PORT COMMISSION RESENTS ATTACKS ON PAST RECORD

Critics of Policy Declared in Resolutions to Be Ignorant Concerning Facts in Situation.

SPENCER FLAYS ASSAILANTS

Commissioner Kelly Back of Job; To Meet With Public Dock Commission.

Taking exception to the allegations made by S. B. Cobb and George H. Shepherd, that the port body had lost its pep and had made a number of foolish expenditures, Captain E. W. Spencer introduced a resolution at the Port of Portland commission meeting Friday afternoon to endeavor to make people quit saying "unkind things" about the commission.

The body was stirred into action when Captain Spencer averred that if some steps were not taken to frown on false public utterances against the port commission it would soon be impossible to get men to serve on the board giving up a great amount of their time and receiving no pay. "It will soon be impossible to find a man to serve on the board if he is subjected to such criticism," said Captain Spencer.

Insofar as losing pep was concerned, Captain Spencer then began to give an outline of some of the reasons why the port commission has been held inactive for some time.

"Those fellows at Salem seem to forget that there ever was a war and the government commandeered every carrier which had been serving the port. They also seem to forget that if there are no vessels here, shipping could not be moved, no matter how much was assigned to Portland or any other port."

Censure Deemed Undeserved

He pointed out the fact that W. R. Grace & Co. was only awaiting a definite announcement of policy by the government before starting a big trade movement out of the Columbia river. Captain Spencer did not believe that the port commission should be censured for anything they had no control over.

Concerning the statement that the port had spent $30,000 in one year for legal fees, Captain Spencer minced no words in saying that this announcement was a falsehood and made by someone not acquainted with the facts. He wished to straighten out the gentleman who thus assailed the good name of seven loyal men.

Superintendent Doyle then announced that the records for the past seven years only showed an expenditure totaling $24,200 for such fees. "The ridiculous statement," said Captain Spencer, "that the commission spent $21,500 for rubber boots in investigating Columbia slough were also unfounded, as any expenditures for this class of work were made by the city, and the last work of this kind was made eight years ago."

Members Resent Attacks

D. C. O'Reilly felt that the commission should take some exception to these statements, but felt that Captain Spencer's resolution, which was made in such a way as to demand control of the public speech, should be amended to the effect that the members resented the recent criticism.

Captain Spencer then continued that he thought that if people made statements against the board in the future they should know that the commission considered that they would be more careful to use facts if they thought the members of the board were going to make some objection. The resolution after some more discussion was then adopted unanimously that the port resent such recent statements which censured the board by their "misleading and untruthful" aspect to the public.

Commissioner Kelly Back

George H. Kelly was replaced on the board after an absence of over a year during which time he was in service in France. Bids were opened for grocery and meat supplies for the commission and it was decided to accept the lowest bid on each commodity. The port commission also decided to accept the dock commission's invitation to hold a joint session, placing the date for March 11 at 10 o'clock in the Port of Portland rooms.

Formal acceptance of the $60,000 open coaling dock was made and the matter of insurance was referred to a later investigation. The matter of new dredging work was discussed, including diggings at the Peninsula Lumber company and the Associated Oil piers and the board gave its consent to undertake this work.

It was also decided to take back the pilot boat Pulitzer and make all possible haste to put her in shape for work at the mouth of the Columbia river in handling the trade which the commission felt sure will be headed to Portland before long. It also decided to obtain a statement from the pilots as to what they thought of the plan to fix up the boat. Other matters including the acceptance of the P. R., L. & P. rates for lighting the drydock for the future was also taken up at the meeting.

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RED CROSS WOMEN ACT AS STREET SWEEPERS AT ARCHANGEL

The American Red Cross in Northern Russia to care for the American boys there is aiding in the work of clearing the streets of Archangel of filth. While there are no regular provisions made for keeping the streets in a sanitary condition, several squads of women are kept busy clearing the streets of snow and dirt to permit the passage of tro ops and supplies.

ALL FRILLS ARE TO BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CITY'S ANNUAL BALL

Grand March and Speech Making Strictly Taboo; Dancing Only Will Prevail.

