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CHROME ORE TARIFF BILL IS INTRODUCED

SENATOR McNARY WOULD TAX IMPORTS TO SUPPORT WEST- ERN INDUSTRY

SIXTY CENTS PER UNIT IS RATE

Would Also Tax Importation of Chemicals and Manufactured Products

Local producers of chrome ores will be interested in the bill which Senator McNary, of this state has just introduced in the U. S. senate. A copy of the bill which arrived at the Courier office yesterday from the senator, shows that it was introduced in the senate on the 5th instant, and was referred to the committee on finance. The purpose of the bill is stated to be "to obtain revenue and to promote and encourage the production of chrome and chromium ores and manufactures thereof in the United States and its possessions." A tariff of 60 cents per unit is provided by the bill, it being anticipated that if this amount of tariff were imposed it would so encourage the mining of chrome in the United States that it would become a most profitable industry. The chief deposits of chrome in the country are in western Oregon, principally in Josephine county. The body of the McNary bill reads as follows: "That on and after the day following the approval of this act there shall be imposed, levied, collected and paid upon the articles herein named, when imported from any foreign country into the United States or into any of its possessions, the rates of tariff duties which are hereinafter prescribed and provided, namely: "First, on crude chrome ores and concentrates thereof, the sum of 60 cents per unit. "Second, upon ferrochrome, and other metallic alloys containing chrome, 11 1/2 cents for each pound of metallic chromium contained therein. "Third, upon refractory brick and material used for refractory purposes containing chrome, the sum of 65 cents per unit. "Fourth, upon chemical compounds and articles manufactured therefrom containing chrome or chromite, 90 cents per unit of chromium content; a unit being herein and hereby defined as being 1 per centum of chromium contained in a short ton of 2000 pounds."

CHICAGO GIRLS WANT WORK ON ROGUE FARM

From Chicago there comes an appeal to the postmaster of Grants Pass asking that he aid in getting two young ladies work upon a ranch in this vicinity. The letter says: "We are two young ladies, aged 22 and 24 years, who are anxious to see the west. We would like to leave here about the first of April and stay out there till the first of October. Our hope is to get work on a ranch and we would be willing to work for a small sum in addition to our board, but we must be together. If there is a paper published there, will you please have this letter published, or will you speak to any ranchman who you think might be interested in such a proposition?" The young ladies who sign the letter are Misses Evelyn Rae and Rita Berry, and the address 4152 Kenmore avenue 1st apartment, Chicago, Ill. They state that references will be exchanged.

ONE RESERVATION FOR UNION MINERS

Will Accept Award of the Commission Except for Time Limit on Prices

Washington, Jan. 13.—Mine operators in the central competitive field today told the commission named to settle the bituminous coal strike that they would accept with a single reservation any award the commission might make. Operators say they would not be party to fixing of coal prices beyond the period of effectiveness of the Lever law, the wartime measure through which the government has controlled fuel and food prices.

CALIFORNIA OAK HAS SPREAD OF 200 FEET

Chico, Cal., Jan. 13.—Sir Joseph Hooker Oak, said to be the largest tree of its kind in the world, recently entered in the Hall of Fame for trees at Washington, has a breach spread of 200 feet.

Hooker Oak is located in Bidwell Park which was deeded to Chico by the late Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, who was told by Sir Joseph Hooker, when he was her guest that the tree was the largest oak in the world. This statement has never been disputed.

The Hooker Oak is 101 feet high and has a trunk diameter of more than nine feet and a circumference of more than 28 feet. The famous tree is viewed annually by a number of notable visitors. General Grant estimated that 4,228 persons could stand under its branches. Tree Surgeon C. F. Haskell of St. Helena has just completed the task of doctoring the famous old oak and he reported that a four foot branch had been shot from the tree by lightning recently. As this was the uppermost branch a change in the dimension from 105 to 101 feet was made.

Change of Venue Granted—

The case of R. G. Smith against W. B. Sherman, in which the collection of \$1447, alleged due as attorney's fees, is involved, will be tried in Douglas county, Smith having asked for a change in venue, setting forth in his petition that because of prejudice upon the part of the court in Josephine he could not have a fair hearing. A change of venue was also granted in the case of Davis vs. Faure, and this will be tried in Jackson county on February 24th. The defendants alleged in this action that because of local prejudice the hearing in Josephine county would not be a fair and impartial one.

