

POLICY QUESTIONS BROUGHT OUT IN SHIPPING SESSION

Eleventh-Hour Meeting of Board Explained in Degree by Facts of Agreements on Allocating.

Washington, March 8.—(WASH-INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Broad questions of policy which may have a deciding influence upon the future of the shipping board and of the American merchant marine itself were brought into strong relief at the board's hearing on allocation of vessels to the trans-Pacific trade on February 21.

Examination of certain facts leading up to the hearing and the record of the hearing itself show that the hearing carries deep significance, whatever the mutations through which the shipping board may pass. The board is permanent, like the records of a court. It will remain for reference and the basis for future action.

PORTLAND IS CONCERNED

Portland's case is there, along with Puget Sound's, Astoria's and the others. But beyond the question as to how many ships finally are allocated to one or the other is the discussion of principles and policy, which are general in application, to which the board must resort in deciding the future of the merchant marine.

The hearing dealt with big, new, combination passenger and cargo vessels, the 535 type (so-called because this is their length in feet), which clip away at 17 and 17.5 knots, and are suited for transoceanic traffic in competition with the fast foreign lines. The problem is how best to place these ships to meet the demands of commerce, to fit them in with other ships privately owned, and to bring about a systematic operation of the merchant marine as a whole.

with a view to ultimate private ownership of all, in accordance with the declared policy of existing law. SALES CHANCE SLIM Immediate sale of the ships has no alluring prospects. As conditions stand, they could not be absorbed except at a ridiculous loss, and abandonment of the declared policy of building up new routes and new services.

They can be allocated direct to operating companies, and that is the plan discussed at the hearing. It seemed to be assumed that they would go under what is known as the M. O. 4 operating agreement, and abandonment of the declared policy of building up new routes and new services.

It seems clear enough that no operating company that can secure an "M. O. 4" will want to buy the ships or operate them by bare boat charter. If the strong companies, for example the Pacific Mail, can secure these allocations, what would be the position of other companies at lesser ports with taxes to pay, interest charges, depreciation and costs of operation to be met?

It was along these lines that Commissioner J. N. Teal questioned several witnesses at the hearing. There was considerable sidestepping, not much in the way of answer. It was admitted that the effect might be "injurious" to the companies and ports not fortunate enough to secure the allocations.

So the M. O. 4 agreement is something to watch. It seems due for revision if new blood is to enter, and private ownership encouraged, all of which are declared parts of the country's policy under the shipping act.

It is an open secret that San Francisco and Seattle would like to divide the Pacific between them. San Francisco believes it should have the lion's share, while Seattle would prefer an equal division. Portland, Astoria and Los Angeles do not enter into these calculations.

The first units of the new fleet ap-

parently were fashioned along these lines. Last May the shipping board made tentative plans for the first 12 ships, five to the Pacific Mail for operation between San Francisco and the Orient, five to the Admiral line out of Seattle to the Orient, and two from San Francisco to Honolulu by the Matson line.

ALLOCATIONS IN AIR To say that these allocations were made, however, is apparently a misconception. The actual definite allocations are probably six in number, four at San Francisco, two at Seattle, and the others on a tentative basis. Two have gone to the Atlantic coast. That the program is open as to the rest of the ships—there are 16 535's—has been recently stated by Admiral Benson, the chairman of the board, and the allocation hearing was on that basis.

In addition to the allocations of 535 vessels above stated, three ships of the 502 class have been assigned to the Pacific Mail for operation between San Francisco and Manila and the East Indies. These ships have accommodation for only a few first cabin passengers, but rank as high class cargo boats, with considerable storage room.

LATE SESSION EXPLAINED This helps to an understanding of the broad ground of the affair of February 21, when the Pacific coast ports were invited to appear and present their data and arguments. The first of the ships have gone into operation without any very definite decision as to how they should be handled or where they should go.

The problem has arrived, and the time for hearing of all interests appears to have been fully due. The discussion of policy that went into the record, as affecting the lesser ports and the privately owned lines, is something the new board can ponder. The retiring board will be free from the charge of drifting indefinitely to the finish line.

Knappa Represents Lower Columbia

Knappa, March 8.—Knappa high school won from Vernonia high school in the debate at Clatskanie Saturday night to decide the lower Columbia championship. Knappa had won from Clatskanie and Astoria, while Vernonia had won from St. Helens and Scappoose. John Conroy and William Hunt represented Knappa, and Miss Brown and Miss Robinson, Vernonia. This victory entitles Knappa to debate for the state championship at Eugene in May.

INCORPORATION PAPERS FILED BY RECALL WORKERS

Incorporation papers were signed and forwarded to the secretary of state at Salem at noon today for the Public Service Recall committee, which proposes to conduct a campaign for the recall of public service commissioners Corey, Buchtel and Williams. Headquarters of the committee have been established at 729 Lumbermen's building, phone Broadway 1700.

Members of the incorporated committee are: R. G. Duncan, president; W. E. Richardson, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Oltus, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Dean, John W. Miller, W. W. Merriam, Sidney Smythe, Gus E. Erickson, E. G. Hoppson, S. H. Singleton, H. G. Kundret and W. H. Downing. Mrs. Oltus, with clerical staff, will be in charge of the headquarters office.

Efforts are being made to secure the services of W. P. LaRoche as attorney for the recall committee, according to Duncan. Work of preparing petitions for circulation will be done immediately, Duncan stated, though it will be impossible to circulate the petitions legally until after July 3, when Commissioners Williams and Buchtel will have been in office six months.