All the frills that usually attend the giving of a ball have been eliminated from the annual municipal ball at The Auditorium, Monday evening. This affair, given under the auspices of the city, will be devoid of everything but dancing, which will prevail from 8:30 o'clock until the midnight hour.

Even the long time honored custom of a grand march has been eliminated by order of Mayor Baker, who states that grand marches are obsolete. "I have been forced to lead many of them; but, having something to say about the city's ball, the grand march is eliminated," stated the mayor.

Speeches, which often interrupt a ball under the direction of the city, are also on the ban, members of the city council, acting as the floor committee, having instructions that nothing but dancing should be in order in connection with the annual ball.

The spirit of the annual ball is dancing for rich and poor, one time each year, when all the residents of the city, regardless of creed or social standing, may mingle for a few hours of enjoyment. Popular prices will prevail.

Heavy Rains Make For Splendid Crop Conditions in Wasco

The Dalles, Mar. 1.—Wheat growers report crop conditions have rarely, if ever, been better at this season of the year. The rainfall for three months has totaled more than 11 inches and the ground is thoroughly wet.

Auto Appropriation Halted

The Dalles, Mar. 1.—The county court and Clyde T. Bonney, county school superintendent, have locked horns over the question of providing Mr. Bonney with $600 for an automobile. The appropriation was advised by citizens at the budget meeting. The court declares Bonney's traveling expenses are fixed by statute and that the budget meeting had no right to grant the additional $600.

Carrier Encounters Big Bear

The Dalles, Mar. 1.—A black bear was seen Thursday at Mill creek, 12 miles from this city, in a populous farming district of the county, by Herbert Harriman, a rural mail carrier. He estimates it weighed about 250 pounds. Bruin went on his way undisturbed.

Official of Mining Concern Arrested Under Mann Law

San Francisco, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Charged with a flagrant violation of the Mann white slave act, in that he conveyed the wife of a lieutenant in the United States navy from her home in Duluth, Minn., to California for immoral purposes, W. E. Gowling, secretary-treasurer of the Feather River Gold Mines company, was haled before Commissioner Krull here Friday to give cause why he should not be removed to Los Angeles for trial.

Lieutenant C. E. Northcutt, formerly a mining man with headquarters in Duluth, is Gowling's accuser. The naval officer, who brought about the alleged white slaver's arrest in front of the Palace hotel Thursday evening, declares that Gowling lured his wife away from home during his absence in the service of his country.

The Northcutts have two children, who are now living with Mrs. Northcutt's mother, Mrs. Martin Pattison, in Los Angeles. Federal Agent E. M. Blanchard says that Lieutenant Northcutt denies the paternity of a third child, now only a few months old.

California Would Welcome Klamath As Part of State

Sacramento, Cal., March 1.—(U. P.)—California would welcome Klamath county, Or., should she be transferred to the Golden state.

A resolution to this effect was introduced Friday, jointly by Assemblyman Ream of Siskiyou and Doran of San Diego.

"North, south and all the way between, we are in favor of annexing Klamath county," declared Doran. "That is if Oregon will let her go."

Odd Fellows Denied Reduced Rail Rates

Washington, March 1.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The railroad administration has informed Senator McNary that it cannot grant the request of the Oregon Odd Fellows for reduced rates to the Grand lodge at Salem in May. Reduced convention rates will be granted only to the Grand Army and Confederate Veterans' reunions.

Spartacans Busy Printing Money

Munich, March 1.—(U. P.)—The Spartacans have seized the government printing house here and are printing bank notes.

U. S. NITRATE PLANT IS CLAIMED TO HAVE DISTURBED GERMANS

Value of Industry Set Forth in Defense of Mussels Shoals Plant Is Under Investigation.

Washington, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—That the government nitrate plant at Mussels Shoals, Ala., now under investigation by the department of justice, ranked first of all the war department's building projects in its psychological effect up on the German war-making minds, and thus had a tremendous influence in bringing the enemy to sue for peace, is the opinion of Colonel J. B. Richards of Cleveland, Ohio, in a statement today defending charges of waste and extravagance in the building of the plant.

