

# PROPOSED TARIFF HEARING OPENS IN PORTLAND TODAY

### Representatives of Pacific Coast Lumber Interests and Traffic Men Are Attending Meeting.

### OPINIONS NOT UNANIMOUS

### Lumbermen Agree on Simplification Phases but Not on Classifications and Changes in Rates

With 60 traffic men and representatives of Pacific Coast lumber interests in attendance, the initial conference of a hearing on the proposed new tariff on transcontinental shipments of lumber products opened in the Tyrolean room of the Benson hotel today. F. W. Robinson, chairman of the Portland district freight traffic committee, presided.

Resident members of the Portland district freight traffic committee, the railroad administration was represented by J. B. Baird, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific railroad and author of the proposed new tariff. G. W. Lane, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, and John S. Willis, representing the San Francisco district freight traffic committee. Numerous local railroad officials were also in attendance.

### ATTORNEYS HERE

J. N. Teal and W. C. McCulloch are attorneys for the lumber interests of the Pacific coast at the hearing. Mr. Teal declared that lumber interests of California, Oregon, Washington and other producing sections on the West Coast have agreed upon certain amendments which, if adopted, will make the new order acceptable to them.

The new tariff, designed as 32-A, provides 66 rates to take the place of approximately 15,000 rates and combinations of rates now in effect on lumber shipments. Lumbermen generally admit that its adoption will greatly simplify the handling of transcontinental business, but are not agreed as to certain proposed classifications and changes in freight rates.

### CALIFORNIA REPRESENTED

Representatives of the California Redwood association, the California White and Sugar Pine association, the West Coast Lumbermen's association, Western Pine association and Southern Pine association are on hand to look after the interests of their particular sections. In providing equal rates from California and the Northwest on lumber shipments to Chicago, the new tariff meets with the approval of lumbermen in both sections, according to Mr. Teal.

Southern pine men object to the lowering of the rate from the Northwest to Omaha from 55 cents to 53 cents as giving an alleged advantage to West Coast lumbermen in that territory. West Coast lumbermen are satisfied to accept the reduction to Omaha territory, but object to an advance in the rate to St. Paul from 53 cents to 55 cents.

The proposed tariff would include all Pacific Coast lumber interests in one group and do away with alleged discriminations in favor of certain sections over their neighbors, according to Mr. Baird. Hearings will continue this afternoon and Friday.

# OREGON CONDEMNS ATTITUDE OF KNOX

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warmly support the League of Nations. This emphatic statement of Senator McNary's position was in response to a message from Mr. Wheelwright, who had wired as follows:

"I hope you will speak with your usual force against the Knox bill. I respectfully submit that any action by the senate on a treaty not yet concluded would be premature and out of harmony with the law that places the treaty-making power with the executive subject to the senate's approval after his work is done, which law does not suggest the right

of the senate to say in advance what they will approve or disapprove. In fact, they cannot possibly say finally what they will do until the treaty comes before them, when its final form and accompanying explanations may remove their objections. It seems to be the intention of the (present) law that the executive shall not be embarrassed while conducting delicate and complicated negotiations by official, formal and public actions of the senate, and such action will certainly embarrass the peace delegates in the overwhelmingly difficult situation that they now occupy."

### KNOX IS DISAPPROVED

Among the thinking men and women in Oregon there is deep interest in the Senate now in progress in the United States senate. Many expressions of strong disapproval of the Knox resolution have been received by The Journal. "I am a Republican," said James B. Wilson, well-known Portland lawyer, "but I am opposed to the actions of the Republican leaders in the United States senate. This is the time of all times for the nation and do everything possible for the peace of the world. I have no patience with the methods these Republican leaders are pursuing."

Most vigorous denunciation was contained in the expression from Dr. John H. Boyd, fearless pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Knox was one of those who scouted the suggestion of a special train as "impracticable." He expected, however, he stated, to deliver a series of addresses in the Pacific West, perhaps in the Middle West. Senator Johnson of California, and other avowed anti-leaguers, like Reed of Missouri, Sherman of Illinois, and Poindexter of Washington were also contemplating stumping tours, but separately.

