

ANISHED VESSELS CAUSE APPREHENSION

Mystery of Disappearing Ships
Gives Government Much
Disquietude.

Washington, D. C.—The government is confronted with a sea mystery that has given rise to the greatest apprehension. Steamers and schooners have disappeared from the ocean lanes, leaving no clue to the manner or cause of their vanishing. It is no new thing for a ship to sail and not be heard from again—the incident of the Cyclops during the war is an example of this—but now three and perhaps more steamers have gone, with no storms reported along their routes.

One theory is that the crews of some of these vessels mutinied, seized the vessels and are taking them to Russia to make up a bolshevik merchant marine. So uncertain are officials who have cognizance of the disquieting situation that they refuse to say what ships are missing.

Three coastal steamers have vanished and the crew of an American schooner has disappeared. The schooner, the Carol Deering, with all sails still set, piled up bow first on Diamond shoals, January 31. A parrot and a bottle containing a hastily scribbled note were the sole relics of the schooner. The note said the Deering had been captured by an oil-burning vessel and her crew and captain made prisoners.

The steel steamer Hewitt, owned by the Union Sulphur company of New York, also is missing. She sailed from Sabine, Tex., several months ago with a cargo of sulphur for Houston and Portland. The government authorities have been unable to get any trace of her. Not a boat or a spar from her has come ashore or been picked up and not a body of any member of her crew has been found.

The department of justice has assigned some of its best secret service agents to the case for the government is working on the theory that all these mysterious incidents are inter-related.

ALLIED WAR LOANS TO BE SOLD AS BONDS

Washington—President Harding and his cabinet have decided to launch their plan for the refunding of the nation's \$10,000,000,000 war loans to the allies into definite obligations and for the sale of such securities to the American people.

Under the Harding refunding plan these loans to the allies, which are now in the form of five per cent acknowledgements of indebtedness, would be refunded into bonds maturing 30 or 40 or more years hence at a higher rate of interest. The increase in the interest rate above 5 per cent would be sufficient to yield the additional amount due to the United States in default interest.

These allied government bonds then would be placed on the market by the U. S. government from time to time and sold to investors. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds to individual investors would be employed by the government to retire liberty bonds.

TO GIVE PICRIC ACID AWAY

Government Will Distribute 12,000,000 Pounds of High Explosive.

Washington.—More than 12,000,000 pounds of picric acid, one of the highest known explosives, accumulated for war purposes and made useless to the war department by the armistice, will be distributed to farmers for agricultural purposes.

Picric acid is 15 per cent stronger than 40 per cent straight nitro-glycerine dynamite, according to the bureau of mines. It should never be used in bulk, officials say, and its use should be restricted to redipped paraffined paper cartridges.

The 12,000,000 surplus stock will be distributed to farmers through the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture. The only cost to the farmer, it is announced, will be freight charges and a charge of six cents a pound for placing the powder in the necessary cartridges. It will be ready for distribution about July 1.

Big Tax Drive Ordered.

Washington, D. C.—Millions of dollars in delinquent taxes and penalties will be collected, the internal revenue bureau estimated, in a nation-wide tax drive ordered to begin in July by Commissioner Blair. Flying squadrons are to visit every large city.

League Council Meets.

Geneva.—The council of the league of nations held its first open session Monday. Hjalmar Branting, Swedish socialist leader and ex-minister of finance, presented Sweden's claims on the Aland islands.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The annual meeting of the state association of Elks will be held in Marshfield August 18, 19 and 20.

The Linn county court has taken steps to advertise for sale \$100,000 county road bonds on July 9.

Fire destroyed the \$12,000 ranch home belonging to Mrs. Lola Gilpin, eight miles east of The Dalles.

The Tillamook fair board has decided on September 13, 14, 15 and 16 as dates for the annual county fair.

The Oregon Wool and Mohair association now has 1000 members who have signed up for 150,000 fleeces.

The Canada thistle is spreading rapidly in Lane county, according to C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector.

More than half a million dollars will be spent in education of approximately 6000 school children in Jackson county this year.

Every section of Oregon was represented at the firemen's convention, which was held in Corvallis, 38 fire chiefs having registered.

The largest class in the history of Oregon Agricultural college was graduated Monday, when more than 300 students received diplomas.

The Hessian fly, one of the worst grain pests that ever infested the fields of Oregon farmers, has made its appearance in Lane county.

