

COMMISSIONERS BACKS MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT AMENDMENT

Measure Fathored by Commissioner Will H. Daly Provides for Bond Issue.

ESTIMATE TO BE CHECKED

Council Puts Off Formal Action, However, Until Engineer Stannard Finishes Checking Figures.

All the city commissioners went on record today for the submission of a charter amendment to the people providing for the issuance of \$1,750,000 in bonds to construct a municipal lighting plant as proposed by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities.

The proposed amendment is not to be submitted, however, until J. L. Stannard, a hydro-electric engineer, makes a thorough investigation of the plant and a check of the estimates made by the city's engineers.

WORK IS COMMENCED ON \$600,000 GRADE CROSSING VIADUCTS

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Work was commenced today on the \$600,000 project for the elimination of grade crossings along the tracks of the O-W, R. & N. R. from East to West. Short exercises marked the initiation of the big project to eliminate crossings.

U. S. AND ALLIES MUST WORK IN FULL HARMONY

started at once to work on plans that have been formulated by the National Defense Council on other lines.

The first installment of bids for the 200 or more motor launch boats for the navy were opened at the department at noon. Nearly 100 additional boatbuilding concerns were requested to inform the government of their capacity for turning out the chaser boats.

NAVY BUILDING SPEEDED UP

Munitions firms which continue to hold out for exorbitant prices are expected to be summarily commandeered by the government.

Naval architects were directed today to rush to completion the plans for the three new 42,000 ton super-dreadnaughts, 15 destroyers and 28 800-ton submarines.

FAILURE OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO PAY ASSESSMENTS THE CAUSE

The city council may attempt to stop operations of the streetcars on Arlington Heights, the district immediately west of Washington Park because of the failure of property-owners to pay assessments for paving between the streetcars on Kingston avenue.

CONVENTION MONEY SOUGHT

Emery Olmstead Asks Council for \$2500 for Gathering.

Emery Olmstead, chairman of the finance committee of the National Education association convention, was before the city council today seeking an appropriation of \$2500 from the city for a fund to be used in entertaining delegates. The city has agreed to give something and told Mr. Olmstead to return Friday when it would announce the exact amount.

WANTS ROAD ACROSS GULCH

C. G. Woodward Proposes Way to Hospital and Medical School.

C. G. Woodward, an owner of South Portland property, advocates a road as an extension of Ninth street, with a bridge across upper Marquam gulch, that will serve the proposed hospital and medical school.

LANE DENIES HE WAS ANY TIME PARTY TO SENATE FILIBUSTER

Oregon Senator Sends Letter of Explanation to Critics of Home State.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—In a few days those who were party to the armed neutrality bill will receive a letter fully defining his attitude. The letters were mailed today. Senator Lane resents the accusation that he failed in his duty as a senator, giving his position as follows:

"Inasmuch as the charge of filibustering against the armed neutrality or steel ships bill has been made against me and wide circulation has been given to the accusation, and much as I dislike to disappoint those who have criticized my supposed action so freely and frankly, I cannot help but state that I did not filibuster on the bill. Not only did I not do so, but I openly stated on the floor of the senate that I was ready at any and all times to vote upon the bill.

HAD PEOPLE AT HEART

Not Opposed to Defense of Nation, but Feared Danger of Relinquishing the Rights of the Voters.

"There were some features of the bill of vital importance which I hoped might be changed.

CHIEF OF POLICE LOSES HIS LIFE IN FIGHT WITH NEGRO AT VANCOUVER

Boy Also Killed and Negro Commits Suicide; Detective Wounded, but Is Recovering

Vancouver, B. C., March 21.—(U. P.)—Police Detective John Cameron, who was severely wounded last night in a battle between the police and a negro, is recovering today and will not be permanently disabled. He was struck in the face by the first shot fired by Bob Tait, who was armed with two rifles, a shotgun and two revolvers in all 100 shots were exchanged between the desperado and the police.

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