RECORDS WERE BROKEN FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Porterville, Cal., Jan. 13.—Residents here are contending that San Joaquin valley records for private Christmas dinners were broken by the H. J. Vincent family near here who this Christmas had 80 guests to whom were served eight turkeys and several chickens. The dinner was served out of doors.

HUNGARIAN PEACE IS NOW COUNCIL PROBLEM

Paris, Jan. 13.—Serious consideration was given by the supreme council today to plan for the appointment of a committee of ambassadors to complete details for presentation and signing of the Hungarian peace treaty, and to carry through finished business of the peace conference. Decision, however, was left to the heads of the governments of the principal powers.

OLCOTT GETS 4 YEAR TERM AS GOVERNOR

SUPREME COURT RULES HE HOLDS UNEXPIRED WITHY- COMBE PERIOD

DISSENTING OPINION BY THREE

Justices Harris, Benson and Burnett Think People Should Fill Vacancy

Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—The supreme court today decided that Governor Olcott retains his office throughout the entire unexpired term of the late Governor Withycombe. The prevailing opinion was written by Justice Johns. Justices Bennett, Bean and McBride concurring. Justices Harris, Benson and Burnett dissented. The case was taken to the supreme court in the form of a mandamus to compel Olcott, as secretary of state, to include the office of governor in the list of offices certified to county clerks of the state to be filled by election this year.

HOUSING OF WORKMEN IS PROBLEM IN ITALY

Rome, Jan. 13.—The housing problem here and in other Italian cities is so acute that the Italian cabinet has approved a plan to appropriate the equivalent of \$8,000,000 for building homes for wage-earners. The first houses will be built in Rome for which an initial allotment of \$2,000,000 has been advanced.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED

Washington, Jan. 13.—The first meeting of the council of the league of nations will be held in Paris Friday, beginning in the morning, call for which went out late yesterday, issued in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty, by President Wilson.

CHANGES WOULD PREVENT ABUSE OF SOLDIERS' EDUCATIONAL AID LAW

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—Abuses of the educational aid act for soldiers, sailors and marines, passed by the legislature of 1919, will be prevented by a change in the bill that will be one of three amending acts to be introduced before the special session.

Changes needed in the act were outlined in the act at a conference Sunday afternoon participated in by Senator Walter M. Pierce, author of the bill, W. T. Vinton, president of the senate, representatives of the attorney general's office and the heads of private and state educational institutions.

Senator Pierce cited instances where young ex-service men are receiving the \$25 monthly benefit provided by the act and are spending only an hour or so daily in school.

Abuses are said to exist both in public schools and in the higher institutions.

By a decision reached at the conference the amendment will make it necessary that not less than 60 hours of day work must be done in school each month to receive the maximum of benefit under the act, or 24 hours of night school work.

Heads of the educational institutions will be required to report as to

NO WARSHIPS OF HUN NAVY TO UNCLE SAM

THIS COUNTRY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRIBUTION

AMBASSADOR TELLS COUNCIL

Other Countries Will Be Given Ger- man Vessels According to Ar- rangement

Paris, Jan. 13.—In the supreme council today American Ambassador Wallace raised the question whether the council intended to maintain the percentages previously allotted for distribution of the warship tonnage to be given up by Germany. Receiving an affirmative answer, the ambassador informed the council that the United States waived its claim to any part of this tonnage.

HORSES DISPLACED IN ANACONDA COPPER MINES

Butte, Mont., Jan. 13.—Replaced by miniature locomotives, the horses that for years pulled cars of ore through underground passages of the Anaconda Copper company's mines are being turned out to pasture for the remainder of their days.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY LARGEST IN THE UNION

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 13.—The University of California with 9,685 students is the largest university in the United States, it was announced here recently. Columbia University was given second place with 8,204 students.

SMYRNA AND TURKISH EMPIRE INSEPERABLE

Paris, Jan. 13.—Smyrna is declared "inseparable from the Turkish empire" in the Sultan's speech from the throne, read in the chamber of deputies Monday, according to Constantinople advices. Smyrna is now in the Greek zone of occupation.

SAYS MEDALS GO TO HOME GUARD

Charge Made in Congress Today by Massachusetts Representative —Waits Investigation

Washington, Jan. 13.—Urging congressional investigation of awards of army decorations for services during the war, Representative Gallivan, democrat, of Massachusetts, declared in the house today that more distinguished service medals in proportion were awarded to army officers who never got nearer the front than Washington than those who saw service overseas.