The recall statute provides that no officials may be recalled from office until after he has served six months. Williams was elected and Buchtel re-elected at the November election and entered upon their duties as commissioners January 2.

The chief grievance against the commissioners is in relation to their granting increased rates to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, Portland Gas & Coke company and Northwest Electric company, and it is presumed that these objections will be named as a basis for a recall on the head of the petitions.

Legal advisers of the recall committee proposed today that an appeal be made to the courts to annul the order of the public service commission relative to the increase in telephone rates.

FOREIGN SITUATION CAUSES SELLING OF SHARES

New York, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The stock market closed steady today. The market showed a steady tone in the late dealings, most of the leading issues rallying in the last half hour. U. S. Steel sold up from 81 1/2 to 82 1/2, and Baldwin from 85 1/2 to 87.

Government bonds unchanged; railway and other bonds steady. Consolidated sales of stocks today were 458,900 shares; bonds, \$7,570,000.

New York, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The advance of the allied troops into Germany had no disturbing effect on the market in the early morning. After some hesitation at the start, the entire list turned strong and made good advances.

Examined by Overbeck & Co. Co., Boar of Trade. STOCKS: High, Low, Bid, Ask.

Table with columns: STOCKS, High, Low, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Agr. Chem., Alaska Rubber, etc.

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STOCK MARKET TOPICS

The stock market is expected to move quietly and possibly irregularly in a narrow range awaiting definite news as to German indemnity. Favorable London developments would stimulate short covering. The general list appears to be in a strong technical position.

Studebaker automobile common stock is being referred to in conservative circles as probably one of the best speculative issues in the motor group. Conservative companies like Studebaker are expected to earn their dividends during 1921.

In many parts of the street, Germany is looked upon as bluffing in the indemnity matter, for home consumption, and predictions are made that she will come across in the near future.

Consolidations in the motor world are persistently rumored. Some of them are denied, but good reasons are found to support the belief that economic combinations will take place soon.

New York federal reserve bank's ratio advanced from 40.5 to 42.2 per cent. The Federal reserve board's weekly statement shows a rise in ratio from 40 to 50.5 per cent, the highest ratio since September 26, 1919.

Denver & Rio Grande stockholders have until March 25 to buy the road for \$10,000,000, if they want to prevent its sale to Western Pacific interests for \$2,000,000, as previously ordered by the court. Western Pacific interests hold judgment against Denver for \$28,000,000.

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Bid, Ask. Lists stocks like Anglo, Barne, Bucky, etc.

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Table with columns: Credit Extension Is Aid in Preventing Crisis, Says Banker. Samuel L. Eddy, vice president of the Ladd & Tilton bank, gave a review of the financial situation today before the Kiwanis club at the noon luncheon at the Benson hotel and told how the bankers, with the aid of the Federal Reserve houses, had prevented a serious crisis by extending credit in larger amounts than ever before.

"This has been done," he said, "to bring business back to normal. We have adopted the creed of conservative buying. By that is meant buying what you need and going ahead with normal banking. The era of extravagance is over, but for business to continue we must buy."

Lieutenant Commander Frederick K. Eider of the Portland navy recruiting office branch told of the advantages of cyanide fumigating as the best and most efficient method of eradicating vermin from ships.

Examinations Stiffened Olympia, Wash., March 8.—(U. P.)—The house today passed a bill making more stringent the examinations for practicing chiropody in the state.

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SHORT TERM NOTES

Table with columns: Security, Maturity, Bid, Ask. Lists notes like Am. Sec. 100, etc.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Table with columns: Currency, Rate. Lists rates for London, Paris, Berlin, etc.

PACIFIC COAST BANK STATEMENT

Table with columns: Clearings, Balances, etc. Lists financial data for various banks.

BANK NOTES

The Hibernia Commercial & Savings bank has just opened a new recreation room for the benefit of its employees. The idea was originated by Lansing Stout, vice president of the bank, who feels that employees should have a section of the institution in which they will be free to rest during the time they are off duty.

H. E. Willis & Co., formerly located in the Henry Building, now occupies more commodious quarters in the United States National bank building. The company, which also maintains an office in Seattle, makes a specialty of foreign bonds. Clarence H. Deaky is manager of this department. Willis is now a resident of Portland and will give his personal attention to the local office.

The \$100,000 Seaside 6 per cent general obligation bonds being offered by Carstens & Earles is an attractive municipal investment. The bonds, depending upon their maturity, are priced to yield from 6 1/2 to 11 per cent. The issue is dated November 1, 1920, due serially from November 1, 1921, to November 1, 1930.

The Oregon Bankers' association will hold its annual convention this year at Seaside, June 3 and 4. It is expected that the call of the waves will appeal to a large number of bankers throughout the state and that a high record attendance will be made. With the open highway to the coast many of Portland's bankers will motor to the beach city.

Investment bankers of the city have been invited by the Oregon syndicate to participate in its latest underwriting, the Humble Oil & Refining company's \$25,000,000 in 2-year 7 per cent gold notes. The loan is being subscribed to by several local dealers.

Table with columns: Liberty Bond Sales, High, Low, Close. Lists bond sales data.



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SUN-MAID Raisin Bread

- 3 cups flour 1 teaspoon salt 3 scant teaspoons baking powder 1 1/2 tablespoons of sugar Sift well together 1/2 package Sun-Maid seeded raisins 1 1/2 cups milk

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