

## INVESTIGATION OF GRAIN PRICE FIXING STARTS

Members of Chicago Board of Trade to Be Called Upon Carpet  
Hearing Called for April 7; Manipulation of Wheat Market Charged

CHICAGO, March 25.—(AP)—The Chicago Tribune will say tomorrow that for the first time since passage of the federal grain futures administration act nearly eight years ago, Chicago board of trade members are to be called upon to explain reported attempts to manipulate grain prices.

The paper will say that William B. Massey, as agent for Lamson & Co., John S. Reddy and Philip J. Reddy are named in complaints filed by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde and called for a hearing at Chicago, April 7.

The complaint charges an attempt to manipulate the market price of grain, beginning with an allegedly bogus sale of grain on July 11, 1929. In the period following this sale, the complaint alleges, the men through what are termed "ruses, schemes and devices," caused to be sold not less than 345,000 bushels of December wheat at prices both lower and higher than the real prices existing when the sales were executed.

Use of Mails to Defraud Is Charged  
The three men are further accused of having violated the federal law by the complaint reads, "knowingly and carelessly delivering for transmission through the mails and in interstate commerce by telegraph, telephone, wireless and other means of communication, false and misleading and knowingly inaccurate reports concerning market information and conditions that affect and tend to affect the price of grain in interstate commerce."

The initial sale is alleged to have been made by Massey. Massey is charged with having sold the 3,000 bushels of wheat to himself at 1 to 1 1/2 cents a bushel under prevailing quotations, but is accused of having reported the sale as having been made to the Reddy firm. Similar reporting of sales aggregating 845,000 bushels is charged by the government to have followed.

Once before, two years ago, officials of the Armour Grain Co. were cited for alleged violations of the grain futures administration act but filing of bankruptcy papers prevented completion of the case.

## ELOPING BRIDE IS FOUND BY POLICE

Woman Who Deserted Man At Hood River Discovered Living in Spokane

SPOKANE, March 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Neva Paul, 23, assistant secretary of the El Monte, Calif., chamber of commerce and two men who were seen in a rooming house at Hood River, Ore., on March 19, were found by police in an apartment here today. The two men are Louis Bowman and Harold Nelson of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Carlyle, daughter of George N. Paul, El Monte insurance man, said she left her husband at Hood River while the latter was washing a check, and that she and the two men drove to Spokane. They had been living in an apartment house here. Bowman in the meantime had married, and Nelson, the manager of the apartment house said, posed as Mrs. Carlyle's husband when the apartment was rented. Both men were held on an open charge, but Mrs. Carlyle was not held, nor was Mrs. Bowman, who lived with them.

Bowman, Mrs. Carlyle said, had posed as Louis Paul, her brother. Mrs. Carlyle's father, in whose (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## Marion County Well Has Strong Flow



Water flows from the experimental well on Senator Sam Brown's farm at the rate of 650 gallons a minute. The lower view shows the water flowing over the wire recently. It is believed that a flow of 1000 gallons a minute may be obtained after the well has been fully developed. Tractor power for the pump is temporary, a permanent and electrified pump to be installed soon.

## EXPERIMENT WELL IS FOUND SUCCESS

Test Project on Sam Brown Farm "Comes In" at Rate Of 650 Gallons

The irrigation well being drilled on the Sam Brown farm at Gervais "came in" with a flow of 650 gallons of water a minute and a flow of 900 gallons is predicted when the well is cleared of mud and sand.

## Terrific Storm's Toll Mounts High

Cold Gale Sweeps South From Great Lakes Into Missouri Ozarks Region; Transportation Is Nearly Crippled in Many Sections

CHICAGO, March 25.—(AP)—High winds and drifting snow today held transportation almost at a standstill, hampered communication, caused numerous accidents and was held directly responsible for at least three deaths.

The storm swept out of the northeast, raced over the lower Great Lakes states and extended south into the Missouri Ozarks.

Chicago, blinded by the snow and crippled by the drifts, received a snowfall of ten inches and forecasters predicted continuation of the storm until noon tomorrow. The fall appeared certain to eclipse the previous March record of 12.6 inches set in 1926. The snow was driven before a northeast wind which reached 30 miles an hour and diminished only slightly through the day.

Highways were blocked, street cars were unable to hold to the rails, elevated trains collided twice and automobiles skidded and stalled. In one elevated collision, a motorman was severely injured and several passengers suffered slight hurts.

BROTHER SUES BROTHER  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—Damages of \$6395 were awarded Harry M. Seabold against his brother, J. W. Seabold, by a circuit court jury here today. Harry Seabold was injured last year when the brother's automobiles collided at an intersection.

