

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

## Forecasts Bright Future

Presaging increased activity in the domestic and export lumber trade is a decision of the directorate of the Peninsula Lumber company located at the foot McKenna avenue and adjacent to the plant of the Peninsula Shipbuilding company, to increase the capital stock of the corporation from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, which is to be carried through the filing of amended articles of incorporation.

The move, following as it does the culmination of plans for making the company's big lumber dock, which has a length of 1000 feet, accessible for all types of ships in the Pacific trade by dredging both front and rear, so the berthing space may be increased, is the initial action toward making a stronger bid for marketing the famed fir of Oregon.

Just what is expected at first the officials have not disclosed, other than there is a possibility of a strong movement of lumber to the Atlantic coast through the canal. Much of the dock space was given up during the war to the outfitting of ships, the Peninsula plant turned out its own design in the way of a 4000-ton turbine-driven steamer. The dock is equipped with trackage facilities, as well as gear for handling lumber in units, and speedy work is possible in dispatching cargoes.

F. C. Knapp, president of the company, said the conviction that by adding to reconstruction features as a means of taking care of unemployed in the fall the northwest would be swinging along under a faster commercial stride than ever, was responsible for the company making preparations, first to pave the way for reducing the number of idle workers and then be ready to meet some of the demands the trade would make on Oregon manufacturers for material. His forecast was expressed as follows:

It is my absolute belief that it will take the United States as a whole possibly two years after the signing of the peace treaty to adjust itself to peace-time conditions and to get the business of the country running fairly smooth. At the end of this period, and I believe two years will be the extreme limit, there will undoubtedly be manufactured, sold and delivered more American-made goods than any figures which would be compiled by the average citizen today.

While this period will apply to the United States in general, I do not think it will apply to the Pacific northwest. On the other hand, I believe you will see the business of this northwest territory reaching a very high line of prosperity inside of six months after the signing of the treaty of peace, and I believe it is up to the citizens of this territory who are capable of so perfecting their organization that they can take care of this prosperity to take such steps, thereby helping to solve the present question of unemployment, the future question of land settlement, world demands for our products and placing of this territory on the map of the world in a way that will mean permanency.—Oregonian.

## Not Taking a Chance

"Poor Jim has been sent to a lunatic asylum," said the barber, flourishing a shiny razor over his customer. "Who's Jim?" "Jim is my twin brother, sir. Jim kept brooding over the hard times, and I suppose he finally got crazy." "Is that so?" "Yes, he and me worked side by side for years, and we are so alike we couldn't tell each other apart. We both brooded a great deal, too. No money in this business now." "What's the reason?" "Prices too low. Unless a customer takes a shampoo, it doesn't pay to shave or haircut. Poor Jim, I caught him trying to cut a customer's throat because he refused a shampoo, so I had to have the poor fellow locked up. Makes me sad. Sometimes I feel sorry I didn't let him slash all he wanted to. It might have saved his reason. Shampoo, Sir?" "Yes!"—Globe and Anchor.

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## Letter From France

Robert Anderson is in receipt of the following interesting letter from his son, Lowell, who has had quite an extensive and varied naval experience:

U. S. S. Buffalo, Ponta Delgada, Azores, Mar. 3, 1919. Mrs. and Mr. Robt. Anderson—Dear Mother and Dad: Two months and five days have passed and I haven't read one letter from you or any one. I can't imagine where our mail is. Well we have a new port now and expect to be here all summer. We left Gibraltar, Spain, on a liberty cruise for Villefranche Feb. 7th, we stayed until the 19th, and believe we had some time, liberty every day. Ville is only a small place but its only a twenty min. ride on the tramway to Niece, France, and we made nearly all our liberties in Niece, except when we visited Monty Carlo. Niece is a rest billet for the soldiers and nurses, and I went to dances every night. Our ship was the only ship in that port and believe me we were treated fine by all the nurses and soldiers. I had over a hundred dollars saved and I spent all and I don't believe I will ever regret spending it there because I saw things that I will never get to see again. They have a large Y. M. C. A. in Niece for soldiers and sailors and a swell theater and dance hall. I looked my eyes out thinking I would run into Uncle Ray but did not run across him. I made a trip to Monty Carlo, it sure was interesting to go there.

Monty Carlo is a little country of all its own; it belongs to a Count who bought it from France some years ago; he has the largest gambling Casino there in the world and every building is just the finest there is; one couldn't begin to explain unless you could see for yourself. The citizens of Montico do not have to pay any tax, the gambling house keeps up all expenses, but the citizens are not allowed to gamble. We went thru with the Y. M. C. A. party and everybody was given a book telling all about Monty Carlo. This gambling house was only broke once and the man that broke Monty Carlo was Harry K. Thaw and he only had them broke two days and afterwards he went back and lost nearly everything he had won. There is a large cliff just a ways from the Casino and it is said that French people come there and lose their fortune and then go jump off this cliff to end their troubles.

