

CHINA OFFERS LARGE TRADE INDUCEMENT, SAYS U. S. CONSUL

Need of Ocean-going Ships to Handle Business Pointed Out in an Address.

TREATY RIGHTS INVOLVED

Removal of Handicap on American Merchants Is Being Sought by Consul General Anderson.



Consul General George E. Anderson

Pacific coast cities of the American continent could easily participate even more than they are doing in the oriental trade if ships could be built fast enough and if ocean freights could be reduced enough to afford tonnage and economical handling.

George E. Anderson, United States consul general at Hongkong, told a group of Portland business men this fact among others at a series of informal conferences this morning at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Anderson arrived from Seattle on an early train and spent virtually the entire day in these conferences, under the arrangement of Ansel R. Clark, foreign trade secretary.

Hongkong Great Center. Hongkong is the great distribution center for southern China, Indo-China, and the whole orient. It corresponds in importance to Shanghai for the northern hemisphere. Mr. Anderson is in the United States on his triennial leave of absence and will proceed to Washington for conferences with departmental officials.

The visit spoke informally at a luncheon at the chamber at noon to about 25 business men. He answered many individual inquiries.

"The war has completely rearranged business in the orient," Mr. Anderson said. "German interests in Hongkong have been wiped out, liquidation having been ended in practically every line on April 1. In their place, the Japanese have risen to prominence in the commercial field, with the British a close second."

"The Japanese, in fact, are the most active business men in oriental trade today," Mr. Anderson asserted, "because they got in early and have been building ships as fast as facilities would permit. Now under construction are three great liners surpassing the Empress ships, which soon will

PUBLIC APPRECIATION

The Journal's daily and Sunday average circulation for March, 1916, records a gratifying gain of 5219, as compared with the showing of March, 1915. This is even better than the February figures, when February, 1916, circulation showed a gain of 4033 over the same period of the preceding year.

This constant increase in the average daily and Sunday circulation indicates that The Journal is maintaining its reputation as one of the fastest growing newspapers in the United States.

The Journal has a larger daily average circulation in Portland and its trading radius than any other newspaper. It exceeds that of the morning paper by several thousands and is practically 50 per cent greater than its nearest afternoon contemporary.

take a place on the sea. Other vessels for general cargo are being built everywhere in Japan, this activity being rivaled only by the Norwegians, Danes and Swedes.

China Wide Market.

"China opens a market for almost everything the Pacific coast produces—canned goods, flour, lumber, dried fruits, furniture, manufactured wares of all kinds. Machinery of some kinds finds ready market, but the price of labor in China is so low that the manufacturer often finds it cheaper to make his goods by hand than to send to this country for costly machinery which involves endless delays when he has to send to the distant factory for repairs."

"Wages are from 10 to 50 cents a day," Mr. Anderson said, "the difference varying with the age of the worker. Little girls earn the smallest amount, while tottering old men earn but little more. The child labor law is unknown and all income goes into the family pot."

No Present Treaty Question.

While Mr. Anderson is in the United States he will take up with the state department the alleged violations of the China-British treaty, which forbids the exportation of foodstuffs. Portland millers have found that their chance for selling flour in other oriental countries is cut because the spirit of this treaty is constantly violated, and China herself is being despoiled of her native flour, needed keenly in time of famine for the sale of extra profits that accrue during the times of plenty. America, under the preferred nation clause, is entitled to protection under this treaty, but is not getting it, Mr. Anderson was told today.

The local millers have taken this up with the department of state before, but were informed that the exports were technically within the treaty, and therefore it could do nothing.

High Freight Factor.

The effect is, however, that little Portland made flour is sold in the orient. High freight rates make this impracticable now, in any event, but during normal times the factor complained of has been at work.

"The Pacific coast can get into the oriental game with great profit by starting now, building ships and establishing connections with Chinese importers," Mr. Anderson told his callers. "It cannot participate unless it does. Norway and Denmark are growing immensely rich as nations because they appreciate the opportunity at this time for trade expansion."

Mr. Anderson said that John B. Sawyer, formerly attached to the government immigration service in Portland and now vice consul at Hongkong, probably will go to Shanghai to supervise immigration problems. This had been practically agreed upon and, on confirmation, will mean some rearrangement of the oriental consular service.

Passport System Rigid.

Mr. Anderson told of the passport system in China. Everyone leaving the country has to have such credentials, which include a photograph of the person. Inasmuch as no photograph is allowed and Chinese photographers are not very expert, many complaints have been made to him by women visitors to China against allowing such "horrible pictures" to go on file.

Mr. Anderson will go to San Francisco tonight and will be in Washington some time next week.

