

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW LARGE INCREASE OVER APRIL OF LAST YEAR

Building Permits Greater in Number but Are Off in Value.

BUSINESS IS ON UPGRADE

Summary Indicates Portland Is Keeping Pace With Improved Conditions Which Started in March.

Portland's bank clearings for the month of April show a splendid increase over the corresponding month of last year, and a comfortable increase over the total for March.

In postoffice receipts the showing for April is equal to the figures for the corresponding month of last year. The number of building permits issued in April was larger than for April of 1915, but the estimated value of the contracts for new buildings was less by 25 per cent. However, there is not a great deal of difference in the number of permits and value of contracts.

The number of real estate transfers were fewer than for April of 1915, and 20 per cent fewer than for March of this year.

Business Improving.
The foregoing is a summary of Portland's principal business statistics which are available immediately at the close of each month, and by which the general business conditions of the period may be judged. The figures are not exact in all instances, as the business month does not close for some reports until tomorrow. For bank clearings, building permits and real estate transfers the month is ended. The summary indicates that Portland is keeping up the pace of the improved conditions which began with last month.

Total bank clearings for April, 1916, were \$2,973,314.50, compared with \$4,049,439.19 for the corresponding month of 1915, when the total was \$2,925,855.50. The increase for April was \$3,323,964, or 8 per cent. The clearings for March of this year totaled \$2,432,855.50, which gives the latest month a lead over the month immediately preceding of \$540,459.

Postoffice Receipts Same.
The postoffice receipts for April are approximately \$97,000, which tallies with the corresponding month of 1915, when the total was \$97,000. The receipts for March were \$106,724.90, but the history of the business of the office shows an invariable fall-off for April compared with March.

Building permits totaled 514 for the latest month, with the value of the contracts placed at \$461,375. This compares with 477 permits for April, 1915, and contracts valued at \$559,415, and 516 permits for March, 1916, with contracts aggregating \$429,560.

The real estate transfers for the month, as shown by the number of deeds filed, totaled 1013 compared with 1244 for March of this year, and 1085 for April, 1915.

Alaskan Convicted Of Kidnaping Man

Edward Krause Found Guilty of Charge of Making Away With William Christie, of Treadwell Mine.

Juneau, Alaska, April 29.—(P. N. S.) A jury in the federal court here today found Edward Krause, charged with kidnaping William Christie, amalgamator of the Treadwell mine, guilty of the crime. Christie, who was left in the mine with Krause after the latter had served him with what purported to be a subpoena from the federal court, and has not since been seen. His friends believe him to be dead.

Krause has already been convicted of impersonating a federal officer and of charges against him are still to be tried.

He is believed to have knowledge of the disappearance of several Alaskans.

King Republicans Meeting at Seattle

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—(P. N. S.)—Policies and principles, for which King county Republicans will stand in the forthcoming primary and general elections, are being outlined today at the Republican county convention which opened at the Arena at 10 o'clock this morning. Little was accomplished at the morning sessions beyond a temporary organization, but the delegates are expected to get down to real business this afternoon.

W. A. Peters of Seattle was chosen temporary chairman after the convention had been called to order by County Chairman W. T. Laube. Harry W. Carroll, Seattle city controller, was named temporary secretary with William J. Coyle and Leo Johnston as assistants.

Indications are that Judge Hiram H. Hadley, former supreme court justice, will be chosen permanent chairman. Carroll is regarded as the probable choice for permanent secretary.

General Calles on Way.
Douglas, Ariz., April 29.—(U. P.)—General P. Elias Calles was expected to arrive in El Paso today to attend the border conference. He left here last night accompanied by Ives Leavelle, local consul, and several aides.

LISTEN, men! We've made it easy for you to get the OWL cigar. It's sold everywhere—you hardly ever have to cross the street to find it.

But don't bother to thank us. Pass your thanks (with your nickel) across the line to the man behind the counter. That's the way!

