

# CAR QUESTION IS PUT UP TO CITY COUNCIL

## Commissioner's Order Denying Fare Rise and Urging Elimination of Fixed Charges Opens Way for Referendum Vote on Plan.

The order issued by the public service commission Tuesday in the 8-cent fare case, has placed elimination of fixed charges against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company among the adjustments that are essential to permanent solution of the railway problem, and has put the matter squarely up to the city council for reference to the people, say Portlanders who have been interested in removal of the charges to equalize the cost of upkeep of the transportation system.

The fixed charges mentioned in the order and recommended for removal are bridge rentals, free rides for city employees, franchise taxes, car licenses, and cost of paving between tracks.

The city council is facing responsibility for an increased fare if members of the body refuse to submit the measure to the public in the declaration of wisecracks, who point to the stand of Commissioner Corey for a fare boost as proof that the commission will elevate the cost of rides if the voters of the city are not permitted to vote on elimination of charges.

Proponents of elimination argue that removal of the charges has no effect on the corporation, that it does not in any way profit by elimination of the charges, that it is the car rider who pays them, and that the money simply received by the company and handed over to the city as an indirect tax on the car rider. It only means that thousands of dollars that the company now collects for the city will not be squeezed out of the car rider, but will be obtained by the city in taxation, not alone from the car rider, but from the general public.

The bridge rentals, car licenses, franchise taxes, free rides and cost of paving between tracks are in reality double taxation of the car rider, says the commission in the Tuesday order. They are results of fallacious reasoning and are untenable, the commission maintains.

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# AMERICAN WIFE OF LUETTITZ

BARONESS VON LUETTITZ, wife of the German revolutionary leader who tried to overthrow the Ebert government and who has been arrested and charged with treason by Ebert. He probably will be shot. The baroness was Mary Curtis Cary of Cleveland, Ohio. She and the general were married in 1892 and she was a noted hostess in the pre-war days in the German capital.



# DELAWARE HOUSE BLOCKS SUFFRAGE

Dover, Del., March 24.—(I. N. S.)—Hopes of millions of women to vote in the 1920 national campaign apparently went a glimmering here today when it became certain that Delaware will not ratify the federal suffrage amendment.

A bipartisan conference of legislators opposition to suffrage was held and 20 members of the house signed an agreement not to vote for suffrage at any time. There are only 35 members of the house. Delaware's action on the amendment is of paramount importance, as the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment and put it into operation.

Suffrage leaders are continuing their efforts without much hope of success.

Alfred Dupont, wealthy political and social leader of Delaware, is held by the suffragists to be the one man who can secure ratification of the suffrage amendment by the Delaware state legislature.

Suffrage leaders are centering their pressure upon Alfred Dupont, who is now listed as an "anti" and they declare if he will give his support to suffrage the legislature is bound to ratify the amendment or never admitted even the possibility of defeat.

# Lark Evans Is Given Fifteen Year Term On Robbery Charge

Medford, March 24.—In circuit court at Jacksonville this noon, Lark Evans was sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary for the jitney kidnaping and robbery of W. G. Smith of Grants Pass on September 13, last. Evans' attorney gave notice that he would seek a new trial and Judge Calkins gave him 30 days in which to file his motion.

Mrs. Evans, following her arrest Tuesday on the charge of being her husband's accomplice, was released Tuesday evening, when her \$2000 bail bond was reduced to \$1000. Evans' father, a Portland resident, furnished the bail. The wife had tried all day by telegraph and telephone to raise the money. Her home prior to her marriage to Evans, after the jitney robbery, was in The Dalles.

Mrs. Evans protests her innocence and says she can prove she was elsewhere at the time and that it must have been some other woman. Her preliminary hearing is set for Friday afternoon.

# Rubber Plant to Be Built at Singapore

Akron, Ohio, March 24.—(U. P.)—The Firestone Tire & Rubber company will build a million dollar crude rubber handling plant at Singapore, Straits Settlement, it was announced today.

# FOCH REQUEST FOR INVADING ARMY DENIED

## French Marshal Would Go Into Ruhr District With 80,000 Troops; Britain Willing, But U. S. Ambassador Opposed.

Paris, March 24.—(I. N. S.)—Marshal Foch has asked the council of ambassadors for permission to enter the Ruhr district of Germany with 80,000 allied troops, it was learned from an authoritative source today. Hugh Wallace, the United States ambassador, is reported to have rejected the request, but the British ambassador is said to be supporting it.

After opposition developed to his proposal, Marshal Foch then asked permission to send 50,000 troops into the Ruhr district, but this request was refused also.

The council of ambassadors has agreed, however, that the French should be allowed to occupy Frankfurt if the negotiations between the mayor of the city and President Ebert at Berlin fail. (Essen is controlled by the Spartacists.)

# TRENCH WARFARE DEVELOPS BETWEEN REDS AND TROOPS

Berlin, March 23.—(I. N. S.)—(10 p. m.)—Trench warfare has developed between government troops and the reds in the region of Munster, Westphalia. The reds are trying to cut their way through the government forces to the Holland frontier.