CUBA MAY PURCHASE GUNBOAT VICKSBURG, ONCE NOTED VESSEL

Old Gunboat Which Played a Prominent Part in Philippine History to Be Sold.

Chicago, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—The Cuban government is negotiating with the United States for the purchase of the old gunboat Vicksburg, which played so prominent a part in the Spanish-American war.

Lieutenant Mario de la Vega of the general staff and Master Engineer Hipolito Amador, representing the Cuban navy, are "somewhere west of Chicago" today, en route to the Puget sound navy yard, where they will make a final inspection of the American gunboat before entering into final negotiations for its purchase. They carry with them credentials from their home government, from the Cuban minister at Washington, and letters of introduction from Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

The Vicksburg was the little vessel that transported General Frederick Funston and his party to the province of Principe in the Spanish-American war. It carried Aguinaldo a captive back to Manila.

Lieutenant De La Vega said that the Cuban government would appropriate as much as \$100,000 for the vessel, if necessary.

Portland Resident Honored by Daniels

O. B. Coldwell of P. M. L. & P. Company Offered Place on Naval Advisory Board; Position Is Honorary.

Portland will be represented on Secretary of the Navy Daniels' naval advisory board by O. B. Coldwell, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. He has just received a letter from the secretary formally tendering him the position in connection with the membership in the league for industrial preparedness.

The title is entirely honorary, but the plan of general preparedness requires that the members throughout the country, representing the great industries, be given the opportunity to make the plan workable.

Mr. Coldwell said today that he has not been informed of the scope of the plan itself and said the details are being worked out before it is announced to the public.

CITY WILL ASSESS THE COST OF CONNECTING MAINS TO OWNERS

Council Approves Water Measure Which Will Be Passed Next Week.

REVIEW OF CONDITIONS

Ordinance to Become Effective When Passed Because of the Emergency Clause Attachment Thereto.

The city is to make all service connections with water mains and assess the cost to the property owners affected, under an ordinance approved by the council today. The measure is to be passed next week.

Property owners have been permitted to make service connections with the mains, the work usually being done by plumbers, however. Officials of the water bureau and the street maintenance division have had much trouble as result of the system, and the method of installing service connections follows:

In a 36 foot street, where connection is made, the charges proposed are as follows:

In unpaved streets, half inch pipe connection, \$10; three fourths inch connection, \$12, and one inch connection, \$15.

In paved streets, half inch connection, \$22.50; three fourths inch connection, \$24.50, and one inch connection, \$27.50.

The ordinance has the emergency clause and will become effective as soon as adopted.

HARDSURFACING BIDS OPENED

Oskar Huber Lowest for Broadway Work.

Bids for the hard-surfacing of Broadway from Larabee street to Union avenue and intersecting streets were opened by the city council today. Oskar Huber submitted the lowest bid for the proposed work. The prices are for paving the streets and laying stone blocks between the streetcar tracks. The bids follow:

Oskar Huber—Bitulithic on crushed rock base \$1.65 square yard, basalt stone blocks \$3 square yard, \$45,024.56.

Asphaltic-concrete on concrete base \$1.52 square yard, stone blocks \$2.50 square yard, \$45,708.28.

Oregon Independent Paving company—Asphalt pavement \$1.55 square yard, stone blocks \$3.50 square yard, \$46,970.89.

Oregon Independent Paving company—Bitulithic on crushed rock base \$1.49 square yard, stone blocks \$3.50 square yard, \$45,490.87.

Western Construction company—Bitulithic on crushed rock base \$1.85 square yard, basalt stone blocks \$3 square yard, \$48,855.95.

To Discuss Amendments.

The city council and a committee from the state health board, consisting of Drs. A. C. Smith, M. B. Marcellus and D. D. Robb, are expected Monday afternoon to discuss amendments to the ordinance prohibiting the location of tuberculosis sanatoriums within the city limits. It is proposed to allow the establishment of such places under certain restrictions.

Chauffeur Denied License.

Although A. A. Thielke, president of the chauffeurs' union, sought to have the council give M. Kumies, a new driver license in the place of one recently revoked, the council today refused to take action. Kumies' license has been revoked after he had been arrested several times. Kumies cannot have a new license for a year.

To Amend Ordinance.

The no-parking district for automobiles is to be changed to include both sides of Fifth street, Sixth and Broadway from the center line of Yamhill to Morrison under amendments to the traffic ordinance. The first and second readings by the council today.

Petition Is Denied.

Juvenile skaters will not have the exclusive right to skate on streets near the intersection of East Twenty-fifth and Schuyler streets. The council today denied the petition of C. B. Woodworth to close the street to traffic during certain hours of the day to give the skaters a chance.

Operatives Look for Money Making Plant

Secret Service Men Have Reason to Believe Big Counterfeiting Plant Is Located in Olympics.

