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FLEET WILL ENCIRCLE GLOBE

TWO TONS OF SAUSAGE FOR CREW ABOARD.

Secretary of the Navy Announces That the American Fleet Will Leave San Francisco on July 6, With Her Bows Pointed Toward the Setting Sun—Not Known if Japanese Waters Will Be Visited—Plans for Protection at San Francisco.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf announced today that the Atlantic fleet would complete its trip around the world.

The fleet will start westward from San Francisco July 6. The first stop will be made at Honolulu and from there will go to Samoa and Australia, proceeding northward to the Philippines for target practice. The fleet will then sail for home stopping at Colombo, Aden, Port Said and Gibraltar. New York will probably be the home port. It is not known if the fleet will visit Japanese waters.

Marine Police.

San Francisco, March 13.—Marines from the Atlantic fleet instead of city policemen will be utilized as guardians of the water front during the visit of the fleet. The marines will act as guides for the men as they leave their ships, and will see that they are properly directed in order to return to them. Instead of stringing the battleships out in single line in the bay,

as was proposed, the fleet will anchor eight abreast in man-of-war row.

After Fleet Supplies.

San Diego, March 13.—Up to noon today no communication had been held with the fleet. The big supply ship Culgoa reached here today and began taking on tons of provisions for the men. One consignment was two tons of sausage.

Metcalf Congratulates Evans.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf today wired the following telegram of congratulation to Rear Admiral Evans and his men: "The navy department congratulates you and your officers and men of the Atlantic fleet upon your arrival at Magdalena bay in exact accordance with the itinerary and also upon the efficiency of ships at the time of their arrival."

BEST IN WORLD.

Will Now Go Home and Play With His Boys.

San Diego, Cal., March 13.—Henry Reuterdahl, the marine artist and writer, whose trenchant criticisms in recent magazine articles caused such a stir in the United States and resulted in the investigation now going on at Washington, reached San Diego today on the supply ship Culgoa. He left the fleet at Callao and declares he is going directly to New York.

"I will not write any more on the subject of the navy," he said, "but I am going back to New York now to make pictures and play with my boy." He intimated that his article was only intended to show certain defects in the construction of ships. He praised the men and officers highly, saying the navy had the best personnel in the world.

REV. J. WHITCOMB BROUGHER COMING

Portland's star preacher, the pastor of the White Temple, will visit La Grande. In the new Baptist church, almost ready for dedication, Dr. Brougher will deliver his noted lecture on "What's Under Your Hat," on Friday evening, March 27. He will preach to the business people and our country population, who will be in the city at noon Saturday, March 28. At 11 a. m., Sunday, he will again be heard and also at the men's meeting at 3 p. m. Sunday. The dedication ser-

no longer. The three or four hundred high school students who listened to his talk at assembly this afternoon will never forget him nor the principles he so strongly and earnestly advocates.

His personal magnetism is so great, his love for God and man so fills his frail looking body that it must create a response in the heart of every one of his hearers. His smile is the kind that will not rub off, and so genuine that it delighted and inspired

PERRY MILL STARTS MONDAY; PALMER MILL SHIPPING LUMBER

The management of the Grande Ronde Lumber company at Perry, is preparing to start the big sawmill at that place. During the last few months of suspension a great many improvements have been perfected and the mill put in first-class condition for a long run. They have a large supply of logs on hand and the camps are busy getting out more. The crews are all being selected and when the whistle blows Monday morning, over 100 men will begin drawing pay, which will add many thousands of dollars to our circulation between now and the first of next year. In addition to large lumber shipments, the company this year has already received large contracts for fruit boxes for the Colorado trade, which will keep the box department busy until the fruit season is over for 1908.

The George Palmer Lumber company has commenced lumber shipments on a small scale. Several carloads have been shipped from the yards, but the shipment in real earnest does not commence until the last of the month.