The reds began with an offensive against the government forces under General von Water. These troops were driven behind the Aa river, and General von Water was obliged to abandon his headquarters.

The government troops have thrown up entrenchments all along their front. The general strike has been called off by the leading locals of the workers' union.

The newspaper Vorwaerts (Socialist) and Freiheit (Communist) appeared tonight for the first time in 10 days.

# CHAMBERLAIN FOR AIRPLANE PATROL

Washington, March 24.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Chamberlain today addressed the senate on forest fire protection, supporting the senate committee amendment to the agricultural bill to provide for airplane patrol in the Pacific Northwest.

He reviewed the history of fire protection, both for national forests and for areas privately owned and declared the government cannot afford to neglect protection of this great resource. Experience has shown that the time has arrived, as shown by reports, to establish air patrol as a permanent feature of forest protection.

# Farm Bureau Will Help to Organize Growers of Idaho

Spokane, Wash., March 24.—The Idaho County Farm Bureau organization, of which W. L. Fuharty, director of extension at the University of Idaho, is the active head, will place the proposed wheat marketing plan before the wheat growers of Northern and Southern Idaho. This is the report of J. F. Langner of the Washington and Idaho Wheat Growers' association.

# Million Families Are Inadequately Housed in U. S.; Condition Alarms

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Chicago, March 24.—(U. P.)—A million families in the United States are improperly housed because of the housing shortage, delegates to the first annual convention of the National Federation of Construction Industries stated today.

The shortage, said E. J. Brunner, Chicago, editor of the American Contractor, is due to lack of cars to transport building materials.

Conditions in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other of the leading cities of the country are alarming, Brunner declared.

"People are doubling up in the same apartment and in many cases whole families are living in one room," he said, "because they just can't get a place to live."

Wages of labor have gone up 70 per cent since 1914. An average house today would cost between \$6000 and \$7000, it was stated.

"Further increase in building costs was predicted by Brunner. Manufacturers should see that their employees are properly housed and build homes for them on easy terms," said one builder. "If they don't they are going to lose their workers."

# JENKINS SOUNDS SAFETY WARNING

With the increase in machines, the crop of new drivers, the use of automobiles that have been stored for the winter and more pedestrians on the streets, the need of greater care, stricter law enforcement and more vigilance is sounded in a warning letter sent by Chief of Police Jenkins to the Vigilantes.

There are still scores of drivers who cause collisions through sheer carelessness and wanton disregard of safety rules. Lack of control of the machine is the most common cause of costly collisions.

When Edwin Meng cut a corner at the police station, at East Twenty-Seventh street last week, and was struck by another machine, he was looking at the front wheel, says the police report. He steered past the truck, a machine with right-of-way, attempted to cross Third. Peterson's car struck the other machine on the left rear fender. Peterson says he didn't see the other car until it was just in front of him. It is quite important, in driving cars, that pilots see what is in front. And in the congested district drivers break the law when they cross intersections at even 15 miles an hour.

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# WOOD LEADING BY BIG FIGURE IN SO. DAKOTA

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Lowden and Johnson forces here conceded late today that Major General Leonard Wood carried yesterday's primary. Wood's plurality for the Republican presidential nomination was increased slightly as returns filtered in during the day.

In complete returns from all but 10 counties gave Wood 23,547; Lowden, 20,106 and Johnson 18,290. The Poindexter vote was light.

James W. Gerard appeared to be the Democratic choice after a nominal contest with J. U. Munroe, Illinois. Workers for Senator Johnson's candidacy here today conceded a plurality for General Wood and said: "Results known here practically assure nomination of Wood for president."

# NON-PARTISAN LEADERS DENY DEFEAT IN N. D. PRIMARIES

Bismarck, N. D., March 24.—(U. P.)—North Dakota will send a "regular Republican" delegation to the Republican national convention, practically complete returns from the primary indicated today. One woman—Miss Minnie J. Nielson—and nine men delegates to the Republican national convention were named.

Nonpartisan league leaders denied claims of the city council this morning in defeating Mayor Baker's resolution urging civic clubs to make a study of the matter with the hope of framing a suitable daylight saving ordinance.

Commissioners Barber, Bigelow, Mann and Pier asserted that workmen, children, parents and the majority of other citizens were opposed to the measure.

# CONNECTICUT REPUBLICANS ADOPT PLAN FOR SUFFRAGE

New Haven, Conn., March 24.—(U. P.)—Connecticut women, though voteless, dominated the Republican state convention here today.

The most important plank in the platform submitted for ratification placed the state Republican organization squarely on record in favor of women suffrage and requested Governor Holcomb to call a special session of the legislature to ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

According to indications the peace treaty and prohibition would not figure in the platform.

The suffrage plank was adopted in a session of the resolutions committee. At the last unit after midnight. The convention opened last night, Senator Frank B. Brandegee delivering the "keynote" speech. Henry E. Horton, chairman of the convention, was today chosen to head the "big four" delegates to the national convention on the opposition of John T. King, national committeeman from Connecticut.

