

PUBLIC IS BEHIND MOVE TO OPEN UP COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

Keen Interest Shown in Meeting
Called for 2 o'Clock Tomorrow
Afternoon in the Courthouse.

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Job organization and machinery ac-
cused to large tasks.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS MADE

Offer of such organization at cost has
been made in the past few days by the
Hansen Construction company, headed
by Eric V. Hansen.

Phil Metachan, president of the Ore-
gon Hotelmen's association and a di-
rector in the Northwest Tourist associa-
tion, has proposed that gangs of the
unemployed should follow up the opera-
tion of the snow and ice plows and that,
if necessary, funds should be partially
derived from public subscription.

Frank M. Warren, chairman of the
port commission, has endorsed the propo-
sal that James F. Hansen, engineer of
the port, might cooperate.

State Highway Commissioner J. B.
Yon has announced that the state com-
mission will bear the cost of clearing
the highway in Hood River county as
soon as a practicable plan for clearing
the Multnomah county parts of the road
is agreed upon.

While plans pend, it is evident that
the blocking of the most important in-
dustrial and tourist thoroughfare in
the West has virtually paralyzed motor
transportation between the regions east
and west of the Cascade mountains and
has cut off the tourist movement, which
would still be large but for the blockade.

**THE DALLAS WARD HIT BY
CLOSING OF RIVER HIGHWAY**
The Dallas, Jan. 28.—Fifty automobiles
from The Dallas alone were driven to the
Portland automobile show last year.

A dozen individuals attended this year.
They traveled by train.

This is only one of the scores of ex-
amples of loss to Portland that might
be cited as a result of what it was
the part of officials to close the highway
and the ice and snow from the Columbia
river highway.

The loss is not only Portland's, how-
ever; every community along the high-
way has been affected. Here it has
amounted to thousands of dollars for
business men, especially those engaged
in the automobile trade. It has resulted
in men employed in the garages being
thrown out of employment.

HURTS BUSINESS
It has been the case of empty hotels
and idle restaurants. The closing of
the highway has resulted in hundreds of
complaints and inquiries—telegraphic,
telephone and by letter—coming from
many parts of the country, according to
local automobile men. It has seriously
damaged the Columbia river highway's
prestige.

According to H. R. Fancher, manager
of The Dallas Garage company, the gar-
age business this year, which was ex-
pected to be near double what it was
last year, due to the opening of the
highway, has for the last couple of
months been not more than 15 per cent
of the business for corresponding months
a year ago.

Last year, motorists had to go over
seven mile hills, a stretch of highway
which stalled practically every machine
during the winter months, and the ex-
tent of the present tie-up may be judged,
Fancher pointed out, in citing the figure
mentioned above.

TOURISTS DELAYED
"People east of here," he declared,
"who could be counted upon to travel
back and forth regularly to Portland,
have simply quit traveling. People com-
ing down here when the tie-up first oc-
curred, waited around for days and, in
some cases, for weeks, then either went
back, or put their cars in storage and
made their trips by train. There's not a
garage in town that hasn't the ma-
chines of tourists, either from the East
or from Northwest points, in storage."

"As agent for tourist bureaus in Spo-
kane, Walla Walla and other places, I
have had scores of inquiries regarding
the opening of the highway. I had five
such messages this week. I could only
tell them that the road might be open
in April or May."

H. S. Rice, president of the Chamber
of Commerce, characterized the situa-
tion as "very serious," particularly as it
affects Portland business.

CAN'T BE ESTIMATED
"There is no way of estimating the
extent of the loss," Rice said. "The
closing of the highway has almost par-
alyzed things here and I don't think
Portland people have the slightest con-
ception of what this blockade has meant
to them. Action to remedy the situation
cannot be taken too quickly to suit all
of us."

W. E. Walther, general manager of
the Walther-Williams company, largest
automobile distributing agency in East-
ern Oregon, said that the tieup of the
highway had caused his company, in
garage business alone, a loss of not
less than \$1000 a month. Tourist travel
has practically ceased, Walther said,
and, in his opinion, the damage to the
highway's reputation as an all-year
round road is almost irreparable.

Mayor P. J. Stadlerman, who went to
Portland attending the automobile show
and who, by the way, went down on
the train despite the fact that he has
two automobiles, has recognized the
damage being done to every line of
business by the blockade, and has been
acting in endeavoring to have the con-
dition remedied.

KIWANIS CLUB BUSY
Hotel men here estimate that as a re-
sult of closing of the highway their busi-
ness has dropped off more than 50 per
cent. A very large portion of the hotel
trade here depends upon tourists. Many
people would come up from Portland one
day, spend the night here, then go on to
the East or return to Portland. Obvi-
ously this trade has stopped.

