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PLAN TO RESTORE FREE COMPETITION IN PAPER MAKING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—News print paper manufacturers are arriving here today for conferences with the Federal trade commission on a proposal that the commission fix news print prices for a period of six months.

Restoration of free competition in news print paper manufacture is the aim of the commission and if it accepts the proposal it will work with that purpose in view. The commission, it was said today, is bent on finding a cure for conditions and not a mere palliative. At the end of six months the commission feels that conditions in the news print industry will have been shaped that unrestrained competition will insure fair and equitable prices.

Acceptance of the proposal hinges on the attitude of the manufacturers who are arriving here. Those who already have signed the proposal represent about thirty per cent of the news print output of the United States and Canada. Their surrender in the face of criminal indictments, officials believe, will break the news print market and force prices to an equitable level whether all other manufacturers join in or not.

Members of the commission are hopeful that most of the other big manufacturers will come in.

WHY KNOCK? YOU CAN'T STIR DUST

If the cherry some people exert knocking was conserved and turned loose in some great trip hammer it might go mad. One man swears about the snow because it troubles his eyes and in his little world and which they get into the face and go to it. He says he is a skeptic, one would think he was as good as a soldier. Bill, but what he is only a small man or mad and leave all men by the way they call him.

But listen, that little bean tractor has been shipped and will demonstrate its ability to act a horse just as soon as some good farmer will let us loose in his orchard, and the big hunters are now very busy hunting to find something to eat.

Mr. Higgs of the Ben Orchard has ordered the best rig the bean people make, namely a (dual) Triplex, it's a beauty, no sprays, hose like Deak's.

Yes, we have bucket, barrel and knapsack sprayers also. Yes, Nails are still available. Yes, Paint is almost as hard to get now as a bottle of old crow. Yes, Big Johnson can't talk, sweat, and pleasant Ben does not split the kindling but when it comes to the big noise, see Shortie—this little rig always ready to help you out if you need hardware, gasoline, Grease or a donr lock.

TO REVIVE PACIFIC COAST SALMON TRADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, is in conference with Secretary Redfield today about legislation now pending which by prohibiting the importation of fresh or frozen fish from Canada except under certain restrictions, seeks to rehabilitate the American salmon industry on the Pacific coast. The Canadian government desires to avoid prohibitory legislation and may make some concessions to make it unnecessary.

THE NEW ROAD LAWS.

UNTIL it is possible to obtain official copies of the legislative bills as finally enacted the exact text of the new road laws can not be given, but the essential features have already been given publicity. This work is perhaps the most important of any passed by the legislature.

The road program consists of six bills, all important. There is the procedure code, prescribing methods for opening, laying out and vacating highways, which will end the confusion attending the three methods at present prevailing, which have been consolidated and revised into a practical, workable system.

The county code, another of these measures, has to do with the expenditures of county funds and administration of county road work. The supervisor system is done away with and road building centralized under a road master.

The state highway code provides procedure for construction of hard-surfaced highways and for co-operation of county and state in state highways. It creates a non-salaried state highway commission of three, one member from each congressional district, severs the state highway engineer's department from the state engineer's office and provides for the appointment of a highway engineer.

The act to regulate motor vehicles is another road law. It doubles the present motor vehicle license taxes and donates the entire proceeds to state highway work under supervision of the state highway commission. It will give upwards of \$300,000 a year for road work.

The Bean-Barrett bonding act authorizes the issuance, in event revenues from established sources are not sufficient to meet allotments of government road funds of bonds in an amount equivalent to the deficiency, and insures expenditure in Oregon of the entire government allotment for post roads and forest roads and an equal sum of state money as is required by the federal act. The amount of bonds authorized is \$1,800,000.

The \$6,000,000 bonding act lays out a definite system of state highways and post roads. State highways are to be paved, hard-surfaced under the provisions of this act. The bond issue proposed is a capitalization of the proceeds for the next 25 years of the quarter-mill road levy that has existed for several years, and the increased motor vehicle taxes. These revenues on the basis of the present tax valuation and the existing number of automobiles in Oregon, will amortize not only the \$6,000,000, but the full limit of bonds authorized under the Bean-Barrett act. In other words, issuance of the \$6,000,000 in bonds and issuance of the full amount of bonds authorized by the Bean-Barrett act do not mean any increase in taxation. The \$6,000,000 proposal is to be submitted to vote of the people at a special election June 4.

Of indirect bearing on the road program is a reduction of the gravity test for gasoline heretofore established by law. Government investigation has shown the test to be of no value, but it has made gasoline one cent a gallon dearer in Oregon. Elimination will give Oregon consumers gasoline at the same price as consumers in other states pay. The saving will just about offset the increase in automobile license taxes in the course of a year.

SEEKING A CENSORSHIP.

THE war department is taking advantage of existing troublous conditions to procure the passage of a bill creating a drastic censorship of the press, giving it powers to suppress publications and bestowing upon it the tyranny of aristocracy.

The bill smacks of bureaucracy and is without precedent in the United States. Its alleged purpose is to guard against the disclosure of military information. Its real purpose is to prevent criticism of the acts of military and naval officers—a criticism necessary under popular government.