# New York Will Resume Daylight Saving; Schedule of Trains Change

## Many cities will "save daylight" beginning next Sunday.

The New York Central and New Haven railroads will adjust their suburban train movements to the new time, but clocks and time tables will remain at Eastern standard time. Other railroad announced they will either retain their present time or will await development before making changes. Through schedules will be unchanged, it was announced today.

New York city has adopted daylight saving, effective at 2 a. m. Sunday, March 28, and at that time all city clocks will be set ahead one hour. New York state has adopted the plan and a bill for its repeal was defeated. Although Connecticut has not adopted the plan, Hartford has passed an ordinance for its observance. In New Jersey a bill has passed the assembly and is pending in the senate.

In Massachusetts a bill is pending. A daylight bill is pending in Rhode Island. In Delaware the plan has been adopted by Wilmington and a bill has been prepared for the state legislature.

Other cities which have the plan include Portland and South Portland, Maine; Manchester, N. H.; Detroit and Harrisburg, Pa. Dates when the plan becomes effective differ. In Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Paul, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland, Denver and Richmond, daylight saving ordinances are pending.

# COUNCIL VOTES AGAINST BAKER'S DAYLIGHT LAW

Daylight saving will not be inaugurated in Portland during the coming summer and fall months, according to action taken by the city council this morning in defeating Mayor Baker's resolution urging civic clubs to make a study of the matter with the hope of framing a suitable daylight saving ordinance.

Commissioners Barber, Bigelow, Mann and Pier asserted that workmen, children, parents and the majority of other citizens were opposed to the measure.

# HOOVER OPPOSES FEDERAL MIDDLING

Boston, March 24.—(I. N. S.)—Government interference in the industrial problems of the country should be limited to the promotion of better relations between employer and employee, declared Herbert Hoover, in an address to the Chamber of Commerce here today. His speech was mainly devoted to an explanation of the report of the recent industrial conference of which he was a member.

"I am sure," he said, "that you would a nation-wide scale into the determination of fair wages and fair profits in industry, even if it could be accomplished without force, with great effectiveness."

It is not expected that further consideration of the investigation will be undertaken by the grand jury until the audit of the records in the state treasury department is completed, probably some time next week. The report of the inquisitorial body cannot be expected for several weeks, it is stated.

Thomas F. Ryan of Oregon City was before the jury Tuesday. Ryan was a deputy treasurer under State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay and was a candidate for election as state treasurer against O. F. Hoff, whose bond buying policies are under investigation.

# BONUS BILL IS LIKELY TO GO BEFORE POLLS

## Olympia Legislature Passes Act With Provision That It Shall Be Submitted to Vote Should It Be Held Unconstitutional.

Olympia, Wash., March 24.—(U. P.)—The special session of the Washington legislature came to an end at 4:30 this morning after the senate reluctantly agreed to accept the referendum provision on the soldiers' bonus bill.

The referendum, which puts the measure up to a vote of the people in November, was insisted upon by Mark Reed, floor leader of the house, and the members of the lower body sustained him time and again.

The bonus bill, originating this time in the house, carried a referendum provision when it reached the senate. This provision was objectionable to the American Legion representatives, who had prepared the bill. The senate struck it from the bill yesterday and substituted an amendment making the \$11,000,000 bond issue immediately available. The emergency clause thus inserted provided that if the supreme court declared the bond issue unconstitutional because it had not been ratified by a direct vote of the people, the measure should still be deemed valid and the referendum void.

This amendment, offered by Senator French, was the bone of contention. It was passed in the senate by a vote of 27 to 13. The house turned it down by a vote of 43 to 40. Conference committees were then appointed. While in the senate the committee appointed represented both views of the question, Speaker Adams in the house took no part. The three members he appointed were pronounced opponents of the emergency clause. They were Representatives Lucas, Elliott and McCoy.

The senate conferees were Senators French, Groves and Hays. At 9 o'clock this conference reported by a majority and minority report and the senate adopted the minority report.

At a new conference committee was then appointed in the senate and the senate was requested of the house. Speaker Adams, however, proceeded to appoint the old committee. But the evident unfairness of such procedure was too much even for the members of a well-oiled machine, and several members began protesting. Mark Reed, floor leader of the house walked up to the speaker's platform, whispered in his ear, and the speaker appointed a new committee. Again, however, the entire committee was against the emergency clause. His committee consisted of Zylstra, Happy and Hays.

Again the conference committee failed to agree, a majority report asking the senate to recede from its position and accept the referendum. The senate again refused and a free conference was then appointed.

# WORK TO BEGIN ON TONGUE POINT BASE

Washington, March 24.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Passage of the naval bill Tuesday by the house with the Columbia river submarine and destroyer base item intact insures the beginning of work on the Tongue Point location during the next fiscal year after the site has been turned over to the government free of any charge.

So far this is the only new project included in the bill. Just before it passed Representative Miller of Seattle tried to insert a provision authorizing Secretary Daniels to accept the donation of 250 acres at Sand Point near Seattle for an aviation base, but this was rejected on a point of order.

The effort will be renewed in senate committee for this and also for a submarine base at Port Angeles, Wash.

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