

ASK FOR GRAIN RATE FIXED ON NATURAL BASIS

Inland Empire Shippers League Permanently Organized at Meeting Here Today.

FORMER GOVERNOR IS LEAGUE ATTORNEY

Fight Will Be Made Before Federal Commission for Justice.

Permanent organization of the Inland Empire Shippers League was perfected at a meeting held here this morning and officers were directed to sign a complaint prepared by former Governor Oswald West asking the interstate commerce commission and the director general of the railroads to provide a rate on grain and grain products based on water grade and low cost of haul from this territory to tidewater.

The belief was expressed by Mr. West, who is serving as attorney for the league, that the case can be gotten before the commission in a short time and that there seems good prospects of success. The complaint prepared recites conditions that exist with relative to present rates, including the 25 per cent advance that became effective June 25, 1918. The following paragraphs are from the complaint:

Water Grade Ignored. "That defendants, in the construction of their tariffs, have never given consideration to the fact that their lines for long distances follow water grades and that low cost of operation were enjoyed, but have been governed by rates in effect on Northern lines serving Puget Sound, and which operate over excessive grades through a mountainous country.

"That by reason of the facts stated in the foregoing paragraphs complainant and other growers and shippers in Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington were prior to June 24, 1918, and since have been, subjected to the payment of rates, for the transportation of grain and grain products to Portland, Astoria and points intermediate on the lower Willamette and Columbia rivers in Oregon, and to Vancouver, Washington, which were when exacted, and still are, inherently and relatively unjust and unreasonable in violation of Section 1 of the Act to Regulate Commerce and Section 10 of the Federal Control Act."

The meeting this morning was held in the Commercial Club rooms and was marked by enthusiasm for the purpose of the league, which is to promote the interests of the inland shipper, especially the wheatgrower. Many influential farmers and businessmen were present. E. L. Smith, temporary chairman, called the session to order. Mr. Smith declined election as permanent chairman in favor of Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland and W. W. Harrah was chosen permanent vice president and E. B. Aldrich, secretary. An executive committee of three, representing Oregon, Idaho and Washington, is to be named to act as an executive committee in conjunction with the officers.

Edgar W. Smith, present representing Astoria interests, which are not in conflict with the present move.

War Workers Get Service Insignia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Service insignia for members of welfare agencies on duty with the organized forces of the army overseas will be provided for in an order issued Wednesday by the war department. The chevrons prescribed for each six months' service and for each wound will be an equilateral triangle of silver, one-eighth of an inch wide. Service triangles will be worn on the left sleeve of the coat and wound triangles on right sleeve.

C. P. STRAIN MAKES STRONG ARGUMENT FOR ROAD BONDS

At a special meeting of the Pendleton Commercial Club, held last evening under the four foot roof, C. P. Strain, secretary of the road campaign organization for the county, outlined the general reasons why the people should vote for the bond proposal soon to be submitted to them. The reasons as presented by Mr. Strain were so convincing that he had his audience fully in line on the subject. Aside from Mr. Strain, other speakers included W. L. Thompson, who had just returned from Salem where the highway board conferred with the legislative road committee. Mr. Thompson predicted that the legislature will provide for the sale of 10 million additional road bonds. With this new issue and other funds available to complete the Columbia and Pacific highways.

RUMOR OF FRICTION BETWEEN U. S., FRENCH ARMIES EXPLAINED

BY WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY, Jan. 24.—To quiet rumors evidently in circulation that there is considerable friction between American and French armies, some incidents from which such feeling might have arisen, is presented. It is undeniably true that there was some feeling for a time on the part of the men of the third army, but it originated from minor causes which have entirely disappeared now. The publication of some of the incidents from which this feeling started will do more than anything else to halt exaggerated reports.

Incidents Related. As the third army reached the bank of the Rhine, there was a sudden change in orders from the allied high command by which the French troops came up and occupied the southern portion of the bridgehead. This necessitated much shifting of American troops, causing severe divisions to march 25 miles farther to reach the new front assigned them. It also deprived the men of the third and 42nd

divisions of the honor of crossing the Rhine. Naturally the men were dissatisfied, having been chased much extra labor and marching.

