

'BAREBONE VALUE' IS BASIS USED FOR FIXING 6-CENT FARE

Public Service Commissioner Corey Issues Statement Concerning Order in Controversy.

PLATFORM MEN BENEFIT

Declares Valuation Was Fixed by Clyde B. Aitchison and J. P. Newell.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—To refute the charge that the valuation of the Portland streetcar company's property as fixed by the commission is mere guess and consequently inaccurate, and to correct other erroneous impressions, H. H. Corey, public service commissioner, issued a lengthy written statement on Wednesday afternoon. Commissioner Corey said in part:

"The valuation as fixed by this commission is as near a barebone value of the company's property as the courts would permit and contrary to public opinion does not contain any 'water stock' or any stock whatever. Neither does it include any allowance for franchise value. So if it were true that the company paid millions for its franchise, it has no bearing whatever on the rate of fare. Donations and bonuses given the car company to induce it to extend its service into outlying additions to the city of Portland are also omitted from the valuation.

"The commission had no other alternative than to increase the street car fare, because the company cannot possibly operate without it. Without the increased fare the company would go into the hands of a receiver who, by order of the court, would take off 41 per cent of the fare or ask this commission for an increase in rates in order to protect the actual investment in plant. If the car patrons are willing to do with 41 per cent less fare, this commission is willing to restore the 6-cent fare. Positively the company cannot give both adequate service and a 6-cent fare during this period of abnormally high prices. The jitney may afford a 6-cent fare within a very limited zone, but as the average haul in Portland is 4 1/2 miles, manifestly the jitney fare would be far in excess of 6 cents to all outside this close-in zone.

"I find the impression prevalent in Portland that this commission has granted an increase in carfare in order to guarantee a 6 per cent return on the value of the property used in serving the public. This is an error. The increase allowed barely pays the increase of wages allowed the street car men by the board of arbitrators and the wages of the additional men made necessary by the adoption of an eight hour workday basis. The company is making less than 1 1/4 per cent on its investment under the 6 cent fare. It would require 6 1/2 cents, or practically a seven cent fare, to afford a 6 per cent return. Evidently some do not realize that the use of upwards of \$18,000,000 invested in the street car plant in Portland, which plant is furnished its power at actual cost by the lighting company and to which the commission has apportioned but a small part of the total overhead costs of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, is afforded the city of Portland without the necessity of paying a return thereon. Notwithstanding this, there are some who desire to send the company and confiscate their investments as well. The large salaries mentioned in the press are not all paid by the car rider, as a very small part of the overhead has been apportioned to the street car department.

"The commission placed the burden as equally as possible upon all the car riders rather than to place an 11 cent fare outside the 5 cent zone of three mile radius.

"Does it not follow that inasmuch as every cent gained by the increased fare goes to the platform men, opposition to the increased fare is opposition to the granting of a living wage to labor during these abnormal times. This is no time for patriotic citizens

to quarrel over the matter of increased wages to a class of labor whose wages even now do not exceed those paid common labor, as section men, saw-mill and shipyard employees. Some fail to appreciate that the 6 cent fare is a temporary wartime expedient and may be of very short duration."

Losses Inflicted by Italians Enormous

Casualties, in Addition to Prisoners, Suffered by Austro-Germans Are Estimated at Between 20,000 and 25,000.

Rome, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Enormous losses were inflicted upon the Austro-German troops between the Asiago plateau and the Brenta valley by the Italian offensive on Monday and Tuesday, said a dispatch from the front today.

In addition to capturing nearly 3000 prisoners, the Italians inflicted casualties estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000. The defenses on Monte de Val Bella and in the sectors of Col de Rosso and Col de Chele have been organized and held against determined counterattacks, delivered by the invaders in force.

British Patrols Take Prisoners
London, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—British patrols in the neighborhood of Epey brought back prisoners from the German lines, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

North of Lens and in the neighborhood of Paschendaele he reported hostile artillery.

Germans Take Some Prisoners
Berlin, via London, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—An Italian attack southwest of Asiago broke down under fire, the German official statement asserted today. Enemy prisoners taken recently total 15 officers and 660 men.

3 Men, One Woman Die in Hotel Fire

Martinez, Cal., Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—Three men and one woman are known to have been burned to death and six others injured in a fire which destroyed the Fairview hotel, in the Fairview addition to Martinez, early today. The injured were hurt when they jumped from the second story of the burning building.

The fire is believed to have resulted from a guest in the hotel falling asleep while smoking a cigarette in bed. The Fairview hotel was used chiefly by the Mexican Copper company to house its workmen. Most of those injured were Italians.

