She pointed out that girls over 18 could not be sent to the denominational schools and that there is not the opportunity for education there as at the state school.

Took Gold Teeth From Her Mouth

St. Louis Woman Has Man Arrested, Saying He Forcibly Took Crowns and Sold Them to a Dentist for $2.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1.—How six gold teeth were forcibly taken from her mouth and sold for $2 was told to Police Judge Hogan today by Mrs. Bauer, 35, who caused the arrest of Clarence T. Hull, 35, charging that it was he who performed the operation. Hull testified that he removed the teeth and sold them to a dentist at Mrs. Bauer's request.

Fines against Hull amounting to $35 were stayed on a promise of exemplary conduct.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF GIRLS' SCHOOL

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ing after the institutions and revising the estimates."

Kay Gives Figures.

"Only a small amount was spent in the maintenance of the girls. It is a well known fact that the cost of maintenance is smaller for a large number than a small one. The cost of maintenance for 50 prisoners is much less than that for 25. There is no argument in the claim of the ways and means committee about the per capita cost being high. They have not segregated it and can not tell. Most of the appropriation for two years ago was used in building the new school and furnishing the one temporarily used."

The treasurer declared it to be false economy to deny institutions appropriations for new buildings badly needed. Real economy would be to provide improvements and betterments.

"You can't say the state is saved $50,000 if $50,000 is refused for a new building that is needed," he told the visiting women. "If a $50,000 building is erected, it is worth that amount to the state," he declared. "The whole state tax amounts to about 3 mills and if the legislature saves one quarter of a mill it will be doing well. You can imagine how little that will be when a man pays a total of 30 mills tax and 14 of it is for the city, as in Salem."

Cost Declared Less.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of the department of safety, Portland, asserted that a segregation of the maintenance cost of the girls' school was $29 per capita, which is less than some of the state institutions.

"If there are 60 girls in the institution we can cut the maintenance close to $20 per capita," declared Kay.

Olcott declared that he was unalterably opposed to the abolishment of the school and he assured the ladies, as had Kay, that the board would back them in their fight.

Mrs. Carlton Smith of Salem, who with Mrs. Aristene Felts and Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin is a member of the advisory board of the industrial school, declared that the proposed new building was a necessity, and that there was a demand from many sections of the state where county officials had no proper place for taking care of wayward girls.

Rev. H. E. Marshall, of Salem, told the board that the Salem ministerial union strongly indorsed the work that has been carried on by the institution.

Members of the delegation declared their belief that the school is a necessity and they expressed appreciation of the atitude of the board.

Suspect Betrayed By His Own Eyes

Furtive Glances at Top of Cupboard Reveals Hiding Place of Counterfeit Coins; Sleuth Makes Arrest.

Christ Mister, a logger, "could not make his eyes behave" and for this reason he is now in jail charged with making counterfeit coins. The arrest was made by Federal Secret Service Agent W. A. Glover, who found Mister in a rooming house on Grand avenue and East Burnside street.

But Mister would probably have got away despite a strong suspicion that he was experimenting on ways and means of making counterfeit half dollars.

After Glover had entered his room and arrested him a long search failed to reveal any of the "queer" money although the molds had been found.

Glover was all but ready to let the man go and told him so when he observed that Mister kept glancing at the top of an old cupboard. The top of the cupboard was covered with a paper, laid out perfectly smooth. Glover had already looked over it once but Mister's eyes strayed so often to the place that the secret service man made another investigation and found that Mister had carved a hole in the top and there had concealed several half made coins.

Mister had not perfected any of the coins and it is said has never been in trouble before.

CAN'T STARVE ENGLAND, SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL

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of his name, made this statement today during a discussion of the new method of warfare adopted by the kaiser's advisers. As the result of this plan several British merchantmen have been sent to the bottom in the English channel and Irish sea, having been torpedoed by the enemy's submarines.

The official agreed with other government experts that the submarine raids of Saturday and Sunday are features of the policy advocated by Von Tirpitz, German marine minister, in an interview in December with correspondent Karl H. von Wiegand of the United Press. Further raids and consequent losses are anticipated by British naval men.

In the hope of sighting the submarine U-21, which sank three British vessels Saturday, destroyers and light cruisers today patrolled the Irish sea. The U-21 last night chased the British steamer Leinster for a short time off the Kish light vessel, but failed to catch her.

