

## ONTARIO BOY WRITES NAVY EXPERIENCES

By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Landingham, we have the pleasure of publishing a letter from Earl, their son, which we believe will be of interest to many of his Ontario friends.

Earl joined the navy the first of the year and was in San Francisco until June, when he was sent to Seattle. He attended the Rose Festival in Portland this year with his company. It is well to add here that he has taken up the study of Electrical engineering in the Naval school.

The first of July he was transferred from the cruiser, Charleston, to the cruiser, Milwaukee, on board of which he has recently visited Honolulu.

The Milwaukee is one of the navy's largest cruisers. On leaving Seattle it took 18,000 tons of coal to last until Honolulu was reached. As stated later in the letter we are told that the big boat weighs about 1,000,000 tons.

The following is a letter written in typical, plain, boyish fashion, which makes the description of his trip all the more interesting.

Dear Folks: I will arrive in Honolulu early in the morning and we will coal the ship and take a few hours liberty and then return to the good old U. S. A. Seven days without seeing land and never got sick at all! Coming over the breakers some of the fellows about croaked. It is mighty rough, though.

Have seen hundreds of schools of flying fish and porpoises, the last few days. It has been some trip, believe me, and it is worth money to make it. I saw the leper's island from quite a distance. It dont sound good to me

The ocean out here is as pretty a blue as any blue I ever saw. I never imagined it could be so pretty, but when you get within about 75 or 100 miles of it and it gets a darker color. The ocean is about the color of the blue sky in paintings.

This ship weighs 1,000,000 tons and the waves toss it like a cork on water. Well, I will be able to tell you something about Honolulu when I write again

As ever, Earl

We hope to be able to let our readers know of Earl's experiences on the island.

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## AMONG THE OREGON MINES

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President E. S. Herman, in speaking of the railroad plans, said the O. W. R. & N. had agreed to build branch lines to the mines as soon as the company could show an average of five cars daily. President Herman claims that this can easily be done.—Wallowa Sun.

The Baker Democrat tells of great activity at Cornucopia, where an aerial tramway of one mile is being built from Last Chance mine to the mill. The largest span of this tramway is 3,300 feet. The company expects to have the entire equipment constructed by October 15.

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### President Wilson to Pass Peace Treaties With Twenty For- eign Nations.

Washington.—President Wilson, through Secretary Bryan, has notified the senate foreign relations committee he wishes to press for ratification before adjournment of this session of congress the new peace treaties signed with 20 foreign powers.

Secretary Bryan set forth the following analysis of the general purposes of the treaties:

"That investigation shall be resorted to in all cases where the ordinary resources of diplomacy fail.

"That the contracting parties reserve the right to act independently on the subject matter after the submission of the report.

"That there shall be no appeal to force until the investigation is completed.

Treaties already have been signed with Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Portugal, Persia, Denmark, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Italy, Norway and Peru. A treaty with Uruguay will be signed next week.

"The text of the treaty with France has been agreed upon," Mr. Bryan said, "and also the treaty with Great Britain, which is being submitted to her various colonies."

### Federal Court Clerks Put On Salary.

The conference committee on the sundry civil bill agreed to the Chamberlain amendment, abolishing double fees in the federal courts of Oregon and fixing the salary of the clerk of the federal court at \$3,500 per annum. A similar amendment by Senator Poindexter, affecting the federal courts of Washington, was also agreed to.

In the deficiency appropriation bill, as passed by the senate, are the following appropriations for public building sites: Pasco, Wash., \$10,000; Colfax, Wash., \$7,000; Caldwell, Idaho, \$10,000; Nampa, Idaho, \$9,500.

### Fixture Probe is Ended.

Investigation by the department of Justice of the United Gas Improvement company, probably the largest factor in the country in the sale of gas lighting fixtures, is complete, but whether the government will bring suit against the company under the Sherman anti-trust act has not been determined. No decision in the case is expected for several weeks, as a supplemental report is expected before Attorney-General McReynolds personally takes up the case.

The investigation of the improvement company is said to have developed that it does business in nearly 300 cities and towns in the United States. The company was chartered in 1882 by the state of Pennsylvania with the broadest powers. At the close of 1912 its outstanding stock amounted to \$55,502,950, and it is interested in various companies in 17 states.

