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DISPUTE WITH GERMANY NOW NEAR A CRISIS

State Department Admits the Gravity of Situation Is as Great as That Prior to the Lusitania Concessions.

VON BERNSTORFF AND LANSING UNFRIENDLY

Asked if He Would Ask Ambassador's Recall, Lansing Evades Question.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—German-American diplomatic controversy is as grave now as it was before Germany made concessions in the Lusitania case, the state department affirmed today. This gravity is due to the Teutonic proclamation of war on armed merchantmen. The department admitted the possibility of a crisis developing.

Such a crisis might arise from the death of Americans in the sinking of an armed mechantman, or through an indefinite postponement of the Lusitania settlement.

May Recall Bernstorff.

When Lansing was asked directly today if he contemplated calling Von Bernstorff to account for propaganda work, he evaded a direct answer. His face was grave, and then after two minutes he remarked:

"If I did contemplate such action, I would not make it known beforehand through the press."

Though officials decline to discuss the personal antagonism between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff, arising from German "propaganda," it was said any plans Lansing may have about dealing with the envoy and his alleged publicity work would not be made public until the

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AEROPLANES RETURN SAFELY FROM RAID ON ENGLISH TOWNS

German Reports Say Bombs Were Dropped on Two Tank Steamers and Docks

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—All the German aeroplanes which participated in Sunday's raid on the east coast of England returned safely to their base, according to official announcement here today. Bombs were dropped on two tank steamers off Lowestoft.

"Several docks and gas plants," the statement added, "also were successfully shelled."

Toll Taken by Aeroplanes.

London, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Four German aeroplanes carried out a raid on the east and southeast coasts of England, killing two men and a boy and wounding another, a marine. About 30 bombs were dropped. The material damage was considerable, but the military damage was apparently nil.

Lowestoft, in Suffolk and Walmer, north of Dover, in Kent, were the towns attacked.

Two striking features of the raid were an attack on the Kentish Knock-light off the mouth of the Thames and an explosion of a bomb beside a church in Walmer, blowing in the windows upon a congregation which at the moment was singing the Te Deum.

All the German flyers escaped, though pursued by British machines.

Aerodrome Bombarded.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—An aerodrome of the allies at Furnes, south of La Panne, has been bombarded by German naval aeroplanes, according to official announcement here today. The amount of damage done was not stated.

Aeroplanes Active.

Paris, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Aerial activity by both French and Germans marks the fighting on the western front, according to today's official communique from the French war office.

German Taubes made attacks upon Luneville, Dombastle and Nancy, while five French aeroplanes bombarded enemy ammunition depots at Chateau Martincourt and Azoudange.

Along the greater part of the fighting line weak artillery action is in progress, the statement said.

In the Artois district two attacks launched against allied positions northwest of Hill No. 140 were repulsed.

Brigadier-General Leckie Is Wounded

Vancouver, B. C., Man Is Second Canadian Brigadier-General to Be Disabled at Ypres Within Week.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Word was received today that Brigadier-General Leckie of Vancouver, commander of the Second Canadian brigade, was wounded in the fighting near Ypres.

This makes the second Canadian brigadier-general to be wounded within a week, indicating that the fighting is of a heavy character.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LATEST ZEPPELIN RAID ON PARIS—The picture shows a crowd held back by gendarmes around a huge hole in the arch of the underground railroad made by one of the Zeppelin bombs in the latest raid on Paris. Many buildings were destroyed, but the casualties were few.

BENJAMIN L. BERKEY, PORTLAND, AND FOUR OTHERS ARE KILLED

Northern Pacific Limited Crashes Into Burlington Train Near Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—(P. N. S.) Rigid investigation of the disaster at South Cheney Sunday, when the Northern Pacific's eastbound North Coast Limited, No. 2, train crashed into the Northern Pacific-Burlington train, No. 42, killing five men and injuring three others, was begun here today by state and county officials. A thorough effort will be made to fix the blame for the disaster.

Two of those killed when the North Coast Limited smashed into the rear end of the stationary Burlington train were state officials, who were on their way to Walla Walla. One of the victims was an employe of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Dead and Injured.

The dead are:

Professor Elton Fulmer, state chemist, Pullman, Wash.

I. J. Minnick, deputy state oil inspector, Spokane.

Lee N. Conroy, Northern Pacific traveling passenger agent, Spokane.

Benjamin L. Berkey, salesman, Portland.

J. J. White, Spokane.

Those injured are:

R. J. Spear, Pomeroy, Wash.

Dr. John Matthews, Everett, Wash.

