

CHAMBER FAVORS PLAN TO REVISE ANTI-TRUST LAWS

Members' Meeting Takes Action on Several Matters, Including Approval of Buyers' Week.

WILL USE UPPER COLUMBIA

Effort Will Be Made to Start Line of Steamers, to Have Government Aid Maintained.

Several important measures were considered at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce members at luncheon Wednesday noon. The chamber decided that a revision of the anti-trust legislation, in answer to a questionnaire, was necessary, worked out plans for buyers' week again this year, named some special committees to handle the rivers and harbors proposition, which is demanding attention at the present time, and, in addition to other matters, drafted a resolution of sympathy to be forwarded to the family of the late Governor James Withycombe.

Of the four questions asked the local Chamber of Commerce concerning referendum No. 26, regarding trust legislation, the body went on record as being in opposition to the following measures: That the membership of the federal trade commission should be increased from five to nine; that an enlarged federal trade commission should be made the supervisory body, and that standards should be formulated to be administered by a supervisory body.

Will Hold Buyers' Week
On the other hand, the local commerce body expressed itself as being in favor of recommending that congress should at once consider the situation of all states constituting the present anti-trust legislation.

C. W. Hodson, who has been attending the Rivers and Harbors convention in Washington, was appointed as chairman of a special committee to look into the matter of developing traffic on the Columbia river. The government has decreed that rivers not in use as ways of commerce will receive no further aid from the department of commerce. An effort will be made by this committee to start travel on the upper Columbia river and thus have the aid of the government maintained.

It was decided that owing to the success of previous buyers' weeks that the Chamber of Commerce will hold this feature again this year at a date to be announced later. David Honeyman was named for this committee and he has appointed Nathan Strauss as general chairman. Mr. Strauss will designate the make-up of the necessary sub-committees.

To Study Tax Situation
A special committee to study the tax situation existing in Oregon and have a report prepared to be given to the legislature two years hence. William MacMaster was named chairman of this committee and he will appoint his aides. This action was brought about by the calling of the chamber's attention to a firm, which, after an investigation of tax conditions in both the states of Oregon and Washington, was able to establish their main office in Washington and pay the entire overhead office charges, and also establish an office as a branch in Portland for the difference in tax rates. It is the purpose of the chamber to have the tax laws changed to prevent such a state of affairs.

Resolutions of sympathy were drafted by the members of the Chamber of Commerce to be forwarded to the family of Governor Withycombe. Whitney L. Boise was appointed to attend the funeral in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and a beautiful floral tribute was sent in memory.

RUSS ISSUE BLAMED ON AMERICANS

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propaganda in Russia was worse than nothing. It consisted, he said, of posters telling how great France was, how mighty England was and how overwhelming Americans would be. He promised 20,000 airplanes and 4,000,000 soldiers in a few months.

"When the Russians saw that," said Robins, "they said that inasmuch as the allies were so strong and were going to do so much, they, the Russians, might as well go home and see the folks whom they had not seen through long years of fighting."

Robins declared Kerensky was a sincere friend of the allies and of revolutionary Russia. He said that in Russia there were only two things—either the soviets or the old autocracy must rule. If it proved impossible to get the necessary Russian rifles with which to obtain control of the government, then foreign rifles must be depended on and the nearest foreign rifles were those of the Germans. Robins said that, after a careful survey of the situation, it was apparent to the Red Cross mission that the best means of defeating the Germans would be through cooperation with the soviets for the time being.

Plan Worked Against Germany
Robins said that after the Bolsheviks took control he discussed with Trotsky the question of keeping raw materials from getting into Germany.

"Trotsky assured me that he would permit all the raw materials officials to be stationed along the frontier to enforce an embargo against raw materials getting into Germany. I was a little dubious about the plan and told Trotsky I thought he had something up his sleeve. He replied that it was all very simple, that he simply wanted to keep the central empire from getting any raw materials so that they would have to make a democratic peace with Russia in exchange for raw materials. It was for that reason that Trotsky delayed the Brest conference so long. His theory was that every day that imports of raw materials into Germany was delayed

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aided the Russian cause that much more."
"Trotsky offered to put the American railroad mission in charge of the Trans-Siberian railroad, so that munitions and other supplies could be moved away from the Germans' reach. His purpose in both the embargo and the railroad control matter was purely selfish, and did not consist of friendship for the United States or the allies, but it worked to the same end to which we were working—the defeat of Germany. For that reason, although I favored keeping with the soviet government."

