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COAST MAY GET THE ORDERS.

Building Wooden Ships Will Be On Coast If At All.

Portland, Feb. 25—Whether additional contracts will be let by the government for the building of wooden vessels is a matter which has not been determined finally, according to a telegram received from Washington, D. C., Saturday. But the information conveyed this encouraging piece of intelligence:

"Will be built on the Pacific coast, if at all."

Portland and Oregon wooden shipyards can produce considerably more tonnage this year than are represented in the contracts which have been awarded to their operators by the United States shipping board, says W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He is in favor of sending Oregon fir in sufficient quantity to Atlantic coast and Gulf yards to finish up the vessels under contract to build there, but he is very much averse to any arrangement which might make that expensive system a regular practice. Mr. Dodson this morning said:

"We can build more wooden ships in this district for our government the present year than are now under contract, and it is the highest patriotic duty we can perform today to build them. Every statement by the enemy or our leaders is to the effect that America's participation in the war depends upon the number of ships available. Secretary Baker says he could send very soon 1,000,000 more men to the front if he had the ships. Munitions and food for the allies, particularly Italy, depend upon more ships."

"It is not most economical to send our lumber across the continent on congested rail lines to build ships in industrial centers already crowded, short of skilled men, overtaxed in housing and drawing food supplies from this coast to sustain a portion of the working population. However, Oregon and Washington will ship the lumber needed to finish existing contract. Where ships have been started, they should be finished. That saves time, if not money, and time and ships are the most vital now.—Telegram."

Strikes begin at Keil. Here's hoping they may spread all over the Hunnish ship of state.

BIG AMERICAN GUNS IN FRANCE.

Latest 10, 12 And 14-Inch Models Are Now In Use On The American Front.

Washington, Feb. 27—American built ordnance of the latest type and heaviest caliber—10-inch, 12-inch and 14 inch rifles, are in service on the sector of the Western front held by the American army and on the Italian front. The general belief has been that very few American heavy guns were in Europe.

The guns sent to Italy include a number of 14-inch rifles both of 45 and 50-calibre. Reports from Italy say the results achieved by the heavy American ordnance already have elicited expressions of admiration from Italian gunners.

In addition to heavy naval ordnance, General Pershing has received a number of reserve 12 inch rifles designed originally for installation in the coast defense of the United States.

Call For Second Draft Is Likely In April Or May

Washington, Feb. 25—While war department officials reiterate that no date has definitely been fixed for the calling of the second draft of the national army, all indications would seem to point to some time during April or at the latest early in May.

Such an estimate is based on the known preparations for equipping and housing the men.

The number to be called in the first increment has not yet been determined because the question of housing them has not been disposed of.

It is possible that additional contingents may have to be provided.

157 Huns In United States Ranks Are Interned.

Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 26—One hundred and fifty-seven soldiers—mostly Germans and Austrians—have been taken from the troops here. Some will be interned and others assigned to troops which will not have service overseas. Some are old men in the service and others recent volunteers. They come from almost every state.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE.

Will Be Used For Grading and Macadamizing

Salem, Or., Feb. 25—Announcement was made today by the highway department that a telegram had been received from Washington, D. C., giving approval to the \$500,000 bonds it is proposed to issue for highway work in Oregon.

The wire came from the capital issues committee, asking for a description of the bonds, and said that as soon as it was received the bond issue would be released.

It is not contemplated that any of that money will be used for paving, but that it will be used for grading and macadamizing. Approximately \$200,000 of it will be used on the Mosier Hood River road in Hood River county, and approximately \$100,000 on the Cascade link. Some will also be used on the lower Columbia highway.

Base Hospital for Camp Lewis.

Camp Lewis, Feb. 25—Approval of plans for an addition to the base hospital at Camp Lewis was received today from Washington, and work will begin within a few days. The new buildings, 12 of them, will increase the capacity of the hospital from 1000 to 1300 patients and relieve the congestion. At present there are 1570 patients, and need of additional quarters has been felt for some time.

The new buildings will be 137 by 35 feet, two stories high and with two wards and a convalescent lounge room on each floor. The equipment will be complete. The buildings will cost \$202,000, according to estimates. Work in clearing the grounds already has been started.

California Bean Crop Is Taken By Army.

San Francisco, Feb. 25—The white bean crop of California amounting to about \$3,000,000 pounds has been commandeered by the United States army and will be put under military guard, according to announcement here today by H. Clay Miller, of the federal division of co-ordination of purchases, U. S. food administration. The government will pay approximately \$4,000,000 for the crop, Miller announced.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Large wood ship contracts let to California and southern shipyards are to be turned over to northwest, as the contractors cannot assemble material to build the ships.