Twelve carloads of sheep were shipped from Nysa to Omaha, Neb., by H. J. Ward and Lem Wilson, prominent Malheur county stockmen.

Some of the wickedest horses in Eastern Oregon are being rounded up for the "Cowboys" convention, which is to be held at Ukiah this year, July 4 and 5.

Word has been received at Corvallis by Mrs. Daisy Lutton that she is one of the heirs to the estate of her grandfather in New York city, valued at \$4,000,000.

Contractors for carpenter work, plastering and wiring have started work to finish the Baker natatorium. It seems likely the building will be completed within 60 days.

The postoffice department has authorized the establishment of a daily temporary star route service from Medford to Crater Lake, except Sunday, for all classes of mail.

A mule at Prairie City sunk its teeth into the leg of young Clarence Porter, son of Allen Porter, and refused to let go until its jaws were slit and a crowbar applied.

The Larkin Green Logging company at Blind Slough has completed the extension of its railroad into a tract of about 100,000,000 feet of timber which it is to log in the near future.

Eugene Peterson, who was struck by a Southern Pacific train while he was sleeping near the tracks at a point about a mile north of Gervais, recently, died in a Salem hospital.

The Oregon senators have been requested by the treasury department to recommend a successor to Milton A. Miller, present collector of internal revenue for the district of Oregon.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state \$4710.49, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the month of May.

A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner, will be reappointed to this office by Governor Olcott at the expiration of his present term, June 30, according to announcement made at Salem.

Mineral rights which have not been assessed for the last five years, can be assessed by the sheriff and should be assessed as real property, according to a legal opinion given by the attorney-general.

The Pacific highway from Portland toward Oregon City, which is being improved by the state highway commission, has been completed as far as Glenmorrie. This marks the finishing of two-fifths of the entire project.

The following Oregon postoffices have been advanced in the annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries: Second to first class, Corvallis and The Dalles; third class to second class, Cottage Grove, Heppner, Lakeview, Lebanon and Milwaukie.

Substantial reductions in the cost of foodstuffs since last December were indicated in bids received at Salem by the state board of control for furnishing supplies for the state institutions during the period of July 10 to December 31 of this year.

Refunds of taxes paid on motor fuels under a new law enacted at the last session of the legislature, during the period from March 1, 1921, to May 31, 1921, aggregated \$2217.17, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Reports of dealers for the months of March and April and estimates for the month of May indicate that the sale of motor fuels in Oregon during that period totaled 11,700,000 gallons.

Bids for the improvement of approximately 50 miles of road in Oregon will be opened and considered at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland June 28 and 29. The roads to be improved are widely scattered throughout the state.

A \$25,000 order for canned pears of last year's crop, coming from England, was filled by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association. This order was for more than 5000 cases of the fruit and when filled the warehouses of the association were cleared of this product.

In every county in Oregon where measures carrying increased salaries for officials were submitted to the voters at the recent special election they were defeated by decisive majorities, according to returns received at the offices of the secretary of state.

Governor Olcott has announced the appointment of Archie F. Roth and L. B. Hickman of Portland, Walter E. Lees of La Grande, Leo G. Devaney of Roseburg and Floyd Hart of Medford as members of the state board of aeronautics created by an act of the last legislature.

The Oswego Lake Water & Power company, which supplies water to the consumers of Oswego, was instructed by the Oregon public service commission to improve its water supply immediately, under penalty of having the complaint referred to the attorney-general for legal action.

With many expressions of appreciation for the treatment they had received, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and the women of their three allied organizations, bid Pendleton goodbye Friday and departed for their homes, after concluding their 40th annual encampment there.

Construction has begun on the first unit of the Condon-Arlington section of the John Day highway, the first five miles north of Condon. This piece of road, which is to cost \$75,000, is being built by the state. When completed, Gilliam county will reimburse the state with half the cost of building.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending June 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Harry E. Eckenstein, warehouseman of Portland, and Frank Joerg, logger of Coehran. A total of 340 accidents were reported.

Karl Gunster, houseman of engine 22, was killed, seven other persons were injured or overcome with smoke fumes and property damage estimated at \$75,000 resulted from a fire which broke out in the May apartments, Fourteenth and Taylor streets, in Portland, and swept through the structure from basement to roof with alarming rapidity.

