



MEETING WILL BE HELD AT UMATILLA SOON TO DISCUSS POWER DEVELOPMENT AT UMATILLA RAPIDS

DROPS SOCIETY FOR BUSINESS.

Prominent West End Men Support Contention That Columbia Should be Harnessed and Used to Reclaim Lands.

COULD PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER FOR MANY USES

Former Surveys by Government Indicate Plan is Practical; Would Save Costly Construction Work on Canals.

Support of the proposal that power be developed at Umatilla Rapids on the Columbia, three miles above the town of Umatilla for the purpose of pumping water for irrigation and for other purposes has struck home. Letters commending the move have been received from Sam Boardman, founder of the town of Boardman and a prominent worker for the John Day project, and from Representative Frank Sloan at Stanfield. Mr. Boardman stated by long distance phone this morning that a meeting will shortly be held at Umatilla for the purpose of discussing the subject.

Mr. Sloan's letter is as follows: Stanfield, Ore., Dec. 18, 1920. Mr. E. B. Aldrich, Editor East Oregonian, Pendleton.

Dear Sir: Referring to your editorial of Dec. 7, "Harness the Columbia at Umatilla Rapids." You are on the right track in this editorial and it should be supported. I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation of your stand in this matter and to assure you that you will have my cooperation if it.

Yours very truly, FRANK SLOAN.

Meeting is scheduled. Mr. Boardman said this morning he had consented Saturday with the president of the Umatilla Commercial Club and that official will shortly issue a call for a conference to be held at Umatilla. It was the original purpose to have delegates present from Umatilla, Irigon and Boardman but the field has been extended to include all the west end towns of the county and Pendleton. The date for the meeting has not yet been set.

Mr. Boardman says that over a year ago he wrote to several engineers with a view to getting their views on the subject. Among those consulted were John H. Lewis, former state engineer who is now engineer for the John Day project. Mr. Lewis is to make a report on the project about the first of the year and will refer to the Umatilla rapids project in his report.

Has Been Surveyed. Enthusiasm for use of the Columbia at Umatilla rapids results from surveys made some years ago by the government and which reports are now on file with the reclamation service and with the state engineer. The survey indicates the proposition to be entirely feasible on an engineering standpoint. A minimum of 125,000 horse power may be developed and the flow of the river during the irrigation season is sufficient to provide 320,000 horse power at that time. The cost of the power development including the dam was estimated at \$20,000,000.

A favorable feature about the project is that the river is high during the period when irrigation is needed. Aside from providing for irrigation available electrical power would be available for manufacturing, illumination, cooking and heating purposes. It is considered certain that both the O. V. R. & N. and the North Bank road will eventually be electrified so the development of power at Umatilla rapids would serve the needs of the railroads.

Eliminates Costly Canal. Power developed at the rapids could be used to pump water from the Columbia for the reclamation of many thousands of acres of land on both sides of the Columbia. On the Oregon side 150,000 acres could be watered, and the Horse Heaven project in Washington could be cared for. The pumping project would eliminate the use of a long feed canal and reservoir. The John Day project. When it is considered that it is important if possible to save the construction and maintenance of such a canal.

It is the view of various men who have studied the subject and the reports on file that the great revenue to be derived from the sale of power for other than irrigation needs makes the Umatilla rapids project the logical solution of the problem how to irrigate the now vast arid tracts along the Columbia.

The three great power possibilities on the Columbia are at Celilo, Bonneville and Umatilla rapids, these projects being listed in proportion to the amount of power that may be secured. However the big question is:

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ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS PLAN IS PUT IN OUTLINE

Scrapping of League, Adoption of Resolution Declaring Peace With Germany and Calling Conference Planned.

INTERNATIONAL COURT IS HARDING PROGRAM

Body Would be Made Strictly Judicial in Nature and Frequent Meetings Would Take Other Problems.

MARKON, Dec. 20.—(By Raymond Clapper, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Scrapping of the League of Nations, adoption of a resolution declaring formal peace with Germany and calling of a world conference to organize a new association of nations, is the tentative program of President-elect Harding, it is understood here today. His plan for an association of nations includes two basic features, an international court of a strictly judicial nature, to administer the revised code of international law, and frequent meetings of the association for conference over international problems not within jurisdiction of the court, the delegates not being bound in advance.

NEEDY WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN IN 1920 CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Salvation Army and Knights of Pythias Will Join in Preparing Tree as Churches Plan for Special Programs.

Christmas, primarily the greatest Christian festival of the year, is to be observed by the various churches of Pendleton during the Yuletide season. Gifts for the poor will form the keynote of the Salvation Army's observance of the day. Twenty baskets, laden with chicken, flour, tea, coffee, fruit, vegetable, butter, milk, nuts and candy will be distributed on Christmas Eve, and with each basket will go a sack of potatoes. The church will join the Knights of Pythias lodge Monday evening for a Christmas tree, when all Salvation Army Sunday school children will receive a toy, while the children of the poor will receive candy, toys and clothing from the lodge.