The Million Dollar Cigar
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AMERICAN SOLDIERS ENCAMPED AND ENTRENCHED IN MEXICO



AMERICAN TRENCH AT BOSCA GRANDE. Mexico, where our boys have "dug themselves in" in anticipation of an attack by Carranzista troops. At the left of the picture are shown some of the tents of the camp with the blankets out for a sunning and airing. At the right is a section of a trench, reinforced with logs.

REPORT HAS IT THAT MINTO PASS LINE IS UNDER SURVEY BY S. P.

Alleged Hill Interests "Beaten to It," According to Story From Marion.

Salem, Or., April 29.—Southern Pacific surveys have forestalled alleged Hill surveys in locating a line through Minto Pass, according to Roadmaster Culver, Surveyor Herlick and J. B. Hunt, Marion county viewers, who have been in the mountains in the eastern section of the county on a surveying trip.

The so-called "mysterious Hill crew" has been working at Gates, and about a week ago the Southern Pacific surveyors arrived at Hoover, the end of the branch line, and began relocating the old line up the Corvallis & Eastern through Minto Pass toward Reed. Where the line is being run the snow is several feet deep.

It is explained that the survey they are following was made several years ago by the Southern Pacific, but that its claim had expired.

Local Officials Scout Report.
Local Southern Pacific officials today scouted reports that a revival of the survey rights through Minto Pass is being attempted. They said the surveys made many years ago had been relinquished when it appeared that the line would be impracticable from an operating standpoint and unprofitable from a business standpoint.

The officials quoted a remark made more than a year ago by General Manager W. R. Secord after a trip to that region, to the effect that the Southern Pacific "would never spend another dollar in extending the Corvallis & Eastern."

It was explained, however, that whatever plans of this character may have been in the minds of the railroad executives would not necessarily be known here.

Wood Alcohol Is Taken by Mistake

Mrs. G. A. Richardson Is in Critical Condition at Hospital—Believed the Woman Thought It Grain Alcohol.

Mrs. G. A. Richardson, wife of a longshoreman, drank wood alcohol this morning in her rooms occupied by the couple in the D.M. Hotel, Second and Yamhill streets, and is now at the St. Vincent's hospital in a critical condition.

It is believed that the woman imbibed the fluid under the impression that it was grain alcohol, although a bottle in the room containing some of the fluid was labeled "wood alcohol."

At 10 o'clock this afternoon the hotel clerk heard someone fall in the room, and investigating found Mrs. Richardson in a stupor on the floor. He summoned Motorcycle Patrolman Coulter, who ordered the woman taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Richardson is aged 30.

Chicago Gives T. R. Rousing Reception

Roosevelt Wears Broad Smile When Thousands Shout "We Want Teddy," As He Leaves Train for Auto.

Chicago, April 29.—No pussy-footing marked Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's arrival here today on the Twentieth Century Limited from New York.

Thousands of persons had congregated at the station, and as the former president appeared, shouted in unison, "We want Teddy." Roosevelt's face lighted up with a broad smile as he passed through the crowd to a waiting automobile, which took him to the La Salle hotel.

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British Cabinet in A Saturday Session

London, April 29.—(U. P.)—The British cabinet met unexpectedly this morning, causing the most sensational rumors, because the cabinet never meets on Saturday. Some rumors held that the cabinet was to discuss the demand that Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, resign. Many believed the meeting was for the purpose of considering conscription.

High School Student Play to Be Repeated

Charles Dickens' comedy, "Tom Pinch," will be repeated in the Jefferson High school auditorium tonight by the cast of players selected by Miss Nina Greenhouse from the seniors in the county. The play, which has been a title role, and Miss Dorothy Smith, as "Charity," did some clever acting last night. A lack of self-consciousness and the simplicity of the production marked last night's presentation.

FURTHER TESTIMONY IS OFFERED AGAINST SUPERVISOR KERCHEN

Principal Charges Continue to Be Incompetency and Mixing Religion and Work.

Further elaboration of the charges against J. L. Kerchen, supervisor of menial training in the public schools, was made last night at the continuance of the trial before the board of education.