J. A. Payant, Los Angeles, Cal.

The injured passengers were brought to Spokane on a special train, which, with doctors and nurses, was rushed from this city to the scene of the accident. All three were placed in hospitals here. The only other passenger to feel the effect of the collision is Mrs. J. N. Atkins of Spokane, who is suffering from shock.

Because of flood conditions, both trains were being detoured over the

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DEAD GIRL'S FATHER SAYS SHE COULD HAVE SECURED FATAL DRUG

Had Access to Cyanide Kept In Green Houses; Lambert Tells of Finding Her Body.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Marian Lambert had access to cyanide of potassium, the poison which caused her death.

Testimony to this effect was offered here today by Frank Lambert, her father, at the inquest held to fix responsibility for her death. William Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, is held without bail on a charge of murdering the girl, a high school student.

Lambert's story of how he discovered his daughter's body was dramatic in the extreme.

"The night before her death," he said, "she seemed to be in fine spirits. When she failed to appear I trailed her footprints in the snow and finally found the body. Before this, however, I informed Orpet and he summoned a number of his neighbors to aid in the search."

Here Jury Foreman King interrupted Lambert's story to inquire as to the relations between Orpet and Marian.

"They were permitted," he replied, "to go openly together so they would not meet secretly."

William Marshall, a neighbor, swore that the girl's right hand was bare and that the left hand was gloved when the body was found. There was no indication of a struggle, he said.

Before he left the stand Lambert admitted that he kept cyanide of potassium stored in his home for spraying purposes.

"And my daughter," he added, "often came to the greenhouse for bouquets and was familiar with the greenhouse and knew where the poison was stored."

Edwin Owen Orpet testified that his son had been home only once since Christmas and that was early in January.

"I knew," he admitted, "that my boy was keeping company with Marian."

PORTLAND HAS HARD FIGHT ON HANDS TO SECURE LOWER RATE THAN ASTORIA BUT HAS POWERFUL CLUB TO USE IF NECESSARY

This Port's Efforts to Secure Concessions Due Because of Geographic Advantages Complicated by Peculiar Action of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Naval Base Near Astoria.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A bill for the establishment of a naval base near Astoria, Or., was introduced in the senate today by Senator Lane of Oregon. An appropriation of $3,000,000 for the purpose is included in the bill.

The Astoria rate decision, made public Saturday by the Interstate Commerce commission, is being subjected to the keenest and most searching analysis by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the railroads, traffic experts, both legal and otherwise, and the shippers.

It is admitted now to be beyond question that the decision, sound and just in respect to Astoria as it is, puts Portland squarely up against the hardest fight of this city's history to get concessions due by reason of the geographic advantage of location on water grade at the head of deep sea navigation 100 miles from the sea.

And it is also admitted that Portland's procedure is complicated by the discussion of this city's relation to the situation which was injected into the decision handed down by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Action Is Unprecedented.

No precedent has yet been found for making one who had not been a party to proceedings either as complainant, defendant or intervenor, a party to the decision, which is precisely what the Interstate Commerce commission is construed to have done in respect to Portland.

The decision states rather plainly that not only is Portland not to take hope for a lower rate from the Astoria decision but that Portland, in the opinion of the commission belongs naturally and properly to the rate group composed of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Astoria. The language of the decision touching upon these points follows:

Portland Brought Into Case.

"Under such circumstances it does not seem unduly venturesome to assume that this inactivity on Portland's part indicates no lack of interest in Astoria's complaint, but rather, as the defendants anticipate and conjecture, a purpose on the part of Portland, in case of a reduction in the Astoria rates to the basis of the rates to the Puget sound ports, to call our attention at a later date to its advantage over Astoria of 100 miles in the distance from inland empire points, and to predicate upon that fact a demand for a corresponding reduction in its own rates.

"It is obvious, however, that there is something of a natural relationship in the rates of Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria and Portland that cannot be ignored, and a reduction in the Portland rate to and from the inland empire does not necessarily follow as an inevitable consequence of a reduction in the Astoria rates to the basis of the Seattle and Tacoma rates.

"While Astoria is not fairly to be criticised for presenting its case solely upon its relation to the Puget sound ports, the record emphasized our own

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ASTORIA CELEBRATION TRAIN WILL LEAVE THE CITY TOMORROW P. M.

Special Departs at 2 o'Clock; Seamen's Referendum Act Considered by Council.