The matter of inspection was brought up in connection with the discussion of quality of milk and it was revealed that the producers expect to demand a high quality standard of members of the organization and will even go so far, if necessary, to hire an inspector of their own to make sure that every member of the organization is producing milk under the required conditions.

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An automobile accident which occurred on the Salem-Silverton road in December of last year, is the basis of two complaints which were filed in circuit court here on Tuesday against Rowena Patton by Marilyn M. Schrank and Joan E. Cooper, both minors. The Schrank girl, through her guardian ad litem, asks the court for \$4,000, while the Cooper girl, through Lester Cooper, guardian ad litem, asks for \$526.

Details of the injuries sustained by the two girls, who were both riding as passengers in a machine driven by Percy W. Schrank, were not listed in the two complaints.

## IDLE GESTURE NOT OPPOSED IN O-W ISSUE

Townsend Can Submit Question to All Voters If He Wishes, Word

Voice of Taxpayers Nevertheless Declared Most Important Now

Machinery that has already been provided for testing the sentiment of Salem people for or against municipal ownership is considered to be much better than the method proposed by Alderman Watson Townsend Tuesday, it was stated that night by members of the city council's public utilities committee. Nevertheless, no objection will be made to Mr. Townsend's plan if he presents it at the next council meeting, it was indicated.

Mr. Townsend proposed to put on the ballot May 16 the bare question "Shall the city of Salem purchase the water plant?" His argument is that all voters, and not merely taxpayers, would be privileged to vote on this question, and that the result would be more indicative of public sentiment.

Objections to Proposal Are Voted Immediately  
The immediate objection to this argument which occurred to champions of municipal ownership, is that the purpose of asking a vote is not the idle one of determining what the public thinks on the subject, but of finding out as exactly as possible what the vote will be if the council proceeds with the expense of an appraisal and negotiations for purchase of the water plant, and then submits one or more propositions to the voters.

Submitting the tentative question to all voters in the city might result in a favorable vote, and then after the council had prepared its propositions, they might be turned down by an exclusive taxpayer vote, it was pointed out.

Not to be brought up. On the other hand, committee members feel that it will do no harm to submit Mr. Townsend's proposed question, although, should it receive a favorable vote and the bond issue be turned down by the taxpayers, the council will be as badly hog-tied as it is now for lack of funds to appraise the plant and negotiate for its purchase.

Possibility was seen that the 1929 law permitting only taxpayers to vote on financial questions might be ruled unconstitutional before the November election and all citizens permitted to vote should the issue come up for final decision at that time; but this was considered an outside possibility, as such a law has been in effect for many years in connection with school district elections.

Previously Say Committee Members of the public utilities committee recalled that plebiscite such as Mr. Townsend now (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

## BILL TO CURB RUM RUNNERS IS SUPPORTED

Canadian House of Commons Passes Measure to Halt Smuggling

Opposition Musters Only 11 Votes Against Premier King's Proposal

OTTAWA, March 25.—(AP)—Premier W. L. Mackenzie King's bill to amend the export act was passed on the third reading by the house of commons today by 173 to 11. The bill, which grants the government authority to refuse clearance to liquor shipments destined for the United States, goes to the senate.

Reading of the bill followed spirited debate. Representatives of several parties united to furnish the 11 votes which opposed the measure. Eight conservatives were joined by a single liberal, Major C. C. Power, member for Quebec, south; Henry Bourassa, independent member of La Belle, and A. A. Heaps, labor member from Winnipeg, north.

During debate R. B. Bennett, conservative leader, challenged the government to resign declaring that "self-respecting ministers would resign in a case of this nature."

Change of Front Is Laid to Government  
This demand followed a charge that the government had changed front since, in the last session, W. D. Euler, minister of national revenue, had declared that such a measure was impossible of realization.

In response to a question by Bennett, Premier W. L. Mackenzie King said that the phraseology of the bill in reference to the word "deserted" for the United States, had been reconsidered and was found adequate.

During the course of yesterday's debate, Mr. King announced that Canada is negotiating with the United States for a treaty to suppress smuggling. The object of the treaty, he said, was not only to stop liquor traffic but to prevent smuggling of all kinds of merchandise both ways across the border.

## BIDS ASKED UPON FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

Authority Granted Practice Teachers to Appear in Salem System

Aside from ordering advertisement of bids for wood and oil for the Salem schools, approving action of the superintendent in admitting practice teachers from Willamette and Monmouth Normal schools to the system here, and granting the Monmouth normal school to the system here, buildings for the annual summer school, the local school board did little definite work at last night's session.

Superintendent George Hug raised some question concerning the announcement of Dr. Estill Brunk, county health unit director, that he (Dr. Brunk) will devote part time to private practice after April 1. Hug seemed to contend that the Salem school district, which is paying \$500 toward Brunk's salary, would not get its money's worth if Dr. Brunk goes into private practice, and said also that such a step on the district's part would give him an inside track on some dental jobs.

Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the board and himself a dentist, concurred with the later statement of Hug.

During course of the short discussion, it was brought out that (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## GRAND JURY LIST IS SELECTED HERE

Drawings of the grand jury for the April session of the Marion county circuit court were completed at the court house here yesterday. The following persons were listed for the grand jury: Amos Vass, 1453 South Commercial; Nellie G. Baldwin, route 4; Ida M. Babcock, 749 North Commercial; Charles F. O'Neill, 653 North Front; Arthur Edwards, route 1, Turner; William P. Colliard, route 8, Salem; and John C. Glaser, 1535 North 5th, Salem.

It was announced by the District Attorney Tuesday that the grand jury would convene at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, April 3.

Due to the fact that no term of circuit court was held during the present month, March, a large number of cases are expected to be found on the docket next month.

TAX MIXUPS FEW  
WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The far famed complexity of the income tax blank tripped fewer citizens than usual this year.

## Europa Makes Speed Record



Captain Nicolaus Johnsen, skipper of the Europa, sister ship to the Bremen. The Europa reached New York yesterday to establish a new speed record across the Atlantic.

## NEW MISTRESS OF OCEAN IS CROWNED

German Steamer Europa Establishes Record in Atlantic Voyage

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—The new speed mistress of the seas—the North German Lloyd liner Europa—sailed into a fogbound New York harbor today with a new trans-Atlantic record for her maiden voyage from Cherbourg breakwater to Ambrose lightship, just off the entrance of the lower bay.

Cutting through a light mist and drizzle, the Europa passed the lightship at 5:54 a. m., to establish a record of 4 days, 17 hours and 6 minutes for the run across the Atlantic's speed lane. She left Cherbourg at 12:48 p. m., (E. S. T.) Thursday. This lowered by 18 minutes the old record established by the Bremen. Europa's sister ship, last October and cut 26 minutes from the time made by the Bremen in her maiden voyage last July.

The Europa averaged 27.9 knots in the 3,157 miles she traveled from Cherbourg breakwater to Ambrose lightship—a course that was seven miles shorter than the route taken by the Bremen in her record run.

When the Europa swept by the light, the official finishing mark for east-west trans-Atlantic speed runs—passengers immediately sensed a quieting of the throbbing turbines that had pushed the gigantic liner through a windswep sea at record speed.

The slight quivering that was noticeable despite the Europa's specially designed propellers, ceased and her huge bulk cut more slowly through the gathering mist to anchor at quarantine.

## W. E. Miller Dies Suddenly Tuesday

W. E. Miller, who has lived here for the past 30 years, died suddenly at 2:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon as he was sitting on a davenport at Royal Court apartments on Chemeke street, where he has lived. Exact cause of death was not known last night, although it is presumed it was heart trouble.

No relatives live here. Funeral arrangements will not be made until after word from a relative. Remains are at the Rigdon mortuary.

## \$57,620.50 Demanded In Trio Of Damage Actions

Three damage suits, all the result of the same auto accident, were filed against R. E. Chittendon and A. M. Jarman Tuesday afternoon. The three suits aggregate \$57,620.50 which represents general and special damages which are alleged to have been incurred last August, when a truck driven by Chittendon collided with a light touring car driven by Purl Nies, route 3, in a mishap which occurred on the river road at a point about two miles south of Salem.

Clara Nies, mother of Purl Nies, Hilda P. Dennis and Lloyd Bickell, all passengers in the light machine, are plaintiffs in the suits against Chittendon and Jarman.

It is alleged in each of the complaints that the accident was caused when the heavy truck driven by Chittendon rounded a curve on the wrong side of the road and crashed into the Nies machine which was traveling at only 20 miles an hour. The Nies car was loaded with hop pickers

## Delegates To Renew Activities

Talk of Adjournment Strongly Denied at London

Conference Will Resume Work on Original Basis

By FRANK H. KING  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
LONDON, March 25.—(AP)—A formal plenary session of the five power naval conference next week will inform the world what has been accomplished in ten weeks negotiations and what hopes are held for naval disarmament.

The chief delegates of the five powers decided upon this course today. The exact date of the plenary session will be fixed Thursday after foreign minister Briand returns from Paris to head the French delegation.

In conference circles tonight the coming session was described by delegates as one of hope instead of despair, thus indicating an entire change of the conference picture since this morning. Adjournment Rumors Are All Contradicted

There is no talk of adjournment and the reports of a six month interval, which today became tangled in a skein of confirmations and denials, the proposal for adjournment being credited both to the Italians and British gave way to more constructive news of plans for proceeding with the conference full speed.

