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OUR AIR & SEA NAVIES

We Have Held Our Own But Are We Pre- pared Now?

The present situation ought to be a great stimulant to bring out the air fleet and the subsea fleet of the United States. Our naval authorities cannot have been idle during the past two and a half years. What has been done to make it uncomfortable for a hostile power that comes in submarines to prey upon our trading vessels and warships?

In no former war has any power held its own with our's at sea; and if by any contingency our navy becomes involved now, what is the result to be?

We know something of what the Naval Board at Washington has done; but what have the commanders of the ships the men whose duty it would be to directly face the foe, what have they been doing?

When the Dewey squadron sailed out of Hongkong harbor for Manila, the commander of a British ship lying near where the American fleet passed, shouted through his trumpet: "You will win, lads. I saw you at practice the other day. You will surely win."

At that time not one man in ten in our own country knew that we had any ships in the far-off Pacific. But they were there and there was perfect concert of action among them all. Sea warfare has somewhat changed since then, but it is impossible not to believe that it has not been kept pace with by our men on the ships.

But we are not too sanguine about our upper air perfectness. The necessities of the great war have caused the birdmen of England, France and Germany to greatly perfect themselves and their machines. How our own men compare in that arm of the service only those directly interested know, but they ought to be busy just now.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Spies Kept from Panama Canal

Washington, Feb. 12.—An executive order to exclude spies and other undesirable persons from the Panama Canal zone and to give the governor virtually unlimited authority to regulate immigration there has been signed by President Wilson.

The Krupps have managed to perfect their facilities without hindrance by any threats on the part of the German government to make its own war material.

INCREASE IN GRAZING FEES ANNOUNCED

Resources of National For- ests Should be Charg- ed for at Fair Value.

An increase of 25 per cent in the grazing fees in all National Forests instead of 33 1/3 per cent as was originally contemplated, will be made for the season of 1917, according to the plan just announced by Secretary Houston. Subsequent increases will be based on a study of the local conditions on the individual Forests and will vary in accordance with the facts thus obtained.

"The timber, grazing, water power, and other resources of the National Forests which are used for commercial purposes should be charged for at a rate which represents their fair value," said Secretary Houston. "If a charge only sufficient to cover the cost of administration were made, all of the profit from the commercial use of the National Forests would go to a comparatively few instead of to all the people to whom they belong and who are entitled to share their benefits. The charge for grazing should be based upon the real value of the forage on the National Forest ranges, as determined by a careful survey of all the facts and not by competitive bids, as required in timber sales.

"Whether or not the fees charged at present represent a fair value of the forage is the question to be decided. The facts before me clearly indicate that the present charge does not represent the full value of grazing privileges on the National Forests."

England Is Spending \$28,- 950,000 A Day.

London, Feb. 12.—Average daily expenditure of Great Britain is now £5,790,000. Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons today.

The chancellor said the total expenditure since the beginning of the war was £4,200,000,000.

At the end of the current year the national debt would stand between £3,800,000,000 and £3,900,000,000. Advances to allies and dominions would be approximately £390,000,000.

A leak from Washington to Wall Street makes that old telephone tapping scheme look like a "piker."

Every time the "pork" figures are mentioned the general public has another "high cost of living" thrill.

GOLD FROM PACIFIC STATES IS WANTED

Government May Redeem Light Coins at Face Value to Get Them Into Vaults.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Plans for bringing much of the gold coin in circulation on the Pacific slope into the vaults of the government are being shaped into proposals for legislation by the treasury department and the federal reserve board.

The move under consideration would provide for the redemption, during a period of 90 days, by the government of all gold coin offered by banks and individuals at its face value instead of by weight. The present practice of redeeming gold at its weight value tends to keep lightweight coins from the banks and under the proposal now being considered the government would stand the loss due to abrasion, instead of the bank or the individual.

Much of the gold coin in circulation on the Coast, it is said, is about 5 to 10 cents light and cost to the government of bringing the gold into its vaults by redemption at minted value, it is thought, would be considerable. This would be offset, however, by advantages of the plan believe, by advantages resulting from possession of the gold in the government's vaults.

Weed Lumber Company Op- erates March 1.

The operations of the Weed Lumber Company start the first of the month according to statements given out by the company. Employment will be given to approximately 1,275 men, whose monthly payroll it is estimated will be \$80,000. This will be an increase over last year. The number of men to be employed this season will be increased by seventy-five, as compared with last year's list of employees.