For months the company has been storing and piling the product of each day's cut and already the lumber yard has assumed considerable proportions. It takes some time for the lumber to cure sufficiently to be shipped at any reasonable profit, as the green lumber, fresh from the saws, is so heavy that freight rates, high as they are, would eat up all semblance of profit. Now that much of the lumber is partially cured, the shipments can be carried on; the cars being loaded from one side of the yard while each day's cut is neatly piled on the other side.

REBATE ON COUNTY TAXES CEASES AFTER MONDAY NIGHT

Ninety-five thousand dollars in tax money has been received in the sheriff's office up to date, and before the rebate privilege expires March 15, it is believed the sum total will have run over \$130,000.

Extended One Day.

Because the 15th of March comes on a Sunday, the local sheriff's office will issue rebates of 3 per cent on tax money where the entire tax is paid, on Monday, closing the privilege on Monday night. It needs no argument to convince taxpayers that they should use haste in taking advantage of the rebate.

If no payment on taxes is made be-

fore the first Monday in April, a penalty of 10 per cent is added and 12 per cent interest attached. By paying one-half of the taxes against the taxpayer by the first Monday in April there will be no penalty until after the first Monday in October.

But the most interesting ruling in the tax department is the 3 per cent rebate issued where entire taxes are paid before March 15. As is shown by the large sum that is already receipted for, many have taken advantage of the rebate.

The total taxes this year are \$221,000.

ONE HUNDRED HOMESEEKERS WANT FARMS IN THIS COUNTY

With an even hundred demands for Grande Ronde valley farms still listed and practically "sold out" by reason of a large number of sales during the past few days, The Real Estate, Loan & Commission company today consummated sales that total \$25,000.

"We have an even 100 people looking for as many farms," said F. S. Framwell of the company, today. "We will be sold out if farms are not listed with us at once."

The sales which have been closed

since yesterday afternoon are numerous and some of them represent large sums of money, the highest being \$15,000. The company has sold the Mrs. Parker tract of 5 acres near Mt. Glenn to James Stuart of Canada, for \$1500.

The Peter Allen property of 80 acres also near Mt. Glenn, was sold to E. L. Taylor of Canada, for \$5000.

The John Minntek farm near Union, of 640 acres, was sold to David Latham of Teton Valley, Idaho, for \$16,000.

EMPRESS OF CHINA OBSTINATE AND TROUBLE BREWS AGAIN

Pekin, March 13.—The war cloud hanging over China and Japan suddenly took on a darker and more ominous shade today when the dowager empress stepped in and gave positive orders to the foreign office not to surrender the Tatsu Maru, now held by the Chinese, in spite of Japanese protestations. The empress is strongly supported by her personal court and she is urged by them to throw China's army into the field and fight before giving up the vessel. Defeat by Japan would mean little to this faction, but through the disguise of diplomatic surrender with the consequent loss of prestige would mean much. Against the empress is pitted Yuan Kai Kai, foreign councillor, and the foreign office, who favors peace at any price at this time. They declare internal revenue of the empire is sufficient at this

time to tie the empire's hands and they do not want war.

TERRIFIC FLOODS PREVAIL.

Thousands Are Homeless and Property Damage Runs High.

South Bend, Ind., March 13.—Four thousand people have been rendered homeless and damage to the amount of \$500,000 has been caused here by floods which have prevailed during the last 48 hours and show no sign of abatement. Throughout northern Indiana and southern Michigan swollen streams have become raging torrents, in many cases sweeping through streets of the cities and towns, bringing transportation to a standstill.

Panic in Catholic Church.

Chicago, March 13.—A Russian Jew of the name of A. Wendum, caused a

panic in St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic church today during early mass, by jumping up during the ceremony and crying, "Down with all Catholics and priests!" He was quickly overpowered and investigation by police lead them to believe that he is insane. In the rush women were trampled upon. It is thought Wendum's mind is unbalanced by reading accounts of the murder of Father Leo Heinrichs in Denver several weeks ago.

AMBASSADOR TO CHINA.

Russia to Send One of Her Strongest Diplomats.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—It is rumored here today that General Wegack, one of the cleverest diplomatists in the Russian service has been named ambassador to China and will start at once, and take charge of the embassy at Peking. General Wegack is thoroughly familiar with oriental politics.