\$10,000,000 PROGRAM FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—The house committee on roads and highways will introduce a bill authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 additional road bonds, according to an announcement this morning by Chairman W. B. Dennis. The measure will make its appearance either today or tomorrow.

"This bill is, in effect, a duplication of the highway bill passed at the last session," said Representative Loyal M. Graham, a member of the roads committee. "It will, however, contain none of the provisions or so-called safeguards of its predecessor."

"No reference will be made to bitulthic or patented pavements. We desire to do everything possible to eliminate provisions which will cause strife or contention during its passage."

Forces opposed to the paving combination express the opinion that in going out of its way to avoid a fight from the road contractors the committee will run against even stronger opposition from the anti-trust camp.

"We are not going to pay any \$10,000,000 into the hands of the Warren Construction company," said Representative C. Schuebel. "If no safeguards are placed around the bill it will lose our support. If the bill passes shorn of attempts to guard expenditure of the money the fight will undoubtedly be taken to the people, who must ratify the constitutional amendment increasing the state's bonding limit from 2 to 4 per cent before the proposed bond issue would become workable."

Commended by Engineer Nunn—

State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn has recently compiled costs of road development by the various counties in the state, having requested statements from each of the counties, and the other day when Judge Gillette visited his office in Salem, Mr. Nunn stated to him that Josephine county was getting "more road work for a dollar" than any other county in the state.

To Grants Pass—

W. K. Wright, former resident engineer with the state highway commission here, and who is now located in Grants Pass, spent Sunday in this city. He left Sunday night with Mrs. Wright for their new home in Grants Pass.—Roseburg Review.

USE AMERICAN STEEL FOR DIES IN MEXICO

Juarez, Mex., Jan. 13.—American steel is being used for the manufacture of steel dies by the Mexican mint, according to advices received by Edward A. Dow, American consul here. Steel dies are especially needed for the coining of the new copper piece of 10 centavos, which has come into existence in order to relieve the scarcity of silver coins. Formerly British or German steel was used in the manufacture of these dies.

WORKMEN WHO ARE INJURED GET MORE PAY

PROPOSED MEASURE PASSED THE HOUSE AT SALEM THIS MORNING

MORE CENSORSHIP FOR FILMS

Eberhard Would Prohibit Showing Films That Depict Commission of Felonies

Salem, Jan. 13.—Compensation rates for injured workmen in Oregon will be increased 30 per cent under house bill No. 2, adopted by the house today. The measure was immediately transmitted to the senate.

The house also unanimously passed house bill No. 1, returning to the industrial accident commission \$400,000 set aside for the construction of an industrial hospital. The people recently voted against the construction of a building as proposed by the 1919 legislature.

A bill was introduced in the senate today by Senator Eberhard, of LaGrande, which would make it unlawful to exhibit motion pictures of scenes depicting acts that are felonies under the Oregon laws.

LOCAL PEOPLE KNOW MAN HELD BY BANDITS

Dr. A. L. Shelton, medical missionary in Tibet, whom the Associated Press dispatches last night announced to have been captured by bandits and held for ransom, is, with his wife, a personal acquaintance of Mrs. W. J. Vernon, corresponding regularly with Mrs. Shelton. It has been several months since a letter has come from Tibet and the understanding was that Mrs. Shelton, with her two little girls should be on her way to America by now. The region where these people have chosen to go with their work of healing and teaching is often referred to as the "roof of the world," one having to travel over passes of 17,000 feet elevation just before reaching the station, which has the distinction of being the farthest inland mission station in the world. The Sheltons have been at work with the Tibetans for 16 years. Until recently no white man has been allowed in the interior of this Tibet country, but a few months ago Dr. Shelton was invited by the officials of the state to come to their capital and teach them how to live and give them medical assistance, and no doubt it was while on this trip to the interior that he was captured by one of the bandit bands which infest this region.

WOMEN HELP ARRANGE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Washington, Jan. 13.—Appointment of a committee of 17, including two women, to arrange for the democratic national convention at San Francisco June 28th, was announced today by Chairman Cummings, of the national committee. This is the first time women have had a hand in preliminary arrangements of a presidential nominating convention.

COST PRICE MARKING ORDER IS ENJOINED

Helena, Mont., Jan. 13.—United States District Judge Bourquin today granted an injunction against the Montana trade commission, halting operation of the commission's order which would compel retail dealers to mark cost prices upon goods offered for sale in the state.