A special train of Portlanders who desire to join with Astoria in celebrating the Astoria rate decision will leave Portland at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, arriving in time for the banquet at Astoria, 6 p. m., and returning to Portland about midnight. Announcement of the plan was made at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce members' council at noon. G. B. McLeod, J. F. Daly, F. N. Clark, R. H. Crozier, L. B. Seeley and John T. Dougall spoke in favor of sending a delegation of at least 100.

The subject before the members' council was the referendum on proposed changes in the La Follette seamen's act.

H. E. Pennell for the navigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, described the reasons that governed the committee in recommending a favorable vote on the changes proposed. He said that the bill as a whole is regarded as a good measure. The referendum was submitted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Jack Rosen, for the Seamen's union, declared the amendments were proposed in the interest of American capital invested both in American ships and those under foreign registry.

W. S. U'Ren declared that the ballot titles submitted for vote to members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce are unfairly and misleadingly drawn.

Suspect Ashland Man.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Craddock & Nofton's clothing store was robbed of $150 worth of goods early today by a thief who cut a hole in the panel of the rear door and then threw the bolt. John Burns, from Ashland, Or., was arrested as a suspect a few minutes later.

BIG PRICES OFFERED FOR THE AUDITORIUM BONDS OF THE CITY

City Stands to Get $556,186 if Award Goes to Highest Bidder.

Exceptionally high prices were secured for Portland's $565,000 auditorium bonds for which bids were opened by C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, this morning.

Morris Brothers submitted the best figure, offering 0.9844 for the entire issue. In all there were 12 bidders to submit offers.

The council is to award the bonds Wednesday and if sold to Morris Brothers the city will realize $556,186 on the sale. With $14,789 available and the $556,186 to be received from the sale of bonds the city will have a total of $570,975 with which to build the auditorium. Estimates for total cost of construction are well within this figure.

As the auditorium bonds pay only 4 per cent interest, the prices received this morning are considered exceptionally good. Although city officials hoped that the bonds would sell at par, it was the consensus of opinion that if the bonds sold for more than 96 cents on the dollar that the city would be fortunate.

Bidders and prices submitted are:

Kean, Taylor & Co., Chicago, $565,000 at .97305; Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., Spokane, $565,000 at .9723; Lumbermen's Trust Co., $565,000 at .9664; Sidney Spitzer & Co., $541,490 at .95839, and $536,490 at .94954; Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane, $565,000 at .9693; John E. Price, Breed, Elliott & Harrison Provident Bank & Trust Co., joint bid, $565,000 at .9752; Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco, $565,000 at .96173; Morris Brothers, $565,000 at .9844; E. H. Rollins & Sons and A. B. Leach & Co., $565,508 at .9832; Smith, Paschall & Co., $565,000 at .9666; N. W. Halsey & Co., New York, $553,364 at .9776; Henry Teal, $565,000 at .9567, and Bank of California, $565,000 at .9734.

England Seeks Arbitration of Mail Seizures

Following Dispatch of Second Note by United States Gray Says He Is Consulting Allies.

London, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—That England is consulting with Russia and France regarding submitting to arbitration the dispute over the seizure of neutral mail was announced here today by Under Secretary of War Lord Cecil.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of State Lansing today announced that he had demanded an explanation from Great Britain regarding the latter's delay in responding to American protests against the "trading with the enemy" act and interference with American mails.

The announcement was received in official circles with amazement, it having been generally believed that the United States would not press its claims until the submarine controversy with Germany was fully settled.

Lansing in his instructions to Ambassador Page made it plain that he considers Britain's delay an affront. Page was directed to present supplementary protests denying the British contention that neutral vessels, entering British ports, are subject to British regulations under which search of mails and seizure of securities are carried out.

The United States' position is that vessels are forced into British waters through the mining of neutral channels and that detention and search of the mails is a "gross infringement of the freedom of the seas."

The trading with the enemy decree is declared unwarranted interference with American interests.

$3,000,000 DEAL IN TRACT OF TIMBER IN CALIFORNIA PENDING

Number of Fir Stumpage Sales in Oregon Are Also Made Recently.

Standing timber on the Pacific coast is attracting the interest of investors again after a prolonged lull. Several deals in fir stumpage have been reported in Oregon the past few weeks.

One of the largest transactions ever negotiated on the Pacific coast is now about to be consummated. It involves approximately 1,500,000,000 feet of redwood timber in Mendocino county, California, the value of which is estimated at $3,000,000.