Santa to Appear. A Christmas tree and program, with a visit from no less a personage than that white bearded saint, Santa Claus, will form the entertainment at the Baptist church and also at the Christian church. Each will have its observance of Christmas on the eve of the day and Sunday school pupils will present the program.

One of the old English miracle plays will be presented at midnight, Christmas Eve, at the Church of the Redeemer. The cast of the play itself consists of 10 local people, who will appear on the stage while music will be provided by an invisible choir of mixed voices. The play is in pantomime, with carols, solos and choruses, and features reading by Rev. Alfred Lockwood, pastor, forming the theme.

Miss Faye Price, talented harpist who is studying at the Curtis school of music in Seattle, will play. Effective scenery and costumes are being designed and the entire presentation promises to be charmingly interesting. The play will begin a few moments before midnight, and for this reason, those who attend are asked to arrive between 11:30 p. m. and 11:45 p. m. The church will have Christmas services Saturday, 10:30 a. m. Lockwood conducting the services at 10 a. m.

The Presbyterian church will hold its Christmas festival Thursday night, when a tree, Santa Claus and numbers by the Sunday school will be important features of the program. Donations will be made to the fund for European relief so that children in foreign lands may share the prosperity of America.

Christian Indians of the Tutuilla mission will have their Christmas eve, with a bountiful community dinner at noon on Christmas day.

TROOPS QUIT CITY AS RIOT DANGER PASSES

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., Dec. 20.—(A. P.)—Troops called here in connection with a riot riot last Thursday night in which a white boy and a negro were killed and others injured, left Sunday for Lawrence. There is little danger of another outbreak, officials say.

INDIAN POW-WOWS CONTEMPLATE NEW MISSION TO CAPITAL

Indians on the Umatilla reservation are holding their annual "pow-wows" with the intention of sending another delegation to Washington to ask for certain changes in the allotment system from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The personnel of the delegation has not yet been announced, Major E. L. Swartzlander, Indian agent, said today. Each year the Indians send delegates to the capital. They are interested especially in getting the allotment privilege confined to full blooded Indians. Some desire that the government order further sales of Indian lands stopped. The smarter red-men declare that when their number is allowed to sell their land, they soon find themselves "broke." The delegations which went east last year both came to grief. Yumsumkin, one of the leaders of the Cayuse, was asphyxiated in a Chicago hotel when he blew out the gas. Another delegation, consisting of four men, ran out of funds at Pittsburgh and was stranded far from home. Funds were advanced by the Indian bureau from a tribal fund to assist them.

M'ADOO POINTS WAY TO ECONOMIC PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(U. P.)—William G. McAdoo, in response to a request for his views regarding the present economic situation today declared: "A more liberal policy about domestic credits ought now to be pursued. Our foreign trade should be stimulated and enlarged. The war finance corporation should be revised to assist it. The German indemnity should be defined as quickly as possible, so that the Central European market may be opened to our farmers, manufacturers and business men. Trade relations with Russia should be resumed as promptly as possible. A large part of the floating debt of the treasury should be refunded. Taxation ought to be reduced or adjusted at this season of congress."

ASK RECONSIDERATION OF HARD CIDER RULING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(A. P.)—The Anti-Saloon league will ask Attorney General Palmer to reconsider his ruling that the use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the league has announced. Neither the letter nor the implied purpose of the prohibition act justified such a ruling, Mr. Wheeler asserted.

Decriing the 15th amendment prohibits the manufacture of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the home or elsewhere, Mr. Wheeler said congress in permitting the manufacture of cider and fruit juices for home use, fixed the alcoholic standard at one-half on one per cent.

The ruling made encourages and increases the use of intoxicating cider," Mr. Wheeler asserted.

PENDLETON-UMATILLA HIGHWAY COMPLETED

All gravel on the Old Oregon Trail between Pendleton and Echo has been laid and the road is completed except for a bridge near Echo which will have to be built in the spring. There is now a through highway along the river from Pendleton to Umatilla.

Auto have been using the road from Echo to Umatilla for several months but only in the past fall months has traffic between Rieth and Echo been possible. The last gaps have been graveled now and the new road is in first class condition for travel.

Some complaint is being registered over the condition of the surface between Yeakum and Echo, however. Orders were received from the engineers not to use dirt as a binder with the top layer of gravel and as a result it is reported, the gravel is loose and is being quickly thrown off the road by traffic.

The bridge which was built near the Ramos place southeast of Echo, to cross the government canal, will not be moved across the railroad tracks to the present route of the highway. It was found not only to expensive but also impractical as the angle of the bridge would be such that it would not fit.

COMMISSION STUDYING WHEAT PRICES REPORTS TRADING IN FUTURES SHOULD BE HALTED

President is Held Without Power Under Existing Law to Shut Out Imports as Demanded by Farmers But Special Reply Urges Creation of Selling Machinery to Meet Foreign Pressure.

EARS? NO, MARCELLE WAVES TO HIDE ALL SIDE INTELLIGENCERS

Paris? No, the girls won't show them in 1921, says Mrs. Lenora Chamberlain, of a local beauty shop, who returned yesterday from Portland where she studied all the new modes into which Milady will twist her crown of glory this season. There will be no hint that the ladies can hear so much as one word of the topics of the day, for the organs of hearing will be carefully secluded beneath marcelle waves. The newest conceit is to part the hair on the side side (left or right will do) and then begin the waving process, finishing with two marcelled puffs at the back and topped by the ever present and indispensable hair-net.

