

GOLD COMES IN LIKE SCRAP IRON

Handled by Deck Hands the
Same as Other Ordinary
Shipments

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Gold, tons of it, coming here on every large passenger liner that plies the Atlantic, is handled by seamen and longshoremen as nonchalantly as if it were scrap iron.

On such ships as the Olympic arrive millions of dollars' worth of the precious metal—shipments such as would have swamped an old galleon sailing the Spanish main. But the heavy, steel-bound boxes of ingots or coins stored away in the holds of the giant liners arouse among passengers and crew far less interest than the presence of an internationally known actress or prize-winning Pomeranian.

It was recently announced that the United States treasury vaults here already hold \$1,500,000,000 in gold—one-fifth of the world's entire supply.

Gold Travels as Freight.
Gold is classified as freight, and a certain rate per ton is paid for transporting it, although, due to its value special consideration is given to its safety. On each of these big ships is a vault—known in ship language as the strong room. It is a big box or chamber, heavily lined with armor plate steel, located in one of the lower holds in such a position that it can be approached from but one direction, by a passage opening from but one door or hatch.

There is no space around the strong room for a would-be thief to work with a drill, and indeed, if he should get in he would probably find himself a prisoner.

Kept Under Lock and Key.
Delivered to the ship in a European port, the purser carefully checks the number of boxes, notes the stated value of the contents, sees to it that proper customs permits for shipment have been issued, and in the name of the ship signs the bills of lading. Under his personal eye it is stowed in the strong room, where it is again checked. The room is locked, and the keys and combination of the door are retained in the purser's own care. On several of the ships electric alarm devices add to the protection.

On arrival in New York the gold shipments receive first attention after the passengers have been discharged. A special force of longshoremen, under the eye of a trusted boss, is led to the strong room in company with a representative of the bank or banks to which the gold is assigned. The boxes are checked out, loaded on trucks, a certain weight to each man, and trundled away to waiting vans near the ship side.

Gold and Pig Iron Alike to Them.
The men, although handling great treasure, make no fuss about it—it is all in a work day of eight hours—and gold or pig iron, it is the same to them. However, once in the vans when the ship is released of responsibility, there is a show of guards.

What would happen to the gold if the ship should meet with an accident and go down? "It would have to go with the ship, unless conditions were such that it could be removed after the lives of all on board had been saved," is the answer of the lines. Like other freight, it is insured, and not even treasure must be taken into consideration when lives are at stake.

Gold shipments which have gone down are occupying the attention of scores of marine experts today. Numerous devices have been patented and many lives have been lost in attempts to salvage sunken treasure. Among hundreds of others a rich reward awaits the man who can salvage the treasure lost with the Lusitania.

MRS. COUCH WILL BUILD FINE HOME

LADD CANYON, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The shower of rain was gratefully received, and will freshen things up and start the grass up for the stock.

Mrs. I. A. Peebler is visiting with her sons this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maharry and son, Virgil, of North Powder spent Sunday with the D. W. Miller family, returning to North Powder in the evening.

Mrs. Ray Couch is quite sick at home. Mrs. Gutteridge is taking care of her.

Mrs. C. Laughlin visited in town a few days this week.

A. N. Krause is getting ready to lead his lumber, has some to haul out before starting work at the yards.

Mrs. M. C. Couch has decided to build on the lots she bought in Washington Avenue in La Grande. She expects to put up a modern bungalow for a home, and have it ready to occupy before cold weather.

John Couch, of Wallawa, and Mrs. U. G. Couch were visitors at the Roy Couch ranch one day last week.

Mrs. Henry Counsell was the last business to the Get-Together Club at the Geo. Tilton home. A good crowd was present to enjoy the afternoon, also several visitors, who are always welcome. At the usual business meeting it was decided to elect an assistant secretary, as in case of absence of the secretary some one would have the report. Mrs. H. W. Peebler was elected to that office. Flowers were sent to Mrs. McCarty (Helen Peebler), Nellie McCall and Ruth Drumsmith.

California peaches for early season—26-pound boxes at \$2.15. 8-10-21
HOLM GROCERY.

HAS VERY EXCITING TRIP.

Harry Snodgrass had a rather exciting fishing trip the other day while up eight miles on the other side of Roundowa. Harry was on one side of the river fishing when it began to rain and thunder and before he was aware of it he heard a loud rumbling and looking up saw a large avalanche coming down the side of the mountain, missing him about ten feet, also driving him into the river to keep out of the way of it. The water was deep and having to swim Harry was forced to let most of his fishing outfit go. Finally he caught a log and hung on to it until it floated ashore. He was then forced to climb a cliff that was very steep in order to get on the other side as the avalanche had closed the opening. It took him an hour and ten minutes to go a quarter of a mile. Harry was unhurt but rather disappointed in the fishing trip as the avalanche had made the river so muddy that he was only able to catch a few fish.

SOVIET REGIME IS UNDERMINED

Move on Foot in Constantinople to Unseat Red Leaders

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Gregoire Alexinsky, a former member of the Russian duma now in Paris, in a letter to a prominent New Yorker whose identity cannot be made public, says that a strong anti-Bolshevik organization has been set up in Constantinople in anticipation of the fall of the Lenin-Trotsky regime, which the writer declares is "imminent and inevitable."

