

PORTLAND LIKELY TO HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET VESSELS

No Word or Sign Received From Federal Shipping Board to Indicate It Knows Grain Is Moving.

San Francisco Has Had No Trouble in Securing Craft to Carry Its Great Cargoes to Atlantic Seaboard.

Portland apparently will have to "go to the mat" with the federal shipping board in order to secure the allotment of interned or newly constructed ships for exportation of government flour.

Both Federal Grain Commissioner Max Houser and Federal Milling Commissioner T. B. Wilcox, stated this morning that they have no word or sign from the federal shipping board to indicate that it knows northwest grain is being moved from the interior to terminals, is being ground into flour as rapidly as the mills can handle it, and that ships for exportation must be provided in the near future.

At it was upon the proof that government tonnage would be available sufficient for the exportation of flour purchased by the government, that Portland and other northwest terminals were designated by the food administration as basic points for grain deliveries at the price fixed by the government.

Secure One Small Vessel

Mr. Wilcox said that while he has received no word from the federal shipping board, he has succeeded in securing a small wooden vessel constructed for a French company on Puget sound to load government flour at that point. The cargo should have been loaded already, he added, but there has been delay in finishing the vessel. He doubts if there will be any substantial movement of flour by water from the northwest this year.

Mr. Houser takes an exactly opposite view. He points to the fact that the grain is being moved to the mills, that the mills are grinding flour and that the government is purchasing flour ships, or holds interned vessels, which by every rule of right and economy should be made available by the government for the exportation of flour.

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Mr. Houser said that railroad regulation of the grain movement in order to prevent terminal congestion was to be expected and not to be particularly criticized. Portland's milling facilities are limited, he said, and it is important not to get the grain here faster than it can be handled or, at least, faster than storage facilities can be provided for it. He considers it desirable to give the interior mills all they can do.

With the effort to secure an allotment of ships for northwest flour exportation, a secondary campaign to cure a discrimination against the port will be carried on. Under government rule, ships built here must be taken to Puget sound for trial on a measured course. The bill of lading of regulation, which has been pointed out by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and others that the trial of vessels built here can be so handsomely conducted on the Columbia river.

Where the vessels are given their official trial is, of course, incidental, but usually the loading of cargo follows at the port nearest the point of trial and this is the serious part of the matter from the Portland viewpoint.

Auto Bandits Hurl Pepper at Policeman

Chicago, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Four automobile bandits today hurled red pepper into the eyes of Policeman James Malone, shot him in the left arm and escaped with a payroll of \$7047.26 belonging to the Sifton Manufacturing company.

The money was carried by Edward Conklin, a bank messenger, who was being escorted by Policeman Malone to the Sifton company's offices.

Elgin Butter Board Closing Considered

Washington, Oct. 31.—(U. P.)—Closing of the Elgin, Illinois, butter board, is under consideration by the administration. The agriculture department's bureau of means of already been asked to perform the board's functions. The final decision in the matter is shortly to be made by the food administration, it was officially stated today.

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Bond Subscription Figures Incomplete

Small-Official Estimates Are Total Will Run in Excess of \$25,000,000; Latest Official Total Unchanged.

With a dozen banks still to be heard from, the totals given Tuesday of Liberty loan subscriptions in Oregon were unchanged today, although semi-official estimates from headquarters were to the effect that the subscriptions will probably show an excess of \$25,000,000.

The last official report was of \$25,427,850, made by C. C. Chapman Tuesday noon. The Portland banks, while having given reports of their business up to Saturday night, have received numerous subscriptions through the mail since then, and their final totals will show increases. These final totals must be in the San Francisco federal reserve bank by Thursday, and possibly a report figure on Oregon will then be available.

Tentative plans for future Liberty loan campaigns were discussed at a luncheon of the principal workers of the campaign, held at the Port land hotel Tuesday. Votes of thanks were made at this meeting to the various men who distinguished themselves in the drive just ended.

LAND SHOW PLANS RAPIDLY ASSUMING ACTIVE REALIZATION

Exhibits Are Being Installed and All Hustle and Bustle at the Auditorium.

Everything is activity at the Auditorium today, where construction of the 40,000 square feet of floor space is being rushed to the limit. Six counties are installing their displays, while in the manufacturers' pavilion half a dozen plants are being placed. Thursday all the booths will be ready for the reception of displays, and the real work of decoration will be begun. Everything points to the completion of the show by Saturday afternoon.

The first commercial display of apples has arrived from Hood River. Gus Miller enters the competition with three varieties, Spitzenbergs, Yellow Newtowns and Jonathans. Displays of produce have arrived from the Rogue River valley, in charge of D. M. Lowe, who will place the Jackson county exhibit. R. L. Schee of Prineville has delivered 10 varieties of dry land grown produce from Central Oregon, in the competition for the sweepstakes prize for the best display—commercial—of potatoes grown in the state.

Interests in the land show are growing in Astoria, Salem, Seattle and other places. Reservations of space have been made by firms in each of the cities within the last day or two. Fruit and breakfast foods and candy are the lines which seem to be seeking most diligently for space at the big exposition. Practically all the space has been secured.