Some officials believe that an entire flotilla of the enemy's submarines is operating off the west coast of England and that other vessels besides the U-21 may have been responsible for some of the feats performed Saturday. Dispatches from Liverpool today said several steamers left today at their regular sailing hours, and that there was no great alarm there.

London and Paris newspapers, referring to this development, today again quoted parts of Von Wiegand's interview with Admiral von Tirpitz.

Insurance Rates Go Up.

Liverpool, Feb. 1. — Underwriters raised the insurance rate today on steamships engaged in coastwise trade from 5 to 20 shillings per £100 as a result of recent German submarine raids on merchant vessels.

WIRES CLOSED TO CRITICISM OF A. P., HE SAYS

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that he believed the commission could get the information sought from the books of the Millbrook company, asserting it was "impossible for him to remember such details."

General federal control of industry was advocated by James Mackaye, consulting engineer and economist, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He voiced the opinion that until each government fixes a standard for each industry, a minimum wage rate and a provision for the division of the surplus between workers, citizens and corporations, that industrial unrest will continue.

"The government," said Mackaye, "should fix prices and generally supervise business. I believe the establishment of such a plan would cheapen the present high cost of living and remove industrial unrest. It would make employers and employes pull together."

Amos Pinchot was recalled to the stand.

A. P. Suppresses Story.

"My charges of misrepresentation of labor by the Associated Press in the Michigan and West Virginia strikes," Pinchot testified, today, "were not carried on the Associated Press wires. This organization has in its by-laws a rule forbidding the carrying or printing of anything deemed derogatory to the Associated Press.

"Editors publishing such matter are usually disciplined by losing their Associated Press franchise.

Asked if there was any record of the rule being enforced, Pinchot answered:

"Yes, Medill McCormick was disciplined."

Pinchot agreed to furnish the committee with a copy of the report.

John Mitchell Testifies.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, was the next witness. He said the plan of John D. Rockefeller Jr. for settling the Colorado troubles "was simply absurd." Unorganized men, he declared, were selected to represent them, only such men as the bosses want, because they could not resist the indirect influence brought to bear upon them.

"We have gone through this once before," Mitchell said. "The slogan 'we might as well starve idle as starve working' would be raised again.

"The death rate in unorganized industries and especially in Colorado," Mitchell said later in his testimony, "is double that in the organized fields."

Mitchell justified the call to arms. He said, though, it was unwise to sign it. He said it was issued after the Ludlow massacre, in which 19 men, women and children were slain, and that it was then believed that other women were in danger.

Homestead Steel Works Open Again

Eight Thousand Men Are Given Employment With Resumption of Work by Carnegie Steel Company's Plant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—The Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel company resumed operations today, 8000 men returning to work.

RUSSIANS HALTED BY A FLANK ATTACK OF GERMAN GENERAL

Berlin Announces That Francois Has Moved Rapidly to Southwest.

The War Lineup.

Belgium—Paris claims severe German repulse in attempt to smash French lines near Ypres. German aviators dropped bombs on Bailleul, 18 miles northwest of Lille.

France—The shelling of German positions along the Aisne reported by aerial scouts. The enemy's trenches at several points along the river have been destroyed. German bombardment of outer French positions at Verdun declared ineffective.

Germany — German nation jubilant over reported success of the German submarine campaign against British merchantmen. Leading Berlin newspapers predict that "henceforth British navigation will have to reckon with the German submarine danger."

England—Officials of British admiralty ridicule German claims of ability to starve England out. "The main purpose of the submarine attack," said an official, "is to frighten England. It will not succeed."

Russia — Trenches west of Warsaw lost to the enemy reported recaptured by Russians. General engagement in progress in Carpathians between the Dukla and Uszok passes. Heavy German and Austrian losses reported.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Berlin (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Feb. 1.—A flank attack by General Francois in northern Poland has effectually halted the Russian efforts to advance against the fortress of Thorn.

The official war office statement announced this afternoon that General Francois, who has been operating in the vicinity of Mlawa, made a rapid movement southwest and attacked the Russian right, forcing the enemy to retire.

Further gains by the kaiser's forces east of Lowicz and south of the Vistula river are also announced in the statement. The Germans at the same time have renewed their attack against the Russian column attempting to resume the offensive and advance along the railroad through Tomasof toward Lodz.