No one questions the importance of protecting information regarding ship and troop movements and this power is already conferred, but the proposed law gives the power to suppress any newspaper or publication that prints any information, facts, rumors or news referring to the armed forces of the government and measures that may be contemplated for defense, except when "such publication shall have been duly authorized." Suspension, fine and imprisonment is the penalty that the military can inflict.

With such a law in effect, criticism of the conduct of naval or military authorities would mean ruin to the paper and its publisher. With such a law, we would never have heard of the embalmers scandal of the Spanish war, nor the brutal "spread-eagle" punishment whereby New York militiamen were tied to gun carriage wheels.

Such a law is not only a blow at civil liberty and a revival of feudalism, but would prove an obstacle to the development of efficiency in national defense.

WORLD PEACE SOCIALISTS MEET

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Representatives of nineteen organizations devoted to the maintenance of international peace met here today to discuss plans for harmonizing action in the face of the national crisis. The conference is under the direction of the American Peace party.

WEEKS PROPOSES PROTECTIVE TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Reasonable protective tariffs and a bond issue to provide for military preparations were proposed by Senator Weeks, republican of Massachusetts, today as substitute provisions for the administration revenue bill.

NURSES MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE: WEDS HIM WHEN HE BECOMES A WIDOWER



Mrs. Morton is enjoying a honeymoon in the orient with the multi-millionaire manufacturer and land owner of Chicago. She was Miss Margaret Gray of Evansville, Ind., and met Morton when she was nurse to his first wife. She also cared for Morton's 1200-acre estate with its 10-room colonial mansion and large retinue of servants, and continued her executive duties after Mrs. Morton's death. Morton is the father of Mrs. J. M. Cudahy, wife of the millionaire packer.

RIVERDALE

R. F. Muskoff of McLeod hauled a load of hogs to Medford Monday. Frank Johnson was an Eagle Point visitor Saturday. Norman Gage was a business caller to Ashland Tuesday. Charles Gregory was trading in the valley last week. Miss Hazel Coffin is visiting relatives in Medford this week.

SAMS VALLEY

After our several days of warm sunshine it strikes us pretty hard to have to go again into the chest and drag out our mackinaws and fur caps. With a foot of snow around us, we feel a bitter grudge towards the groundhog for giving us reason to believe winter was over. Mr. Stubblefield, Sr., was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when a number of his friends called to help him spend his eightieth birthday.

ANTI-JAP BILL SCORE HELD AS "JOKE"

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 22.—C. M. Booth, Twin Falls attorney, in a hearing before the senate judiciary committee today told of his activities in communications to the Japanese consul at Portland, to Samuel Herrick, a Washington, D. C., attorney, to Senator Borah and others, seeking to kill the anti-alien land bill, which was before the Idaho senate from January 25, when it passed the lower house, to February 3, when it was killed by the senate.

EUGENE BADGER PAIR ARRESTED FOR EXTORTION

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 22.—J. Jennings and Tasha Jennings, his wife, were indicted by the county grand jury today on a charge of extorting \$500 from O. H. Skotheim, a real estate dealer November 25 last. The indictment charges that Mrs. Jennings, under pretext of having a flat for rent, induced Skotheim to come to her home, and then threw her arms about his neck, whereupon...

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DRASTIC ORDERS BY RAILROADS TO AVERT FOOD FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Threatened fuel and food shortages in many localities caused by freight congestion and car shortage seem today to have been averted by drastic orders of the railroads, co-operating with the inter-state commerce commission, to rush special shipments to needy towns or cities. American Railway association officials declare the danger of inadequate supply of living necessities because of transportation problems has lessened greatly within the last two weeks and the possibility of a general shortage throughout the east was slight. The dearth of freight cars is less than it was a year ago, they say.

ARMENIA IS LAND OF DUMB WOE SAYS ENGLISHMAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—One-third of the Armenian population either has been massacred or died of starvation or disease since the European war began, and one-half of these remaining are homeless and dying in exile according to a cable message from John Macfield, famous English writer, made public here tonight by the American commission for Armenian and Syrian relief. The message said in part:

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of a disease can thus be obtained. If backache, sending urine or frequent urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N.Y.; send a sample of urine and describe symptoms. You will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Dr. Pierce during many years of experimentation has discovered a new remedy which he finds is thirty-seven times more powerful than lithia in removing uric acid from the system. If you are suffering from backache or the pains of rheumatism, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent box of "Dr. Pierce's" put up by Dr. Pierce. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak women and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood have been favorably known for the past forty years and more. They are standard remedies to-day—as well as the Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels. You can get a sample of any one of these remedies by writing Dr. Pierce.

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AMERICAN SHIPS SAIL FOR WAR ZONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Two more American freight steamships sailed from this port today bound for European ports. They were the oil tanker Communiapaw and the Pearl Shell which carried a general cargo. Other sailings were the Dutch steamer Beauland for Rotterdam; the Tonawanda, British, for Liverpool, and the Salina, Norwegian, for Bordeaux.

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