Small Misunderstandings. The French apparently thought the Americans should enforce regulations when the French themselves put them into effect. For instance, when the French regiment marched through Coblenz, several French officers circulated through the crowds, knocking off the hats of German civilians as the colors passed and when the American anthem was played. The Americans had promulgated no regulation regarding civilians removing their hats when the colors passed.

Feeling Soon Subsided. Some of the third army officers disapproved of the procedure. Then, however, American soldiers recalled some petty personal incident in France such as overhauling, and other inevitable, small affairs and other incidents dropped out. Mostly the out growth of misunderstanding that in a week or two all feeling subsided and there is little of it now.

EAST END FOLK WANT ROAD ROUTE CHANGED

(East Oregonian Special.) UMAPINE, Ore., Jan. 24.—A petition is being circulated in this community protesting against the proposed gravel road from Sunnyside to Umapine as outlined at the good roads meeting at Pendleton last week. In the petition it is asked that the county court allow about ten miles of permanent road for this end of the county starting about two miles east of Ferndale school, thence directly west to about 3 miles northwest of Umapine. This it is contended by every citizen in this district is the most practicable and feasible route to build this road and by doing so will best serve the interest of the greater majority. If this is not granted no support to be proposed bonding of Umapine county can be expected from either the Hudson Bay, Umapine, Fruitvale, Ferndale or Tum-a-Lum districts, whereas should this be allowed almost a solid vote for the bonds will be given.

When shown the above report today C. P. Strain, secretary of the good roads organization said: "My personal view is that the petition relates to change in location of Umapine road should be granted. However, it is a matter which should be settled by the entire district over there to be effected by the change."

Roosevelt Gave \$6,900 to Village Where Quentin Lies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt several days before his death requested the American Red Cross to donate \$6,900 of its share of the Nobel prize money received from him to the French village near which his son, Quentin, is buried. In making this announcement the Red Cross said Colonel Roosevelt did not designate the form of the gift and that wishes of the population of the village are now being consulted by the Red Cross commission to France.

Mind Unbalanced; Mother Kills Five, Attempts Suicide

SIoux FALLS, South Dakota, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Clara Hanson today shot and killed her five children at her home near here and fired a bullet into her own head in an attempt at suicide. Over work in caring for the children, who were ill, is believed to have unbalanced her mind. Authorities say she will live. The children were from 18 months to 12 years of age.

\$100,000 LAND DEAL CONSUMMATED TODAY

A real estate deal is being closed today in Pendleton whereby Rey Winn of Weston sells 999 acres of wheat land lying north of Helix to his brother A. H. Winn. The price being paid for the land is \$109,000 or \$111 per acre. Papers for the transfer are being made today at the office of Will M. Peterson.

This is the second big sale of land Rey Winn has made in a few weeks. The other was three weeks ago when he sold the Mose Taylor farm near Athens for a consideration of more than \$100,000, which he had purchased three years before for \$100,000. A. H. Winn will make his home on the newly acquired land, moving there from his farm seven miles north of Pendleton.

Parents of Little Daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle are the parents of a baby daughter born yesterday at St. Anthony's hospital.

LEST WE FORGET

Herman Behnke, Fruitvale farmer, refused to contribute to the United War Work Fund. Nick Grosgebauer of Fruitvale whose pease crop last year was worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000, contributed only \$5.00 to this fund and that reluctantly. Fred Methoff of Fruitvale refused to give money to the agencies helping our boys in arms on the grounds that he had to send money to relatives in Germany. William Swash of Fruitvale, said to be worth \$20,000, refused to contribute to the U. W. W. fund. J. E. Hoon of Milton refused to contribute to this same fund. CENTRAL LOYALTY COMMITTEE.

FAMINE FUND TOTTERS, RUMOR GAINS CREDENCE

Charge That Hoover is Filing Packers Agreement Stays Rushing Tactics.