Two events, the revolt at Kronstadt on February 24, 1921, and the establishment, by the Constantinople organization, of friendly relations with the anti-Bolshevik government at Vladivostok, he said, are of particular significance. The clouds over Soviet Russia, at first no larger than a man's fist, Mr. Alexinsky writes, have now grown to the proportions of a serious storm.

"All the information which reaches us from Russia," wrote Mr. Alexinsky, "proves that the power of the Soviets is shaking and that the government of Lenin is nearing its end. We anti-Bolsheviks have, meanwhile, done much to unify our forces. The strongest organization we have created, the Soviet (Council) Russia, is located at Constantinople with the following officers: President (ex-officio) General Peter Wrangel; Vice President, Professor Jean Alexinsky, a Socialist-Populist and former member of the duma; second Vice President, M. Mousine-Pouchkine, a Moderate Conservative and former member of the duma; Secretary-General, Lauchevitch, a cadet and former member of the duma.

"The Soviet (Council) Russia is composed of representatives of the Russian parliamentary committees and the Russian academic groups in foreign countries, the municipal assemblies and the zemstvos. Three political delegates of the anti-Bolshevik Army Staff are also members and include Monk Choudguine, a Conservative; Prince Dolgoroukoff, a cadet; and myself, a Social Democrat. The Cossack forces are also represented by three commanders."

The program of the Soviet (Council) Russia, Mr. Alexinsky said, provides that after the overthrow of Bolshevism "all Russian people, without distinction of class, religion or nationality, will be free to make their choice regarding Russia's government and constitution and the peasants will be recognized as owners of the land they cultivate."

Other provisions include the "re-establishment of productive work and of the economic forces of Russia" through conferences between workmen's committees, the factory managers and the government. There will be no vengeance against those who "through fear or mistaken judgment" have served in the Communist administration or in the Red Army and a general amnesty will enable all to help in "the building of New Russia."

All nationalities composing the present state, Mr. Alexinsky said, "will have equal rights and religious and personal liberty guaranteed to them by law" and will be given the opportunity for "free development in their local and national communities."

The Council's function, it was said, will be to manage all political and civil affairs, leaving military matters entirely to former officers of the anti-Bolshevik forces. At present, Mr. Alexinsky wrote, the Council is backed by the remnants of the Crimean army, 40,000 to 45,000 men, and the committees of the refugees in the Balkans, representing 20,000 other Russians.

NOTICE.

An ice cream social will be held at Lane Chapel Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

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A Pair of Double Grip Satin pad Garters	.25
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THE ACTUAL VALUES ARE ON DISPLAY IN OUR WINDOWS
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THRESHERS ARE NOW RUNNING

IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT. Aug. 10, (Special).—John Morrison is threshing the crops or at least part of them for the farmers of the vicinity. The wheat growers are in haste to finish their harvest, fearing a repetition of the rains of last fall. Herbert Speckhart and Louis Standley are both running combines and on the smaller farms binders are being used.

From severe flesh bruises and cuts resulting from being thrown from a mower when his team ran away.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and son Elmer, and Miss Mary Owens, who have been visiting in the valley for the past two weeks, left Friday for Portland.

On August the fourth Mrs. O. E. Waxner and Mrs. J. E. Hulse enjoyed a birthday surprise at the Hulse home. Several of the neighbors gathered and a social evening was spent with ice cream and cake refreshments.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Roemer and children, who formerly lived in the vicinity called at the J. E. Hulse home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dorland and

children, Benjamin, Jack and Ruth, have gone on a vacation trip to Pendleton and near-by points.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Halley were visitors at the R. J. Salder home, Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Hamilton and daughter Wilma, and Mrs. McCrary and daughter Dorothy were callers at the J. E. Hulse home Saturday.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tuckey and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Playle, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mackay and son, were callers at the J. E. Hulse home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hendley and children who formerly lived in the vicinity called at the J. E. Hulse home Sunday.

L. M. Hoyt and Misses Mildred

and Myrtle, have just returned from a short, but very enjoyable trip to Lahman Springs.

Miss Anita Erickson returned last week from Cove where she has been visiting her uncle, Harland Kager.

Mrs. Joe Toner and sons are expected guests at the L. M. Hoyt home.

Candy—A Food.

Candy has long since passed out of the class of unwholesome luxuries. It is everywhere recognized now for its food value. Pure sugar contains a large number of calories. When candy is made of pure cane sugar and chocolate it becomes concentrated in its food values and extremely beneficial. This is the kind of candy that

Al Cain makes at The Palace. You can buy it in boxes or in bulk.

**PRAIRIE CITY EXPECTS
BETTER ROADS SOON**

PRAIRIE CITY, Aug. 12.—J. H. Scott, highway engineer, and R. D. Lytle of Fossil, who spent a day here this week, stated that a survey would be made of the highway east of this place in the forest land as soon as a survey party becomes available. Construction work of this unit will probably not start before the first of the year.

Graveling on these units between this place and Wheeler county is to be begun in a short time and completed this fall.