The principal charge continues to be that Kerchen allowed the work of teachers, skilled mechanics, to go out to San Francisco for as the work of Portland's school children and that Kerchen's personal opinions in regard to religion and economics were injected into his professional work, to the detriment of discipline and the efficiency of instruction.

Among the witnesses were J. R. Bymhold, V. E. Christensen, Principal of Franklin high school, Andrew Ruger.

Their testimony was along the same line as that of J. W. A. Mancor, the first witness against Kerchen. Further testimony was that he is incompetent as an instructor, a poor mechanic, indiscreet in his demeanor and rankly opposed to conventions.

Ruger testified that he had complained to school directors about the manual training exhibit and that they had gone to Superintendent Alderman and Baker, linking them to investigation. When no investigation was made, he said the formal complaint was filed.

The hearing will be continued Monday night.

Marin County Forts Are to Be Improved

War Department to Install Long Range Naval Guns and New Water Systems at Forts Baker and Barry.

San Francisco, April 29.—Marin county's big gun forts are to be improved and strengthened for the business of war at a cost of \$200,000, according to plans of the war department, it became known today. The work will be done principally on Forts Baker and Barry, linking them together with better lines of communication and providing for both safe water supplies.

These days of long range naval guns, these two forts which guard the northern portal of the harbor might become isolated under attack, eastern department officers have concluded.

It is planned to make Fort Barry the bulwark of the defenses on the Marin shore with longer range guns, additional batteries and more companies of artillerymen. But the main strengthening to be done now is in the way of roadbuilding and water supply, making Fort Barry the depot for Fort Barry which would have to bear the brunt of battle in war time.

Th plan calls for a tunnel 12,000 feet long and 3280 feet of new roadway, furnishing direct roadways between the two forts, with no difficult grades and unexposed to the fire of a hostile fleet.

California Electric Railways Combine

Association Being Organized to Fight Joint Competition, Handle Railroad Commission Cases and Mutual Help.

San Francisco, April 29.—(P. N. S.)—Organization of an electric railway combination, backed by the millions invested in this utility in California, to fight the "sitney" bus competition, handle cases before the railroad commission and act for mutual benefit, was announced today by Jesse Lillenthal, president of the United Railroads.

The organization will be known as the California Electric Railway association, and will have its headquarters in San Francisco. Every street railway in the state is represented in the association.

Germany's Reply To U. S. Completed

Next Will Be Sent to Washington Early Next Week, According to the Berlin Tageblatt, Says Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, April 29.—(U. P.)—Germany's reply to the American ultimatum demands has been completed and will be sent to Washington early next week, the Berlin Tageblatt declared today.

Two Funerals Monday.
Vancouver, Wash., April 29.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Josephine Grubb, who died Thursday evening at St. Joseph's hospital, will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of her son, Mr. J. J. Grubb, 1111 Broadway.

The funeral of Mrs. Fredericka Kreiman, who died Friday evening at her home, 1111 Broadway, will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of her son, Mr. J. J. Grubb, 1111 Broadway.

Ridgefield Is Flag Station.
Ridgefield, Wash., April 29.—Ridgefield is now a flag passenger stop for the Northern Pacific train, No. 418, southbound, due here at 9:35 p. m. The train will be here at 9:35 p. m. and will be here at 9:35 p. m.

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Reports Carranza Had Fled Not True

American Consul Rodgers at Mexico City Cables That Mexican Leader Continues His Headquarters There.

Washington, April 29.—American Consul Rodgers at Mexico City today cabled the state department that reports that General Venustiano Carranza had fled were untrue.

"Carranza is still maintaining headquarters in Mexico City," Rodgers reported.

BOYS WHO WRECKED PIPE ORGAN MUST PAY \$50 FINE EACH

Judge Cleeton Orders That They Must Earn the Money Themselves.

The three boys who wrecked the pipe organ in the old Taylor Street Methodist church, in order to get the lead pipes, which they sold to a junkman for 30 cents were today fined \$50 each by Judge Cleeton of the juvenile court, and in addition, they will be removed from their past environment.

