

# CONFERENCE ON LIGNITE RATES TO BE CALLED

### Railroad Commission to Have Hearing in Next Two or Three Weeks Here

### TAKE UP DIFFERENCES

A conference will be called by the state railroad commission to meet within the next two or three weeks to discuss the question of freight rates on lignite coal, produced in western North Dakota, it was announced today.

Representatives of all railroads operating in the state, coal operators and others are expected to attend the conference, Chairman Millhollan said today.

Questions to be discussed include differences in rates from various mines in the western part of the state, the increased disparity in differentials caused by the flat 35 per cent increase in rates and adjustment of rates for shipment of coal into South Dakota.

According to the chairman, an effort will be made to get the railroads to agreement on an adjustment of rates, not intended to reduce the revenue of the railroads. Some students of the railroad rate on lignite hold that lignite should be given a lower classification and a rate based upon that in comparison to higher grade eastern coal, which would enable the lignite producers to compete with eastern coal on more favorable terms in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota while others hold that the lignite rates already are generally on a lower basis than some other commodities.

Another question which may come before the conference is the switching charge on lignite from mines which are located from one to two miles from a railroad main line, it being alleged by some operators that the charge is higher than is justified.

No action has been taken in the matter of combination rate for shipment of lignite coal from western North Dakota mines to points on the Midland Continental railroad running south from Jamestown. A conference was held Saturday, but no agreement reached. Further efforts will be made to reach agreement. If these fail the railroad commission will ask for an interstate commerce commission order for a combination rate which would reduce the freight charge, it was said.

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AWAY AHEAD OF 1921

February construction activity was 73 per cent greater in volume than it was in the corresponding month of last year, according to the F. W. Dodge Company. The total amount of contracts awarded last month in the 27 northeastern states of the country amounted to \$176,385,000, an increase of 70 per cent over January and the second largest February total on the Dodge Company's record.

A significant feature of the February construction record is the increase in business buildings over January. The increase in square feet of space contracted for was 30 per cent, and the increase in total cost was 65 per cent. February business buildings amounted to \$39,180,000, or 22 per cent of the month's total, an unusually high percentage for this class, which was exceeded only by residential building, amounting to \$75,703,000, or 43 per cent of the total. Public works and utilities took third place, amounting to \$21,193,000, or 12 per cent of the total.

The accumulated volume of construction since the first of the year has been 60 per cent greater than in the first two months of last year. Contemplated new work reported in the first two months has amounted to over eight hundred million dollars, more than double the amount of work placed under contract in the same period.

The Northwest February building contracts in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan amounted to \$4,886,000, an increase of 60 per cent over the January figure and of 62 per cent over February, 1921. It was the second largest February total recorded.

Last month's figures included: \$1,853,000, or 38 per cent for educational buildings; \$1,108,000, or 23 per cent, for public works and utilities, and \$855,000, or 18 per cent for residential buildings.

Contemplated new work reported in February amounted to \$15,073,000, more than three times the amount of contracts awarded.

## President of Oakland Motor Car Co. Talks On Six-Cylinder Cars

"The fact that 60 per cent of all automobiles manufactured are of the six-cylinder type indicates to me the unmistakable trend of the automotive industry to standardize to a greater extent every year on the six-cylinder car."

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## Says Woman's Place Is Also In Public Service



MISS DOROTHY DEACON

Chicago, Mar. 13.—Mrs. Mary Belle Spencer, well known lawyer and public guardian of Cook county, has tossed her bonnet into the political ring. She filed her petition as a Republican candidate for congressman-at-large to complete the term of the late William E. Mason.

Mrs. Spencer agrees that the woman's place is in the home just as long as it is necessary to attend to the welfare of her children. "But after that," says she, "the woman's place is in the office, politics, the legislature or wherever she may be of public service."

She plans to campaign throughout the state, taking her two little children with her.

of the Oakland Motor Car company, sums up his belief in the future of the six-cylinder motor car as the predominant car of the day.

"After all," he explains, "the automobile manufacturers follow the desire of the motoring public. It seems to me that the average motorist feels he is getting away from the vibration of the car of fewer cylinders with a six-cylinder car and that likewise a six-cylinder car runs more smoothly and quietly than the car of fewer cylinders.

"In the days gone by the motorist believed that the average six-cylinder car had power but likewise had tremendous weight. This objection has now been overcome in many of the six-cylinder cars of today, which have all the performance of their predecessors but have in addition a very desirable lightness.

"There is, too, in the real reputable six-cylinder cars of today a dependability that cannot be beaten. And there is value, too, for manufacturers today as never before must put the highest quality into their product. Only the manufacturers who put this high value, in material, workmanship and design into their cars will survive.

"The motorist wants a guarantee that will protect his investment—that will assure him uninterrupted service. In the Oakland, for instance, we are giving a guarantee against what is commonly called oil pumping. We believe the motorist should have this guarantee to show how we stand back of our product, particularly in respect to such a vital matter, such a common cause of annoyance to the motorists."

## CHARGE TRUST LAW VIOLATION

New York, March 13.—The United Gas Improvement Company, the Welsbach Company, the City's Illuminating Company, Inc., and eight individuals were indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

## RELIEF FUND GIVEN \$2,200 BY CITIZENS

### Gratification Is Expressed Over Results of Campaign for Jewish Relief

The tag day conducted Saturday by a ladies committee under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Christianson for the benefit of the Jewish Relief fund netted \$201.00, Mrs. Christianson reported today. The laides were heartily thanked by Alex Rosen, county chairman, and P. D. Fields and H. J. Duemeland, city chairman, of the campaign.