NOT MOTIVE, BUT WISDOM DOUBTED

Denial Gives Credence; Food Bargain Not Mentioned in Cause.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Continued attacks on the famine fund bill senators charged it is in the interest not only of the pork packers but food producers generally who see a reduction of prices ahead unless something does not keep high cost living on its present basis.

Wisdom of Measure Doubted. The movement to talk to death the hundred million famine fund developed in the senate. Warned of the intention of hostile senators to filibuster, administration leaders were frankly undecided as to whether or not to adopt "rushing quick" tactics in an effort to get the bill through today or let the opposition take its course. Their indecision arose from the fact that a clear majority of the senators were in doubt as to the wisdom of the measure.

Charges Gain Credence. Charges that Hoover agreed with packers to save them from loss, by creating an European market for their products, gained credence through Hoover's own denial. It did not deny, senators said, but admitted. While never charged Hoover with improper motives or actions, the fact that he applied for the famine fund to be put on the humanitarian grounds of saving starving Europe instead of what many members believe was the real ground—keeping Hoover's bargain with hog raisers and packers—caused distrust. If the bill fails to pass today it may be a long time getting through.

Stars and Stripes Submitted to Worst In Line of Insults

BY WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY, Jan. 24.—The American flag has been submitted to the ultimate in insults. Coblenz dealers have been discovered selling watch fobs made of iron crosses on which were replicas of American flags. Army officials confiscated all these stocks and are seeking the manufacturers. One retailer has been arrested.

U.S. HOSPITALSHIP IN HARBOR AFTER PERILOUS VOYAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—More than seven days overdue because of rough seas, the United States hospital ship Mercy arrived today with 200 sick or wounded American troops. The Mercy passed through some of the stormiest weather in history, and is badly shattered. Fear was felt for her safety at one time.

GERMAN ARMY, SICK, WOUNDED APPROXIMATELY A MILLION

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The German army, including its reserves, is now numbered approximately a million, War Minister Reinhardt today declared in an interview.

DARKHORSE MAY WIN HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The race for speakership of the house is at a stage where a probable dark horse may take the lead at any time. A strong sentiment prevails that republican chances for 1920 would gain by dropping the old leaders for a new deal all around.

This feeling is strong and is likely to strengthen when 61 new republicans of the next house are heard from. Democrats, watching from the side lines, declared Representatives Mann and Gillett, two candidates who have announced themselves, outdistanced.

NO CERTAIN DATE FOR STORE'S RE-OPENING

The date for the re-opening of the Peoples Warehouse, which closed yesterday because of heavy fire losses, is very uncertain, says the management today. Aside from the matter of insurance adjustment, which will take over a week, it will require considerable work to get the store in shape again.

J. F. Kirchem, and W. H. Lloyd, insurance adjusters, arrived today to look over the situation. J. R. Dickson, manager of the Dickson estate which owns the store building is here also.

Alleged Murderer Surrenders When Cellar is Flooded

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 24.—George W. Golden, colored, charged with the murder of Gusnie Matthews, a colored man at Walsenburg Monday night, was captured in Pueblo Tuesday afternoon and taken back to the scene of his alleged crime. Golden took refuge in a cellar and refused to come out when called upon to do so by the police. He threatened to kill any person who entered the cellar, and the fire department was called and flooded the cellar until the negro emerged, very cold, wet and dazed. The Matthews woman was shot three times and killed instantly. Jealousy is said to have prompted the crime.

NATIONS LEAGUE PLANS WILL BE TOLD TOMORROW

Full Discussion of Broad Outlines by General Peace Congress Scheduled.

WILL SUBMIT U. S., BRITAIN PLAN LAST

Dardanelles, Constantinople Likely to be Discussed.

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, Jan. 24.—The league of nations will be formally considered at tomorrow's session of the general peace congress, it is learned from authoritative sources. Much of the work in preparing drafts of the various nations' programs for the league is being done outside of the joint meetings.

U. S. and Britain Plans Withheld. It is expected the preliminaries will be in such shape as to permit full discussion of broad outlines of the plans tomorrow. Apparently President Wilson and Lloyd George will wait until the other programs have been submitted and thoroughly discussed and then present the program of their delegations.