The two mills will be opened the latter part of this month. A new logging camp is being constructed at Mt. Hebron, and it is reported the company soon contemplates an extensive undertaking in the Klamath Falls region. J. M. White assistant to E. H. Cox of San Francisco, president of the company, states that operations will be conducted on a more extensive scale than during previous seasons.—Ashland Tidings.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promot- ing Development of Oregon.

Eugene—S. P. Co. pays \$10,000 monthly to 138 Eugene employees. 42 employees of Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co. here receive \$1865.15 bonus.

Medford—City council agrees to assist proposed establishment of box factory by extending water main to west boundary of city.

Reedsport—New hotel planned. Albany—About 50 wagon loads of gravel being hauled daily to nearby road districts and 3 to 5 carloads loaded daily for outlying districts in Linn county.

Florence—\$8389 contract let for new Coast guard station.

Portland—L. C. Gilman, Pres. of North Bank Road announces expenditure of \$1,250,000 by his road for 1917, mostly in Oregon.

Dufur—150,000 bushel grain warehouse contemplated here.

Bend—Bend Water, Light & Power Co. to install \$3000 pumping plant.

Heppner—100,000 bushel elevator planned here.

Bandon—Woolen mill and ship yard expected to resume operations soon.

Lebanon—Citizens working to get cannery.

La Grande to have new 3-story business block.

Agness—Longest suspension bridge on Coast about completed across Rogue river here. Main span 355 ft., while its anchors are 635 ft. apart.

Survey of Eugene-Coos Bay highway begun. If this road is ever completed it will eliminate one of the worst and most used roads in the world.

Donald sends out more freight than any other small station on Oregon Electric.

Reedsport—Cold storage plant to be built here.

International Paper Co. of Boston takes option on large timber holdings in Umpqua country at \$4,500,000 and prospects are for large pulp and paper mill on lower Umpqua river.

Astoria will build dredge for harbor work.

Coos Bay—During first half of January this port shipped more lumber to San Francisco than any other harbor on coast.

North Plains—Beaverton Brick & Tile Co. has been organized and will be put in operation with about thirty men.

Reedsport—S. P. Co. to build large floating dock here.

Cottage Grove—Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. contracting beets at \$6.50 f. o. b. cars here. The sugar factory recently built at Grants Pass is a great asset to farmers of that section as it permits development of one of most staple farm crops, sugar beets.

Toledo—New sawmill in prospect here.

Gresham—Cameron and Taylor lumber interests building 4 mile logging R. R.

New steamer line to operate between Coos Bay and San Francisco.

Eccles interests of Ogden, Utah buy \$4,000,000 worth of timber in Columbia river and Coast counties and will build mill on Columbia river or Tillamook Bay.

McMinnville—Sugar beets are taking the place of hops and if experiments here are successful, sugar factory is promised this section by Salt Lake interests.

Marshfield—5-mile logging road to be built by North Bend Mill and Lumber company.

Bend Water Light & Power Co. to spend from \$50,000 to \$75,000 on improvements within next nine months.

Florence—New shingle mill contemplated here.

Salem—Salem Hop Growers Ass'n. taking active interest in proposition of growing sugar beets as outlined by representatives of Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. Prominent hop growers near Eola will plant beets.

Albany Furniture Mfg. Co. making first shipment of several cars of dressers and extension tables.

Salem—Chas. K. Spalding starts organization for \$900,000 paper mill here.

Coquille—Coquille Lumber Co., closed four years, will reopen with sufficient orders for year's run.

SCHOOL BILL SIGNED

All Voters Made Eligible to Take Part in Dis- trict Fights.

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—Governor Withycombe today signed house bill 90, introduced by Sheldon, making it unnecessary for an elector to be a property holder to vote for school directors at school elections, and in 90 days from date it becomes a law.

This is the second bill the governor has signed during the session. Senator Eddy's bill extending the recall to school directors, having been signed a week ago. When the two bills become law the electorate will be enabled to retire a school board, if it fails to manage the schools efficiently. The two, it is believed, will have the effect of eliminating politics from the Portland school district and put it on a business-like basis.

Capital Not Going Into American Ships.

The Examiner says San Francisco will never attain maritime supremacy so long as we permit the stranger to own and operate the great bulk of over seas shipping.

It says the Bay has now great ship-building plants that can turn out a 10,000 ton ship in sixteen days but they are building them all for foreign shipping firms.

It asks why are not American capitalists arranging to carry our flag and our commerce over seas, and why they are not alive to the opportunities of overseas commerce?

It shows how Japanese are grabbing the trade between the Pacific Coast and the Orient, and how San Francisco Chinese are maintaining the American flag on the Pacific.

