

NAVY KNOCKERS MAKE "BOB" SORE

"We've the Finest Navy in the World, and to Say It's a Bluff Is Rot," He Says.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Admiral Evans has no patience with those who deride the American navy.

"I am in sympathy with every word the president has said as to the necessity for ship subsidy," said "Fight ing Bob" today, "but I haven't any patience with that class of individuals who, in their advocacy of that program, try to belittle the American navy."

"The days are past when the American jockey has his fingers full of tar and his head wet with slush. The American sailor nowadays is a mechanic, a specialist. Two days at sea is generally enough to give the greenest landlubber his sea legs. This talk of sailors being born and not made is rot. Whoever heard of a 'horn twelve-inch gunpointer?'"

"We are weak in auxiliaries, no doubt, but we've got the finest navy in the whole world. And anyone who says the men—the boys who do the work—are inefficient is talking rot."

"Did the men on the Atlantic fleet appear like landlubbers? I wasn't with them during the Asiatic cruise, but I heard they struck two or three typhoons over there, and the battleships came out all right. Who says these men are landlubbers, entrained in the sea and all that sort of rot? We make the men in the navy."

"While all this talk about our weak merchant marine is being noised about it should not be forgotten that we have the finest coast merchant marine in the world. We need a foreign merchant marine as well. The president said just the right word in his speech at Seattle. I can't add any more than my heartiest sympathy with that view."

UNKNOWN TAKES LIFE AT ASHLAND

No Clue to Identity of Man Who Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself.

An unknown man committed suicide in Ashland Wednesday morning by shooting himself through the head. He was about 30 years old, dark hair, light blue eyes, and five feet eight inches tall. No letters or papers were on his person.

He was well dressed and had a gold watch and \$50 in his pockets. He was evidently a rover rather than a laboring man.

MAIL WILL BE WHIZZED ACROSS THE CONTINENT

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 14.—According to the government's new contract with the Great Northern railway, mail is to be whizzed across the continent like chained lightning. The new time from St. Paul to Seattle is 47½ hours, or 15 hours less than the previous best time. This brings the time from coast to coast down to three and one-half days. This will be a great benefit to the commercial interests of the northwest. The new contract is for a period of four years and is worth \$2,000,000.

PEDDLERS DO THRIVING BUSINESS IN APPLES

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 13.—County Fruit Inspector S. J. Campbell threatens to interfere with the profitable business of fruit peddlers from the east end of Umatilla county, who are buying cull apples from the packing plants at Milton and Froewater at 10 cents per box hauling them to Pendleton and disposing of them at 85 cents and upwards. They have been doing a thriving business, notwithstanding that the law forbids the sales of fruit infected with codling moth for any other purpose than that of making cider.

Douglas Stedman, purchasing agent for a Phoenix firm, was here on business Tuesday.

BOOSTERS TAKE NEW LEASE OF LIFE IN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 14.—Commercial organizations in all parts of the northwest are taking renewed interest in their work, as the result of the widespread interest in this part of the country, growing out of the generous publicity resulting from the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The annual report of the Tacoma chamber of commerce, just issued, shows that the volume of inquiries received from prospective newcomers has never been larger. Similar advice is received from eastern Washington clubs also. Everywhere commercial clubs are showing signs of prosperity. These organizations active in Walla Walla and Wenatchee, are already erecting permanent homes, from which they will continue to enlarge their growing activities. The wonderful development of both the Wenatchee and Walla Walla districts is due largely to the intelligent work of their commercial bodies, which, while they boost and boast, also do something more substantial. Pacific Northwest Commerce, the official publication of the Seattle chamber of commerce, will shortly print a resume of the work done by all trade and promotion forces of the northwest, which will be rich in suggestion for future work, as well as drawing attention to what has already been done.

COLORADO CROP GOING FORWARD

About 25 Cars a Day Are Going From the Grand Valley in Colorado.