Sent Cable in Code
Robins, summing up his testimony this afternoon, told of a cable he sent to Colonel Thompson in the code of the American embassy. Robins in the cable declared that the soviet government represented the only hope of a non-German peace.

Robins said that after the ratification of the Brest treaty he was convinced that the allies could not be expected to recognize the soviet government. But he added that it did not preclude work along economic lines in cooperation with the soviets, in his opinion.
"The soviets asked me to send an economic mission to the United States under pledge not to spread Bolshevik propaganda here," said Robins, "but I never heard what the United States government said in reply to the message sent by Ambassador Francis, conveying the soviets' request."

Lenine Favored Acceptance
Geneva, March 6.—(U. P.)—A Bolshevik official, alleged to be a confidante of Premier Lenine, revealed what transpired in the soviet council of war at Moscow early in February, according to a dispatch received from Kieff today. Upon receipt of the alleged proposal for a joint conference at Prinkipo, Lenine is said to have called a conference, which was attended by War Minister Trotsky, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and Ministers Lunarcharsky and Zonviev. Lenine is reported to have favored acceptance of the invitation as a matter of policy to obtain a "recuperative peace." The conference is reported to have decided to accept the proposal and offer financial guarantees and economic concessions to the allies in Siberia.

Milkless Diet Is Handicap to School Children, Is Claim

A showing that milk is no part of the diet of 297 children among the 831 attending Thompson school coupled with an urgent suggestion from Shattuck school brought the Oregon Dairy council Wednesday afternoon to a meeting of policy to obtain the establishment of a milk station at Shattuck school and probably in other schools successively.

E. C. Calloway reported that milk which contains elements essential to the growth of children is unknown to many children who need it worst, and that a milkless diet frequently is at fault again this year at a date to be announced later. David Honeyman was named for this committee and he has appointed Nathan Strauss as general chairman. Mr. Strauss will designate the make-up of the necessary sub-committees.

Lieut. Weitknecht Appraising Damage To Forests of France

Lieutenant Robert H. Weitknecht, formerly of the forest service, has been called to Paris for duty on the peace commission, according to information received by the forest service.

Lieutenant Weitknecht is employed in war damages work, together with 25 other foresters, including Colonel C. S. Chapman, and Captains Ames, Ringland and Godwin, appraising damages to the forests as a basis for reparation from Germany. Lieutenant Weitknecht has been assigned to work on the British front in Northwestern France, near Nord and Pas de Calais. Captain Ames, with several lieutenants, is making examination and appraisal in Belgium.

Weiteknecht expected the work to last six or eight weeks, at the end of which time, he will rejoin his heavy artillery brigade and return to the United States by mid-summer.

Dorsey, Cattle King, Must Serve 5 Years For Fraud by Mail

Chicago, March 6.—(I. N. S.)—James Dorsey, millionaire "cattle king" of Gilbert, Ill., must serve five years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for using the mails to defraud by the sale of tubercular cattle.
Dorsey was denied a new trial by the United States circuit court of appeals. He had been convicted and sentenced two weeks ago by Federal Judge Landis.

London Dock Burns; Damage \$8,000,000

London, March 6.—(I. N. S.)—Fire destroyed the Santos dock today with the loss of \$8,000,000. It was stored with jute and coffee.

Seasoned slabwood and inside wood, green stain and white stain, Holman Fuel Co. Main 353, A-353.—Adv.

LONG WEAR AND ECONOMY

"Last year I purchased a standard make of shoes, and in sixty days the soles were worn through. I had them re-soled with Neolin Soles—which lasted me six months in the same service that wore out the other soles in two," writes E. A. Lancaster of Lancaster & Company, jewelers, Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. Lancaster's experience with Neolin Soles is not unusual. Millions of people can testify to their long wear and economy. To reduce your shoe expense, buy Neolin-soled shoes. You can get them in many styles for every member of the family.

Neolin Soles are created by Science to be comfortable and waterproof as well as long wearing. Good repair shops carry them. They are made by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wagon Heels—guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

Neolin Soles

CHINA WANTS TRADE THROUGH PORTLAND WITH ALL AMERICA

Ad Club Hears Profession of Interest in Oceanic Connection With Orient.

A steamship line between Portland and the ports of China is desired both by China and Portland, declared speakers before the Portland Ad club Wednesday afternoon at the Benson hotel.

"Suppose we can develop a market for American goods in China in future years," said President Lee Hong of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, "which port on the Pacific coast will carry this Oriental trade? Will it be San Francisco or will it be Seattle?"
"We all agree that it will be Portland. We have no doubt that after the war pressure is over, a part of the American merchant fleet will engage in trade between this country and the far east. It is up to Portland to secure this trade. Let us all make utmost efforts to establish Portland as the home of Oriental trade and the commercial center of the Pacific coast."

