

GRAIN STANDARDIZATION PROVIDED FOR IN BILL INTRODUCED BY PIERCE

Supervision of All Terminal Warehouses Also Included in Measure by Pierce—Ninety Days After Passage Public Service Commission Shall Fix Standard for Hay and Grain.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special).—Standardization of Oregon grain and public supervision of terminal warehouses are the two principal objects sought to be accomplished by a bill introduced in the senate Wednesday afternoon by Senator Pierce. The bill has been endorsed by various public and commercial organizations in the state.

"The public service commission shall exercise general supervision over the handling, weighing, inspecting and storage of grain and hay, and the management of public and terminal warehouses," says the bill.

Another provision says: "The commission shall within 90 days after this act becomes a law fix and establish standard grades to apply to all grain and hay, bought or handled by public or terminal warehouses in this state. All grades shall be Oregon grades. The commission shall adopt as state grade standards all grades of grain and hay now or hereafter established by the United States department of agriculture. Standards for grain and hay not provided for by the United States department of agriculture shall be established or changed only after a public hearing."

Provision is made that the public service commission may appoint a chief inspector who shall be thoroughly familiar with the grain, grain products and forage crops of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and shall have had at least five years' experience in handling such products. His salary is limited to \$2500 a year.

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BRITISH COLONIALS ARE MAKING HISTORY AT THE WESTERN FRONT

EVERY OVERSEAS CONTINGENT HAS ATTACHED ITS NAME TO FAMOUS BATTLEFIELDS.

Their Impetuosity Captures Village at Courcellette Which Was Well Defended—New Foundland, South African and Australians All Fight Bravely.

BY W. S. FORREST

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) London, Jan. 14.—(By Mail).—Everlasting pages have been added to British colonial history in the Battle of the Somme.

Available records of this great struggle show that every one of Britain's overseas contingents has chosen some particular elevation, valley, village or wood whose name will live like America's Bunker Hill.

The Canadians carved their niche of fame at Courcellette. It was the French Canadians here who brilliantly carried out their part of the general staff's set program and then pressed on, storming the fortress village, filled to the brim with Germans. Competent military authorities say it was simply Canadian valor and impetuosity that put Courcellette behind the allied lines within an hour, whereas it had been expected to hold out a week. Historical versions of the Battle of the Somme can never be written without the story of the Canadians' dash through and over the complicated defenses the Germans had built at Courcellette. The taking of Regina trench, named in honor of Regina, Saskatchewan, is another feat and name that will find print in every record of Canadian fighting. The Canadians at Ypres is another chapter which has nothing to do with the Somme.

New Foundland's Triumph. The troops of diminutive New Foundland have selected a November day for annual national observance. The scene of New Foundland's triumph in the Somme struggle will probably be named before many months. Hieroglyphical military maps describe the scene as "F392.5 to 40A132." That's all the location it has so far but what happened in that trench filled with New Foundland's enemies is what New Foundland has to be thankful for. The thinned New Foundland bayonets that reduced it to a ditch of dead fought counterattacks to a standstill, while a German artillery barrage smothered life on the ground between them and their original line. Troops working on the right in conjunction with the men from New Foundland were unable to carry their part of the trench. The victorious North American islanders therefore fought their way into every corner of the stronghold and cleared it. They held the trench and have got it yet.

Pozieres is a word that means a lot to the burly Australians. The Antipodal whirlwind which came slowly up the rising ground from Ovillers-la-Boisselle and gained its highest velocity in the shell-scarred ruins of Pozieres will long be remembered by the forces who tried to keep the village. Even Australians give the Germans credit for the most extreme of extreme efforts to hold this key point of the ridge that overlooks the Bapaume plateau. But extreme efforts didn't stop the Australian giants who fought with bombs, bayonets, fists and teeth in and out of every house in the village. Magnificent physique is what won Pozieres, said an authority from the front, that—added to perfect courage and a whole lot of determination.

South African Victory. Delville Wood is already a historical South African name. History at Delville Wood runs back to July 18, when the South African fighters fell back out of the wood on the decimated ranks of Scottish Highlanders who had held their wrecked trenches there for four days. Out numbered six to one the Africans and their kilted compatriots rallied, stopped the enemy's rush, broke him and drove him back to a line which the enemy has tried but has never taken. Delville Wood is so firmly driven into South African history that it will never come out.

The little village of Fiers figures most prominent in New Zealand's history of the Somme. Sweeping through this village, in conjunction with supporting troops, they bombed and bayoneted their way into and up and down the German main third line and held their gains.

What was once a few square miles of peaceful undulating countryside, miniature hills and wooded valleys with miniature red topped, church spired, villages, breaking the passage of chalk white roads is today a few square miles of blackened shell scarred desolation. But this small portion of Northern France, which represents a pinhead on an ordinary map, has made more British colonial history than all the former wars. It will make more history in the spring for the whole world, it is believed today, but what colonial history it has so far made will probably never be overshadowed.

Northwest News

St. Helens, Ore., Feb. 2.—(United Press).—Final details have been completed for rights of way and trackage in St. Helens for the Holland, Briggs & Avery Logging company, which will begin immediately to construct a logging railroad to its large timber holdings near Trenholm. The road will tap a district holding 175,000,000 feet of timber. The land after logged will be used for farms.

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 2.—(United Press).—Fifty towns, villages and community organizations in Clatsop and Columbia counties have united in an effort to bring the Oregon legislature's attention to the need of state appropriations for completing the Columbia river highway work in the two counties. Both Clatsop and Columbia bonded themselves to build the highway through their districts, but funds gave out before the work was completed. Now the state is being asked to finish the job.

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 2.—(United Press).—The modern student as a rule is out of touch with the world in which he lives, according to the belief of Carl Holliday, professor of English at the University of Montana.

"With the exception of their text books, in which some students show a passing interest, books fail to win the attention of the average student," said Prof. Holliday. "Excepting the students in journalism and current events classes, the seniors themselves are indifferent to what goes on outside the campus. They lose much of their interest even in looking on at the game of life, and surround themselves with their text books and their own self sufficiency. It is deplorable that the task of getting an education causes many students to neglect numerous educational opportunities."

Port Angeles, Wash., Feb. 2.—(United Press).—Pillchuck Julia, Indian seeress, claims credit for the snows which have been whitening the north-west off and on for about a week. Some folks were laughing at Julia for being an erring weather prognosticator, but she foisted a snow "two squaks deep" and shortly after "hat the little flakes began tumbling down."

PROMINENT VIOLINIST HERE

Leo Lindsey, prominent violinist of Portland, Ore., has taken charge of the local orchestra for a short time and if pleased with the city will locate here. Mr. Lindsey formerly was leader of the Pantages theater orchestra of Portland, member of the Elks band, violinist with the Hawaiian orchestra at Oregon Grille and Oaks Park, and concertmaster of Parson's Symphony orchestra and numerous other prominent organizations.

Are You Aware?

That Arthur C. Williams has practiced law in La Grande for over 25 years, and all that time in one office, in the Loftus building, until February 1 when he removed to the West Jacobson building?

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Oxman Glad to Testify.

Baker, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special).—F. C. Oxman, Durkee stockman, important witness at the Thomas J. Mooney trial in San Francisco, has returned to Baker. He said he was reluctant to testify against the defendant at first, but when seeing him and recalling the incidents of seeing the suitcase placed, he changed his mind and testified with a clear conscience, even though the death penalty is imposed.

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