The court ordered that the boys should earn the money and pay the fine themselves. The damage done to the organ has not been determined, but it is expected to amount to \$1000.

The three boys are Joseph Mayer, 16; Douglas Messenger, 15, and Frank Lavodie, 12. The two older boys are without fathers, and the younger boy, Douglas Messenger, was placed in the care of Rev. Walter Airheart, assistant pastor of the First Methodist church, who expects to obtain a job for the boy in a machine shop.

SUES TO DISSOLVE COMPANY.
Charges Made Against Head of American Gas & Incinerator Co.

Suit to dissolve the American Gas & Incinerator company of Vancouver, Wash., but which is said to be doing business in Oregon, was filed today by W. B. Baker, a stockholder.

The only assets of the company, Baker alleges, is a patent to an artificial gas machine. He asserts that E. J. Catterlin, president of the company, subscribed all the stock of the company, amounting to 300 shares at \$100 a share, and then sold 200 shares to Baker, a stockholder.

One month ago today, letters were sent to the heads of all the railroads in the United States, presenting the demands of the men, and in these letters the companies were requested to notify the organizations by April 29 whether they would join in a conference for the adjustment of the demands.

This action was taken as the result of a referendum vote participated in by the four trainmen's organizations and was in the nature of an ultimatum to the companies. The employees asked for an eight hour day, much freight conductors and brakemen.

The O-W-R. & N. company, Southern Pacific and other western roads refused to agree to the terms, and the date of April 27, and these were received yesterday. So far as known all the railroads in the United States have joined in the conference except the Sumpter Valley road of eastern Oregon.

It is not thought that the failure to notify the organizations by April 29 whether they would join in a conference will affect the question.

The national convention of the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen will be held during May and June, and it is not believed that the headway will be made in the work of the joint conference until after these matters have been adjusted, for the reason that many of the men who will undoubtedly serve as representatives of the trainmen will be in attendance upon the convention.

The joint committees will meet in New York, according to the understanding.

Canadian Troopers En Route to England

Four Ships Under Convoy of British Cruiser Suffolk Are Taking 15,000 Soldiers to Mother Country.

Halifax, April 29.—Eighteen thousand Canadian soldiers today are en route to England on the steamers Metakarna, Calgarian, Empress of Britain and Lapland.

The expedition, which left here Wednesday, in under convoy of the British cruiser Suffolk.

Philippine Bill Is Facing Sure Defeat

Administration Leaders Said to Be Assigned to Defeat Measure When House Cansass Shows 45 Opponents.

Washington, April 29.—(U. P.)—With a canvass of the house showing 45 members opposing the measure, administration leaders today were resigned to defeat of the Philippine independence bill, scheduled to come up Monday.

All the attorneys agree that no chance exists of a vote against Mr. McFarland and that his conduct merits no criticism. The original findings were made on McFarland's default, he has been assured that the case would be settled.

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Forty Men, Women and Children Are Reported Awaiting Opportunity to Leave Manzanillo for U. S.

Washington, April 29.—State department advisers today reported 40 Americans, including women and children, at Manzanillo, awaiting opportunity to leave.

It is believed that a warship will be sent to bring them to the United States.

T. & D. IS NEW NAME OF EMPRESS THEATRE TO OPEN ON MAY 14

Highest Class Photoplays to Be Shown, Organ Concerts and Full Orchestra.

E. B. Johnson of San Francisco, secretary of the Turner & Dahken circuit, arrived in Portland this morning to take over the Empress theatre at Broadway and Stark street as the latest addition to the chain of photo-play houses operated by the California firm.

Mr. Johnson announced that the theatre will be known as the "T. & D." theatre and that the opening has been set for Sunday, May 14, the same date upon which the Hippodrome will open in the playhouse now occupied by the Orpheum at Broadway and Yamhill street.