Market Has Great Future
"We all know that China is a great field for American goods. She is becoming more accustomed to western ways and is beginning to demand more western merchandise. And when you consider her enormous population, 400,000,000 people who are rapidly transferring their allegiance to western things to the new western ways, you can imagine what great possibilities the American market has in China. It must be remembered that China is friendly to America. She can never forget the graciousness of the United States. It was the United States that returned her share of the indemnity fund to the Chinese government after the Boxer uprising in 1900. Again it was the United States that laid down the celebrated principle, the open door policy, which saved China from destruction at the hands of the Boxers. Finally it was the United States that first recognized the present republic."

China Owes Much to Us
"So you see, all these facts show that China owes much gratitude to this country and with this gratitude in mind, her people like to consume American merchandise and are glad to buy it. If you only have enough representatives in China to represent your goods, I am sure you can develop a great market in our country. I urge you to send your men to the far east and get in contact with the business conditions in China. Find out what they need and what this country may need from China."
On Sulum, Chinese educator, further developed the desirability of cultivating trade relations with China and Hay Sing Wong, a Chinese student at Reed college, eloquently and patriotically reviewed social and political conditions in China today. In Frank Jue as soloist, accompanied by Miss Emily Lowe, the daughter of the Chinese interpreter of the immigration service, the Ad club found a musician of exceptional merit.

Major P. P. Marion, commanding the boys of the 69th artillery, who arrived in Portland yesterday morning, was a guest of honor and was received with cheers. In silent respect to the memory of the late Governor James Withycombe the club stood for a moment.

Loyal Legion Will Establish Club and Employment Bureau

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumberman will center its work in Portland by establishing at Third and Oak streets, in the building formerly occupied by the Portland Trust company, a clubroom and free employment bureau for its members with Roy Williams, formerly of the United States employment service, in charge. W. A. Frait of Knappston and George B. Syphax, district manager, are perfecting arrangements.

The Loyal Legion has about 8000 members, many of whom are employed or near Portland. The club rooms will be fitted with lounging chairs, pool tables and reading matter. The grand opening has been set for March 15, but the informal opening will occur on Saturday.

REALTY MEN INTEND TO STOP SALES TO NEGROES, ORIENTALS

Property Values Said to Drop With Influx of Any but White Residents.

Members of the Portland Realty board will not be permitted to sell property in white residence districts of this city to colored people or orientals if a proposed amendment to the code of ethics governing the board carries at the regular meeting Friday noon. The meeting will be held in the Crystal room of the Benson hotel at 12:15 p. m.

The proposed amendment was recommended by the executive committee of the board and was read at the last meeting. Realty men are adopting this rule because of the depreciation in property values which they say follows an influx of colored or oriental population to any residence district, and not because of any prejudice against members of these races.

Frederick Coan, D. D., a missionary from Armenia, will be the principal speaker. Dr. Coan was born in Asia Minor and has lived until recently in Armenia. He was an eye witness to many atrocities perpetrated by the Turks on the native population. W. B. Shively, chairman of the legal committee, will explain: "Where a tenant vacates and abandons leased premises, may the landlord take possession thereof and still hold the tenant to the terms of the written lease; and under the same circumstances, may the landlord re-let the premises to another and not thereby release the tenant from their obligation to pay rent?"
Harry G. Beckwith will be chairman of the day.

NEW RECORD PORK PRICES EXPECTED

Not Enough Hogs in Country to Meet Increased Demand, Say Experts.

Chicago, March 6.—(U. P.)—The balloon has been cut loose, according to experts today commenting on the unfixed price of hogs. Packing house officials said they expected immediate advances in live hog prices to set marks far above the \$20 record set last winter.
"Prices will be up for two or three years to come," said F. W. Waddell, head of Armour & Co.'s pork and provision department.

"Lifting of the embargo on pork exports, of course, opens much new territory. There isn't enough pork on hand to meet this demand."
"The live hog supply in this country is almost exhausted. The farmer rushed his hogs to market while the food administration had a fixed price for his animals."

Live hog prices have advanced in the last week in the belief that no price would be fixed. Grain, slowed up in a nervous market here, were expected to react today to the hog price announcement. Sharp rises were predicted from the opening of the markets. Charges that the farmer, sure of a high price for wheat, has neglected corn, a necessary adjunct to the pork business, were made by meat exporters.
Unofficially some startling high prices were named as possible records for both grains and meats.