It shows how not a merchant vessel sails from the Philippines under the American flag, and how Holland shipping has taken the trade from our ports that formerly went to the East Indies.

There was never a better demonstration of the value to our country of direct steamship communication, to say nothing of money paid for freight going and coming is paid to foreigners.

Abraham Lincoln

(By Judge C. C. Goodwin)

Monday was the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. He was born February 12, 1809, in a cabin on the Kentucky frontier.

It is good to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of this great American. In all history there has been no other just such a man as he; the services he performed for his native land and for humanity are inestimable, and the inspiration of his life will endure forever.

It was as though the powers that govern were determined to demonstrate that inherent greatness might come out of the direst poverty; that there was a greatness that might emerge from squalor, superior to any nursed in the schools; that in our own free land it was possible for one of the lowliest origin to rise from such conditions and scale the heights; and that such a mortal, who even in the cradle was consecrated to a life of sorrow and poverty and almost degradation, might still put on and wear the garments of immortality.

Because Abraham Lincoln lived, the poor American boy has the right to hold a hope of renown, a dream of making for himself a place to last in history forever; and his whole life was an example that absolute integrity and the absence of all false pride are the highest essentials to draw to a man the veneration of all the world.

No Minister to Pray In Lower House.

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—For 25 minutes this morning the house waited while Speaker Stanfield and associates made an unsuccessful search of the city for a minister to open the session with prayer.

It has always been the custom to open the days work with a prayer, and Speaker Stanfield did not wish to start the wheels rolling, especially as today marks the beginning of the last week of the session, and many of the members are confident that they need spiritual aid to carry them through the week's work.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Sawmill Moves to Warrenton

Warrenton, Or., Feb. 12 S. T. Sanford, of Sheridan, has located here and begun the work of clearing ground upon which he will locate his finishing sawmill now at Sheridan.

Bandon Cheese Output Grows

Bandon, Or., Feb. 12 Bandon Cheese company is making substantial improvements on its factory and plans doubling its output the coming season. The cheese production of this community will be at least a third larger than last year. The total shipment of cheese out of the local harbor last year was 1,554,287 pounds, valued at more than \$300,000.

First Victim of Dry Law

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 12—The first victim of the Oregon bone dry law in Klamath Falls is Jack Miller, a saloonman of Dorris, Cal., who came across the line Friday and on Saturday was picked up by Policeman Wilson, of the city force. A warrant was issued from the sheriff's office and Miller was arrested and taken before Justice of the Peace Gowen. He was in possession of a bottle of whiskey and his trial is set for Wednesday morning.

Freewater Cannery Changes

Freewater, Or., Feb. 12—The Walla Walla Pickling & Canning company has purchased the Freewater cannery from Mr. Hardin, of Walla Walla, who purchased it about two weeks ago. The new owners take possession March 5. They will run a cider and vinegar factory and can small fruits. Joseph Paus, of Walla Walla, has been appointed manager. The company expects to increase the capital stock to \$25,000. Five hundred tons of vegetables are called for this season.

Auto License Fees Double Under New Law

Salem, Or., Feb. 13—The house yesterday afternoon passed a measure providing for doubling license fees on automobiles, for the benefit of road work. It is one of the road program measures prepared by the joint committee on roads and highways, and is a companion bill to the highway code. The fund will be spent by the highway commission.

Arbor Day for Jackson County

Hon. F. L. Touvelle, County Judge, has proclaimed Friday, February 23, Arbor Day for Jackson County. I trust that each school in the county will by appropriate exercises and by planting one or more trees, some shrubbery, vines, or by cleaning up the school premises, do something to make the school grounds visibly more beautiful. It is suggested that each class expecting to graduate or to complete the work as outlined for the school they attend, plant a tree, a plot of roses, or a little shrubbery. In many cases the rest of the school would be glad to join in the exercises dedicating the plants thus set out to the school and to those who are to receive the benefit therefrom.—Extract from circular sent out by Superintendent Ager.

Cold Weather in East

Boston, Feb. 12.—The coldest weather of the winter was reported by a number of points in New England today. Minimum temperatures during the night ranged from 24 degrees below zero to six above.

Detroit, Feb. 12.—The coldest weather in years and the worst shortage in coal of the winter resulted in much suffering in Detroit today. Twelve degrees below zero was officially recorded in the heart of the city this forenoon.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The thermometer registered 19 degrees below zero here this forenoon. It was the coldest day since Feb. 10, 1883. A shortage of coal has made the weather situation exceptionally serious.

Soon be time to think
about the garden
We have a fresh stock of
Seeds of all kinds

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.