Full Session Open. Correspondents will be admitted to the full meeting tomorrow. Among other subjects discussed tomorrow are responsibility and punishment for the war, reparation for war damages, international labor legislation and international status of ports water ways and railways. In connection with the latter proposition it is believed the Dardanelles, Bosphorus and Constantinople be considered.

MAY INVOKE AUTO DRAFT TO MEET BOYS

Two more Umatilla county towns have joined in the plan for receiving returning soldiers and sailors, who have received their discharge from the service. Mayor H. S. Murray of Milton, writes M. R. Chessman that he has accepted the chairmanship for the committee at that place, and has appointed J. F. Slover and H. R. Van Slack as the other members of the committee.

James M. Kyle, mayor of Stanfield, also writes, accepting the chairmanship, and the other committee members named are Rev. James E. Faucett, District chairman R. A. Holts, John D. Wallace, W. E. Smith and Prof. A. B. Murray. A meeting was held at Stanfield last evening at which plans were made for receiving returning soldiers and sailors on their arrival at Stanfield and later to join with Pendleton in the big time for the entire county.

Weston and Pendleton have already announced plans and committees for the reception work. The local committee wonders if there is a single person to volunteer with an auto to meet the trains since no response has been received to the request printed yesterday. Members of the committee say if no one volunteers by evening they are preparing to invoke the draft.

FOE COMMERCE MACHINE SET IN U. S., FRANCE

Warning Sounded That Energy Will Turn to Trade, Hurley Has Combat Plan.

PEACE TIME BASIS BELIEVED ESSENTIAL

Shipping Board Head Will Address France Tomorrow Night.

BY FRED FERGUSON. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, Jan. 24.—A warning was issued today by American officials that Germany is planning a big commercial campaign, particularly in the United States and France. They point out that Germany always has been keen commercially and that for the last half her energy to the commerce industry and the other half to building her war machine.

All Energy on Trade. Now the war machine is eliminated and her industrial organization can direct vastly more energy to trade. When Edward Hurley addresses a meeting of French business men tomorrow night he is expected to outline the American attitude toward extending aid to French commerce in an effort to combat the German menace.

Peace Basis Essential. It is understood Hurley will urge all nations to return to the peace basis as quickly as possible so as to stabilize the world's commerce. He believes that general demobilization of French and Italian armies, as well as of American and British is essential to the revival of international trade.

GERMAN DELEGATES SUPPORT PUBLICITY

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—Germany's delegates to the peace conference favor full publicity of all proceedings, the United Press is officially informed. In response to a query, Philip Scheidemann and Count Grockdorff-Bantsau, who will represent Germany at Versailles, said they would sustain the attitude of America and Britain that the conference must be open.

"Germany is in favor of no secrecy, whatever," Scheidemann said, "having accepted all of Wilson's points, she wishes to begin with the demand that the peace treaty must be arrived at openly."

WOULD ADD ONE MILL FOR STATE ROAD TAX

SALEM, Jan. 24.—Senator Pierce of La Grande, today introduced a bill in the senate providing an additional state road tax of one mill on all taxable property in the state. The bill stipulates the measure will be referred to the people at the next election.

Highway Delays Avoided.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—The senate today passed a bill aimed to avoid long delays in highway construction when necessary to condemn for right of way. The highway commission or county commissioners are given the right to take possession of land to be condemned as soon as condemnation proceedings have started.

The senate passed a bill increasing the allowance for sheriffs feeding prisoners to four and a half dollars a week. **State Aid Repealed.** It also repealed state aid to the industrial accident commission.

COUNCIL AWAITING BILL DISPOSAL

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The supreme food council today is continuing its work of outlining plans for feeding needy Europeans though no action will be taken until the hundred million food bill is disposed of by the United States senate.