The holdings about to be sold are those of the E. L. White Lumber company at Greenwood, and included with the timber is a sawmill now in operation. The Goodyear interests of Chicago are the prospective purchasers.

It is reported here that contract for the purchase and sale has been signed and that the consummation of the transaction now hinges upon the cruise. If the final cruise of the timber now being made comes up to the stand represented, then the deal is closed.

GIGANTIC TIMBER PROPOSITION MADE BY BIG FINANCIERS

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—(P. N. S.)—The San Francisco Chronicle today prints the following under San Francisco date line:

"Proposals from a financial source of almost unlimited millions have recently come to the timber owners of California for the outright purchase of all the standing redwood and sugar pine in the state.

"The figure which has been quoted in this gigantic proposal is reported to have been $200,000,000.

"British and French interests are presumed to be behind the proposal, and the purpose in view to be the market for lumber in the countries of Europe when the war is over.

"Together with this disclosure comes the information that a similar proposition to unite the timber holdings of California in one purchase was well on the road to consummation at the time when the war came to put a stop to the negotiations.

"At that time the prospective purchasers were German capitalists.

"In the times of low prices which followed the declaration of war, the timber owners here had come to remembering the former opportunity as one of the great things that might have been when suddenly and unexpectedly comes a feeler in the shape of a letter asking if it would be possible to arrange for the purchase of all the standing redwood and sugar pine in California.

"The answer made was to the effect that it would undoubtedly be possible to negotiate sales from each of the big timber companies owning the vast area of standing timber in Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties, but that it might require $200,000,000 to put the deal through.

"Among the larger holdings in the state are those of the Union Lumber company, the Pacific Lumber company, the L. E. White Lumber company, the Hammond Lumber company and the Walker & Wendling interests."

Billy Sunday Saved 16,000 At Trenton

Baseball Evangelist Gathered in Over $31,000 During Soul Saving Campaign in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—With more than 16,000 persons added to his list of "sawdust trailers," Billy Sunday, evangelist, today had available for deposit an offering of more than $31,000 presented by his listeners at the close of his soul saving campaign here.

TONG WAR ON AGAIN; AGED CHINESE SHOT

Five Bullets Sent Into Body of Celestial by the Gunmen and Injuries Inflicted May Prove Fatal.

POLICE TAKE TRAIL OF THE ASSAILANTS

Outbreak Believed Sequel to Shooting of Tong Man Last Week.

With a fusillade of shots the Chinese tong war was resumed here this afternoon. An aged Chinese, believed to be a member of the Bow Lueng tong, was pursued and shot by four Chinese believed to belong to the Hop Sing tong.

The shooting occurred at 1:35 o'clock on Everett street, near Sixth, almost at the exact spot where, on the night of December 4, 1914, the first of the series of tong wars now brewing, took place.

W. F. Matthews of the Matthews Welding company was a witness of this afternoon's shooting. He was in front of his place of business at 304 Flanders street when he saw the aged Chinaman speed down the street from Sixth, with two Chinese on either side of the street, two of them firing at the running man.

One of the shots struck the fleeing Chinaman as he reached the doorway to the Welding works. He fell. Three of the pursuing Chinese continued running by while the fourth came up to the prostrate man and deliberately fired four bullets into his body. Then he pointed the revolver at his face and pulled the trigger, but the shells had all been emptied.

Mr. Matthews summoned the police and the patrol wagon brought a squad of officers.

The dying Chinaman was hurried to one of the hospitals.

Shooting Is Described.

Mr. Matthews describes the shooting as follows:

"I was working in front of my shop on my automobile, when I saw the man running down Flanders street from Sixth, four men pursuing him. Two were shooting rapidly. I saw it was no place for me, so I ducked into my office and shut the door.

"At last one of the bullets took effect, and the man, an aged Chinese, dropped on the sidewalk in front of my door and within three feet of me. A thin, pale man came out of the running squad directly to him. He fired four shots, every one of them taking effect in the man's body, for the sidewalk shows no bullet holes where he lay. He finally put his gun within an inch of the man's face and pulled the trigger again, but it missed fire. He then dropped his gun and ran to a stairway which leads into the Hop Sing headquarters on Flanders street.

Gunman Drops Weapon.

"The second of the two who had been shooting dropped his gun in the middle of the street and as they disappeared I ran into the street, secured the gun and turned it over to Police Sergeant Robson."

The wounded Chinaman was taken to the surgery of St. Vincent's hospital and at 230 it was thought that but three bullets had taken effect. Two of these pierced his abdomen and the third went through the right arm.