Suspected of being the two box-car bandits who shot and killed J. H. Phillips, O. W. R. & N. agent, in a gun fight in the railroad yards in Portland, Tuesday night, John Burns, 26, and Dan Casey, alias Patrick J. Casey, were arrested by a squad of city detectives, railroad operatives and deputy sheriffs at a hotel operated by Burns.

Tremendously decreased costs, coupled with the unusually abundant grass on the range, will mean a large profit to central Oregon sheepmen from 18 or 20-cent wool as was gained from the abnormally high prices prevailing during and for the first two years after the war, is the belief held by representative Deschutes and Lake county wool growers.

Organization of what will be known as the Oregon Co-operative council, was effected at the close of the co-operative marketing conference in connection with farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college. This is considered by prominent men in attendance as being the most important step in the history of co-operative organizations in Oregon.

Up until June 15, 1921, a total of \$916,638.65 had been paid by the state to ex-service men on account of educational financial aid authorized under a measure approved by the voters at a special election held in the year 1919, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. This money was disbursed to 5545 persons attending 147 different institutions in the state.

Complete investigation and partial revision of the system of taxation now in operation in Oregon, opening up of additional sources of state revenue and other proposals whereby real estate may be relieved of at least a small part of the financial burdens of government and at the same time raise money with which to meet the demands upon the public coffers, were discussed at the meeting of the so-called tax investigation committee held at Salem last week.

The 36th annual grand encampment of the Indian War Veterans of the north Pacific coast closed its sessions at Portland with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Erastus Morgan of Portland was elected grand commander; G. W. Riddle of Riddle was elected senior vice-grand commander, and John W. Kelly of Oregon, junior vice-grand commander. The other officers elected were M. Dickson of Portland, grand adjutant; L. A. Bailey of Seapooose, assistant grand adjutant, and N. M. McDaniels of Portland, grand paymaster.

Pankratina J. Marugg, 78, who lived in a cabin on a 30-acre tract about three miles from Brightwood on the Mount Hood road, was found dead by a neighbor. The man had committed suicide with a 30-30 rifle.

The state board of control at a special meeting awarded the general contract for the new cement dormitory on the site of the state home for the feeble-minded to Carl Engstrom of Salem. His bid was \$28,599.

Reconsideration of the recent order reducing the rates of the Portland Gas & Coke company approximately 15 cents per thousand cubic feet was denied in an order issued by the Oregon public service commission.

Seventeen towns and cities in Marion county have joined in a plan whereby literature and advertising matter will be exchanged for distribution in the various tourist campgrounds located in this section of the state.

Mrs. Fred Julian, who stabbed and fatally wounded her ex-husband when he attempted to enter her home on the night of May 25, was exonerated by a coroner's jury at St. Helens, which found that she acted in self-defense.

The Oregon public service commission, in an order issued, has granted the request of the city of Portland for a continuance of the rehearing of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company rate case from June 27 to July 18.

Increased fares on the traction lines of the corporation, together with slightly advanced charges for gas, was set out in a new tariff filed with the Oregon public service commission by the Pacific Power & Light company of Astoria.

Between 600 and 700 members of Knights of Pythias lodges from all sections of Oregon belonging to the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, a branch of the Pythian organization, were guests of the Salem branch of the lodge Saturday.

A boulder, loosened by heavy rains, crashed down the slope of the Deschutes canyon south of Bend, breaking out the footing of the main flume of the Central Oregon Irrigation company and resulting in the washing out of 50 feet of flume.

Mr. and Mrs. William Childers, an elderly couple from Gold Hill, lost their lives when an automobile which they were driving plunged from the Pacific highway near the town of Rogue River and went down the steep embankment into the river. Both were drowned.

Thousands of giant rats, driven from the wharves and front street basements by the high water, are swarming through the business section of Portland seeking new habitation. Complaints have begun pouring in to the authorities from store owners and shop keepers.

The state game commission must start action to have judicial determination and an order of the court awarding to it property seized by an officer from a person arrested for violating the state fish laws, before such property can legally be confiscated by the commission, according to a legal opinion given out by the attorney-general.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended June 2, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Tom Flannery, chaser, Valsitz; W. G. Earl, hooker, Knappa, and Harry J. Foster, section man, Salem. A total of 295 accidents were reported.