Henna tints are still high in favor with the fair ones who would improve on Nature's work, and the shades range from a subdued carrot to a rich mahogany.

ESCAPED CONVICT IS SHOT WHILE FORGING NEW SET OF TOOLS

Frank Wagner, Astoria Safe Blower, is Killed by Posses at End of Search Begun With Escape in September.

ASTORIA, Dec. 20.—(A. P.)—Frank Wagner, known as "Dutch Frank," escaped convict from the Oregon penitentiary, was killed in a duel yesterday with Warden Compton and nine other officers. Wagner was found in a blacksmith shop where he was forging a new set of safe robber's tools. In a cache of Wagner's belongings was found a package of \$550 in liberty bonds, the property of John M. Hedden of Scottsburg, Oregon, stolen from a store following Wagner's escape.

Five Astoria persons are accused of harboring the criminal. Building is surrounded. The officers surrounded the building and then called for Wagner to come out. Wagner answered the challenge by stepping to the door and firing two shots in the direction of the posse.

Initially the officers replied with a volley and Wagner dropped in the doorway. It was found that Wagner had been struck by two of the bullets. One entered the left side of his abdomen, ran up and came out below the right arm. The other bullet struck him in the right cheek, passed through his head and emerged just above the right ear. He was dead when the officers reached him.

The body was turned over to Coroner Hughes. Officer Set to Watch. It was about a year ago that Wagner robbed the safe in Walter Kallin's store in this city. He was later arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., with Al Meadows and James Cusery, and brought back for trial. At the session of the circuit court on October 18, last year, Wagner made a complete confession of the robbery, saying he acted alone and in a few days he was sentenced to 40 years in the penitentiary at Salem. His companions were sent back to prison to complete terms from which they had been released on parole.

After escaping from the penitentiary in September, Wagner eluded the officers for some time, but Warden Compton, thinking the fugitive would eventually come to Astoria, had an officer here for some weeks. A few days ago Wagner was seen by the officer and Warden Compton organized a posse led by himself.

Woman Arrested. The posses arrived Sunday morning and later in the day surrounded Wagner in the blacksmith shop near Warden Compton.

Late in the afternoon Anita Schroeder, alias Sherman, who was formerly a companion of Al Meadows, was taken into custody on suspicion of assisting in harboring Wagner. He is said to have been associating with her since his return to Astoria.

ROCKEFELLER CHARGED WITH FALSE PAYMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(A. P.)—The president is without power under the existing law "to shut out wheat imports," but he "apparently has certain powers under the Lever act to stop future trading in wheat," the federal trade commission said in a special report to the president today. It says that "while evidence is not available that future trading is responsible for the decline in wheat prices, it does not appear that future trading is wheat as at present operating, is of indispensible service to the grain trade." It suggests that if regulatory action is employed the question be considered by congress and legislation "not connected with war powers be enacted."

Critics as Gamble. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U. P.)—The "large volume" of future trading in wheat is "mere gambling," involving great economic wastes which should be stopped by congressional legislation, the federal commission wrote President Wilson today. The communication was a reply to the president's request for study in the causes of falling wheat prices. The commission reported that the president has not the power to prevent importation of foreign wheat as demanded by farmers hit by falling prices.

The commission also recommended that government selling machinery be established to deal with centralized wheat buying agencies now maintained in the United States by foreign government, to protect the farmer against possible price manipulation by these agencies.

Seven factors have combined to reduce wheat prices in the United States, the commission reported. A world wheat crop bigger than in 1919.

Concentration of foreign government buying in one commission which bought heavily in the spring, but later reduced its demands.

Unprecedented importations from Canada this fall, coupled with a discount rate of exchange.

A record-breaking yield of corn, and cuts, which helped to depress wheat prices.

Slackening of the domestic demand for flour this fall.

A general decline in all commodity prices. Changes in credit conditions with the resulting disposition of distributors to refrain from accumulating or maintaining stock stocks until conditions are stabilized.

EARTH SHOCKS SUNDAY PROVE LESS SERIOUS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—(U. P.)—A message from Mendoza today stated that as a result of the earthquake in that city and vicinity Saturday 11 were killed and about 300 persons injured. Several small villages were reduced to ruins. Additional shocks occurred yesterday but no casualties were reported.

HALF OF CITY LAID IN RUINS BY EARTHQUAKE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—(A. P.)—Earthquake shocks which, on Friday afternoon destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes mountains, were the most severe experienced in this country since 1869, when half the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins. Reports from the area where the shock was heaviest indicate great loss of life and property, upwards of 150 bodies having already been taken from the wrecks of buildings.

Weather forecast section with 'THE WEATHER FORECAST' logo and text: 'Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer. Maximum, 49. Minimum, 32. Barometer, 29.82. Snow, 5 inches. Precipitation, three inches.'