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\$100,000 BONDS OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT SOLD

REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO BOND HOUSE BUY

MORE CONTRACTS TO BE LET

Directors Announces That Ditches Will Be Dug On North Side Immediately

On Monday representatives of Portland and San Francisco bond houses were in the city conferring with the board of directors of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, relative to the purchase of \$100,000 worth of bonds of the district which had been advertised for sale. The bond buyers went over every phase of the district's formation, went carefully over the record of their business transactions and viewed the land to be irrigated. Late last night a contract was closed with the firm of Freeman, Smith & Camp company of Portland and San Francisco for the sale of the entire \$100,000 at the price of 91c, and deposited a certified check for \$5,000 on the purchase price.

The bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 each, and are to mature early beginning July 1, 1929, when \$6,000 matures. This sum increases by \$1,000 for each year will mature each July, making \$14,000 due in 1937. The final \$10,000 matures July 1, 1938.

This sale of bonds means the letting of contracts for the full distance of the district, about five miles below the bridge on the south side of the river. The directors announce that work will also be commenced on the north side ditches. Ditch work has been in progress on the south side for a month or more.

TIME MAKES TOLERANT LARGER DOSE OF TAXES

London, Dec. 9.—"The extent to which a tax is felt by the taxpayer is dependent very much on its newness and just as a man becomes what doctors call 'tolerant' to a drug and requires increasing doses to affect him, so a taxpayer becomes 'tolerant' in time to larger doses of tax," said Doctor J. C. Stamp, the economist in a lecture at University College.

He added there ought to be written up in every revenue office, "please don't say you would be pleased to pay the tax if you only got the income, because you wouldn't."

HAWAII PROSPERITY SHOWN IN REPORT GOV. M'CARTHY---26 BANKS OPERATE

Washington, Dec. 9.—Continued prosperity in Hawaii was noted in the annual report today of Governor C. J. McCarthy. Exports of all kinds, including sugar and other foodstuffs, were valued at \$83,343,648, while imports were \$10,922,921, a decrease of \$955,407 compared with the year before.

Enforcement of the prohibition act has resulted in a marked decrease in crime, Governor McCarthy said, but "there is a large quantity of illicit liquor manufactured, and the Federal authorities are endeavoring to stamp out this traffic." Utilization of stills made by galvanized iron has poisoned the liquor in some cases, the report stated. Jail sentences in-

PUBLIC BUILDING FOR G. P. SOUGHT

Representative Hawley Introduces Bill for Six Western Oregon Cities

Washington, Dec. 9.—After a lapse of six years, during which congress has not passed any omnibus appropriation for public buildings, it now looks as if there is some relief in sight for the cities which have outgrown their existing government offices, and that the appropriation for 1920-21 will include a considerable sum for new building projects.

Not that the republican leaders who are now responsible for legislation mean to be extravagant, they say, but the growth of a nation cannot be held back for six years by unenlightened parsimony.

At any rate, the word has gone forth that a public buildings bill is to be passed during the present session and Representative Willis C. Hawley, of Salem, is prepared to get in on the ground floor.

Hawley has introduced bills for public buildings as follows: Astoria, \$500,000; Corvallis, \$100,000; Grants Pass, \$100,000; Ashland, \$100,000; Marshfield, \$100,000; Oregon City, \$150,000.

For an addition to the present building at Eugene, \$40,000.

ENGLISH AUTO TRADE A MATTER OF FUTURES

London, Dec. 9.—Purchasing an automobile in England these days is largely a matter of "futures," paying for options on machines not yet built. At the automobile show here this year at which there were more people and fewer cars than ever before, \$5,000 was paid for the option on a \$15,000 chassis that could not possibly be delivered before next spring. The same amount was collected by a man for his place among the first 50 to whom the manufacturers of an expensive car are to deliver machines certainly not before January 1.

So many have been dealing in future contracts with the intention of selling their priority rights that one large firm has made its contracts non-negotiable.

After the second day of the show the agents for an American manufacturer of a light, cheap, popular car were reputed to have accepted orders for 38,000 with no delivery promises. Although pressed to accept more orders they refused on any condition whatever.

Conveniences on the American machines attracted much attention at the show. Some of the improvements that Americans take as a matter of course are rarely seen on British cars. Manufacturers of machines selling from \$2,000 to \$4,000 still prominently advertise that a self starter is included. It is not unusual to see a driver cranking up a \$15,000 car because it has no starter.

Instead of money fines were suggested as a check on the traffic. Seventy-nine corporations, including mercantile, agriculture, banking and savings and loan concerns were incorporated during the year. Twenty-six banks are in operation in the islands. Their total deposits are \$35,349,134.