Clyde B. Aitchison, commissioner on the Interstate commerce commission and ex-president of Oregon, is soon to visit the Pacific coast on business for the commission which will include a hearing at Portland July 29 in the case of the Empress Coal company against the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Northern Pacific railroad.

Mount Hood loop road will be cleared and graded this season for the 23 miles between Multnomah county line and Zigzag. It is possible that part of it may even be macadamized this year. This announcement was made by Robert A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, following information received from the Multnomah county commission that Multnomah county had pledged \$170,000 toward the road.

New business and lumber shipments last week still were in excess of production in the lumber industry of the districts of western Oregon and Washington, according to the weekly lumber review of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. New business totaled 61,328,838 feet, shipments 57,800,639 feet and production 56,591,246 feet. Reports were received from 112 mills. Production was declared to be 30 per cent below normal.

The procedure for levying special taxes by many school districts in Oregon at their annual meetings in June this year, was upset by the passage of the so-called budget law at the last session of the legislature. Under the new budget law, as interpreted by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, school districts of any class, when levying special tax, must first call together as many taxpayers as there are school directors in the district, and prepare the budget, together with the amount of tax it is proposed to levy.

COMBINE ART WITH "MOVIES"

How City of Toledo, O., Attracts Children to Its Museum, for Educational Purposes.

In order to attract the children of Toledo to that city's museum of art the museum management offers its little visitors "story hours," gallery talks, music hours, classes in pure and applied design and the educational motion picture. Interest in visits to the museum was first stimulated through the medium of an organized bird club. Thousands of children have also been brought to the museum during the last four years by means of the annual vegetable and flower shows in which the children have participated.

"The Toledo museum was the first to include motion pictures in its educational plan when, in the autumn of 1915, the necessary equipment was presented through the efforts of H. Y. Barnes, then assistant to the director," writes Eula Lee Anderson of Toledo. "This proved not only a further magnet to attract boys and girls to the museum but a further means of teaching art. During the first few years films dealing with travel, crafts and art were difficult to secure, yet by diligent search many fine things were made available, including the life of Palissy, the famous potter, and a beautiful hand-colored film showing the making of silk."

"The policy of the museum is not to amuse by means of the film, but to educate the child along artistic lines, using only such productions as are of a distinctly cultural quality."

PLAGUE OF OLD EGYPT BACK

Crops of Argentine Province Destroyed by Locusts That Swarm in Uncounted Millions.

Shades of the plagues of ancient Egypt! Santa Fe province of the Argentine now has complete faith in the biblical account of the scourge of locusts, for at times millions of these insects "cover the face of the earth." They come suddenly and without warning, in great clouds, and settle down on the country. Then the ground resembles a great moving carpet. Little damage is done at first, though the Argentineans find it inconvenient to have locusts throughout their houses, but as the insects move through the country, they dig small holes and lay their eggs. Soon the larvae are hatched, and at that time, before they can fly, they are destructive. By the time they are ready to leave, every living thing in their path is destroyed. Eventually they fly away to parts unknown, and the farmers have to start their crops over again. Squads of locust destroyers, like fire-fighting units, are maintained by the government to combat the pest, and ranchers are also responsible for fighting them. Their efforts are almost unavailing, however, because of the myriads of the insects.

Dodged Seven Years' Bad Luck. "Traffic gets held up in queer ways," said a patrolman at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue. "It was only just the other day that we had a blockade that tied things up for half an hour. I noticed a young woman pounding something against the curb. Looked funny to me and I couldn't figure out what it was. People passing by started to run, looked again, and crowded around her. I headed for the middle of the bunch and saw she had busted open her package and was breaking a lot of mirrors on the sidewalk, one by one."

"What's all this about?" I asked. "Oh, mister officer," she says, "I broke a mirror a while ago, and if I don't break seven more right quick I'll have seven years' bad luck. By rights they should be broken all at once, but I could only do one at a time. And now, please, won't you help me get out of the crowd?"—From a New York Letter to the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Improving Indian Pottery. The Hopi Indians of the Southwest have always been famous for their pottery. In the manufacture of which (though unacquainted with the potter's wheel) they were skilled even in prehistoric times.

