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AUSTRALIAN WHEAT NEW ROAD IS OPENED IMPORTS LARGE

Pacific Milling Division Head Returns From East.

Portland, July 1.—Importations of Australian wheat into California continue in large volume and the movement is likely to run throughout the winter.

In past seasons the Pacific Northwest has shipped several millions of bushels of wheat to California millers each year, and large quantities of flour, as well, has gone south. This trade has now practically stopped, because of the bringing in of the Australian cereal, and other arrangements must be made for marketing the Northwestern crop and the product of the mills here.

J. W. Genong, chairman of the North Pacific coast milling division of the Food Administration, who has just returned from the East, laid the matter before Julius Barnes, head of the Grain Corporation, and pointed out that under this arrangement the only buyer of flour would be the government, and the mills here would have to compete with the millers of the East and Middle West.

Assurance was given by Mr. Barnes that the matter would receive attention, and it is hoped that the flour purchases by the government will be sufficient to keep the mills running and thus provide stockmen with an adequate supply of millfeed during the winter months.

The chairman of the milling division have tendered their resignation, which Mr. Hoover has accepted, and the divisional offices will close on August 1.

Additional Prisoners In Germany.

Washington, July 8.—Names of 72 additional American soldiers held in prison camps in Germany were announced tonight by the war department. Addresses of two of the men were not given. Of the other 70, 62 were from New England states, with 21 from New Haven, Conn.

Altho no announcement was made, it was assumed that the New England men were taken prisoner during the heavy fighting in which units from that section were engaged early in the present year.

The list include the name of Private William C. Olson of Wenatchee, Wash; who is a prisoner at Camp Gessen.

Strahorn Line Finished From Klamath Falls To Olene.

Klamath Falls, Or., July 9.—The first shipment of freight, two flatcar loads of lumber from the DeArmond & Weston sawmill at Swan Lake, has been received over the Klamath Falls municipal railway, now under construction by Robert E. Strahorn. Locomotive No. 1 was driven by W. E. Bond, Mr. Strahorn's secretary, and fired by Gus Ettelein.

The road is now completed and in operation between Klamath Falls and Olene, 10 miles east. Mr. Strahorn is in Klamath Falls and, while disappointed at the slow progress on account of labor shortage and other troubles, he is greatly pleased at the showing made under the existing handicap. Increasing cost of materials since the contract was made has cost Mr. Strahorn many thousands of dollars from his own pocket to complete the first link of his system to Dairy.

In Mr. Strahorn's opinion, the best thing that has come out of the Government ownership of railroads next to facilitating the winning of the war, "is the recognition and establishment on a firm and fair foundation of branch line railroad financing and operation. Nothing else short of a revolution," he says, "could ever have put the short lines in the enviable position they have and will for the time occupy."

Quarrel Over Spoils.

Amsterdam, July 8.—The Turco-Bulgarian dispute over the division of territory taken from Rumania is still at the forefront in Constantinople, according to a telegram to the Reinsche Westfaelische Zeitung to Essen.

The German newspaper quotes the Turkish Journal Sabah as declaring the apparent swinging round of opinion in Germany regarding the Turco-Bulgarian frontier question has made an unfavorable impression in Turkey, but this had disappeared when Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, had voiced his approval of the Turkish standpoint.

"But how will the declarations of the secretary of state be received in Sofia?" asks the Constantinople newspaper. "Will Bulgaria also restrict her insatiable appetite? Unhappily there is little hope of this."

NO MORE PERMITS FOR BURNING.

Governor Issues Proclamation Suspending Permits Issued By Fire Wardens.

Salem, Or., July 9.—Authority delegated to fire wardens to issue burning permits, by section 7, chapter 76, laws of 1917, is suspended in a proclamation signed yesterday by Governor Withycombe as a precaution against forest fires. Strict rules are laid down in the proclamation relative to camp fires, and persons going into forests are urged not to smoke. Governor Withycombe calls the attention of the public to the extreme danger of the destruction of forests, grass and grain fields because of the present drought. The proclamation follows:

"Because a general condition of drought has fallen on the state of Oregon causing an unusually serious situation which threatens the destruction of forests, grass and grain fields, I feel justified in ordering that all permits to burn, issued by state fire wardens as authorized by section 7, chapter 76, of the Laws of Oregon for 1917, be and are hereby suspended until no more burning permits be issued until further notice.

"No camp fires shall be started in or near forest or brush covered lands within 20 feet of any standing or down trees, brush piles, or other litter that may cause the spread of fire, and under no condition is a fire to be built until the ground is cleared to mineral soil for a distance of six feet in every direction and no fire shall be left temporarily until it has been completely extinguished with water.