Additional appropriations to improve the harbors are needed, the report said, so as to provide adequate facilities for the increasing number of trans-Pacific liners stopping at the islands. Concrete piers, varying from 500 to 950 feet long are under construction by the United States engineer service and the necessary shops for making repairs to vessels also have been provided.

SECRETARY OF LABOR ADVISES END OF STRIKE

SENDS URGENT MESSAGE TO ACTING PRESIDENT OF MINERS' UNIONS

CONTEMPT CASES POSTPONED

Pending Outcome of President Wilson's Proposal for Settlement of Strike

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today sent a telegram to John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners' unions, urging the miners to accept President Wilson's proposal for settlement of the strike.

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Hearing the charges of contempt of court filed against 84 general and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America, has been postponed until next Tuesday morning, on motion of the government attorney, when the case was called. Postponement was taken pending the outcome of miners and officials here this afternoon to act on the plan submitted by President Wilson for ending the strike.

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—President Wilson's proposal to striking coal miners, as announced here today by Attorney General Palmer, provided for the immediate return to work by men under the proposed 14 per cent advance, and the appointment of a commission to investigate, the readjustment to conform with the increased cost of living.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—The proposition of President Wilson meets with the unqualified approval of mine operators, according to a statement of Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the scale committee of the coal operators in the central competitive field, after a summary of the president's proposition was read to him today.

\$1,000 PRIZE IS HUNG IN ALASKAN DOG RACES

The Pas, Manitoba, Dec. 9.—Approximately 50 dog teams in several parts of the northland are being trained for the 100-mile Hudson's Bay Dog Derby race to be held here March 17. Now that the Nome All-Alaska sweepstakes race has been abandoned, the Hudson's Bay contest is generally regarded as the big dog classic of the continent.

A prize of \$1,000 has been hung up for the race. The race course extends from here to the gold fields and return. Dogs of any breed can enter. No stops will be allowed from the start to the finish. The Hudson's Bay derby was established two years ago.

PORTLAND WOMAN BADLY BURNED FROM GAS HEATER

Portland, Dec. 9.—Mrs. A. B. Archer, 22 years old, residing at 309 Clay street, was seriously burned shortly after noon today when her dress caught fire from contact with a gas heater. She is in St. Vincent's hospital and her condition is said to be critical.

With her clothing a mass of flames, the woman began to scream and Ethel Massey, residing in the same house, ran to her rescue and succeeded in saving Mrs. Archer from a terrible death. Miss Massey smothered the flames with difficulty. The house did not catch fire and the fire department was not called.

FUEL SHORTAGE WILL AFFECT INDUSTRIES

OPERATION OF MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE CUT TO THREE DAYS PER WEEK

REGULATIONS MOST DRASTIC

Restriction Considered Necessary in Order to Restore Nation's Normal Supply

Washington, Dec. 9.—In the face of an expected settlement of the coal miners' strike, Fuel Administrator Garfield put into effect today the most drastic regulations for fuel economy since the restrictions of 1918. Even if the strike is settled today, he declared, fuel saving measures will be necessary in order to restore the nation's normal supply.

Probably the most important regulation is that prescribed for manufacturing plants, which will be restricted in operation to three days a week on a basis of the present working hours.

ALASKA ROAD HOUSES CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 8.—Arrivals in Fairbanks over the Brooks trail say that proprietors of road houses along the trail have "joined the innumerable caravan" which has proceeded to the "states," and travelers have been compelled to carry their own provisions. The houses, they report, have been left open to accommodate wayfarers.

THE CLIMATE AT BILLINGS: 23-YEAR RECORD BROKEN

Billings, Mont., Dec. 9.—The lowest temperature in 23 years was recorded here last night, when the government instruments registered 36 below zero.

BEST GAME OF SEASON EXPECTED ON SATURDAY

With the assurance of a post-season football game with Corvallis, the local pig-skin artists have resumed strict training and are perfecting the plays and tactics which took them through the season just closed without once meeting defeat.

Every man on the first string has fully recovered from the minor bruises and sprains incurred throughout the season, and will be in the best of fighting form next Saturday. Coach Allen has developed a variety of offense designed to utilize to the utmost the ability of each man on the local scoring machine, and Corvallis will undoubtedly force the use of all these plays before they allow a win.

Lebanon demanded the best exhibition this season on the part of the Grants Pass team, but quit just as the boys had their "Irish up" and were uncorking a few of the real ground-gainers.

Saturday's contest should be an evenly matched battle, as Corvallis is not rated much stronger than Lebanon, and it should be the best exhibition of real football yet staged on a Southern Oregon field.