Today's decision resulted from realization that the scattered forces of the conference need pulling together. Instead of leaving negotiations in the hands of individual experts and to a variety of small committees as has been done for a month, the heads of the delegations felt they must swing into action again on fundamental disarmament problems. Stimson and MacDonald Start Ball Rolling

It was authoritatively stated that today's events were largely inspired by Secretary Stimson's frank talk with Prime Minister MacDonald at No. 10 Downing street this morning, the British and American chiefs agreeing that the conference must be lifted out of an atmosphere of apathy (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## SCOTTISH BAND TO PLAY FOR OPENING

Fifth Musical Group Added To List of Attractions For Thursday

A Scottish band, with bagpipes and the players properly clad in kilts, will be the fifth band to appear Thursday night in Spring Opening locale. It was announced Tuesday by the Ad club committee in charge of the affair Thursday night.

Oscar Steelhammer's band will appear as well as the bands of Salem high school, the Chemawa Indian school and the band of the Hubbard community.

Merchants were getting last minute arrangements made for the window decorating which is to be completed Thursday. During that day windows throughout town will be veiled. Promptly at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night the curtains will be drawn back, the event being announced by uniform sounding of mill whistles.

With good weather at hand and with more downtown features provided for Thursday night's entertainment than in any previous year, merchants were assured Tuesday of the best spring opening yet conducted.

## Milkmen Confident Price Rise Will Occur Shortly

Confidence was the prevailing note of the meeting of local milk producers held at the Salem chamber of commerce rooms on Tuesday. Confidence that better prices would be obtained and confidence that a satisfactory agreement could be reached between producers and distributors of the Salem area. Only three producers were not signed with the state organization and they apparently favored the plan.

A committee of seven was appointed to meet with the local distributors to consider a local agreement that would be mutually satisfactory.

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## Oregon Briefs

WOUNDED MAN MAY DIE  
ASTORIA, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—C. Moller, 61, of San Francisco, a seaman on the steamer Curacao, was removed from the vessel as it entered the Columbia river today and was brought to a local hospital, where it was said he is suffering injuries which may prove fatal. Moller has four broken ribs, two of which have punctured his lungs, physicians said. Hospital officials were not advised how he was injured.

DIXON WINS ON FOUL  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—George Dixon, Portland negro middleweight, won on a foul from Cowboy Jack Willis, San Francisco, in the third round of the scheduled 16-round main event at the armory here tonight. Dixon weighed 160, Willis 161.

NORTON KNOCKED OUT  
TWIN FALLS, Idaho, March 25.—(AP)—Buddy Washington, 147, Pocatello negro, knocked out Willard Norton, 153, Eugene, Ore., in the first round of their ten round main event on the American Legion boxing card here tonight. A right to the jaw put the Oregon lad away.

Mickey McCafferty, 136, Eugene, Ore., outpointed Art Palmer, 135, Salt Lake City, in the six round semi-final.

PRICES DON'T DROP  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—Contrary to expectation, the retail price of gasoline remained at 15 1/2 cents a gallon here today, despite a drop from 15 1/2 cents to 13 1/2 cents in the wholesale price yesterday.

A few stations early today retailed gasoline at 13 1/2 and 14 1/2 cents a gallon, but they soon returned to the price of 15 1/2 cents when they observed the reduction was not becoming generally.

Gasoline normally sells at 21 cents a gallon here.

Cause of Injuries Hidden  
Portland Fighter Winner  
Eugene Scrapper Kayeod  
Gas Price War Unchanged

FLORISTS END MEET  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—A banquet tonight brought to a close the annual convention here of the Northwest Florists association following the selection of Spokane as the 1931 convention city.

SWIM STAR FETED  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—Heiene Madison, 16-year-old Seattle swimming star, who shattered six American records in the board and him a world record at the national amateur athletic union meet at Jacksonville, Fla., recently, will be guest of honor at a banquet at the Multnomah athletic club here tomorrow.

CORVALLIS MAN ELECTED  
EUGENE, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—William North, secretary of the Corvallis chamber of commerce, was elected president of the state association of chamber of commerce secretaries at an election held today in connection with the annual convention at the University of Oregon school of business administration.

MILD WEATHER ENJOYED  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—With the temperature at 60 degrees near 5 p. m., today, Portland enjoyed mild weather with most of the cities on the coast. Today was one of the warmest days of the year. The thermometer was a full seven degrees higher than it usually is at this time of the year, weather bureau reports disclosed.

CRASHES KILL ELEVEN  
Eleven persons were killed and 284 persons were injured in a total of 1855 traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of February. This information was contained in a report prepared by the state traffic department Tuesday.

Approximately 7530 of the accidents were due to carelessness on the part of drivers. Officers recovered stolen automobiles valued at \$3925.