Navy Asking for \$45,000,000 More

Washington, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—Appearing before the house and naval committee today to explain his request for \$45,000,000 more for the navy, Secretary Daniels revealed that nearly \$2,000,000,000 has been poured into the naval establishment of the United States for the prosecution of the war.

Daniels warned the committee to be prepared to further heavy expenditures.

Additional Credit For Great Britain

Washington, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—An additional credit of \$65,000,000 to Great Britain for January and of \$210,000,000 for February was announced by the treasury today. This brings the British total to date for 1918 to \$460,000,000 and the grand war total to all the allies to \$4,525,900,000.

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DISTRICT BOARDS GRANT EXEMPTION TO SMALL NUMBER

Results of Appeal Claims of Interest to Those Who Asked for Deferred Classification.

WOULD LOCATE DELINQUENTS St. Johns Local Board Posts

Names of Registrants Whose Address Has Changed.

As a forecast as to the ultimate decision of the district boards in appeal claims of registrants claiming deferred classification for various reasons, the decisions affecting 41 questionnaires returned to local division board No. 1 will be of interest to all draft registrants who have claimed a deferred class.

Of 12 registrants who claimed deferred classification on the grounds of having dependent relatives, only four were granted and eight were denied. Of 13 registrants who asked for the deferred class because they claimed they were necessary employees or managers of a necessary industrial enterprise, only one was granted and nine were denied. The registrant who secured the deferred class was a boilermaker. Thirteen registrants were granted a deferred class because they are employed in a shipyard under the general supervision of the Emergency Fleet corporation. The merits of all these cases are decided by the Emergency Fleet corporation at Washington, D. C. and it is only when the local board receives a notification from Washington to the effect that the claimant is a bona fide employee of a shipyard will he be granted the deferred classification. If the registrant changes his occupation, however, he will automatically return to the original classification given by the local division board. Six were denied deferred classification on the grounds that they were skilled industrial laborers.

Local board division No. 9 reports this morning that the 15 registrants examined yesterday passed, which, they say, is an excellent showing. The men who have qualified for general military service are: Percy Algier Lamb, Michael Curran, Ernest Olsen, George A. Schoesler, Ernest F. Senell, Elmer Charles Rowley, George Arthur Mitchell, Enrico Mastroluca, John Defehr and Gilbert H. Anderson.

Qualifications for special service are: Darwin Priegntz, Chalmers Blair, George M. Huback, Paul C. Williams and Benn W. Conn. This is a 100 per cent showing. Secretary Flegel of board No. 9 states that a new regiment of engineers is forming at Vancouver, and that men may now be inducted into this branch of the service.

Local board for division No. 10, 105 1/2 Jersey street, St. Johns, reports the following delinquents. Any person knowing the whereabouts of any of these delinquents notify board No. 10:

Malcom E. Crocker, 130 1/2 Russell street.
Joe Thomas Miller, 118 Kilpatrick street.
Luther Gooney, 114 Scott avenue.
Nathaniel Grant Anderson, 1215 Wilbur street.
George Leigh Hornay, 89 West Going street.
William Thurman Settle, 117 1/2 Knott street.
Emil Jakes, 42 Fremont street.
George Altman, 745 Syracuse street.
Norman R. Iverson, 808 1/2 Union avenue.
Edward Hansen, Kenwood hotel.
Alvin Buckner, 102 1/2 Philadelphia street.
Claude Baister Cobbett, 507 South Hayes street.
Percy Elmer Marlon, Union Meat company.
Sigward Kolden, 808 Cook avenue.
Hans Robert Mahler, Kenwood hotel.
Cecil Dennis Pollock, 1751 Derby street.
Orville Morgan, 759 Lansdowne street.
Robert Laine, 611 Ross street.
Joseph Charles White, 1725 Exeter street.
William Calvin Kaley, 118 Kilpatrick street.
Hakujiro Monaka, foot of McKenna avenue.
Peyal Kulukada, 414 Pierce street.
Cladvis Foster Whitely, 129 1/2 Russell street.
Herman Kimmner, 1843 Detroit avenue.
William Isaac Norris, 118 Kilpatrick street.
William Joe O'Shea, 840 Ross street.
Donald Fynn, 821 South Hayes street.
Bex F. Brouillette, 822 Capitol avenue.
George Kowalsky, 588 Daley street.
Robert George Hewitt, 591 Commercial street.
Arthur Witterm, 118 Kilpatrick street.
H. R. Radcliff, 144 Kilpatrick street.
Angus Earl Morrison, 129 1/2 Russell street.
John Krawsky, 17 Morris street.
John Gatt, general delivery.
Maynard Duff Lyons, 115 Hunt street.
Henry Witterm, 118 Kilpatrick street.
John Parks, 502 West Charleston street.
Karl Weber, 857 Morris street.
William Ed Galloway, 522 South Ivanhoe street.
Del Yamana, foot McKenna avenue.
Robinson Randall Irish, 525 East Mohawk street.
Jake Oga, 32 Fremont street.
James Donlin, 529 Mohawk street.
John Bowick, 1618 Newell street.
Ed Whitely Carney, 280 1/2 Russell street.
Elton Carle Metlin, Bridgetown, Or.