Socialist Stroebe Hints Kaiser's Idea Is Wrong.

Washington, July 9.—An official dispatch today from Switzerland says the independent socialist, Stroebe, in a violent speech in the Prussian reichstag recently condemned the German government for its efforts to secure a peace by force. He warned the German people that unless they rid themselves of their government and "send their politicians of war and rapine to the devil," America's millions of soldiers will prove too strong a force to combat.

Reedsport to have 150,000 feet per day capacity sawmill.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Man Wants to Sell Horse Meat in Oregon.

Salem, Or., July 9.—Antonio Apache of Los Angeles has written to State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle asking information relative to the use of horse meat for food in Oregon and for copies of laws or ordinances covering the sale of horse meat. The state veterinarian has referred him to Portland authorities for a copy of the city ordinance covering the sale of meat there.

Holbrook and Paddock Are Sentenced To Penitentiary

Klamath Falls, Or., July 9.—Judge D. V. Kuykendall, of the circuit court, has sentenced William Holbrook and J. E. Paddock to serve from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary and to pay the cost of the trial. Holbrook and Paddock killed Owen T. McKendree a sheepman at Dry Prairie, April 20. Judge Kuykendall overruled the motion for a new trial, entered by the attorneys for the defendants, Judge L. R. Webster, of Portland, and W. G. H. Renner. It is expected that the case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Austrian Insane Patient Dies.

Salem, Or., July 9.—Met Propich, an Austrian patient at the state hospital for the insane, died Sunday. He was committed recently from Multanoman county, and County Judge Fawcett has been asked to ascertain if he has relatives in Portland. He was 27 years old.

Old Resident of Linn Dies

Albany, Or., July 9.—John Hood, for thirty years a resident of Linn county, died at St. Mary's hospital Sunday, at the age of 75 years. A widow and nine children survive.

Mrs. T. J. Ridgers Dies.

Eugene, Or., July 8.—Mrs. T. J. Ridgers, well-known Eugene woman, died at Newport Friday after a long illness. She was 43 years of age and a native of Harrisburg, Linn County. She survived by a widower and three daughters.

Reckless Driving Curbed

Lebanon, Or., July 9.—The Lebanon City Council has passed a stringent ordinance to curb fast driving on the streets, and instructions have been given the police to see that the law is enforced. There have been several accidents in the city recently owing to reckless driving.

Fall Wheat Being Cut

Cove, Or., July 8.—George Alexander grain rancher, four miles out of Cove, with 200 acres in Fall and 300 in Spring wheat, besides several hundred acres in grass and other grains, is cutting his Fall wheat a month ahead of time, which works a hardship, as the hay harvest began this week. His two sons in France and no spare harvest hands in the county.

Although the long dry season has abnormally advanced the wheat, the yield and quality are normal, but the barley, under like condition, is faring poorly. Hay is now in demand at \$29 per ton, and barley at \$75 a ton, other stock feed in proportion.

Complete Ship In 15 Days From Launching.

Belfast, Ireland, July 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Workmen, Clark & Co., local shipbuilders, have achieved a world record in completing a 3000-ton standard ship in 15 days after she was launched.

The vessel was launched at 9 o'clock in the morning. By 8 o'clock the same evening her engines were in position.

Bond Sales Net U. S. 4 Billions.

Washington, July 9.—Final compilations of the third Liberty loan subscriptions, announced by the treasury department tonight, shows a total of \$4,176,516,850, an increase of \$2,497,200 over the total officially estimated last May 18, after the loan campaign closed.

ATTITUDE REGARDING RUSSIA KNOWN

Hopes to Counteract German Influence. Motives Unselfish

Washington, July 9.—Entente governments, thru their embassies in Washington, are now fairly advised of the views of the Washington administration as to the best means of carrying out President Wilson's pledge to stand behind Russia. It is understood that a project is being shaped, which it is hoped, will counteract German influence, and lead the people to rehabilitate themselves without exciting distrust of the unselfish motives which lie behind it.

There is reason to believe the proposal to send American business men to Russia forms the basis of the negotiations between Washington and the entente capitals. Only it has assumed a new phase thru the injection of the idea to make the commission and armed guards international in composition, thus tending to disarm any suspicion on the part of the Russians that their country is to be exploited in the interest of a single power.

This measure is far short of the original desires of the entente governments, which favored the dispatch of a military expedition into Siberia.

Britain To Intern All Alien Males.

London, July 9.—The parliamentary committee recently appointed to consider the alien question has issued reports recommending immediate internment of every male enemy alien over 15, except those who for medical reasons, should be exempted, and the repatriation of all female enemy aliens with the exception of those whose husbands have been granted exemption from internment.