Salem plants have demand for large orders dehydrated vegetables and there is possibility of large industries if labor were abundant.

Government so far has failed to give shipbuilding contracts to Congressman Hawley for Tillamook bay and Bay City yards.

Grants Pass—75,000 tons chromite ore to be mined here in 1918.

Spruce riving industry growing fast in Oregon and Washington but limited by scarcity of labor.

Marshfield—Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen growing in numbers. Salem Commercial Club may secure flax plant. Has 750 acres assured. Has also prospect of three story starch plant to handle potatoes.

Milton—Extensive improvement is made at Peacock Mill.

Klamath Falls—Court house that has stood half finished for some years is to be completed this year at a cost of \$200,000.

Lakeview—Plans completed for \$25,000 county hospital.

Vale has brighter prospects for successful oil wells.

Grants Pass—Plans are forming to build a flour mill here.

Glasgow—Southern Pacific Co. has acquired large tract of coal land at tide water.

Oregon's Public Utility Commission has tried to be fair to the public and the investor and because it had to raise street car rates in Portland to allow the company to meet increased cost of wages and materials, vote seeking politicians have initiated a bill to abolish commission.

Ashland—Work resumed on famous Gray Eagle mine in Siskiyou.

Stanfield—Lowest bid for grading Columbia highway from Pendleton to Morrow county line \$6000 a mile.

Klamath Falls—Calif., Ore. and Eastern Ry. completed all but 200 feet of first unit.

Oregon City—Survey shows financial condition of farmers of Clackamas county much improved during past year.

The man who hampers lumber and ship production or any other line of industry at this time is giving the most direct aid to the enemy.

The nitrate fields south and east of Vale have been busy places the past week, as crews have been working to mine and ship cars of fertilizer grade nitrates.

Gold Beach—News that Hunter's creek sawmill had been sold and would probably be operated continuously is welcomed by the people of this section.

Marshfield—C. A. Smith Co. operating the Smith-Power coal mine.

Riverton—Coal mine on river seven miles below Coquille is to be operated.

The problem before Oregon is the distribution of labor to the farms. The larger cities all have hundreds of unemployed men who can work on farms.

Bankers Think Next Liberty Loan Will be at 4 1-2 Percent.

Four and a half per cent will be the rate of interest of the next Liberty Loan. Of this Portland bankers were assured this morning on receiving notice from Washington that another issue of treasury indebtedness certificates would be offered member banks of the federal reserve system bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest for 93 days to May 28 and redeemable in the new issue of war bonds.

Without exception, bank executives construe this announcement to mean that the third war loan will draw the same rate of 4 1/2 percent interest. Prior to the taking of subscriptions to the first issue of 3 1/2 per cent were placed with the banks and again before the Liberty 4s were subscribed for certificates bearing that rate were put out and later exchanged for bonds.

GERMANY PLANS RUSSIAN MONARCHY

Sister Of German Grand Duke May Be New Ruler.

London, Feb. 25—Germany plans to restore the monarchy in Russia, according to a telegram dated Friday in Petrograd to the Morning Post. It says the grand duke of Hesse has been appointed the commander in the Riga section of the German front.

"His sister," the dispatch adds, "the former Empress Alexandra, as the guardian of her son, the former czarovich, is the favorite German candidate for the throne. The former emperor will not accept the throne from German hands. The Bolsheviks have provided a form of Government which the Russians alone understand—pure despotism. They have paved the way for the return of the monarchy."

The ex-Empress Alexandra Alix is the daughter of Ludwig IV, grand duke of Hesse. Alexis, her son, whom the Germans hope eventually to restore to the throne, is in his 14th year, having been born August 12, 1904.

Pioneer And Indian Fighter Dies, Aged 86.

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 26—W. G. Hill, a pioneer of 1847, an Indian fighter, and a deputy sheriff here at one time, was buried yesterday afternoon at Willbur. Binger Hermann delivered the funeral eulogy, and Rev. Mr. Davenport and Rev. Mr. Spencer conducted the other services. Deceased was 86 years of age, and his widow, the daughter of C. C. Reed, a pioneer of 1850, survives.