### Prisoners May Be Set Free.

A suggestion that the 6400 Mexicans, principally soldiers, interned at Forts Rosecrans, Brown, McIntosh, Bliss and Wingate, be released, provided definite assurances are given that they will not take up arms again, was received by the war department from General Bliss.

The developments of the past week and the collapse of the Huerta regime have materially strengthened the belief of officials here that the United States might now dispose of its expensive charges, provided the constitutional authorities will promise them fair treatment.

It is estimated that, in addition to the large sum already spent, it will cost the United States approximately \$500,000 for the maintenance of the Mexican internees within a short time. General Bliss suggests that the more important officers, such as General Salazar and Castillo, be detained, at least for the present.

### National Capital Brevities.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Nelson Morris, of Chicago, to be United States minister to Sweden.

President Wilson has recovered from his recent attack of indigestion.

The trade commission bill, framed in the first instance to meet the views of President Wilson, and passed by the house of representatives as an administration measure, soon will pass the senate under the presidential influence, it is believed.

Zapata, according to reliable reports to the state department, has 24,000 men, and though most of them are poorly equipped they would constitute a serious menace to a new government at Mexico City if they remained in revolution.

A favorable report was made to the senate on the bill adopting the Oregon box as the standard apple container for the United States. A similar bill is now on the house calendar.

## WHEN IT WAS HOT IN GEORGIA

### Geological Survey Reports on State's Climate in Ancient Days.

Washington.—That the climate of South Carolina and Georgia was once almost tropical is one of the interesting conclusions announced by experts of the geological survey after an exhaustive study of the flora of those states. This vegetation grew during upper cretaceous and eocene time, or, as geologists say, at least, several million years ago.

A study of this flora, which has been preserved in fossil form in the rocks, indicates also that shallow seas extended inland over 100 miles from the present seaboard, that there was considerable elevation of the Piedmont area to the west, that the river gradients were high and the streams numerous and more or less torrential in character and that there were swamps along the lower courses of the streams.

The report states that the fossil plants indicate there was a mild though not strictly tropical climate without seasonal changes. There was no evidence that frost occurred and that the rainfall was abundant. Indications are, it is said, that in middle eocene time the climate of Georgia was much warmer than during the upper cretaceous epoch.

## JUST WON'T BE A MOTORMAN.

### So Cassin, Engineer of Empire State Express, Quits His Job at Seventy.

New York.—Dennis J. Cassin, who, although seventy years old, still runs the Empire State express on the New York Central railroad from Croton to Albany and back two out of every three days, said that he would put in his application for retirement at once.

Cassin got his first job with the Central in 1861, when the old wood burners were the highest type of engine. He has had the Empire State express for several years, and during that time has not had an accident. He has seen the coal driven locomotive developed, and it is because of the encroachment of the electric engine that he is getting out.

He said that he wouldn't give up his throttle to be a "motorman" for \$1,000 a week. Several years ago in a contest conducted by a railroad magazine he won a diamond ring as the most popular engine driver in the country.

## YEARS OF SILENCE ENDED BY CHANGE

### Under Vow Not to Speak to Each Other, Accident Opens Lips.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Robert and Joseph Miller, brothers, spoke to each other the other day for the first time in fifteen years. All of this time they have lived in the same house, eaten at the same table, slept in the same room and been partners in the produce farm which they own. They are well to do.

Fifteen years ago, when their stock in trade consisted of a rundown little truck garden, they had a falling out over who did the most work, and Joseph vowed that he would never speak to his brother again until Robert spoke first. Pride prevented each from being the first to break over.

When they had anything to say to each other they did it through the medium of a third person.

"Ask Joe if he is going to town today or whether I shall go," Robert would say to a hired hand, even though Joseph were within a few feet of him.

"Tell Bob I am going because there is some private business I want to see about," Joseph would reply through the same medium.

During their resting hours and through the long winter evenings the two played cards together, but each sat stolidly smoking a pipe, and neither spoke to the other. With other people about they would talk freely and easily, but never to each other.

The silence between them was broken when Robert was buried underneath a slide of cordwood which he was piling up. Joseph rushed up.

"Oh, Bob, are you badly hurt?" he asked. Afterward he said that he did not realize that he was breaking his vow.

"No, Joe," was the reply, "but this wood is holding me so that I can't get out without help."

