

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BAR WOOL IMPORT

Lansing Says Attempt to Bar Australian Wool Would Be Reversal of Policy and Annul Agreement Existing With Wool Manufacturers

Attempts of American wool growers to prevent the Boston auction of great quantities of imported Australian wool are apparently doomed to failure, without change in present legislation, according to letters received by E. M. Hammond, president of the Klamath Wool Growers' association, from Oregon representatives who presented the protests of the local growers to Washington departments.

The Hon. N. J. Sinnott took the matter up with the Department of State and received a letter from Secretary Lansing, which is fully explanatory of the government's policy in the matter of wool imports. The Lansing letter says:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, November 6, 1919

The Hon. N. J. Sinnott, House of Representatives.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 1, 1919, enclosing telegrams from E. M. Hammond, president of the Klamath Wool Growers' association; from E. H. Bunnell, county judge of Klamath county, Oregon; and D. W. Short, county commissioner of the same county, protesting against the proposed importation and auction sale of Australian wool by the British government in this country.

The only agency of the executive branch of the government which might conceivably have the authority to prevent the importation of this wool is the War Trade Board, now a section of this department. In December, 1918, a request was made to the War Trade Board on behalf of the domestic wool growers to prohibit the importation of wool until July 1, 1919, but the board decided that the powers conferred upon it as a war agency did not include the right of maintaining import prohibitions or restrictions designed exclusively to protect domestic producers, and, accordingly all restrictions on the importation of wool into this country from non-enemy sources, were removed in January, 1919, and have not been reimposed. It appears, therefore, that the executive branch of the government has not received from Congress authority to place restrictions on the importation of wool.

It should also be pointed out that any effort on the part of this government to hinder the importation of wool would constitute a reversal of the attitude already adopted toward this question. In August this department consented, in co-operation with the Department of Commerce, to assist the wool manufacturers of this country to carry on negotiations with the British government for the purpose of obtaining supplies of Australian wool. Although the decision of the British government to establish the auctions referred to was made independently and on its own responsibility, yet that government must have been influenced by the decision by the fact that this department and the Department of Commerce had approved in principle the establishment of such auctions.

The action taken by this department in the matter was influenced by the fact that a sufficient supply of certain classes of the wool did not exist in this country. It was also recalled that since the tariff law of 1913, the free and unrestricted importation of wool in time of peace has been the settled policy of this country.

In view of the facts that have

ELKS RAISE FUND WITHOUT TROUBLE

In one day the local lodge of Elks raised the sum of \$550 in cash for the purpose of feeding and taking care of the herd of elk west of Fort Klamath in this county. It is probable that this herd will become permanent wards of the local lodge, as the state may turn over the animals, should the lodge agree to stand sponsor for them.

WILSON REFUSES TO ACCEPT TREATY WITH RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—President Wilson will pocket the peace treaty with Germany if it contains the reservations urged by Senator Lodge, he told Senator Hitchcock today.

The President has read and considered the Lodge reservations, said Senator Hitchcock, "and he considers that they are a nullification of the treaty and utterly impossible."

GRANDMOTHER OF LOCAL WOMAN DEAD AT YREKA

Mrs. George J. Walton has received announcement of the death last Saturday at Yreka, California, of her grandmother, Mrs. K. D. Rammers. Mrs. Rammers was 83 years old. She was known to many people here, having visited Mrs. Walton a number of times and also having an acquaintance among her former neighbors in Yreka, who moved here in recent years. The funeral took place at Yreka today.

been stated, it seems impossible for this department to do anything to prevent the importation of the wool in question.

With reference to the present status of the matter, I have little information, since this department, as has been explained, has had no connection with the recent arrangements for the proposed auctions. The British government, it appears, plans to ship 40,000 bales of Australian and 10,000 bales of New Zealand wool to Boston for auction by display in December or later. Colonel Willey, who has been sent by the British government to make arrangements for the auctions, recently arrived in this country and is said to have announced that further monthly shipments of 30,000 bales might be made, if seemed advisable.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, ROBERT LANSING.

The War Trade Board's attitude is not hopeful, as the following letter from D. F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, to Representative, McArthur further shows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Washington, November 1, 1919.