In the decorative schemes the national colors will be used effectively. Half a dozen different treatments of Mount Hood are promised as decorations for the show. Plants will be used effectively on the stage.

Twenty-two Apply For Machinist Mate

By 11 o'clock this morning the motor recruiting station has received 22 applications for the new rate, machinist's mate (motor boat), now open to young men between the ages of 18 and 35.

The young men who pass the physical examination will leave for Philadelphia Thursday morning to assemble for a complete course in gasoline engine, furnished at Columbia university, New York city.

Modesto Murderer Saws Bars, Escapes

Modesto, Cal., Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Maurice Goff, convicted of the murder of Earl Polley, manager of the Keyes bank, escaped from jail here during the night. It was discovered today when he was brought to the police station that he had escaped from his cell.

Goff had sawed the bars in his cell. Sheriff Davis immediately organized a posse and a man hunt was started.

Benefit Nets \$100

The benefit for Battery B, Oregon field artillery, at the Baker theatre Tuesday night netted \$186.50. "The Witching Hour" was put on by the Alcazar players, and specialties in addition were given by Master Gordon, Al Soule, Portland's boy pianist; the Imperial quartet, Monsieur Marcel and puppets, Phyllis Drake, Lela Shae, Lorraine Flatts, Bernice Spear and Ester Payne rendered artistic dances.

Miss Louise Oliveaux, I. W. W. stenographer and confessed anarchist, was indicted for encouraging opposition to the select service law.

Several smugglers were indicted and two secret indictments were returned.

Coal Strike Problem 'Is to Be Considered

Kansas City, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Alexander Howat, John Wilkinson and D. A. Frampton, heads of the miners in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, left here late last night on their way to Washington where they will confer with Fuel Administrator Garfield, Friday, concerning the recent coal strike settlement in the southwestern district. The operators will be represented by W. L. A. Johnson and F. W. Lukins. H. N. Taylor, district fuel administrator, will also attend. The penalty clause, rejected by the conference on October 23, is said to be the cause of the conference to be held Friday.

Two North Dakota Officials Arrested

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—On embankment charges sworn to by Attorney General of State Thomas Pail and E. M. Wells, automobile registry clerk, are under arrest here today. They are charged with the receipt of an examination of the books of the automobile department, which is said to have revealed a shortage of \$3400. Both officials were released on bonds.

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WAR TAX TO FALL ON ALL CITIZENS IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS

System of Collections Will Extend to Residents in Every Part of the Country.

COLLECTOR GIVES PLAN

Automobiles, Tennis Racquets and Dice Will Be Included in the List Which Has Wide Scope.

Direct war taxes are going to be visibly apparent to every resident of the United States, beginning Thursday. There will be stamps for bonds, stocks, deeds and playing cards. You will pay 8 cents for each \$1000 of life insurance you take after November 1, and you will pay 8 percent extra on railroad trips if your ticket costs more than 25 cents or if the distance is more than 30 miles.

You will pay 3 percent tax in addition to the list price on an automobile or a phonograph, a tennis racquet or a pair of dice, and you will pay 1 cent on each 10 cents you pay for admission to the theatre. These are only a few of the many provisions of the great revenue raising war measure, a portion of which becomes effective Thursday.

New Income Tax Included The same bill provides for the new income tax, which returns will have to be made after January 1. If you are married, you will have to pay tax on an income of more than \$2000 a year, and if single your income tax is applicable above \$1000.

A resume of the applications of the act has been prepared by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, as follows:

Reports to be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918, on income for entire year of 1917. Exemptions—Married persons, \$2000; single persons, \$1000. Collector can furnish blank about January 1.

War Excess Profits Tax Reports to be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918, covering the calendar year 1917, by individuals, partnerships and corporations. Exemptions—Individuals, \$5000; corporations, \$10,000. May be procured about January 1.

War Tax on Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc. One half of this tax became effective coincident with the passage of the act October 3, upon the floor stock of dealers. Inventory must be made as of that date and filed with the collector of internal revenue. Forms may be procured at 210 custom house. On and after November 1 all purchasers of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco must pay the full rate of tax on all such articles sold.

War Tax on Facilities Furnished by Public Utilities This tax becomes effective November 1, 1917; monthly returns to be made thereafter. It covers amount of business transacted, and tax to be paid thereon at the rate of 3 percent on the amount paid for such transportation, except for commutation season tickets on lines less than 30 miles and on tickets costing less than 35 cents. Tax in every case to be paid by party paying for such transportation.

War Tax on Insurance On life insurance a tax of 8 cents on each \$1000 issued on and after November 1, 1917. On marine, inland, fire and casualty insurance on same date when issued a tax of 1 percent or fraction of premium paid on such insurance.