Then the two men laughed, shook hands and began to converse about getting Robert out of his unpleasant captivity.

### Jinx Was on His Trail.

Minneapolis, Minn.—John Woods of Chicago recently left his home city for Minneapolis, and here is what has happened to him:

In Milwaukee he fell off a box car and fractured his right arm.

In Lacrosse he had pneumonia.

In Gosh, Wis., he was "doped" and robbed of \$146.

In Minneapolis he was sentenced to five days in the workhouse for vagrancy.

"Maybe this will be the end of it," said Woods. "I think some old jinx has been on my trail."

### Wooden Leg Hides Money.

Sherman, Tex.—H. C. Wise, dead in Denver, Colo., with \$8,000 in certificates of deposit hidden in one of his artificial legs, was a resident of Sherman. He came here in 1904 from Kansas City, where a brother and sister reside.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

#### Grape Juice Has Rival.

Eugene.—Loganberry juice, a new product, to be put up in bottles and sold as a beverage at the soda fountains or in the grocery store in competition with grape juice is being manufactured at the Eugene Fruit-growers' cannery. It is a novelty, there being none on the market, but its popularity is anticipated. The juice is tart, but exceedingly rich and heavy. It is diluted half with water before being used.

If the new product is accepted by the market, the manufacture will be important, for in the Willamette valley are thousands of acres set out, which are coming into bearing faster than the market can be adjusted to meet the increased supply.

#### Sixty Schools Standard.

Albany.—Sixty schools of Linn county are now standardized. They have properly heated, lighted and ventilated school buildings; they have attractive schoolrooms; they display the flag above the schoolhouse; they have good drinking water and well-kept schoolgrounds, regular spelling contests, and perform satisfactory school work generally; they keep library books and have all requirements as to attendance and reports.

#### Exhibit to Be Collected.

The Dalles.—George M. Hyland, director for Oregon of exploitation and publicity for the Panama-Pacific exposition, met with the business men's association directors to urge them to gather immediately grains, vegetables and fruits for the Wasco county exhibit at the 1915 fair.

#### May Not Contest Demurrage Claims.

Salem.—That the Southern Pacific railroad does not propose to contest the reciprocal demurrage act passed by the last legislature is indicated in a letter just received by the state railroad commission in which the company states that it has paid Travis & Gleason, of Portland, for its failure to furnish, within the stated period, wood cars for use at Middleton.

#### PLAN TO DRAIN TULE LAKE

Reclaiming of Some 100,000 Acres of Land is Goal of Project.

Klamath Falls.—The reclaiming of a lake covering approximately 100,000 acres of land by draining off the water through underground passages, is a project which Engineer J. K. Camp, of the reclamation service, is now working on and which he hopes to complete.

The lake is Tule lake, located on the boundary line between Oregon and California a few miles south of this city close to the famous lava beds and ice caves of that section. This section of the country came into prominence during the historical Modoc war and Captain Jack's last stand.

The bed of this lake has been found to be composed of two lava crusts, one underneath the other. Under these crusts it is believed by Camp will be found underground channels leading to the nearby lava beds which are permeated with deep ravines, crevices and fissures. The present plan is to dig into these channels and thus connect up the lake so that it will drain into the lava beds.

#### Ballot Title Declared Not Fair.

Salem.—In a petition to the circuit court of Marion county filed Saturday, Miss Fern Hobbs, secretary to Governor West, vigorously attacks the ballot title chosen by Attorney-General Crawford for the initiative measure for reorganizing the desert land board, and asks that the title be amended so as to more clearly express what is contained in the measure.

#### Unworked Land Listed.

Salem.—Announcement was made by the Salem commercial club that it would list several thousand acres of unimproved land to be sold at from \$30 to \$50 an acre. George F. Rodgers, president of the board of governors, said that the plan was to have available information for persons coming here to locate.

#### Child Discovers Loot.

Albany.—A 6-year-old daughter of James Darcy saw an end of bright red ribbon protruding from a sack in an old barn and pulled it out. Her act led to the discovery of about \$75 worth of goods taken from the Robinson general merchandise store at Turner the night of July 1.

#### Roseburg Wants Railway.

Roseburg.—With a view of furnishing an incentive whereby capital can be induced to construct a railroad between Roseburg and Marshfield it has been decided to call a special election here in October to issue bonds in the sum of \$300,000.

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