Reimburse Harriman.

Washington, March 13.—In accordance with his promise, President Roosevelt has written a letter to the house committee, urging that body to recommend adequate appropriation to reimburse E. H. Harriman and the Southern Pacific Railroad company for money that system paid out in making repairs in the levee, break on the Colorado river. The railroad's claim that they paid out \$1,600,000 in controlling the flood and preventing the inundation of Imperial valley, in California.

WALSH GIVEN PRISON SENTENCE

FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL BANKING.

Contention Raised by the Defense in Asking for a New Trial Overruled—Defense Claims One Juror Was Physically Unfit to Render a Decision—Defendant Wrecked Two Banks—Judge Anderson Delivers a Severe Setback Early in the Trial.

Chicago, March 13.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Home Savings and the Chicago National banks, was today sentenced to five years in prison by Federal Judge Anderson, before whom he had been convicted of illegal banking. Earlier in the proceedings Judge Anderson had taken unfavorable action on Walsh's contentions in which he asked for a new trial.

Judge Anderson overruled the contention of the defense that Juror Palmer, who collapsed during the trial, was in such a physical condition that he was not able to use better judgment in coming to a decision. This was one of the strongest arguments of the defense.

ELDER MRS. THAW PHYSICALLY ILL

THAW'S ABANDON HOPE OF FIGHTING DIVORCE.

However, if Evelyn Persists in Bringing Scandal to the Family and Using the Muck Rake Lustily, the Thaws May Bring Trouble Against Her Plans—The Elder Mrs. Thaw Broken Up Over the Affair and Will Leave for California Soon.

Pittsburg, March 13.—The Thaw family has abandoned all thought of fighting Evelyn Thaw's suit for annulment of marriage from Harry Thaw. The family is broken up at the apparent intention of Evelyn to muck rake her husband's life and air all the scandal possible and her announced plan is said to have driven the elder Mrs. Thaw almost insane.

So complete is her breakdown that she will soon leave Pittsburg for Pasadena, where her son, Josiah, is now staying with his family. Meanwhile, it is said that if Evelyn proceeds with her suit quietly there will be no trouble, but if she attempts to break into the newspapers with her story she may encounter opposition she does not dream of at present.

LAW IN MUDDLE.

Union County Apparently is Without Any Trout Law.

Anglers who have been seized by the trout fever are looking up authorities on the trout law in Union county this spring. According to many decisions there is no law regarding the closed or open season. The 1907 session laws have brought entanglement. They amend the original laws and speak specifically of the Umpqua river, but the reading is not clear, covering eastern Oregon.

Hence, according to many interpretations of the laws, it is lawful to catch trout in this county at any time. There are laws, however, which were not amended and tampered with, and these should be kept in mind by anglers. Following are a few of them which deal directly with Union county conditions:

Salmon Trout.

It shall be unlawful to catch, kill or take salmon trout by any means whatever, except with hook and line.

Sale of Trout Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to have in possession for sale or exchange any species of trout at any time.

Night Fishing Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to take, kill or catch or attempt to kill, capture or kill any trout between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

Limit of Catch.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, kill or capture more than 125 trout in one day.

Three million new, shining pesos are being taken to the Philippines to relieve the famine in that coin.



Rev. J. W. Whitcomb Brougher of Portland.

vice will follow at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. His coming brings to us a man who preaches every Sunday to a mass of people equal to the population of our city. The new church will evidently be inadequate, but there will be room for about 550 or 700 to hear him.

The following was clipped from the Eugene Guard last week. Brougher and a Union county boy are involved: We have heard of Brougher, we have read of Brougher, we have wondered at his success, but we wonder

infidence in every student present. It is very gratifying to parents to have men of this kind emphasize the teachings they have always endeavored to instill into the hearts of their sons and daughters. Professor Hug is to be commended in his efforts in the high school work. He never fails to keep a close lookout and bring before his school the very best things for them, and has the hearty approval of all who are interested in higher education.—Eugene Guard.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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