Senator Lodge, Knox and other Republican leaders of the senate would confine their anti-league efforts to the floor and the committee rooms of the senate, it was said.

Another emphatic statement came from W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove. "I am for the League of Nations," said Mr. Hollis flatly. "The efforts of Senator Knox are designed to defeat the League of Nations. The great majority of the people want the League of Nations, and it is needed for the peace of the world."

### UNIT IN FAVOR OF LEAGUE

Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., a careful thinker and pastor of the Unitarian church, said: "I am opposed to the Knox amendment. There should be no separation of the peace treaty and the League of Nations."

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise declared that small groups should not be allowed to stand in the way of the larger idea. He said: "Oppressed peoples and their sympathizers look to the League of Nations as an unbiased tribunal to judge their woes. Never before have minorities had a court before which they could lay their case."

The League of Nations formed as a tribunal to prevent future wars will also be a vital factor in bringing the idealism of fair play of our nation to bear upon the problems of another. It is the first international law that will have had existence in fact as well as in figure. Nothing but insuperable faults should prevent its ratification.

### ATTITUDE OF WATCHFUL

Washington, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—"Watchful waiting" best describes the senate situation today with respect to the peace treaty and League of Nations covenant.

Senator Knox stated that he was still waiting for the "most propitious or psychological moment" to call up his resolution to refer the proposed entry of the United States into the League of Nations to the American people after the conclusion of peace.

Anti-league senators were waiting for the return of Senator Lodge from Boston, where he was to speak at the Harvard graduation exercises today.

Both proponents and opponents of the league were waiting, with the rest of

the world, to see which way the German side was going to jump in the important matter of German signatures being attached to the peace treaty.

### ADDRESSES ON TAP

Senators Sheppard, Democrat of Texas; Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado; Borah, Progressive Republican, of Idaho, and Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, were among those waiting for a favorable opportunity to deliver addresses on the league they had prepared or were preparing.

The entire senate was waiting with undiminished anticipation the promised return of President Wilson soon from overseas.

Supporters of the league predicted that the arrival of the president at Washington would supply the finishing touches to the ratification by the senate of the peace treaty, with the league covenant intact, at an early date; anti-league senators, in repudiating the contention of their opponents that league opposition would suddenly collapse when it appeared to be strongest, announced their intention of following up President Wilson's proposed countrywide tour with some speechmaking.

### STUMPING TOURS PLANNED

But they admitted that the idea of anti-league senators touring the country in a special train was no longer being considered. Senator Borah was one of those who scouted the suggestion of a special train as "impracticable." He expected, however, he stated, to deliver a series of addresses in the Pacific West, perhaps in the Middle West. Senator Johnson of California, and other avowed anti-leaguers, like Reed of Missouri, Sherman of Illinois, and Poindexter of Washington were also contemplating stumping tours, but separately.

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# Woman Is Chosen as Clerk of Aberdeen

Aberdeen, Wash., June 18.—The resignation of Peter Clark, for 16 years city clerk, was accepted by the council Wednesday. He resigned on account of failing health. Nellie Thrift, assistant clerk, was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Thrift is the first woman in the city to hold an elective office.

# PORTLAND DELEGATES WILL SEEK NATIONAL REALTY CONVENTION

### Claims of Portland to Trophy Given Most Progressive City Also Will Be Pressed.

Delegates of the Portland Realty board who are to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Atlantic City, June 25 to 28, will present the claims of Portland as the most progressive city in the country. The association awards a trophy cup each year to the real estate board showing the record of greatest achievement during the year.

A strong effort will be made by the Portland delegation to secure the 1920 convention for this city. Delegates to the convention are F. E. Taylor, Paul C. Murphy and Dean Vincent. Mr. Murphy left Wednesday for Washington, and Mr. Vincent has been in the East for several days attending the national convention of building owners and managers.

Mr. Taylor states that he will stop in Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh, investigating realty conditions and to try to interest certain manufacturers in the advantages of locating Pacific Coast branches in Portland.

# FIVE GERMAN LEADERS SAY SIGN

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cial Democrats and two Democrats, Baron Richthofen, who may form the new cabinet with Dr. Erberger and sign the treaty, held a conference with members of the Scheidemann cabinet

this morning. I met him as he emerged from the ducal palace.