Mr. Hill did not settle down, when he first reached the Northwest, but sought adventure, first in British Columbia, and later as an Indian fighter under Colonel J. E. Ross, in 1851. Later he joined the company formed by Colonel Martin in Douglas county. While in active service in one of the Rogue River wars, he was shot through the arm, and through the jaw. He was one of the first contractors to carry mail to Coos county points during which he had some Indian encounters. He was deputy sheriff under F. P. Hogan and John Van Buren.

Soldier's Girl Was The Father Of Three.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., Feb. 26—When a new shipment of Red Cross sweaters was received at the headquarters company. Private E. A. James, of San Francisco, went through the lot and chose one to which was pinned a note with an attractive signature. He wrote a long tale of loneliness to the maker of the sweater and asked that she write him.

Yesterday he got the letter. "She" was a South Dakota rural mail carrier who wasn't satisfied with only giving his three sons to the army and sought to do what he could by knitting sweaters at night.

Nine Pairs Of Shoes Are Troops' Yearly Need.

Washington, Feb. 25—Although the war department now has on hand and contracted for a total of 15,437,000 pairs of shoes, Secretary Baker has announced that more than 1,000,000 pairs of shoes will have to be secured for the army this year. This is made necessary by the building up of adequate stocks of reserves, both in France and in this country.

General Pershing having in mind the length of time shoes are expected to last the men in France, has requested shipments of 18,500 pairs of shoes for each 25,000 men monthly, or approximately nine pairs of shoes per man annually. This quantity is in excess of actual consumption, and when a reserve supply is built up the quantities per man will be reduced.

Will Regulate Wheat and Sugar

Washington, Feb. 25—Prices of sugar and wheat only are to be regulated by the government, so far as farm products are concerned, Food Administration Hoover has announced in reply to farmers who feared all their products would be affected.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

50 Carloads Of Potatoes.

Albany, Or., Feb. 26—An inquiry has been received from Washington, D. C., for an estimate of the number of carloads of potatoes available in Lane county, of which, a careful investigation develops, there will be 50 carloads.

Logs Rafted Down Willamette.

Newberg, Or., Feb. 26—The C. K. Spaulding Logging company has recently brought several rafts of logs down the Willamette river for use at the local mill. For the past several years the company has shipped logs by railway entirely, but the high water has made it practicable to raft the logs. The company has orders for material sufficient to keep the local mill running day and night, but is unable to get sufficient help to do so.

Road to Beach Surveyed.

Warrenton, Or., Feb. 25—The engineers who have been surveying the proposed road to extend from here to the beach have filed their report with the city council, to the effect that the road can be built for a little less than \$45,000 the amount of the bonds voted last fall.

Seeks Divorce After 3 Weeks.

Oregon City, Feb. 25—Alleging that after three weeks of married life, Jessie Searle attended dances, at Vancouver and carried on flirtations in Portland, representing herself as a single woman, Edmund Searle, her husband, asks for a divorce. He also alleges in his complaint that by reason of her conduct she was taken to the Washington state reformatory.

Two Klamath Ranches Sold.

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 25—Two prominent ranches have changed hands here the last few days. One owned by E. R. Reames on the Klamath river, a short distance from this city, was purchased by the firm of Roots & Zimmerman, formerly of Forest Grove. Eighty head of cattle and complete equipment of farm implements were included in the deal. The other was formerly owned by John D. Morgan, is situated near Midland, is under irrigation and was purchased by E. G. Argraves.

Roseburg Campaign For Home Gardens.

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 26—A big home garden campaign will be inaugurated here when State Superintendent J. A. Churchill holds a conference with Superintendent O. C. Brown, Fruit Inspector Pearcey and County Agriculturalist Hurd on March 7. On that date government lecturers will be present, and it is probable a general meeting will be held.

In addition the problem of large tracts of land, not in cultivation, will be taken up, and wherever possible arrangements will be made to use the land to the best advantage.

Veteran Of Civil War Dead.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 23—J. F. Beyette, member of the G. A. R., a veteran of the Civil war and former city councilman, died suddenly at his home this forenoon of heart trouble. He was well up to an hour before his death. Mr. Beyette had been a resident of Eugene for eight years, coming here from Minnesota. He was aged 72 years and leaves a wife, a son, Harold Beyette, in the ambulance corps at American Lake, and two daughters in the East.

Brakeman Held For Giving Whisky To Young Indians

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 25—E. L. Padlock, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific train between Chiloquin and this city, was given a hearing Friday before United States Commissioner B. C. Thomas and bound over to the action of the federal grand jury on the charge of furnishing whisky to two young Indians in a car near the Southern Pacific station. The Indians, it is said, played cards and caroused in the car all night.

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