Hon. C. N. McArthur, House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. McArthur:—I have your letter of October 23, enclosing a copy of telegram from the Klamath Wool Growers' association with reference to the proposed auction sales of Australian wool in this country. Information has reached the department that the British government will sell, at public auction, about 16,500,000 pounds of Australian and New Zealand wool during the latter part of November. Apparently the British government has a surplus which it cannot otherwise dispose of, to advantage and it is seeking to sell the amount indicated at Boston to relieve congestion at British ports and to get the wool into the hands of consumers. This department has no authority to interfere with any such transaction, and I understand that the policy of the War Trade Board, the functions of which were taken over by the State Department at the close of the last fiscal year, has been to release trade restrictions as rapidly as possible.

Very truly yours, D. F. HOUSTON, Sec'y.

HORSEFLY BONDS ARE IN DEMAND

There is a sudden increase in demand for Horsefly Irrigation district bonds, said a man who is looking for a few of the securities, today, and he finds a very bullish tendency to the market where several weeks ago the bears seemed to be in control.

"The low cost of water in this district may have something to do with it," he said. "The construction cost plus the government charge for water is about \$16.50 an acre, a comparatively low charge. It may be also that the fact that the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland considers the securities a good investment is instilling confidence in the minds of the small bond-holders.

"Whatever the reason, I know the people who have the bonds are holding on and buying more, where a few months ago they wouldn't buy at all and the directors of the district are getting inquiries about the securities from all parts of the country."

O. A. C. EXPLORES ANCIENT MOUNDS

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 17.—Ancient mounds 10 miles south of Corvallis explored last week by J. B. Horner, professor of history at the college, brought to light many interesting facts incident to the life of the aborigines. Professor Horner is making a careful study of prehistoric ruins and is gathering together a collection of relics for O. A. C.

The Davis mound, so called because it is located one-fourth of a mile south of the George Davis home, is situated on the bank of the Muddy.

The second mound explored, the Mangie mound, is located on the G. F. Mangie farm. The first mound is said to be five feet high and 100 feet in diameter. W. C. Looney of Corvallis, who accompanied Professor Horner, bored a five-foot hole into it and the explorers found charcoal ashes, bones and other evidences of great antiquity. One hundred yards to the north of the Davis mound were found arrowheads and pestles. The pestle was used by the Indians to pound substances in a mortar.

CLERK-CARRIER EXAMINATION

The U. S. Civil Service commission announces that an examination will be held at Klamath Falls for clerk-carrier on December 13, 1919, to establish an eligible register from which selections may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the positions of clerk and carrier at the Klamath Falls postoffice.

Age limits are 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination. Both men and women will be admitted to this examination. The entrance salary is \$1000 per annum. Application blanks and information may be obtained by applying to Miss Helen Paxson, local secretary, board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, Klamath Falls, Oregon, or to the secretary 11th U. S. Civil Service district, 303 Postoffice building, Seattle, Washington.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TIMBER ASKED

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Public ownership of timber land, national or state, with private cutting and marketing, was advocated by the Paper and Pulp association's committee on forest conservation in a report submitted to the association conference here. Such ownership was said to be essential for the growing of the older and larger sizes of timber, its production being too long and hazardous an undertaking with too little earnings, to attract private capital in adequate amounts.

POSSE COMBING WOODS FOR I. W. W.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 17.—No word is expected until tonight from a party of former service men and woodmen who are searching the timber country, 20 miles north of here, for alleged Industrial Workers of the World, who are said to have fled to Hanford valley after taking part in the Armistice day shooting here.

ONE OF POSSE SHOT, REPORT

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 17.—A man reported to be shot through the arm was brought to the hospital today from the direction of Hanford valley, where the posse is combing the woods for I. W. W., who are said to have fled there after last Tuesday's shooting.

Reports said that the wounded man was a member of the posse. No details of the shooting are given. Armed linemen left here to repair the line to Hanford valley, reported to have been cut by alleged I. W. W.

Although the posse left here prepared for battle, it was thought when they left that there would probably be no fight as the I. W. W. who fought a pitched battle with former soldiers Saturday night would not, it was believed, remain to clash with a fresh posse.

Before leaving leaders of the party said they would try to reach the body of John Haney, a rancher of Tenyno, Washington, who fell in the fight between ex-service men and radicals Saturday night.

CONTINUES IMPROVEMENT

County Judge R. H. Bunnell was reported this morning as steadily recovering from the slight pneumonia attack which has confined him to the hospital for the last ten days.