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Oct. 14. The apple movement is now on in full force and shipments have now reached approximately 25 cars daily, with the prospects of a steady increase. Last week's shipments were comparatively light, about 125 cars in all, of which about 75 cars were apples. There was a scattering of peaches and melons and quite a few pears and mixed carlots.

Prices all down the line are very satisfactory and many of the apples so far have been sold as they stood in the cars on the tracks. On the best Jonathans and standard varieties \$2 a box was quoted on the apples at the outset. On the receipt of returns from Chicago the prices they were selling for there the price was boosted to \$2.25 a box. Last Saturday a car of extra fancy Jonathans sold for \$3, the top price of this or any other season. All prices were f. o. b. Grand Junction.

The returns from the earlier season shipments are being received daily and are surpassing all expectations. To date about half a million dollars has been distributed to the growers. Sixty-seven cars in one lot, which included two cars of Bartlett's, one car of white and yellow peaches, and 64 cars of Elbertas, sold for \$60,943.10, net to the shippers. On the Elbertas this was an average of 84¢ for the extras and 78¢ for the fancy. Eight cars of Elbertas brought \$7,651.30 net, which was the same price per box. The returns on Bartlett pears ran as high as \$2.27 a box.

From now on the apple movement will be the biggest in the history of the western slope. Hotchkiss, Paonia Delta and Montrose as well as the Grand valley points will be shipping a record crop. Jonathans will predominate, with a good representation of all the other standard varieties.

Pleasant Reception.

Over 350 people attended the reception of greeting which was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Belknap at the M. E. church Wednesday evening and the reception was a hearty and pleasant affair. Following a program of addresses and music, refreshments were served. The program consisted of prayer by Rev. Kelso, address of welcome by Dr. Dyer, address of welcome on behalf of Medford ministers by Rev. Shields, response by Rev. Belknap, solos by Miss Enid Hamilton and Messrs. Edmendes and Meeker, duet by Misses Corey and Philbrook, accompanied by Clarence Kellogg.

W. B. Wright, a miner from Steamboat, is spending a few days in Medford.

WICKERSHAM IS AFTER TRUSTS

Draughting a Bill on the Lines Suggested by President Taft in Des Moines Speech.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Attorney General Wickersham is drawing a bill for national incorporation that promises to attract widespread interest the coming winter. He is convinced that such a law would go a long way toward solving the trust problem.

Mr. Wickersham's bill will provide for voluntary incorporation. He thinks that concerns having large interstate business would avail themselves of it and accept such measure of federal regulation as would be involved.

Mr. Wickersham is also framing a bill making such changes in the interstate commerce laws as were outlined by President Taft in his Des Moines speech, namely, an interstate commerce court of five members to which appeals could be taken from the interstate commission to initiate complaints against railroad companies; railroads prohibited from owning stock in competing lines. Mr. Taft also recommended that the commission be empowered to hear complaints of unjust classification of merchandise. He thought that railroads ought not to be permitted to change rates unless they can give a reason for it, and he proposed to authorize the commission to postpone the date for a new rate to take effect if within 30 days of the date of the order complaint is filed that the rate is unjust.

ALFONSO DOOMED SAYS LEROUX

"Revolution in Spain Is Not Only Possible, Says Barcelonian, "but Necessary and Easy."

PARIS, Oct. 14.—"A revolution in Spain is not only possible, but necessary and easy," said Alexander Leroux, a member of the Spanish chamber of deputies and leader of the Barcelona republicans. He is about to return to Spain after two years in exile because of his bitter denunciation of the government.

"All the liberal elements in Spain are concentrating," he continued. "King Alfonso is weak and without prestige except with the army. The monarchy is doomed."

"Although Ferrar was not directly responsible for the rioting in Barcelona last July, I am convinced he will be condemned to be shot, as was Garcia, because the clerical reactionaries have the upper hand and are determined to put an end to lay education. The only way to save Ferrar is through international agitation in favor of a public trial."

The French socialists are calling meetings throughout the republic to protest against Spanish repression.

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