Colonel Richards, now in civil life, was, until the signing of the armistice, in charge of contracts in Assistant Secretary of War Crowell's office, and approved the contract made with the Air Nitrates company for the building of the Mussels Shoals project.

"I did not like the contract," said Colonel Richards. "I fumed and fussed at it and knew that it would lead to waste and extravagance, but there was nothing else to do but approve it. The American Cyanide company, of which the Air Nitrates company was a subsidiary, was the only concern in the United States that had made a success of manufacturing nitrate by the fixation process, and we had to have such a plant as soon as was humanly possible. Their engineering plans were sound and I had to approve it.

"I think the results justify the extravagance. We did build the plant and did make ourselves independent of our only other source of supply—the Chilean natural deposits. The Germans did not believe this possible and the effect that it must have had upon their minds could be nothing else than astounding. It knocked out one of the sole remaining props of their war schedule."

SOCIALIST PARTY TO RULE SWEDEN

Political Upheaval Will Put Liberals in Power, Prediction of Statesmen.

By Bassett Digby

Special Cable to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News.

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Stockholm, March 1.—Sweden until recently a stronghold of conservatism is likely to acquire social democratic domination that may mean far reaching changes in her political and social force and her economic relations with the outside world. The landslide has gone so far that so sound a student of political balances as Riksdagsman Per Albin Hansson, Hjalmar Branting's right hand man, declared at Falun:

"I am convinced that the social democrats will be the majority party in the riksdag's reconstituted first chamber after this year's elections. It now seems certain that the second chamber will contain a socialist majority so as to form a government.

"Under these circumstances there is only one possibility, namely, a pure socialistic government. This is sure to be realized in a short time and then we shall have the parliamentary power to realize our ideals."

Mr. Hanssen added that this aim would be attained without shedding a drop of blood. His address from which the foregoing was taken was entitled, "Democracy or Dictatorship." It closely differentiated between the aims of the majority and minority socialists. Mr. Hanssen referred with anger to the Russian bolshevism. He said that the clauses approved by all parties on the occasion of the recent constitutional compromise for raising the voting age in the county council elections and also the remaining taxation stipulations for voters will be abolished as soon as the first chamber is reconstituted.

Michigan Student Wins High Place in Oratory at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Mar. 1.—W. P. Black, Michigan, won the honor of college orator with his oration, "The Immutable Law," which dwelt with the League of Nations from an economic and social standpoint. Mr. Black has been a student and an orator in the Ohio Northern university and in the University of Colorado. He is a member of the national orotorical fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho.

The college orator is to represent O. A. C. at the intercollegiate oratorical contest which will be held at the University of Oregon on April 11.

LUDENDORFF SPEAKS IN DEFENSE OF HIS COURSE DURING WAR

German General Denies He Advocated Annihilation of Enemy; Heeded "Voice of People."

By Frank J. Taylor

Berlin, March 1.—(U. P.)—General Ludendorff Friday defended his course during the war in a letter addressed to the German people asking them "to clear him of blame."

"I never advocated annihilation of the enemy," he said. "I believed in ending the war with the status quo of June, 1917, and again with the status quo of March, 1918. I also advocated peace in the middle of last August, when I realized that it was impossible to force the enemy to ask for peace by further prosecution of the war.

"After Bulgaria broke away from the central powers, there was no time to be lost. It is not true that I favored allowing the enemy to dictate the armistice terms, in the hope that such a course would cause the German people to rise and lend their moral strength to their armies' resistance so that the enemy might be forced to offer milder terms.

"I always consulted the voice of the people before taking military action, realizing that the voice of the people was the backbone of our army's morale.

"The kaiser and the crown prince both agreed last August that it was impossible for us to win. Both of them always loved and ardently desired peace."

Rainfall Above Average

Klamath Falls, Mar. 1.—February in Klamath county had 18 days up to Tuesday on which it rained or snowed, resulting in a precipitation of 2.24 inches, one inch above the average

LUNCH WITH WILSON WAS CHATTY AFFAIR OF CLOUDED RESULTS

Committee Members Would Like to Know Third Term Possibility.