War Excess Taxes On and after November 1, 1917, a tax of 3 percent on the sale price of all automobiles, automobile trucks, automobiles, motorcycles, and motorcycles, all piano players, graphophones, phonographs, talking machines and records; all jewelry, real or imitation; all tennis rackets, golf clubs, baseball bats, lacrosse sticks, balls of all kinds, including baseballs, golf balls, tennis fishing rods and creel, billiard and pool cues, croquet mallets and boards and pieces, dice, games and parts of games (except children's games and toys); a tax of 2 percent on cosmetics, pills, powders, lozenges, etc.; 2 percent on chewing gum; a tax of 1 percent on base hospital. Private Flaigan comes from Redding, Cal.

War Tax on Admissions and Dues A tax of 1 cent charged by any theatre, moving picture show, etc., for admission, except in cases of free admission, a maximum charge of 5 cents. A tax of 10 percent of the amount paid for admission to any athletic or social club, when such annual dues are in excess of \$12 per year. The tax becomes effective November 1, 1917.

Stamp taxes will apply to bonds, stocks, deeds, notes, entry of goods, wares, etc., passage ticket to foreign countries, power of attorney and playing cards. Also a tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents paid on parcel post shipments, beginning with November 1, 1917. These stamps may be purchased from the collector of internal revenue or from the post office.

War Estate Taxes A war tax on all estates, from 1 percent up to 10 percent of the net worth of the estate.

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September Exports Are Double Imports

Outgoing Trade Totaled \$456,201,597; Incoming, \$226,194,888—Both Show Heavy Gains in Past Nine Months.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The department of commerce announced today that the United States exports for September were \$456,201,597, a decrease of \$34,000,000 compared with August and a gain of \$80,000,000 compared with July. Exports for the nine months ending with September were \$4,807,877,178, a gain of \$657,700,000 over 1916. The imports for September were \$226,194,888, as compared with \$270,506,779 in August. The imports for the nine months ending with September were \$2,282,784,503, a gain of \$450,000,000 over a similar period in 1916.

Imports of gold in September were \$4,171,513 and the exports were \$31,332,396. The imports of gold for the nine months ending with September were \$25,824,442, and the exports were \$348,968,514. The imports of silver for September were \$5,796,320, and exports were \$4,465,979. The imports of silver for the nine months ending with September were \$33,054,102, and the exports were \$62,232,662.

Prosperous Minister and Laundry Said to Be the Main Losers

Rev. Paul Koren and French Brothers Said to Have Put Up Much Money.

An Iowa preacher and a Montana laundry were two of the biggest losers in the land fraud case now being tried in the federal court here, according to evidence introduced by United States Attorney Reames this morning.

Rev. Paul Koren, a prosperous minister of Decorah, Iowa, testified that W. H. Hallowell induced him to give \$300 for filings for two claims, then real work was done and the claims were ready and \$800 more was necessary to prove the land. Rev. Koren sent the \$800, he said, making the total investment \$1100.

The French Brothers' laundry of Kallispell invested \$1200 according to the testimony of each of the brothers, both taking the suit against Hallowell, however, and recovered half the amount, they said.

The principal witness for the government, J. H. Townsend, former special assistant attorney to the attorney general of Oregon. Mr. Townsend now lives in Denver.

Intending in the land show, the purpose of the government in the litigation with the O. & C. railroad company a few years ago was to obtain merely a forfeiture of the lands to the government.

They have maintained throughout the trial that these lands, on which they "located" applicants, who are now testifying in court, were to be recovered for the persons who filed for claims.

The government will rest at noon tomorrow and it is expected that the case will go to the jury by Tuesday.

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ITALIAN REVERSES THREATEN CHANGE IN PLANS OF U. S.

American Soldiers May See Action Earlier Than Expected Unless Cadorna's Men Stem Teuton Tide.

Pressure in France, if Sufficiently Powerful, Would Force Kaiser to Cease Efforts Against Italy.

By J. W. T. Mason

New York, Oct. 31.—(U. P.)—The American army in France may have to begin its full participation in war sooner than has generally been anticipated, if there proves to be no other way of creating a sufficient diversion to prevent the Germans from overrunning the northern Italian plains.

Indications now point to a slowing down of the Teutonic advance in Italy, but if later developments threaten to cause a major disaster to the allied cause along the Tagliamento river, the United States probably will not be creating a sufficient diversion to prevent the Germans from overrunning the northern Italian plains.

Germany has consistently gone to the aid of her own allies with military help whenever they were threatened with defeat. The entente powers have been unable, for various reasons, to do this.

The United States, however, may be destined to fight its first battle in Europe primarily to assist a faltering ally rather than in strict accord with prearranged strategic objectives. To do this it would be neither necessary or advisable for American troops to join with the Italians in driving the Teutons back across the Italian front.

It is not at all certain that the French front, if sufficiently powerful, would demand an immediate cessation of German efforts in Italy, and a quick call upon all German reserves.

It sometimes becomes necessary in war to strike quickly before plans are matured. The enemy frequently forces an issue. It is seldom, in fact, that a commander can fight under all conditions as chosen by himself. The British offensive in Flanders have not prevented the German moving forward in Italian country, nor have the French forces along the Aisne.

The success of German designs in Italy will perhaps rest on decisions that may shortly have to be taken in Washington.

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