

ICC HEARING FOR OREGON FREIGHTS PORTLAND FRIDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14.—(AP) Freight rates to central and eastern Oregon and Washington will be discussed here tomorrow before representatives of the interstate commerce commission. Examiner Flynn of the commission will have charge of the hearing, which will be held in the courthouse. Portland shippers say San Francisco has a very cheap rail-water rate to eastern Oregon, central Oregon and Washington points, and that Portland rates should be adjusted.

W. A. Christie, manager of the Portland Traffic and Transportation association, said today that goods can be shipped by water and rail from San Francisco to Wenatchee, Wash., cheaper than from Wenatchee to Portland by rail.

On Monday a hearing will be held on the Southern Pacific fourth section case. In this matter the S. P. is seeking to be allowed to make a lower freight rate between San Francisco and Portland and Seattle to meet water competition.

GOLDEN ARROW AND DAYTONA COURSE OFFICIALS



The car (above) in which the Briton, Major H. O. D. Segrave, shattered the world's speed record on the sands of Daytona Beach, Fla. Left to right are Wm. H. Harnsbee, senior steward of the course; Mayor E. H. Armstrong of Daytona, clerk of the course, and T. E. Myers of Indianapolis, the official timer.

NITRATE COUNTRY IS DRYEST AREA; IT NEVER RAINS

By Charles S. Smith
(Chief of Foreign Service, Associated Press)

ANTOFAGASTA, Chile.—(AP)—There are never any prayers for rain in Antofagasta, Iquique and other Chilean cities which live only by the grace of nitrate.

In fact there are prayers for dry weather on the few days when a light mist falls. A heavy rain, which is unlikely, has never been seen in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, would mean ruin to the nitrate fields. It would dissolve the nitrate of sodium in the "caliche."

"Caliche" is the most important word in the Chilean vocabulary. It is the name given to the mineral in which nitrate of sodium is found along with a number of other salts.

Chile's nitrate zone is a desert plateau lying between 2,000 and 5,000 feet above the sea. This plateau is over 500 miles long and some 40 miles wide. It is bounded on the east by the Andes and on the ocean side by a lower range of mountains.

Scientists estimate that Chile has enough nitrate to supply American and European farmers with fertilizer for 100 years. Synthetic nitrate, that is nitrate manufactured by taking nitrogen from the air, has become a very fierce competitor of the Chilean product. Germany, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Japan and several other countries which use nitrate manufactured it on a large scale.

As Chile imposes an export tax of \$12.50 a ton on nitrate and derives about one-third of her national income from this source, the problem is a serious one.

There is a furious battle on between scientists who are fighting to reduce the cost of both the synthetic and natural nitrate.

Producers of natural nitrate say it is better than the synthetic product. But the artificial nitrate has been proved to be very satisfactory, and it is now clearly a question of price.

The Czechoslovakians have developed a new method of producing natural nitrate which is expected to make it possible to land Chilean nitrate in American ports for slightly more than \$20 a ton.

Of the 7482 "podestis," or Italian local governors acting as mayors, only 633 draw pay. The honor is sufficient for the others.

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

By Herbert C. Plummer
WASHINGTON.—On the top floor of an old building behind the navy hospital, overlooking an ancient tree every day in Potomac park, sits one of the greatest detectives in the world.

His name is Lumsden, and he is a doctor in the public health service.

Twenty years ago the government "sicked" him onto typhoid fever. He never recovered. Since that time he has been a detective of the typhoid germ in every section of the country. His experiences reveal the dramatic adventures of Sherlock Holmes.



Dr. Lumsden, a doctor in the public health service, is the man who has tracked the typhoid germ in every section of the country.

POLITICAL SHARP FRESH AIR PEPS WOULD ERADICATE UP CONGRESSMEN, ELECTIVE OFFICE SPEEDS UP WORK

ATLANTA.—(AP) State government would be bettered by the abolition of all elective offices except that of governor, in the opinion of Walter F. Dudd of Yale university, one of the principal speakers here at the Southeastern "Citizenship conference" here.

"The major ill of the majority of states," he holds, "is that no one person is held responsible for proper conduct of the state business but that responsibility is divided between a dozen or more elective officers, none of them directly accountable to the citizen head of the state—the governor."

"If any private business were conducted on the same plan, it would be bankrupt in 30 days. If the scores of departments of a large business were headed, we shall say, by officers elected by stockholders—if they were responsible only to the stockholders, not accountable to the president of the organization directly and can their departments independently, their activity not properly coordinated and directed to a furtherance of the general purpose of that business—how could the business exist?"

"It is important in any enterprise that one man be made responsible for the entire operation. Under the system of government in most states, that is not done."

WASHINGTON.—(AP) Members of the house of representatives are inhaling pure air for the first time in the legislative chamber.

A new ventilating and air conditioning system sends 2,000 cubic feet of refined air an hour into the chamber for each member, and William Tyler Page, clerk of the house, thinks that is one of the reasons why the short session has so speedily disposed of its business.

The ventilating problem has been a source of complaint for many years among house members and many times speeches were made on the floor in which poor air conditions were termed dangerous to the health of representatives.

The purifying system sucks air from the Capitol grounds through a tunnel and sends it through an oil filter and a water washing process which eliminates dust and germs, warms it to the proper temperature and humidity for both winter and summer weather.

Intakes were installed just below and around the colored glass plates in the ceiling of the house.

WASHINGTON.—(AP) A demonstration of the efficiency of copper pipe, as manufactured by the Mueller company of Portland and used by the Medford water department, was given this afternoon at the water department warehouse on North 4th street.

The pipe is of a new copper composition and is regarded as an improvement over the old standard pipe formerly used for service lines in this city.

It was given a severe test and convinced witnesses of its worth.

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FIRST WITNESS HEARD TRIAL OF CALEB GREEN

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His method of operation is simple.

First, he ascertains what the people who have typhoid ate and drank during the probable period in which they became infected. Making a list of these articles of food and drink, he observes that all of the patients ate or drank some one thing—milk from a certain dairy, water from a certain source, oysters, celery, lettuce, or some other raw vegetable.

Then the chase begins.

Sooner or later he finds a bed of watergrass in a contaminated stream, a dairy farm on which someone has just recovered or died of typhoid, or some other perfectly simple origin of the epidemic. His recommendations are then made to the city authorities.

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Brisbane's Today

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600 requires 76 per cent of Opel Motors, biggest German automobile concern.

The presence of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., in Europe makes the purchase probable. Opel has a capacity of 300 automobiles and 5000 bicycles daily, and will doubtless hereafter produce Chevrolet cars.

The new immigration law will bring in more Englishmen and Italians, and diminish the number of Germans, Scandinavian and Irish immigrants. The English and the Italians will be welcome. The country needs men with energy enough to move.

Cutting down the quota of Germans, Scandinavians and Irish is a misfortune. What would it mean to shut out such a German as Carl Schurz, such a Scandinavian as Colonel Lindbergh, such an Irishman as General Phil Sheridan?

Factory workers in Russian cities pass resolutions like this: "Shame on Trotsky for selling his political conscience to the capitalist class."

Trotsky, kicked out of Russia

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ANACONDA COPPER TO DOUBLE STOCK

BUTTE, Mont., Mar. 14.—(AP)—Stockholders of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, at a special meeting held today, voted to double the present capital stock of the company. Authority was granted to increase the stock issue from 6,000,000 shares of \$10 par value to 12,000,000 shares of the same value.

A lot of 2,205,632 shares of stock as more than two-thirds of the stock now outstanding, was represented at today's meeting at which J. E. Hopkins, vice-president, presided.



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