The committee also recommends the immediate discharge of all such persons employed in any government department and that all enemy business shall be wound up in three months.

Lord Berosford, calling attention to the danger from interned aliens and expressing the belief that many ships have been torpedoed thru information furnished by spies, said that a month ago the British, allied and neutral tonnage sunk amounted to 13,000 daily. A fortnight ago it was 1400 tons daily and last week 300 tons daily. These he declared were satisfactory figures.

Norwegian Ship Sunk By Submarine.

An Atlantic Port, July 8.—Another neutral ship, the Norwegian steamer Augvold, 205 tons, bound from a French port for Baltimore, has fallen a victim of a German submarine.

A trans-Atlantic liner, in port to lay, brought the news of the sinking in mid-ocean on June 23 and also landed 11 members of the crew of 27 men. Three of the crew were drowned and the remaining 12 are unaccounted for.

The rescued men were picked up by the liner after having drifted helplessly for 11 days, subsisting for that time on seaweed and rainwater caught in their caps or wrung from their clothing.

According to members of the crew, who told their story in fragments, over the side of the liner when she docked, the sea wolf adopted the same methods as used by the U-boats in operations off the Atlantic coast.

Japs Army Strength Doubled.

London, July 8.—Measures for perfecting the national defenses of Japan were decided upon and a plan for co-operation between the army and navy were adopted by the council of field marshals and admirals recently in Japan, says a dispatch to the Times from Tokio under date of July 1. The army, it is said, will comprise 21 corps, two divisions to the corps and three regiments to the division. The changes will not necessarily be effective immediately.

The Times computes that the new measures will double the strength of the Japanese army.

All express company rates to be advanced ten per cent under government operation. Telegraph lines to be taken over and ten-word rate for fifty word night letter to be abolished.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Salem—Local dealer has ordered 1100 Ford tractors.

Gas rates increased at Grants Pass, Medford and Roseburg to \$2.10 per thousand feet.

Marshfield—Work starts this month on new cannery here.

Shaniko—Farmers' Elevator Co. has let contract for 30,000 bushel concrete elevator to cost \$22,500.

Portland—Albina Engine & Machine now has a free circulating library for the benefit of its employes.

Employes under the Oregon Workmen's compensation law are exempted from all payments for the month of July.

Portland Gas & Coke Co. will expend \$250,000 for betterments.

Salem—State Lime board can contract debt to manufacture lime.

Astoria—Three road contracts let for \$31,000.

Paxton to have an up to date grain elevator.

North Bend box factory working on two shifts.

Coos Bay shipyard's claim highest record on authority of U. S. Shipping Board.

North Bend shipping 2000 piling to Hawaiian Islands.

Marshfield to get new chess factory. Oregon canneries and industries observed July 4 by working.

Portland 1918 building permits total \$4,410,000 as against \$2,330,000 same months 1917.

Linnton to get street car line to Portland.

State institutions have abandoned burning oil and are getting out cord wood with convict labor.

Garibaldi on Tillamook buy to have a sawmill.

Portland street car men ask increased wages that can only be met by raise in fares such as other cities are already paying.

Willamette valley loganberry industry being nationally advertised.

Portland gets a ten per cent reduction in fire insurance rates on mercantile and manufacturing property.

Heppner—1918 wool clip selling at 1918 prices.

Four large silos being built on North Coos river.

Gold Beach—Highway along Rogue river being rebuilt.

Crowding the ballot with initiative measures that were rejected by the legislature is bad business and will be voted down.

North Bend—Gorst & King to build \$25,000 garage.

Newberg—New Highway to be built over Nehalem mountains.

Toldeo—One sawmill goes on two shifts and a new sawmill is assured on the tideland across the river.

Gervais—Portland grade teachers helping save loganberry crops here. St. Helens flouring mill has resumed operation.

Nyssa—Movie theater and new store going up.

Scotts Mills to have fruit and vegetable evaporator.

Portland—After several years wrestling with plans work on the municipal grain elevator is actually begin.

Linnton—New steel plant to be in operation here by end of year.

Ship company and Standard Oil Co. to build 50 homes for employes.

Portland municipal fish boat is not making a dent in the fish monopoly.

Air Raids Ruins German Depots

London, July 8.—The air ministry, describing recent aerial operations, made the following statement:

"On the 7th instant the station and factories at Kaiserlautern were wrecked. Hostile machines were engaged over the objectives and one of them was shot down. Two of our machines are missing.

"On July 8 the railway station, work shops and sidings at Luxembourg were bombed by our squadron. Bombs were observed in the station and also in the workshops."

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