About 60 traveling salesmen, it is said,
used automobiles in this territory, all of
them working out of Portland, and
they, too, have gone into winter quarters.
The loss has been even more serious
for Hood River than The Dallas, local
business men say.

The Kiwanis club, at its meeting
Thursday, appointed a committee to ad-
vise with the chamber of commerce over
the matter of getting the highway open.

**IT PUTS THE TEETH TO SLEEP
THERE IS NO HURT**

Willight Sleep

REG. U. S. PAT. OF.

"FOR THE TEETH"

'NCLE SAM CALLS THEM



Left—Aaron Touhy. Right—Jerry Brandom.

Two more Portland youths won ap-
pointments to West Point and Annapolis.
Announcement was made Friday of
those of Aaron Touhey, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas Touhey, 1473 Oneonta
street, and Jerry Brandom, son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Brandom, 1055 East
Older street.

Young Touhey will take the examina-
tion for entrance to the naval academy
and Brandom to the army school.
Touhey was graduated from Jefferson
high school last year. Brandom is a
member of the graduating class of
Washington High school.

OREGON MEN BACK UP LADD'S BILL

Delegates to Farm Conference
Appear Before Senate and Ap-
prove Price Guarantees.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(WASHING-
TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—
Announcement is made by the war
finance corporation that as a result of
consultations with William Polman,
banker, of Baker, Or., Polman, upon
his return to Oregon, will undertake to
form a livestock loan company with
capital of \$250,000 to finance sheep and
cattle growers in Eastern Oregon and
Idaho. Polman has been attending the
agricultural conference with Professors
Lewis of Salem and Jardine of Eugene.
C. E. Spence of Oregon City, Roy Rit-
ter of Pendleton and E. E. Flavell of
Spokane.

While the conference has been ended,
delegates are snowbound here, with train
schedules suspended.
Professor W. I. Lewis, manager of the
Fruit Growers Cooperative association
at Salem and C. E. Spence, master of the
Oregon state grange, appeared before the
senate agricultural committee today and
supported the general principle of Sena-
tor Ladd's bill, which provides for five-
year governmental control and price
guarantees for wheat, corn, cotton and
wool.

They did not go into the details of the

Ladd bill, and Professor Lewis expressed
the opinion that fruit should not be in-
cluded in the price guarantee, but they
asserted that drastic action is needed to
stabilize farm prices on a level high
enough to cover the cost of production.
Other crop prices will follow the upward
level if staple crops are guaranteed, they
said, such price movements being re-
flected in all products. There is every
indication that Ladd's bill will be fa-
vorably reported to the senate, despite
wishes of the administration and frantic
effort of Senator Lodge to hold it in
committee. Six Democratic members of
the committee will favor it, also Chair-
man Norris, Republican, and Ladd him-
self, which gives eight votes, enough for
a tie vote. In addition Senators Ken-
yon and Norbeck, Republicans, are ex-
pected to favor it, while Capper and
Gooding are wavering.

The Ladd bill provides for guaranteed
price this year of \$1.50 for wheat, 55
cents for wool, 85 cents for corn and
18 cents for cotton.

**LOAN OF HUNDRED MILLION
IS ASKED TO AID FARMERS**

Washington, Jan. 28.—(U. P.).—De-
mand for an immediate federal loan of
\$100,000,000 to tide impoverished farmers
over the present emergency was made
on congress tonight by the "rump con-
ference" of President Harding's agri-
cultural group.

It is hoped to secure this sum through
an amendment to Senator McCumber's
bill providing for \$5,000,000 for the pur-
chase of seed for farmers unable to pur-
chase their requirements for this year's
crop.

The "rump conference," composed of
those dissatisfied with the main confer-
ence, centered its attention largely on a
program for immediate relief.

COAL WAGES TO BE CUT APRIL 1; MINERS TO FIGHT

Check-Off System to Be Aban-
doned, Say Operators; Slashes
Made in Face of Strike Threats

Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—(U. P.).—Re-
duced wages for the coal miners, effec-
tive when the four-state agreement ap-
plies April 1, was ordered tonight by the
Southern Ohio operators.

Cuts announced in bituminous fields
were made in face of strike threats
from international union officials. In
announcing the slashes, operators de-
clared the check off system would be
abandoned.

"They will have one of the most bitter
fights they have ever had in the state
of Ohio," Lee Hall, district president of
the miners' union, declared tonight in
referring to the reduction order.

"We are not going to accept the cuts
and they might as well know it right
now," he declared.