"We shall show feature films of the highest class," said Mr. Johnson, "among which will be the \$100,000 Klein 20-part serial novel, 'Gloria's Romance,' in which Billie Burke is starred. The costumes alone for this production cost \$30,000."

"We shall make music an attractive part of our program and will have a full orchestra and a pipe organ. The organ has been ordered in Cincinnati and should be in place within a month. We hope to make a specialty in organ recitals, too, engaging the leading organists of the city for concerts."

"We have many surprises for Portland photo-play lovers, among them impressive stage settings, such as Green films, attractive stage settings and the like."

Extensive changes to the operating room, a new screen and other improvements will be made to the Empress before it is opened as the T. & D. theatre, a stockholder.

The Turner & Dahken circuit includes the T. & D. Tivoli opera house, San Francisco, T. & D. Oakland Photo Theatre, T. & D. Reno Photo Theatre, T. & D. Richmond theatre, Richmond, Cal.; T. & D. Theatre De Luxe, San Jose, Cal.; T. & D. Theatre De Luxe, T. & D. theatre, Berkeley, and T. & D. theatre, Watsonville, Cal.

Mr. Johnson expects to remain in Portland about a month, to get the theatre under way, after which he will leave the theatre in charge of a resident manager.

ROSELAWN PRUNE CO. FILES INCORPORATION PAPERS AT VANCOUVER

C. D. Wise, Anna D. Wise and R. A. Leiter Are the Incorporators of New Venture.

Vancouver, Wash., April 28.—Articles of incorporation of the Roselawn Prune company were filed in the office of the county auditor Friday for the purpose of incorporating the C. D. Wise and Anna D. Wise, and R. A. Leiter of Portland, who, together with O. C. Leiter and J. M. Leiter of Portland, will constitute the first board of directors. The capital stock has been placed at \$60,000 and the principal place of business will be this city.

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INUNCTION IS DISSOLVED.
John Loser Thied to Restrain Building Fairview Crossing.

Judge Davis today dissolved the injunction which was holding up the construction of a new crossing of the county road near Fairview. A temporary injunction and writ of review had been obtained by John Loser, who owns property where the cut is being made. His attorney, Walter Gleason, announced that he would appeal from the court's decision dissolving the injunction.

Deputy District Attorney Murphy, representing the county commissioners, stated that Loser's contention, that the bridge would be a hindrance to the highway, was not supported by the facts. Loser contended that a cut or fill could not be made without petition of the property owners.

Arrests Made by Police Cover Period of 24 Hours: Sentences Are Passed in the Municipal Court.
Twenty-two drunks arrested in less than 24 hours was the record established by the police last night. Fourteen were either jailed or fined, and three were committed to the county city or begin serving sentences of 45 days in jail.

The police last night also arrested Mrs. A. Burns and Lyman Stever at 288 Fourth street on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Bud Stearns was arrested as a witness. Patrolmen Litzberg and Clement asserting that he had purchased \$150 worth of whiskey from the woman. A 10-gallon keg of whiskey, five gallons of sherry wine, two bottles of champagne, and dozens of empty bottles were seized as evidence.

Suit for Damages Filed.
Vancouver, Wash., April 29.—Damages in the sum of \$1000 for a fractured arm are asked in a suit filed in the superior court by Richard Bridges against W. N. Webb. The complaint alleges that last July Carrie Bridges, wife of the plaintiff, fell on a slippery walk, from which she sustained a fractured and fractured her arm. The presence of soap suds and soapy water on the walk is alleged to have been the cause of the fall.

Some time ago a claim was presented to the city council for a like amount, but it was disallowed upon the advice of City Attorney Simpson, to whom the matter was referred.

Baker Compares Systems.
Vancouver, Wash., April 29.—An interesting comparison of the military systems of Germany and Switzerland, together with the military tactics and the educational training of young men of both nations, was given last evening at the Hotel Theatre by Lieutenant Colonel David J. Baker Jr. in one of the series of lectures on military preparedness. Moving pictures were shown and a program of music was rendered by the Knights of Calatrava orchestra.

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