Washington, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Will President Wilson permit the use of his name as a candidate for a third term?

That was expected to be one of the important topics at the White House Friday when members of the Demochatic national committee gathered for luncheon with the president. During the meeting of the committee, at which Homer S. Cummings was named chairman, there was much discussion as to presidential candidates, and there was a persistent demand to know if the president would permit the use of his name. Some of the members of the committee, it is known, were inclined to put the question to the president direct, for the reason they feel the groundwork of the 1920 campaign would be simplified were the answer known.

Another matter the president was expected to discuss with the committeemen is the apparent deadlock he has reached with the senate over the urgent supply bills, including the Liberty loan measure, and the question as to the date of the extra session.

The president is also expected to discuss with them their impressions as to the country's position on the League of Nations, and it was regarded as probable he would ask them to sound out public opinion in their various states as to the voters' view with regards to his biggest achievement. He will lay before them his view that "it is the League of Nations or more war," and advised them as to the arguments in favor of immediate public support for the purpose of the plan.

The luncheon did not break up until after 3:30, and following it the members of the committee were reticent as to what had been discussed. The president is said to have told them that the League of Nations is above politics, and hence, not to be discussed at a political gathering. Plans for the coming campaign were outlined and it is believed the president laid particular stress upon organization of the women voters.

"It was just a chatty political luncheon," was the way one of the committee officials described what had taken place.

Hood River Gives Pledges for $1000 To the Stock Show

Hood River, March 1.—Within 30 minutes after O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition had alighted from the train at the depot here, he had issued a certificate of shares in the exposition to the amount of $1000, Hood River's quota in the drive for funds for the exposition. Those who underwrote the quota for the county were, E. F. Batten and A. W. Peters; E. A. Frans, the Butler Banking company and the First National bank.

Dog Wanted for Murder

A stray dog is being sought by the police for murder. According to a report made by Mrs. Axel Johnson of 4540 East Ninetieth street north, the dog entered her rabbit pen Thursday night and killed six large rabbits. The police have been instructed to pick up stray dogs running loose in that district.

Crowder to Aid Cuba

Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—Judge Advocate General Crowder will leave soon for Cuba to assist that government in revising its election laws preliminary to the forthcoming elections, Secretary of War Baker announced Friday.

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Shoplifting Charge Is Denied

69-Cent Pair of Hose Involved

Mrs. Harriet Ethelton is being detained in Portland while Municipal Judge Rossman decides whether or not he will convict her of the charge of shoplifting.

Mrs. Ethelton, artistic, richly dressed, vivid of language, in the municipal court Friday dramatically denied the charge that she stole a 69 cent pair of hose from a sales counter at a department store.

Rising from the witness chair she told of her many friends in musical circles of the East, of previous fat bank accounts in Ketchikan, Alaska, and spoke derisively of cotton hosiery.

She said she was to have left Portland to fill a professional musical engagement.

With John Cahalan, deputy city attorney, cowed into silence. Deputy Clerk Crounse fidgeting and Bailiff Carr minus some of his usual unperturbed dignity, Judge Rossman took the case under advisement.

Mrs. Ethelton was arrested Thursday by Officer Craddock, summoned by floor superintendents and a store detective. They testified that they found the stockings in her muff.

Klamath Will Make Payments Only From Its Specific Funds

Klamath Falls, Mar. 1.—Payment of old county warrants will be suspended for a time, it is figured out because of the decision of Circuit Judge Calkins in the suit against County Judge Bunnell wherein it is cited that, with the legislative budget act of 1913, a general fund no longer exists. W. M. Duncan, district attorney, has suggested that the county court hereafter keep all accounts separate, making payments from funds specifically provided. It will have the effect of placing Klamath county on a cash basis.

Club Leader Opens Office

Klamath Falls, Mar. 1.—Frank W. Sexton, the new county club leader of the Boys' and Girls' Industrial club of Klamath county, has opened his office with County Agricultural Agent H. R. Thomas.

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