"While the entente ultimatum is most severe, our only course is to sign," he declared. "A renewal of the allied blockade would bring Bolshevism and complete chaos within a few days."

"If we sign, we gain time which is to our advantage. Sentiment against embracing the treaty is certain to sweep the entente countries within a few months. Then Germany will get better conditions."

### SOCIALISTS IN CONTROL

The majority Socialists in the national assembly will decide whether Germany accepts the peace terms imposed by the allies, or rejects them and invites military occupation.

On which side they will cast their vote when the treaty comes up for consideration cannot be stated at the present time.

However, several Socialists with whom I have conversed gave me the impression that the majority Socialists will agree to sign.

The position of the Catholic center and the independent Socialist parties is not clear, but it is reported they will finally agree to accept the terms.

### PAN-GERMANS FURIOUS

The pan-German element, that factor in German politics represented by the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, is naturally furious over the allied ultimatum, but it must be remembered that the pan-German influence is now relatively small in political affairs, though the old spirit is conserved.

It is now generally believed that those cabinet members who do not now agree to signing the treaty, either will change their attitude or will resign.

The national assembly did not meet until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, because Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, and the other German peace delegates

slight late on their special train after their arrival here from Versailles.

### RESULTS AROUSE INDIGNATION

News of the insults offered the German delegation by a French crowd aroused much indignation here but Premier Clemenceau's note of apology and his action in dismissing officials responsible for the incident have created the best impression among the delegates.

General von Gruner, successor to Ludendorff as chief of staff of the German armies, has been summoned to Weimar, presumably to inform the national assembly of the state of Germany's military preparedness.

### FIGHTING AND INDUSTRIAL UNREST CAUSE UNEASINESS

Copenhagen, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—A Berlin telegram today confirms the impression that the Germans will sign the treaty.

Considerable uneasiness has been caused by the fighting at the castle at Weimar and by reports of industrial unrest.

Typical of a sudden swing in German sentiment toward signing the peace treaty is a leading article published by the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts today. Vorwaerts, which yesterday demanded that the government reject the treaty and fight, today absolutely reverses its position.

"The hand which signs the present terms should rot off," declared the Lokal Anzeiger today in a bitter editorial advocating the summary rejection of the peace terms.

Editorial comment was uniformly bitter throughout.

As opposed to the fury of the editorials, however, opinion among the streets and in the cafes of Berlin today is in favor of signing the terms and ending the present misery. A plebiscite would result overwhelmingly in favor of signing, it is believed, despite official and editorial condemnation.

### BRITISH FLEET TAKES POSITION FOR BLOCKADE

Copenhagen, June 19.—(U. P.)—Twelve British cruisers and a number of destroyers arrived in the Baltic today and others are expected shortly, presumably ready to establish complete blockade of the German coast if the peace terms are refused. Several of the destroyers started on a secret mission this afternoon. They were headed toward the German Baltic coast.

The British dirigible R-34, was observed over the southern Baltic today, moving toward the Hanseatic towns.

### GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES ALL OPPOSED TO SIGNING

Paris, June 18.—(U. P.)—Every member of the German peace delegation, including experts, has refused to participate in signing the treaty, the Weimar correspondent of the Temps wired today.

The delegation, he said, has submitted a report to the German government, pointing out that the terms are impossible of execution. Acceptance would place the nation in a position equally as bad as non-acceptance, according to the report.

### Paving Petition Granted

Chehalis, Wash., June 19.—Settlers along the road between Winlock and Cowlitz prairie have been granted their petition for a paved road 12 feet wide and five miles long. This will connect Winlock by pavement, with the Pacific highway at Cowlitz. A seven-mile gap between Chehalis and Forest is to be closed this year.

# Organizations of Fruit Raisers File Articles at Salem

Salem, June 18.—Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association and the Oregon Growers' Packing corporation were filed with the commissioner of corporations Tuesday. The names of the incorporators are Isaac D. Hunt, J. O. Holt, C. I. Lewis, Seymour Jones, E. L. Klemmer, G. L. Zimmerman, E. W. Mathews, B. W. Johnson, W. E. St. John. The articles state that the association has been organized for the purpose of forming and operating a non-profit association of fruit growers to promote and encourage the business of producing all varieties of fruits, nuts and berries, and to engage in the handling and marketing of agricultural and horticultural products or their by-products.