Tacoma, Wash., April 12.—(U. P.)—Hoping to uncover a big counterfeiting plant, believed to be located in the foothills of the Olympic mountains, United States government secret service operatives are on their way to Aberdeen. Large numbers of spurious dollars and half dollars are declared to have been floated recently in all northwestern cities, particularly in the Grays Harbor country. The counterfeiters are exceptionally good imitations. Captain Thomas B. Foster, head of the United States secret service in this district, recently ran down a gang of counterfeiters near Concrete, capturing several of them. He was believed other bad money plants were still operating in the northwest, and recently government operatives while at Aberdeen discovered certain facts that led them to believe the location of one of the plants was in the mountains near that place.

Foresters Select a Queen Candidate

Miss Lillian Hendrickson Named as Standard Bearer in Race for Rose Festival Queen.

The foresters of America this morning named Miss Lillian Hendrickson of 606 Buffalo street as the candidate of the order for queen of the 1916 Rose Festival.

Mrs. R. P. Ritzinger of 235 East Forty-fifth street will manage her campaign. Miss Hendrickson is a daughter of Carl P. Hendrickson, president of the Scandinavian-American bank.

Votes cast to date in the campaign for queen will be counted by Rose Festival officials this afternoon and the standings of the several candidates will be announced tomorrow.

Woman Had Trunk Full of Bottle Goods

Destroyed What She Could After Being Fined in South Bend Court.

South Bend, Wash., April 12.—His suspicions aroused because of the weight of a trunk belonging to Mrs. Marie Ellison of Seattle, a passenger aboard the steamer Avalon from San Francisco, which arrived here Monday, caused Sheriff Tom Bell of this city to search the trunk. Bell found two dozen quarts of beer, which the woman said was for her friends in Seattle. Sheriff Bell also searched the woman's suitcase and found two bottles of whiskey neatly wrapped in silk lingerie.

Mrs. Ellison pleaded guilty to illegally bringing liquor into the state and was sentenced to a fine of \$100. After her trial, the woman jumped upon the bottles in the courtroom and succeeded in breaking several bottles of beer, and the whiskey contained in this is the first case of its kind in this Pacific country since the prohibition law went into effect January 1.

Judge Congratulates Druggist in Court

Man Buys Alcohol for External Use and Finds It to Contain Spirits of Ether.

John Osterberg, intoxicated, was arrested by Patrolman Miller at Third and Broadway yesterday. He had in his possession a bottle containing a few drops of a mixture of alcohol and ether. The alcohol, which Osterberg admitted purchasing on a false affidavit, was sold by the Miller Drug company at Third and Broadway streets; but the pharmacist, taking what he thought was a due precaution against the purchaser drinking the stuff, placed in the bottle a dram of ether. Judge Langguth congratulated the druggist for his foresight in eight in open court, but said he should have made the mixture stronger. Osterberg was sentenced to two weeks on the rockpile.

WITHCOMBE'S "BRIEF" VIEWED AS CURIOSITY

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and gave no evidence of preconcerted effort. A few of them were from Oregon, one reading:

"Strongly approve stand of yourself, Williams, O'Gorman and others, for adequate guard. Believe you are right, that national guard provision is inadequate," was signed by the following: J. C. Alsworth, Fletcher Linn, L. R. Wheeler, Arthur Churchill, Alma D. Katz, Rufus C. Holman, W. L. Brewster, H. Gordon, Thomas McCusker, H. C. Lair, L. Gerlinger, C. D. Kennedy, W. A. Robb, E. L. Thompson, Everett Ames and E. B. MacNaughton.

C. A. Murphy, captain of the Third Oregon regiment, wired from Corvallis: "Not all national guard officers are damn fools, and assure you some do not intend to meddle. Have been urged to wire asking support of Lee and Cummings amendments. Some officers have hope you stand by war college recommendations and your own convictions to secure adequate preparedness."

General Charles F. Beebe, signing himself as chairman of meeting of 100 veteran members of company K, First Oregon, warmly commends the reorganization bill and Senator Chamberlain's stand against "pernicious efforts by political national guard adjutant generals and others to obstruct its passage."

Judge Gastenbein gave hearty approval of the volunteer provision of the bill, tending congratulations on the "great work" of Senator Chamberlain in fighting for these provisions.

SECRETARY OF NAVY HEARS ARGUMENTS ON COLUMBIA BASE

Washington, April 12.—Secretary Daniels was interviewed by P. C. Harley and the entire Oregon congressional delegation today on the Columbia naval base. The secretary said his purpose was to have a board of experts make a report on the question of naval bases on the Pacific coast and believes such a report can be made by December 1. He said the department had not determined its policy as to additional bases. His attitude is that he neither approves nor disapproves the new bases but is not prepared to make recommendations at the present time.