It was announced that German aviators have crossed the lines of the allies and dropped bombs at Bailleul, 18 miles northwest of Lille.

The kaiser conferred today with his staff chiefs here and announced that he was very well satisfied with the progress of the campaigns, both in the east and west.

Russians Tell of Resistance.

Petrograd, Feb. 1.—Desperate fighting is in progress in the timbered region near Pilkallen, East Prussia.

A war office statement this afternoon made this announcement, indicating that German reinforcements rushed forward to check the Slav advance against Konigsberg are offering a determined resistance to the invaders. The kaiser's strategists are concentrating their principal resistance on a series of assaults on the Russian central army of three armies which are pouring across German territory. This Russian army is endeavoring to advance westward from Pilkallen on a line north of Insterburg. The war office claims slight gains for the Slavs as the result of this fighting.

Trenches west of Warsaw which were lost to the enemy Friday have been recaptured, the official statement declares. A violent engagement, in which the Germans lost heavily, preceded this success.

A general engagement is in progress in the Carpathians between the Dukla and Uszok passes. A division of combined Austrian and German troops is declared to have sustained heavy losses in a futile effort to reach Przemysl and raise the siege of that city.

Plan for Exchange Of Prisoners Fails

Pope's Efforts to Get Warring Nations to Permit Exchange of Invalid Prisoners Blocked by Fear of Spies.

Rome, Feb. 1.—Pope Benedict's efforts toward an agreement between the European belligerents for an exchange of invalid prisoners have failed. The belligerents opposed such an agreement on the ground that wounded prisoners might reveal important military secrets if they were exchanged.

WORKLESS MAN SUICIDES

John Flodin, aged 60, was found dead in bed at a Japanese rooming house at 253½ Everett street this afternoon. He had cut his throat with a razor, apparently. He left a note, written in a time book that he had used as foreman of construction for the O-W. R. & N. in eastern Oregon, explaining his action in that he was out of work, sick and penniless. The note instructed that his personal effects be sent to his brother in Sweden, whose address was given. Coroner F. H. Dammasch removed the body to the public morgue.

Old Orphanage Crushes Children.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 1.—A building at St. Alphonsus orphanage here collapsed during a storm while 50 children were in it. Twenty were injured, two seriously.

Jitney Kills Oakland Woman.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 1.—An unidentified woman was struck and probably fatally injured by a jitney bus driven by Jack Summers.

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SERVICE, COMFORT, UNEXCELLED CUISINE, REASONABLE RATES. CLOSE TO THEATRES, CAFES AND FINE STORES.

Kaufmann Steps Out As Mine Host

Resignation as Manager of Portland Hotel Effective Yesterday; Presented With Gold Watch Fob.

The resignation of G. J. Kaufmann as manager of the Portland hotel, which he tendered several weeks ago, took effect yesterday and today the hostelry is operating under the direct supervision of Edward Boyce, president of the Portland Hotel company.

Mr. Boyce, however, does not plan to manage the place permanently and it is understood a new manager will take over the reins soon. At the present time George C. Ober, chief clerk, is assisting in the management.

The last day of Mr. Kaufmann's management was marked by the presentation to him of a beautiful gold watch fob, studded in diamonds, a gift and token of appreciation from the hotel's employes. It came as a complete surprise.

About 100 employes gathered in the big grill room and then Mr. Kaufmann was called in and presented with the fob by Waldermar Lind, leader of the orchestra. The fob is a combination Elk and Masonic emblem.

Mr. Kaufmann resigned because he is in need of rest.

Tax Bills Feature Session at Olympia

Indications Are That Measure Making Work Part of Republican Business Will Be Adopted by Legislature.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 1.—The feature of today's legislative session was the partisan fight in the house this afternoon between the Republican majority and the small Democratic minority over the rival tax commission bills. Indications are the Republican measures, which make the tax commission work an adjunct of the Republican state land commissioner's office, will go through. It is doubtful if it can pass the senate but if it does it is fairly certain the measures can not be passed over the veto.

The senate met this morning and did little business other than the introduction of bills, which included two which would repeal the eight hour law to permit city employes to work as much as 10 hours.

The senate passed a joint memorial asking congress to fortify Willapa harbor and Grays harbor.