Mazamas to Camp On South Slope of Rainier in August

Mazamas will spend their 1919 annual outing on the south side of Mount Rainier, the first two weeks in August, in the vicinity of Mazamas ridge, according to an announcement made by Roy Ayer, chairman of the outing committee.
This is the first time the Mazamas have selected the south slope of Rainier for the outing since 1905, although they spent their 1914 outing on the north side. During the outing the Mazamas will be joined by five or six members of the government park service, under the direction of the biological survey, who will make a study of the flora and fauna of Rainier National park.
To interest Mazamas and friends in the outing, L. A. Nelson of the forest service will show a series of lantern slides of Rainier lent by the Mountaineers of Tacoma, at a meeting Friday night in the Central library.

Bids for Highway Work Are Opened By Commissioners

Out of respect to the memory of Governor Withycombe, the state highway commission, which was in session, today adjourned at noon until Friday, after

opening bids for four road projects which had been advertised for. The bids will be tabulated and the awards announced tomorrow. The projects for which proposals were received were for seven miles of pavement on the Pacific highway between Jefferson and Albany, in Linn county; macadamizing five miles in Josephine county, between Wolf creek and Grave creek; grading and macadamizing 2.7 miles Yamhill-Nestucca highway, between Grand Ronde and Dolph, and grading and graveling 7.2 miles of John Day highway, between Prairie City

and John Day. The latter two projects are to receive federal aid under the post road act.

Shipworker Injured Wednesday Is Dead

F. A. Stanley of 1144 1/2 Union avenue, injured Wednesday at the Northwest Steep plant, died about 7 o'clock this

morning at Good Samaritan hospital. The coroner said death was due to a fracture of the skull. A widow survives. Stanley's address was erroneously reported Wednesday as 1144 1/2 Mississippi avenue.

Noted Author Is Dead
Peoria, Ill., March 6.—(U. P.)—Miss Julia Harriet Johnston, author of over 500 hymns and other spiritual works, died here early today, following an attack of tonsillitis. She was 70 years old.

Spring Dress Up

Showing garments for men and young men

It is important to make your selections with care. The models and materials of the suits I show are sufficiently varied to satisfy men of all preferences.

Ultra models for young men; the more conservative types for men; the utmost in durability, style and service.

Priced from \$20 to \$55
Men, Main Floor—Young Men, Second Floor

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Morrison Street at Fourth

Special Opening Sale
OUR BIG THIRD FLOOR
Friday and Saturday
300
Trimmed Hats
\$3.98
Reg. \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 Vals.

A sale planned that you may become acquainted with our big popular priced millinery floor. Three of the hats are illustrated, but there are 300 in all—every one a beautiful style for spring—but at a much lower price than you will find elsewhere.

200 Rough Straw Sailors
Never was there so great a demand for rough straw—and the smartest hat of all is the sailor. Select the style that best becomes you—three distinct models, all colors, for your choice; small, large and the drooping type—in our Third Floor Opening Sale—only **\$2.98**.

5000 Yds.—Only 50c Yd.
Rough Straw Braid
There is a scarcity of this braid, so buy now while we have a supply. You will note we sell it by the yard, so you can purchase as much or as little as you require.

Once you become acquainted with our Third Floor and the wonderful hat values offered there, you will have found a way to economize and at the same time have the prettiest hats the season offers.

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The Prettiest Suit Styles Seen!
Every style feature designed for Spring—box coat ideas, vests of brightest Victory red and more sombre sand and even rose shades, livening navy blue. Braid and button trimming, too—and long narrow skirts now so smart. You have never seen more clever suits at the price—come in and select yours now while there is a large assortment.

\$27.50

Are You Familiar With The Little Box Coat Dresses?
We have just received a number to sell at one in navy blue serge is too clever for words. A collarless style, with the coat in box effect, with a handsomely embroidered vest. A belt across the front holds the vest in place. There are other models, too—and all \$19.50.

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Think Of It—A Cape at \$17.50
Fine quality navy serge, too, all bound and finished in black silk braid. The front and collar fall in tuxedo style and with the belt, give a neat vest effect. You just must see these—and you will surely want one.

10 Dozen Blouses—Crepe de Chine and Georgette
Excellent quality, all brand new, dainty and pretty with their trimming of lace or hand embroidery. Sizes to 44. If you wish one or two of these blouses, come in early—they were made to sell for \$3.95—\$4.50—none reserved, first come first served!

\$2.95