Chamberlain, Sinnott and Hawley presented the claims of the Columbia river for a base. The secretary giving close attention. Senator Tillman, head of the senate naval affairs, indicates that the committee will not favor a new base until the department recommends it. Apparently the chance of securing an appropriation at this session is remote.

Information About the Columbia.

Washington, April 12.—Admiral Benson, as acting secretary of the navy, has acknowledged receipt of a supply of Portland Chamber of Commerce pamphlets on "The Entrance to the Columbia River," showing channel conditions for a base. The secretary giving close attention. Senator Tillman, head of the senate naval affairs, indicates that the committee will not favor a new base until the department recommends it. Apparently the chance of securing an appropriation at this session is remote.

This was in answer to a request transmitted through Senator Chamberlain, in order that the facts concerning conditions at the mouth of the river may be brought prominently to the attention of officials of the navy department, where the blunder was recently made of stating that the depth of water on the bar was only 26 feet.

Ashland Offers Granite.

Washington, April 12.—The Ashland, Or., Commercial club is advocating the use of granite from a quarry near that place controlled by Walter M. Blair in the Portland postoffice. Referring to a letter recently written by President Smith of the Commercial club, which was called to his attention by Senator Chamberlain, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton reiterates the position heretofore taken by the department, which is that no particular granite can be specified, but if suitable Oregon granite is offered and can be had in proper quantity, it will receive full consideration.

Quarantine Station Launch.

Washington, April 12.—To provide for a new boarding launch at the quarantine station at the mouth of the Columbia river, the treasury department has recommended an appropriation of \$6500 to be included in the sundry civil bill.

TRACTION COMPANY DEFENDANT IN THREE SUITS FOR DAMAGES

Claims for Alleged Personal Injuries Being Tried in the Circuit Court.

COMPLAINTS ARE STATED

Jury of Three Men Agreed on in One Instance Where Amount Involved Is Only \$500.

Three departments of the circuit court are today engaged in hearing suits for damages for personal injuries, and in each case the defendant is the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.

One of the cases, which came before Judge Davis, has unusual features. In the first place, neither side wanted a jury. Both sides were willing to try it before the court, as the amount being sued for was only \$500. But being a personal injury case, Judge Davis declined to hear it. So a jury of three was agreed upon. The jury selected were Bernard Kilkenny, Jacob Sauer and Charles Deifel.

The case was on appeal from the district court, where the plaintiff, Mrs. Euphemia Richardson, was awarded \$300, the amount asked for, to compensate her for injuries she received by a fall as she was alighting from Oregon City train at Courtney station. The jury of three deliberated five minutes and reversed the lower court and returned a verdict for the defendant.

Another of the suits is being tried before a jury in Judge Kavanagh's court. The plaintiff is Jean McLean, who is asking for \$25,000 for injuries she received when an automobile in which she was riding was struck by a streetcar at Union avenue and Beech street. The accident occurred October 20.

The third suit is being tried before a jury in Judge Gatens' court. The plaintiff is E. L. Dimmitt Jr., administrator of the estate of Fred Dimmitt, who was killed as he was attempting to board a Mount Scott car at Grand and Hawthorne avenues. The suit is for \$7500.

Constable District Created.

To straighten out the legal phases of the matter, the county commissioners today formally created what is known as the Portland constable district. It takes in the west half of the county. The eastern half is in the Multnomah constable district, with a constable at Gresham. Candidates for constable to succeed Andy Weinberger

will be voted for only in the Portland district.

Ban on Celery Phosphate.
A woman today called the attention of District Attorney Evans to a celery phosphate which is being sold at many grocery and drug stores. The beverage is said to contain 3 per cent alcohol. The district attorney is now notifying grocers and druggists that they must forthwith remove all such phosphate from their shelves and cease selling it, as it comes under the ban of the prohibition law.

Two Make Application.

James Mallon and F. W. Kroll each made application to the county commissioners today for appointment as chief steam engineer for the county. It is understood that W. A. Etchell, the present engineer and superintendent of machinery, is to be relieved of his duties at the courthouse, and the applications are for that job.

Protest Registered Against the Viaduct

Construction of Viaduct on Columbia Capitol Highway at Multnomah Station Meets Opposition.

A delegation from Multnomah, headed by State Senator McBride, appeared before the board of county commissioners today and entered a protest against the proposed construction of a viaduct on the Capitol highway at Multnomah station.

It was claimed that the construction would be an unnecessary expense and would not eliminate the element of danger in crossing the railroad track.

The protest was taken under advisement. Another delegation from Bertha presented a petition for a cross road to connect with the Taylor's ferry road. Delegates were appointed to look over the proposed road.

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