In the house this afternoon, the agriculture committee introduced two bills, one authorizing the governor to accept federal aid for agricultural extension work, and the other providing appropriation of $18,000 for the state's share, which will provide joint state and federal fund of $56,000.

A new horticulture code was submitted also, and went on the general file. The judiciary committee offered a bill to permit either serving or filing first on appeals. Hundreds of appeals have been dismissed in the past because the attorneys could not remember whether notice had to be served, before filing or not.

Wilson for Two Battleships.

Washington, Feb. 1.—President Wilson told Senator Tillman of South Carolina, chairman of the senate naval committee, that he believed public opinion demanded that the two battleship program be maintained this year.

CLINGS HALF HOUR FOR LIFE'S SAKE—THEN DEATH WINS

T. F. Eudaly, Klamath, Ignoring Friends' Advice, Tries to Walk on Thin Ice.

(Special to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 1.—After clinging to thin ice in upper Klamath lake for half an hour while his companions tried to rescue him, T. F. Eudaly, 63 years old, bade them goodbye Saturday night and sank to his death.

With four others Eudaly had been fishing through the ice all day. On the way toward shore one of the party broke through ice and was rescued by friends, so it was thought best to reach shore and take the road rather than venture further on the thin ice.

Eudaly dissented and started out alone to cross the lake. He had gone but a short distance when his companions heard his cries for help. The ice was too thin to support any one of the party and no boat could be secured. Efforts to reach Eudaly with a rope and the reins of the horses failed and the man sank.

Air Guns Win in Idaho Lower House

Bill Providing for Election to Determine What Sort of Government Boise Shall Have Is Passed.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 1.—The house of the Idaho legislature today passed the Koelsch bill, providing for submission to the voters of Boise of the question of being governed by a special charter instead of under the Black law, which provides for commission form of government for Idaho cities. Three years ago Boise voted to abandon its charter and operate under the state law.

Governor Alexander, in his message, strongly denounced the movement to return to charter government, and it is believed he will veto the Koelsch bill if it is passed by the senate. The bill passed the house by a vote of 48 to 9.

The house refused to investigate the published charge that the report of the house investigating committee on the Nampa bank affair, which censured members of the former board of examiners, had been changed after being submitted to the house. Members of the committee declared on the floor that the charge was false.

The senate today killed two house bills, one prohibiting the use of air guns, and the other making an appropriation for the expenses of county commissioners attending the annual meeting of commissioners in Boise.

End of Cotton Loan Fund Near.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The dissolution of the $130,000,000 cotton loan fund was expected this week. Applications for loans mailed up to today will be considered, but after tomorrow the federal reserve bank board will endeavor to dissolve the pool.

Bull Run Conduit Suit Comes to Trial

Sacramento Company Wants City to Pay $221,000 for Alleged Extra Work Performed About Five Years Ago.

The $221,000 suit against the city brought by the Shaw-Batcher Pipe Works of Sacramento for alleged extra work performed in constructing Bull Run conduit No. 2 during 1910-11 and interest on the asserted debt, was scheduled to go to trial this afternoon in the United States district court before Judge Bean.

The company alleges the city owes it $199,000 for extra materials and work performed on orders, and in addition approximately $32,000 interest from the date of the completion of the work November 4, 1911.

The city, on the other hand, asserts that the company is entitled to nothing, and cites the fact that the company received $1,283,000 for the job, and in addition $23,715 for extra work and materials.

The work was not completed until 72 days after the expiration of the time limit, and the city therefore assessed the company $7200.

In its complaint the company asserts that work was held up five months by the city's failure to complete construction plans, and alleges it should be allowed $7000 bonus instead of having to pay $7200 penalty.

No Protests Made On Shipping Bill

Bryan Says No Objections Have Come Nor Are Likely to Come as No Diplomatic Question Is Raised.

Washington, Feb. 1.—"No nation has protested against the passage of the government ship purchase bill. It is not likely that any nation will or would protest, as the bill does not necessarily raise a diplomatic question."

This was the statement made today by Secretary of State Bryan, in disposing of reports that England, France and other belligerent nations had objected to the bill now pending in the senate.

An official close to President Wilson said this afternoon that the chief executive had no intention of taking any steps that would involve international complications. It was hinted that other than belligerent vessels might be available for purchase should the pending bill become a law.

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