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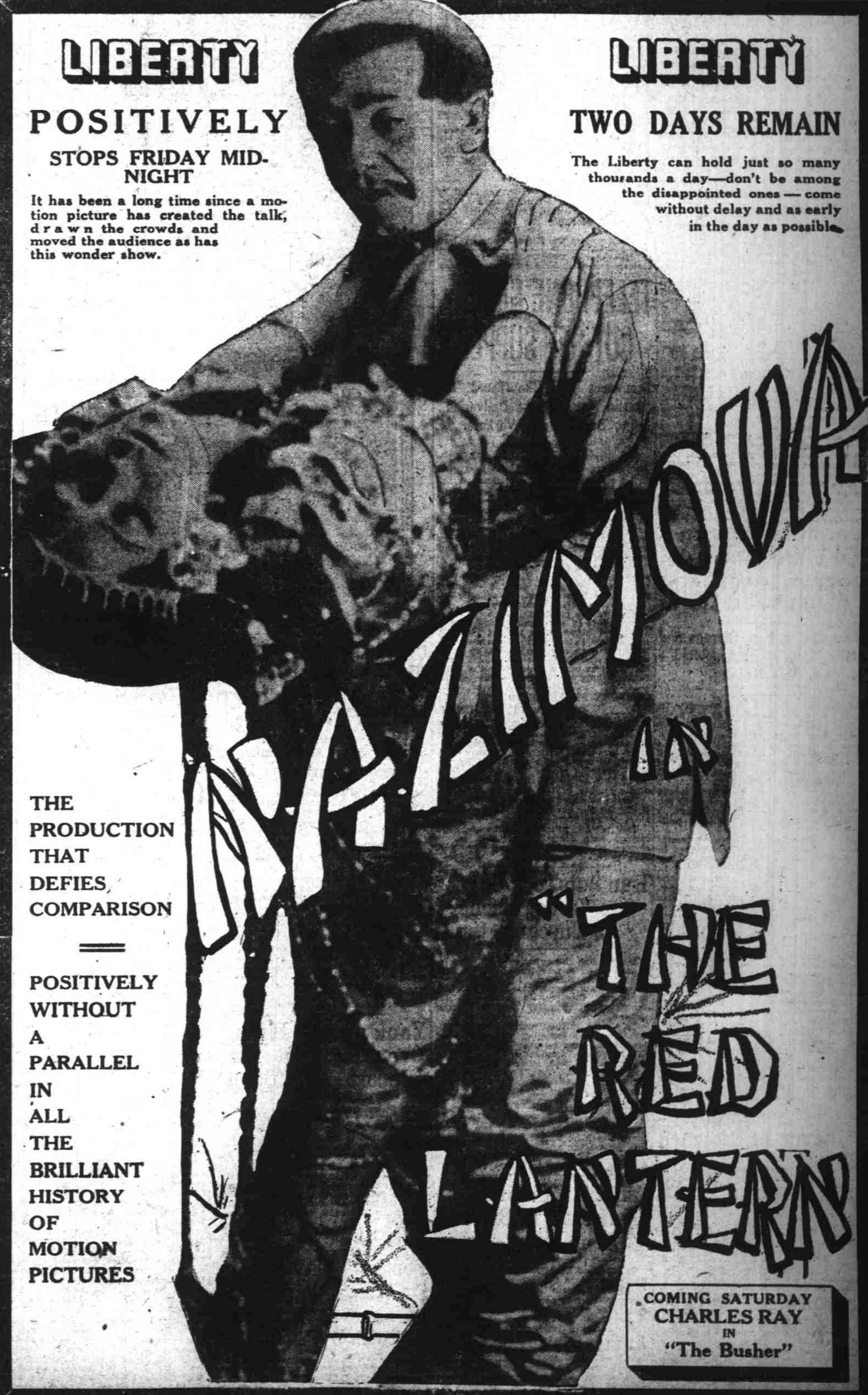
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