Today's shooting is regarded as retaliation on the part of Hop Sing men who had the worst of the gun fight here last week when one of their number and a bystander were shot and seriously wounded.

There was talk Saturday of a peace conference, but the new outbreak today indicates that peace terms are not being considered for the present. The Chinese will not reveal any of their secrets.

The police had knowledge that Chinese gunmen were in the city and were on guard for trouble.

Several Arrests Made.

Ding Louie and Ah Sam were arrested yesterday for carrying concealed weapons. Ding Louie was arrested by Patrolmen Gustafson and Drake, and found also to be carrying a quantity of lottery tickets. Ah Sam was arrested at Bow Leung tong headquarters by Detective Joe Day and Lieutenant Harms.

Mark Yee, Chin Ying and Ching Hing, Seattle Chinese, were arrested at the North Bank station last night as they left the train, and turned over to the government immigration department for investigation.

These men are said by the police to have been run out of Seattle in connection with tong troubles, and they are not wanted here.

A banquet is to be given in a few days by the Bow Leung tong in quarters at Second and Oak streets, to celebrate last week's victory. Lo Gong, the gunman who shot Ching Sick Wah of the Hop Sing tong, was released Saturday under $20,000 bail.

Police Surround Building.

Thirty-five police officers, under the command of Captain Baty, surrounded the Chinese tenement at the northwest corner of Fourth and Flanders streets this afternoon, determined to capture the man who shot the Hop Sing tong member this afternoon.

Captain Baty is going through the building breaking down doors in hopes of finding the man known to be in hiding in the building, where he sought refuge immediately after firing the last shot.

Lansing Asks Information.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of State Lansing today directed Consul General Simmons at Shanghai to forward information regarding the stoppage of the American steamer China by a British cruiser and the removal of 38 Germans.

Korea Another Belgium, Says Senator Stone

He Calls for Diplomatic Correspondence to Prove Roosevelt Failed to Protect Her.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—In retaliation for Colonel Roosevelt's criticism of the Wilson administration for not protesting against the violation of Belgium's neutrality, United States Senator Stone, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, today introduced a resolution in the senate calling for all the diplomatic correspondence which passed between the United States and Korea during the Russo-Japanese war.

"This incident," said Senator Stone, parallels Belgium's case, yet Colonel Roosevelt offered no objection."

The resolution was adopted without any objection.

ALL TERRITORY ABOUT LAKE VAN IS OCCUPIED BY THE GRAND DUKE

Sultan's Army Is Evacuating Bitlis; Turk Front Is Pierced in Two Places.

Rome, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—The Turks are evacuating Bitlis, in Armenia, southwest of Lake Van, according to Petrograd advices today.

The Russians followed up their conquest of Mush and Achlat and occupied all the territory around Lake Van.

Turkish Front Pierced.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—The Turkish front has been cut in two places and three corps have been separated by the rapid Russian drive westward following the Erzerum victory.

One corps, forming the left wing, is retiring on Trebizond. The Eleventh corps, trying to reach Erzingan, is harrassed and floundering in the snows west of Erzerum.

The third corps, forming the right wing, has been isolated from the army to the north, and may be completely cut off. It lacks food and munitions, and is in disorderly retreat.

The Russian left wing has captured Pasur Akchesin, southwest of Mush. The vanguard of the Russian forces advancing on Trebizond is now less than 65 miles east of that port, while another Slav force is coming up from the southeast.

Near Bagdad Railway.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Driving the Turk rear guards steadily before them and inflicting great losses upon the Musselmen, one of Grand Duke Nicholas' Russian armies today was approaching Diarbekr, on the Tigris, only 50 miles from the Constantinople-Bagdad railway, the only communication with Mesopotamia, according to advices from the front.

Turk losses in the last fortnight are placed at 100,000, including dead, wounded and missing.

It is reported here that Kaiser Wilhelm has sent a message to Field Marshal Von der Goltz, commanding that the Russian advance be checked at any cost.

Another Russian army advancing upon Trebizond is meeting but feeble resistance.

Innes and Wife Lose In Extradition Fight

Portland Couple Acquitted of Murder Charge in Texas—Must Face Federal Fraud Charge at Atlanta.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Victor E. Innes and Mrs. Ida May Innes, of Portland, Or., today in the supreme court lost their fight to postpone extradition to Atlanta for trial in connection with alleged misuse of the mails to defraud Eloise Nelms Dennis of money she inherited from her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Innes are the couple who were taken from Portland to San Antonio, Texas, in September, 1914, in connection with the disappearance of Eloise Nelms Dennis and her sister, Beatrice Nelms. They were acquitted of the murder charge in the Texas state courts a year ago this month. They were immediately arrested by the federal government on the mail fraud charge. For practically a year Innes has fought extradition to Georgia, on the grounds, it is understood, that he was wrongly removed from Oregon, and, therefore, that the federal courts of Georgia could not legally secure possession of him.