Will R. King Will Run for the Senate

Federal Official Says He Will Make Formal Announcement About March; Here on Official Business.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Will R. King, chief counsel for the government reclamation service, and who is here in connection with a case before the supreme court, said today that he will make formal announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator about the first week in March.

He said he was refraining from making his announcement at this time because he did not care to mix politics with business, and that he is in Oregon now at the government's expense on official business.

If he has opposition in the primary election, he said he would return to Oregon and make a strenuous fight for the nomination.

Two Suits Against Milk Condensery

Albany, Or., Jan. 31.—Two suits to recover money were filed in the circuit court Wednesday against the Solo Milk Condensery and more litigation is promised. The institution, owned by Seattle men, is being sued by the Albany State bank, in which the firm deposited \$811 and against which it is charged, it issued checks for \$2344. The Evergreen Cheese company of Silverton is suing to recover on a check given on a Seattle bank for \$2708, which, it is alleged, was returned marked unpaid for want of funds.

The condensery is regarded as one of Solo's biggest industries and was thought to be sound. It has been paying more for milk than creameries and cheese factories and turned out large quantities of condensed milk, supposedly for the United States government. A large number of farmers are holding its milk checks.

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Ship's Cook Wins Praise for Rescue

Heroic Conduct in Saving Chief Quartermaster From Drowning Commended by Secretary Daniels.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—James Marcio, ship's cook, has been commended by Secretary Daniels for bravery displayed in rescuing from drowning Chief Quartermaster Robertson, who was washed overboard from the United States ship Smith during a heavy gale on December 17.

Marcio tied a line to his waist and jumped into the water. He clung to his man until the two were hauled aboard ship, this being made possible by Lieutenant Richard N. Connolly, who, suspended by his feet from the deck, helped to haul the men on board.

Letters of commendation have also been sent to Lieutenants J. H. Klein Jr. and J. C. Byrnes Jr. for their excellent seamanship.

Marcio's home address is Philadelphia. Connolly's mother lives at Waukegan, Ill. Klein's address is Cincinnati and Byrnes' home is in Norfolk, Va.

Navy Department Needs Reservists

Washington, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The navy department will need at least 160,000 naval reservists by July 1 next. This was announced today by naval officers and a drive to recruit them was started. The men will be required to man vessels turned over by the war department to the naval overseas transportation service, of which Commander Charles Belknap is the director.

For the first time today it was revealed that the vessels to be turned over by the army will number 1000, with a total tonnage of 3,000,000.

Seattle Lumberman Summoned by Death

Seattle, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—H. S. Bolcomb, widely known in the lumber trade and head of several large mills and logging concerns in Western Washington, died Wednesday of peritonitis. He was aged 54 years.

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LIVELY INTEREST IS MANIFEST IN SECRET MEETING OF ALLIES

Two American Generals Attend Conference at Versailles; Sessions Are Formal.

Paris, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—The second inter-allied council at Versailles was expected to conclude its formal sessions today after two days' meeting under conditions of the utmost secrecy.

The Paris press today expressed the liveliest interest in speculation that the conference discussed the old problem of a supreme, inter-allied military commander. Foreign Minister Pichon's organ, the Petit Journal, however, declared its disbelief that such a move was in contemplation.

Some of those present included Major General Bliss, chief of staff of the American army; General Pershing, commander-in-chief of American forces in the field; General Cadorna, former commander-in-chief of Italy's armies; Field Marshal Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief; French Foreign Minister Pichon; Italian Minister Bonino; Italian Premier Orlando and Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain.

Premier Clemenceau of France, arriving among the last, was the only one in this assembly of notables that the crowd outside the building seemed to know at once. He was heartily cheered and stopped a moment at the entrance to shake hands with several Poles.

The first session lasted three and a half hours. Today's was expected to be at least that long. Any decisions which the allied leaders make will be given out solely in official statements.

Twelve Charged With Sedition
Shelbyville, Ky., Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Twelve men were arrested here today by U. S. officials on charges of sedition. All were released under bond.

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