BOLSHEVIK ARMY IS QUITTING PETROGRAD

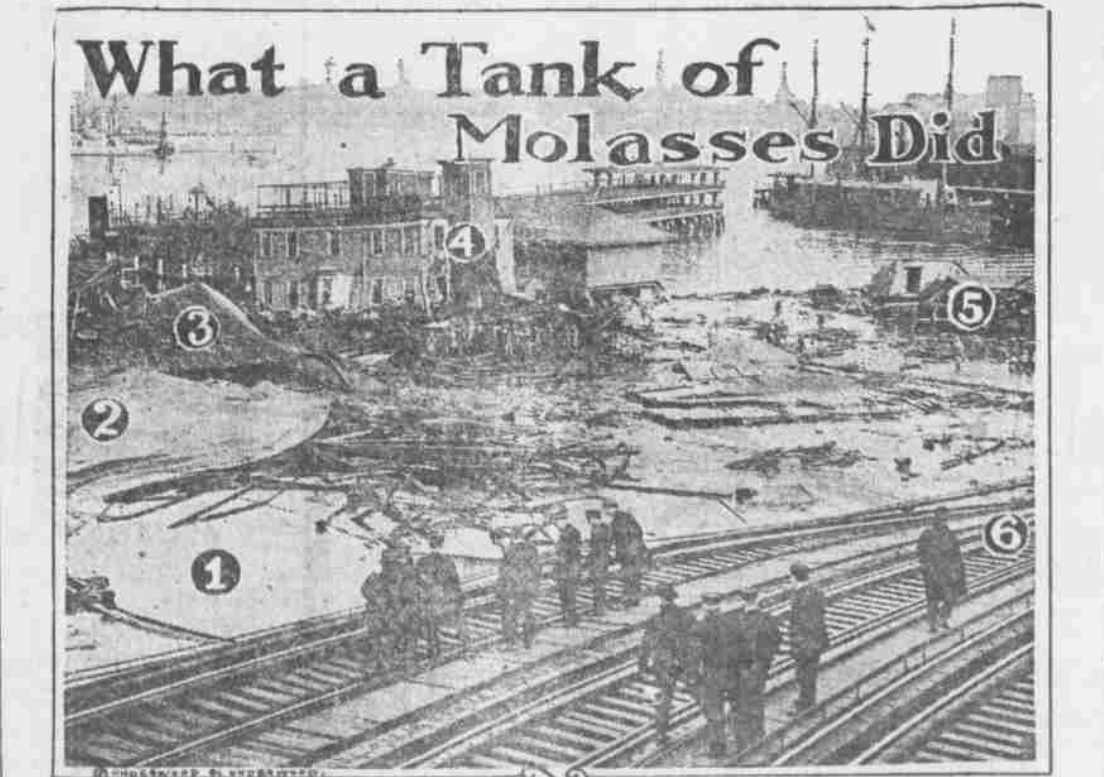
LONDON, Jan. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch today says the Bolshevik army is evacuating Petrograd and the War Minister Trotsky has moved his headquarters to Nijni-Novgorod.

IRISH CENTRIST PARTY ORGANIZES FOR HOME RULE

DUBLIN, Jan. 24.—An Irish centrist party with Captain Stephen Gwin as chairman, was formed Thursday. It is announced today. The platform includes home rule under the supervision of a central parliament, dealing with national affairs, and provisional self government within Ireland under provincial assemblies.

Late Returns Swell Majority Socialist Lead in Germany

BERLIN, January 24.—Practically complete returns from Sunday's national election showed the lead of the majority socialists has been greatly increased. The following were elected: Majority socialists, 189; Christian people party, 78; Democrats, 77; National party, 34; Independent socialists, 24, and the peoples party, 23.



This is the scene of the wreck of a huge molasses tank in Boston which let loose 2,000,000 gallons of the fluid when it exploded and killed a dozen persons. No. 1 is the base of the tank. No. 2 is the roof. No. 3 is a side blown out by the explosion. No. 4 is the spot where a dozen persons were killed as the side of the building was smashed in. No. 5 is the ruins of a house sucked into the river by the receding tide of molasses. No. 6 indicates the wrecked spans of a railroad bridge, undermined by the force of explosion which occurred just after a train had passed.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday fair.

Temperature 38 Today.
Maximum temperature, 46.
Minimum temperature, 45.
Weather, cloudy.
Wind, west.
Rainfall, none.