HOTEL RESERVED FOR PARENTS WHO LOST SONS

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The first hotel in France, reserved exclusively for American fathers and mothers who have crossed the ocean to visit the graves of their dead, will be opened at Romagne, where is located the largest American military cemetery in France. Here sleep more than 21,500 American boys who laid down their lives in the war.

Now that passport restrictions are being lifted, many American parents are coming to France everyday to visit the graves of the American soldiers. Some mothers come alone, and not knowing French customs and language, suffer many discomforts finding the way to their boy's grave. Many wish to remain a day or two at the cemeteries which are some distance from the nearest towns, but until now there have been no accommodations.

Similar hotels will be established later at other American cemeteries. The second one will probably be placed at St. Quentin.

After Romagne the next largest cemetery is the one at Thiaucourt with 4,200 graves. Among the other large American cemeteries are Beaumont, 750 graves; Fismes, 1,800 graves; Ploisy, 1,885 graves; Juvigny, 416 graves; Fera-en-Tardenois, 3,500 graves; Belleau, 2,500 graves; Bony, 1,800 graves and Villiers-Tourneelle, 400 graves.

NEW BUILDING PLANS STARTED

A sale which means renewed activities in the vicinity of Eighth and Main streets was closed Saturday when D. O. Williams purchased the George Humphrey property at the corner of Eighth and Pine Sts. This property consists of lots 5 and 6, block 13, Original Town, having a frontage of 120 feet on Eighth street and 130 on Pine. It is the intention of the new owner to begin immediate improvement of this property.

As a further indication that the building activity in this part of the city is going to be strong next spring, the announcement was made today that Mr. Williams will erect a three story building on his property at the corner of Eighth and Main streets and left for Portland yesterday morning for the purpose of consulting an architect about plans for the structure. With this announcement comes the statement that W. F. Hopka, who purchased the Harriman corner last fall is laying plans for a three-story building on that property. It is intimated that he has already leased the ground floor.

ZARAD CONCERT TOMORROW EVE

Francesca Zarad, heralded as a soprano singer of unusual excellence, will appear in concert in the local opera house tomorrow night under the auspices of the Klamath county high school student body.

The Buffalo Courier says: "Francesca Zarad, the French soprano of the Chicago Grand Opera company, presented a program which displayed not only her catholicity of taste, but gave her splendid opportunity for displaying her talents as an interpretative artist. Her voice is a lovely soprano of great volume and beauty of tone, while her sustained work and the excellence of even her English diction might have served as a valuable object lesson to many professional singers."

Her program for this city will consist of English, French and Italian compositions, with English numbers predominating. Foreign language numbers will be translated into English by Madame Zarad before she sings them. Since Madame Zarad's arrival in this country from Austria she has been repeating the success she achieved as one of the leading sopranos of the Vienna Grand Opera company.

MINISTER GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Rev. S. J. Chaney, new pastor of the Methodist church, was given a birthday surprise party last Monday evening at which about 50 members of the church were present. The surprise was sprung following a meeting of the church Sunday school board. George Walton was assigned to detain the pastor in conversation while the friendly conspirators set the stage for the surprise, and when the pastor entered his home and turned on the lights he found himself showered with congratulations by the waiting host of friends.

A pleasant evening of games and social intercourse followed, closed by the serving of coffee, sandwiches and cake by the ladies of the congregation and the Epworth League. Among the features of this part of the program was the introduction of an elaborate birthday cake, made by Mrs. J. S. Elliott, on which sparkled 36 lighted candles.

SACRED HEART LADIES WILL MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the Sacred Heart church this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the assembly hall.

PRESIDENT OUT FOR FIRST TIME

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—President Wilson was taken downstairs in a wheeled chair today and basked in the sunshine on the White House lawn for a long time.

This is the first time the President has been outside the White House since he was taken ill early last month while on a coast-to-coast speaking tour of the country.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS DELEGATES LEAVE

Geo. W. Offield, of Merrill, and H. J. Tiehenor, of Langell's Valley, left this morning for Salt Lake City to attend the Irrigation Conference of the Northwest States. They are representing the Langell's Valley Irrigation District at the convention.

WOMAN SHOOTSELF; MAY BE FROM HERE

ONTARIO, Cal., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Ross Harding, said to have lived at Klamath Falls, Oregon, committed suicide here Saturday.

Inquiry here failed to disclose the identity of the woman reported to have killed herself at Ontario, California, Saturday, or throw the faintest light upon it.