A statement made public following a
conference of the operators did not spec-
ify the amount of reductions. Opera-
tors, however, said "the scale set pro-
vides for higher wages than those in
other districts and is 30 to 35 per cent
higher than wages paid at the outbreak
of the war."

The public statement declares the new
wages will provide a higher wage, com-
paratively speaking, than the wages
some time in effect in other
industries.

Farm Council Gets Chamber's Approval

Monteale, Wash., Jan. 28.—The Mon-
teale Chamber of Commerce has ap-
proved the Arthand scheme of county
development, under which every civic
or farm organization in the county con-
tributes one member to each of six
branches of the general council. Mon-
teale representatives are: Taxation,
Mayor C. N. Wilson; port development,
W. L. Carter; industries, W. H. France;
reforestation, Albert Schafer; agricul-
ture, E. E. Hale; power, W. H. Abel.

The Grays Harbor County Farm Bureau,
president, Clarence Glenn, appointed
these representatives: Taxation, O. M.
Gordon; Elma; port development, E. L.
Brewer; Satsop; industries, James Car-
stairs, route A; Elma; reforestation, G.
M. Powell; Aberdeen; power, W. E. John-
son, Satsop.

**Municipal Control
Measure Is Filed**

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 28.—Initiative
measure number 44, giving municipali-
ties complete control of acquisition and
operation of public utilities without in-
terference by state authority, was filed
here this morning by W. D. Lane of
Seattle. Proposed powers include: water
works, sewer systems, cement plants,
public markets, ice and cold storage
plants, gas, electric and steam heating

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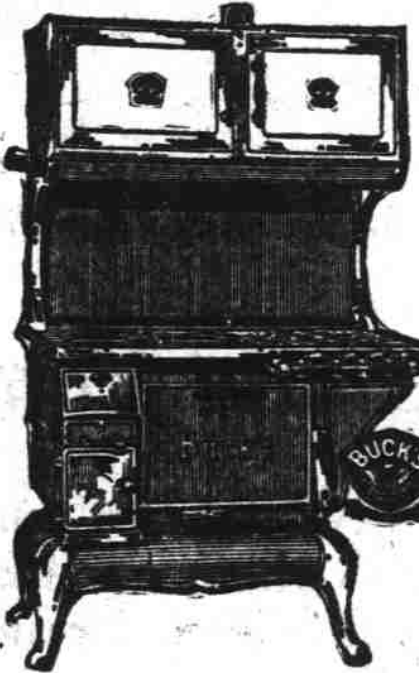
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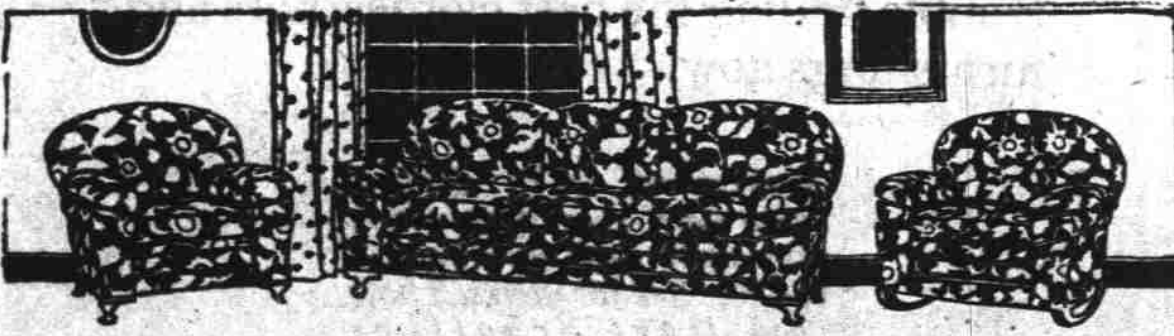
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By Karl M. von Wiegand
Special Service Staff Correspondent.
Berlin, Jan. 28.—Two American trans-
Atlantic passenger steamers with equip-
ment and appointment of the Imperial
class, the largest vessels of their kind
that ever sailed under the American
flag, will cross the Atlantic in April.

They are the Resolute and the Defiance,
the first steamers of the Defender
class of the United American Lines be-
tween Hamburg and New York.

The announcement was made today
for American correspondents by Dr.
Cuno, speaking for his associate, Wil-
helm Averil Harriman, who was unable
to be present.
The ships have been named after the
two American yachts which defended the
America cup against the British, and
the names are to be the symbol that
they will defend the American in-
vincible marine against the powerful British
interests.
The ships will make the run in nine
days with a capacity of 400 first and
400 second and 400 third class passen-
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class are said to be superior to any
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