There is a considerable market for their pots, which are quaintly and attractively decorated in black and colors. The United States bureau of standards is trying to help them by suggesting improved processes, and recently it has shown them how to make from cheap material a black stain much superior to the one at present used by the Indians. They have shown themselves glad enough to accept the help offered and it may be that we shall yet learn of useful suggestions to the Navajos in the line of blanket making and the production of silver ornaments.

Fire-Proofing Cotton. A process has been devised for treating baled cotton with a chemical compound which renders it flame and spark proof and at the same time apparently provides an inch or two of cotton in condition to add in rapid drying without deterioration in case a bale is exposed to weather. On an average, 20,000 bales of cotton are destroyed by fire before the crop is marketed and most of this loss can be traced to flash or spark fire. Cotton stored in suitable warehouses would be evidence of a progressive step, for there is probably no crop of so great value that is treated with so little thoughtful consideration.—Scientific American.

McVeigh Crossing Work to Go On.

Work on the overhead crossing on the Pacific highway at McVeigh point five miles south of Eugene, will soon be resumed, as the differences between the Southern Pacific company and the state highway commission regarding the method of construction have been settled, according to word telephoned to the Lane county court by J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general of the state.

The Southern Pacific company objected to the plans as finally adopted by the state highway commission. A hearing was held a few days ago on the matter and as a result the plans as decided upon will be carried out.

The final decision will not effect the amount to be paid by Lane county as to its share of the cost of the structure, says County Judge C. P. Barnard. The amount originally agreed upon is \$12,000.

To Enforce the Thistle Law.

The new thistle law will be enforced to the letter in Lane county, says District Attorney Clyde N. Johnston. He has learned that some of the farmers to whom notices have been sent requesting them to get rid of Canada thistles on their places have ignored them and that the thistles are still growing.

The district attorney says that there is a misapprehension among the farmers to the effect that they will not be prosecuted for failure to observe these notices, but he intends to prosecute any against whom he is able to obtain evidence.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

City Transfer

Hauling and Draying
DONE ON SHORT NOTICE
PIANO MOVING A SPECIALTY

Office in Spray Brick
Near S. P. Depot PHONE 99

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, duly made and entered on the 18th day of June, 1921, authorizing the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Aaron A. Kelley, deceased, to sell the real property belonging to said estate at private sale for cash; I will, on and after the 23rd day of July, 1921, at my residence about 6 miles South of Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:

The North half of the Southwest quarter, the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, and the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 22, South of Range 4 West of W. M., containing 160 acres of land in Lane County, Oregon.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1921.
EMMA G. KELLEY,
Administrator of the estate of Aaron A. Kelley, deceased. jne24 jly22

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 10, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that George Henry Proctor, of Elkhead, Oregon, who on May 22, 1920, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 012853, for the S½ of NE¼ and N½ of SE¼ of Section 28, Township 22 S., Range 4 W., Williamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 20th day of July, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Drew, of Elkhead, Oregon; Ernest Vroman, of Elkhead, Oregon; Ray Potter, of Elkhead, Oregon; E. W. Letson, of Elkhead, Ore. W. H. CANON, jun17 jly15 Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.

In the matter of the estate of Crampton H. Jones, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, dated June 10th, 1921, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Crampton H. Jones, deceased, will on and after the 18th day of July 1921, offer for sale and sell at private sale for cash or for cash and credit on approved security the following described premises belonging to said estate to-wit:

Lot 2 in block 9 in the Long and Landess addition to Cottage Grove in Lane County, Oregon.

Lot 3 in block 9 in the Long and Landess addition to Cottage Grove in Lane County, Oregon.

Said sale will be subject to confirmation and approval by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, as provided by law.

Dated this 13th day of June A. D., 1921.
First publication on June 17th, 1921.
J. L. JONES,
Administrator. jne17 jly15ak

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in Lane County.

Lula Stone, Plaintiff, vs. Mark E. Stone, Defendant.

To Mark E. Stone, the above named Defendant:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, to-wit: for a decree of the court dissolving the marriage contract and bonds existing between you and the plaintiff on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment by you toward the plaintiff and for the care, custody and control of Flora Nettie Stone, your daughter.

This summons is served by publication by order of the Hon. G. F. Skipworth, Judge of the above named Court, dated the 22d day of June, A. D. 1921, and the date of the first publication of this summons will be on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1921, and the date of the last publication will be on the 5th day of August, 1921.

jne24 ag5 Attorney for Plaintiff.
Postoffice address, Cottage Grove, Ore.