TRANSFORM WHITE STAR LINER OLYMPIC FOR PEACE

Belfast, Eng., Dec. 9.—The White Star liner Olympic is undergoing transformation from a war vessel into a peace ship. She is being equipped to use oil as fuel.

PORTLAND HAS MURDER MYSTERY

Companions Carry Dying Camp Lewis Man to House and Leave Hurdled in Search of "Robber"

Portland, Dec. 9.—The police are unable to unravel the mystery surrounding the shooting to death late last night of Mark A. Matthews, a private in the hospital corps of Camp Lewis, who was carried to the house of a citizen in a dying condition. Matthews was on his way to Corvallis to examine reserve corps candidates. The companions who carried the dying man to the house, and left in search of the alleged robber, have not been located. The men said the party had been held up, but examination showed that Matthews had not been robbed.

COLD SPELL PREDICTED FOR THE ENTIRE WEST

Washington, Dec. 9.—A prolonged period of cold weather over the entire country is indicated, the weather bureau announced today, by the abnormally high pressure over the region west of the Mississippi and other points.

NEW SPANISH CABINET

Madrid, Dec. 9.—Eduardo Dato has agreed to form a cabinet to replace the Toca ministry, which has resigned.

MEDFORD CHINK FINED FOR BOOZE SELLING

Medford, Ore., Dec. 9.—As a result of a raid made Sunday night on Fong Chong's Chinese laundry on South Riverside by Night Policeman Chas. Adams and Deputy Sheriff J. B. Wimer, the proprietor and two other Chinamen were arrested. Fong Chong had been suspected of bootlegging for some time and last night he was caught in the language of the police with the "goods on him." On Wong Han, one of the men arrested and who was a hanger-on about the laundry, a couple of opium pills and a small quantity of liquid opium was found. The third Chinaman was let go this morning as there was no evidence against him.

In Judge Taylor's court Fong Chong pleaded guilty to the charge of selling a pint of intoxicating liquor to a Medford man Sunday for \$3. He admitted that he brought three pints of booze back from Yreka last week which he had sold. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Wong Han pleaded not guilty to having opium in his possession and his trial was set for this afternoon. Both he and the Medford Chinaman who acted as interpreter claimed that the opium was nothing but an eye wash which he bought at Ashland and which is for sale in any Chinese drug store in this country. Two Medford druggists who analyzed the pills and liquid declared that the concoctions had opium in them.

CHAMPAGNE PRODUCTION CONTINUES FROM RHEIMS---CITY LIFE RETURNING

Paris, Nov. 22.—(Correspondence)—Despite extraordinary difficulties in the matter of labor and transportation, the Rheims champagne shippers are carrying on their business. Five freight cars of champagne were shipped last week to South America, and a similar quantity went to Alsace-Lorraine.

A Rheims correspondent writes that life in the city, to which 65,000 of its former inhabitants have now returned, remains very difficult. People are still herding together in unsanitary cellars and basements, sparsely lit with oil lamps. Much

GOV. OLCOTT TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION JAN. 12

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION CONVINCES GOVERNOR COMPENSATION TOO LOW

OTHER LEGISLATION EXPECTED

Constitutional Women's Suffrage Amendment Will Probably Come Up at Extra Session

Salem, Ore., Dec. 9.—Holding that the workmen's compensation is too low, Governor Oicott last night announced that he would call a special session of the legislature in a few days, to convene January 12, for the purpose of amending the statutes. Members of the industrial accident commission, the governor's statement said, had offered him information to the effect that compensation is inadequate. It is thought possible that other important legislation will be transacted. The constitutional suffrage amendment will perhaps come up.

40 PEOPLE THROWN INTO ICY WATER WHEN FLOAT TURNS

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Margaret M. Armstrong, of Bremerton, was drowned and Mrs. Elizabeth Chase, aged 54, is in a critical condition at the Bremerton hospital as the result of the capsizing of a landing float at Manette, opposite Bremerton, early last night. About 40 persons, mostly women, were thrown into the icy waters.

FLUME QUESTION SEEMS TO BE NEAR SETTLEMENT

London, Dec. 9.—Reports that the Italian government had arrived at an agreement with d'Annunzio regarding the Flume question, has been received in Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Rome.

JENKINS CASE NOW IN MEX. FEDERAL COURT

Washington, Dec. 9.—The case of American Consular Agent Jenkins has been transferred to the Mexican federal supreme court today by the American embassy in Mexico City.

APARTMENT PROFFITEERS IN BUDAPEST BEING CURBED

Budapest, Dec. 9.—Dr. Charlotte Szecsi, a woman physician, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment because she refused to rent an apartment to a tenant unless he would buy her furniture for 100,000 crowns. The action of the court is in line with the effort to provide housing for the over congested city.