The total amount thus far realized from general subscriptions to the relief fund for the aid of starving children in eastern Europe is about \$2,000, it was said. Some committees have not completed their canvass. Persons in territory where the committees have not made a canvass, or persons who have been missed and would like to add their bit to the fund to relieve suffering, may either give to members of the committee or to A. S. Bolster, county treasurer.

Alex Rosen, county chairman, today expressed gratification over the manner in which local people responded to the call for the aid of the starving, and expressed himself highly pleased with the amount thus far subscribed for the fund. The campaign will be continued until all persons have had an opportunity to give.

## AD CLUB HEAD TO COME HERE

### Charles H. MacIntosh Will Speak on Retailing in Bismarck

Charles H. MacIntosh, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, will speak in Bismarck in May, probably under the joint auspices of the Town Criers and Rotary clubs, according to information received by G. N. Keniston, secretary of the Town Criers club. His subject will be "Retailing." Mr. MacIntosh, elected president of the Associated Advertising Clubs less than a year ago, declared his intention of visiting every advertising club affiliated with the organization during his term of office, and already has traveled thousands of miles. The Town Criers club is affiliated with the Associated Advertising clubs.

## JOHNSON HITS 4-POWER PACT

Washington, March 13.—Assailing the four power treaty as a quadruple alliance, Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, California, told the senate that its ratification would not be only a recession from American traditions but a national surrender under threats of foreign powers.

## U. S. LEGATION IS BOMBED

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Both police and the American minister, Charles Wilson, believes the explosion in the American legation here Saturday night was due to a bomb thrown by a mad man or by radicals seeking revenge for the American policy in regard to Soviet Russia.

## U. S. ENTITLED TO REPARATION PAY

Washington, March 13.—It was stated on highest authority that the American government does not intend to allow the allies to take all that Germany can pay in reparations and leave nothing for the United States as recompense for expenditures incurred in the occupation of the Rhineland.

Such a position on the part of the allies would be indefensible, as it could not be maintained for a mo-

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ment either morally or legally. The further statement was made that the American forces remain in the Rhineland at the expressed request of the allied governments.

## ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Gottlieb Bersch, of Stanton, has been arrested on complaint made by O. T. Haakenson, chief assistant fire marshal, charged with arson. It is alleged that Bersch had set fire to his dwelling house for the purpose of getting insurance. Haakenson said kerosene soaked gunny sack were found and that the building was set on fire twice in one night.

## LERUM TO LEAD BISMARCK U. C. T.

The Bismarck council United Commercial Travelers, in meeting Saturday night, elected officers for the year as follows:

Senior counselor—O. H. Lerum. Past counselor—A. E. Brink. District grand deputy—Felix Ulmen. Junior counselor—J. L. Bankston. Conductor—J. Gagli. Page—E. B. Gorman. Sentinel—A. C. Martin. Members executive board—William Hanewald (re-elected), T. J. Fjeherty. The meeting was attended by a large number of members of the organization, which is in a flourishing condition.

## MADALYNNE TO AGAIN TESTIFY

Los Angeles, Calif., March 13.—Madalynne Obenchain, after two days' rest in the county jail, was scheduled today to again face prosecution attorneys in further cross-examination.

## SUPREME COURT DISMISSES ERROR WRIT OF HOWATT

Washington, March 13.—The supreme court today dismissed the writ of error by which Alexander Howatt and other labor leaders sought to have reviewed the decision of the Kansas state court holding them guilty of contempt of court for their refusal to appear before the court of industrial relations.

## SPUD GROWERS FORM COMPANY

Drake, N. D., March 13.—The Broadview Potato Marketing Association was recently completed in Drake, with John Haldi, president; C. J. Olstad, vice president; C. H. Burch, treasurer, and directors as follows: John Haldi, L. E. Goodlaxon, C. J. Olstad, H. London and O. P. Lommen. The organization is now ready to put on a membership drive at \$5 per member. A person does not necessarily have to be a potato grower to join.

## TO LEASE LANDS

Washburn, N. D., March 13.—McLean county farmers will be given

their annual opportunity to lease school lands for grazing purposes on April 12, at Washburn.

The annual leasing will be conducted by William Prater, land commissioner, the leasings to go to the highest bidder.

## Grain Growers Sales Co. Formed

The U. S. Grain Growers Sales Company, of Wilmington, Del., understood to have been formed to enable the organization to hold seats on grain exchanges, has filed its articles of incorporation in North Dakota, and states that it intends to do business in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. H. B. Fuller, of Fargo, is named agent in North Dakota.

## NO STATEMENT, SAYS LOFTHUS

O. E. Lofthus, when informed of the issuance of warrants at Fargo said that he had nothing to say at this time. Mr. Lofthus is at his home here at this time, now being engaged in business. He recently has been engaged in some special banking work in the northern part of the state.

## NORTHWESTERN PROHIBITION DEPT. TO BE REVIVED

Minneapolis, March 13.—The northwestern prohibition department, consisting of the five states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska, which was abolished last July is to be revived with the former supervising agent in charge, according to word received here.

## BANK STATEMENTS ARE CALLED FOR

Washington, Mar. 13.—The Comptroller of the treasury issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday, March 10th.

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