FRED FLEET RETURNED FROM SAD JOURNEY EAST

Fred Fleet returned Saturday evening from Geneseo, Illinois, where he accompanied the body of his mother, the late Mrs. Gilbert Fleet, who was buried in her old home cemetery there. Mr. Fleet, Senior, remained in the East.

While away Fred visited relatives and renewed friendships in different cities, but says that as a place of residence, the East no longer has a lure for him and he was glad to get back to Klamath Falls.

STEAM PLANT WORKING WELL

The ease and efficiency with which the Klamath Heating company's plant is providing heat for the buildings so far connected surpasses the most sanguine expectations of the promoters, said C. G. Lorenz, president of the company today.

Eight buildings are already connected, the Hotel Hall, I. O. O. F., Willits and White buildings on the southerly side of Main street and the Kerns, building, Swanson building, Lorenz plumbing shop and another building on the opposite side of the street.

There are four boilers at the plant, operating under 75 to 80 pounds pressure when used, although one boiler is more than sufficient to supply present needs, as one to one and one-half pounds pressure will heat any of the places so far using the service.

Fifteen or twenty requests for service are now on file, states Mr. Lorenz, and the Main street line will be extended to fill the orders as rapidly as possible. As doubt of the efficiency of the service is dispelled, owners who have been inclined to be skeptical in regard to the superiority of municipal heating over the private furnace are becoming convinced and hurrying to put in orders for service, he says.

The main to connect the city hall will be started shortly as the city's contract calls for service not later than December 10.

The ease with which the heat spreads to all the radiators of a building as soon as it is turned into the feed pipes is highly gratifying, both to the company and its patrons, says Mr. Lorenz. Fifteen minutes after the service connection is made every radiator in the building is throwing out heat, and in some instances it has been found that balky radiators that would not warm up to the old furnace respond quickly and efficiently to the dry steam from the public utility plant.

DIRECTOR ASKS VOTERS RATIFY ALL OUTLAYS

Director Bradbury Says \$50,000.00 Cost of Concreting Fill in Klamath Irrigation District Chargeable to Improvement, Not Operating

At a special meeting of the directors of the Klamath Irrigation district last Saturday, the project manager and district counsel of the Reclamation Service submitted a request for the authorization by the district for the expenditure of the total sum of \$175,000 during the next two years for the following purposes:

First, \$50,000 for the concrete lining of the South Branch fill, the amount to be charged to operation and maintenance and repaid in four annual installments, beginning with the 1920 levy; second, \$50,000 for the replacement of the Henley flume; third, \$20,000 for the replacement of the Adams flume; fourth, \$25,500 for finishing drainage work under way and miscellaneous construction, the total of the last three items, \$125,000, to be charged to supplemental construction and repaid after the present 20-year construction charges have been paid off.

The directors of the district will submit the question of the authorization of these expenditures to the voters of the district at the annual election in January, with the exception of the \$50,000 item for the lining of the South Branch fill. This item has been practically approved by the majority of the board of directors, R. E. Bradbury being the one objector on the board. He requested that the water users of the district be allowed to vote on this question, inasmuch as the lining of the fill is a betterment and the district does not have the exclusive use of the canal in question, as 50 second feet of water is being delivered through this canal to the Van Brimmer lands and it is proposed by the government to sell additional water from this canal to the proposed pump units in the vicinity of the same.

Mr. Bradbury further objects to the board of directors expending, or authorizing the expenditure of money in excess of the annual operating requirements without authorization by a veto of the water users.

The addition of this charge to the operation and maintenance account will mean, he says, that the farmers will have to pay \$1.50 per acre for next year's operation and maintenance, and the present market outlook would seem to require a decrease in operating costs rather than an increase.

NO NIGHT SCHOOL TOMORROW EVENING

There will be no night school at the Klamath county high school tomorrow night, announced Professor Koch today, on account of the Zarad concert at the opera house. The school will convene Wednesday night.

RECORD BUTTER PRICE

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The highest butter prices ever known here were reached today, when creamery extras sold, wholesale, for 70 cents a pound. The same grade never went above 67 1/2 during the war.

STORK BRINGS BOY

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hillyar are happy over the safe arrival of a bouncing boy, born this morning at 5 o'clock. The father is a linotype operator at the Klamath Record office.

The Lion bridge, near Sengas, China, is probably the longest in the world. It extends five and a quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow Sea, and is supported by 300 huge stone arches.