New Kind of Sentence Is Given to Autoist

Prisoner Is Fined $10 and 10 Days, Latter Being Suspended Until Next Time Offender Arrested for Speeding

Municipal Judge Langguth adopted a new method of punishment for automobile speeders this morning.

When T. B. Smith, jitney driver, was arraigned for speeding he was fined $10 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, the jail sentence being suspended until Smith is arrested again. He has been caught speeding a number of times before, and did not deny the charge of Motorcycle Patrolman Frank Ervin that he was going 40 to 45 miles an hour early yesterday morning on Hawthorne avenue. The policeman said he chased Smith two miles before catching him. Jail sentences will be in order for all persistent automobile speeders, Judge Langguth intimated.

Other speeders caught by Patrolman Ervin and fined today were J. H. Cook, $5; J. D. Methot, $5; J. Smith, $8; Glen Harmon, $10, and Otto Tauscher, $10.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PLAN FOR LAND GRANT FAVORED

Government's Special Counsel in Prosecution of Land Grant Suit Tells House Committee Proposal Just.

ABSOLUTE REPEAL NOT A VIOLATION, HE SAYS

Believes Road Should Receive $2.50 an Acre, With Deduction of $3,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Settlement of the Oregon-California land grant question along the lines of the Chamberlain bill was indorsed before the house public land committee today by Constantin K. Smythe, the government's special counsel in forfeiture suits against the railroads. He said there is no limitation on the power of congress to take back the land, paying the railroad $2.50 an acre and then disposing of it as may be desired.

Smythe declared the railroad, because of its violation of the terms of the grant, cannot complain of any action congress may take if given $2.50 an acre, with a deduction of $3,000,000 for past excess receipts, but the state of Oregon has a right to have the lands go into settlement.

Absolute repeal of the granting acts, he contended, will not violate the decision of the supreme court, his idea being that the court overlooked some technical points and intended to give congress wide discretion to dispose of the grant on an equitable basis.

Should congress make a mistake his opinion is the court will allow further time to correct it. If congress fails

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ELKS DELEGATION OF PORTLAND DEPARTS FOR TACOMA TODAY

Members, Accompanied by Band, to Attend Dedication of Big Temple on Sound.

Off for the "big doings" at Tacoma, fully 150 Portland Elks marched from the lodge rooms this morning to the union depot, whence a special O-W. R. & N. train started them for the sound city. There they will participate in the dedication of the new Elks' temple.

The parade was headed by the Elks' band, 40 strong, in full regalia, with Frank Hennessy twirling the baton. Guiseppe Tigano will direct the musicians in the numerous concerts outlined for them.

The dedication will take place tomorrow afternoon, preceded by a big street parade in the morning. Centralia lodge was expected to board the Portland train and join the festivities.

The first function of the dedicatory series will be held tonight with a concert and ball in the new Tacoma Temple.

The committee in charge of the Portland excursion consists of Harvey O'Bryan, L. A. Spangler, E. D. Sutton, Monroe Goldstein and Guy Haines. Engineer Davis and Conductor Harris, both Elks, were in charge of the "Royal Purple Limited," which left the Union station.

Two Are Electrocuted.

Rockville, Pa., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—George Marsh and Roland Pennington were electrocuted today in the Western penitentiary in the first double execution under the law substituting the electric chair for hanging as the penalty for murder.

Industrial Review Series Sermons on Portland's Growth

There is gratifying evidence of high appreciation of The Journal's undertaking to spread the knowledge of industrial Portland by the publication of a series of articles, under the caption "Nothing the Matter With Portland." These appear on the editorial page of The Journal, and the series has now reached No. 54.

From the Central Door & Lumber company the publisher of The Journal has received this indorsement:

"We wish to express our appreciation of your campaign in support of local manufacturers. We believe your efforts in this are appreciated by all those who are striving to upbuild Portland."

These articles have been an equivalent of the exploration of a domain previously little known to most and intimately known to few. Each article recites a feat in endeavor, and many a one discloses a business romance. Each should be read as it appears, and its lesson laid to heart.