This count wanted to make Monty Carlo a rest place for the American soldiers and the U. S. said no, your country is neutral, so this Count raised a standing army of one hundred and twenty-six men and declared war against Germany and sent these men with the French to the front. So now we have a large Y. M. C. A. there, also several thousand soldiers at rest there and every man cost U. S. government twenty-six francs each day for sleep and eat. Twenty-six francs is almost five dollars, not quite. I met lots of boys from Washington but none from Portland; we had about a hundred nurses and soldiers aboard ship everyday for dinner and they sure did enjoy our navy chow. One little nurse told me she didn't see why tomatoes grew because all she got to eat was tomatoes every meal. The day before we left we gave a turkey dinner and the nurses all said they wished they had of joined the navy and the soldiers liked to of went wild over the dinner and I'll say myself it was good because I jumped in and helped put it out although I never had to because I am doing the butchering.

Ray sends his best regards to all and says to say he weighs almost 150 lbs. and I weight over 175, so you see we are almost getting fat on our jobs. I have lots of pictures of France and other places where I have been. I hope you take very good care of the ones that I have sent home because I want a large collection when I get back to the U. S. A. Well, I most close for this time, hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, your son, Lowell.

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## Many Articles Taxed

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Another section of the Act provides a tax of 10 per cent upon sculpture, paintings, statuary and other objects of art, when sold by any other person than the artist. Therefore, any dealer handling this class of goods should apply for information as to his liability.

On and after April 1st, there will be a tax of 5 per cent upon sales of all articles commonly or commercially known as jewelry, including precious metals or imitations thereof, and ivory, watches, clocks and opera glasses. This tax is to be collected by the dealer upon such goods when sold to the user, and every store in Oregon handling any of

## The Price She Paid

When he comes home again, the boy I gave, I do not ask that neighbors' flags shall wave. A crowded depot need not honor him. Nor bands break forth with patriotic vim. Someway, when he comes back, I'd shrink from pomp— For 'twas but yesterday we used to romp.

When he steals in to bring a glad surprise, I hope I do not find him grown too wise; I will not look for medals on his coat. Nor beg for hero-tales he never wrote. Indeed, a mother is not honor-mad; 'Twill mean far more to kiss my little lad!

When he stands here beside my knitting chair, The living answer to a long, long prayer, I'll tell him what I could not whisper then, The mother-words I never dared to pen; And he, my soldier son, at last shall know The price I paid the day I watched him go! —Roscoe Gilmore Stott.

If you think you know what you are doing you can generally make other people think the same way, even if you don't. Order any group of idle workmen to start tearing up a street and they'll do it without questioning your authority, because they know that is what streets are for.—EX.

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## City Hall Doings

Commissioner Mann wants a geological survey made of Bull Run lake, but he has not yet made up his mind to ask for an appropriation from the council to pay the expenses of a noted government geologist, Mr. John Diller. The purpose of the survey is to insure a lasting water storage.

Mayor Baker has returned to the City from his sojourn in the east, having been absent for nearly a month. He has been attending several conventions and at the same time making himself acquainted with civic affairs in the large cities of the east. He is now again at his post and from now on will give his entire attention to the duties of the office.

The city council will act upon the recommendation of Commissioner Perkins resolution increasing the appropriation of the Rose Festival from \$2,500 to \$5,000 this week. This is on account of the nature of the celebration, it being held at a time when the city should give the returned soldiers and sailors a hearty and cheerful welcome, and at the same time to show the appreciation of Portland's citizens.

Commissioner Perkins has drafted an ordinance compelling every police officer to act as a deputy license inspector. Under this plan the police officers on their respective beats will ascertain if licenses have been secured and report to the officials at the license bureau. Commissioner Perkins states that in this manner the whole city will be covered at hardly any expense to the city and will increase the revenue by thousands of dollars which has heretofore been lost. Commissioner Perkins is now installing new furniture in the license bureau and by the time everything is in shape it will be of immense benefit not only to the employees but also in the accommodation of the public.

It has come to knowledge of the City Commissioners that there is a certain prejudice among landlords of this city against renting to discharged soldiers and sailors rooms in a partment houses were the family consists of more than man and wife. Mrs. A. E. Richards of the housing bureau, has made the complaint and intends to go before the local clubs and start a movement to secure homes for the service men. Commissioner Rigelow says "that if fathers and mothers are barred from homes in Portland because they happen to have children there would be little incentive for young people to get married." It is very probable that the city council will be compelled to take some definite action in regard to this matter and assist the landlords in devising ways and means of housing families with children.

## Fine Program Rendered

An Union Missionary meeting of the St. Johns churches was conducted under the leadership of the W. C. T. U. at the Adventist church last Friday with the following program: Opened by Mrs. Scott with words of welcome. All sang the Missionary Hymn. Mrs. Burton then took charge of the devotions, reading the twenty-seventh Psalm, followed by prayer; Home Missions by Mrs. Cook; Mexico and the Liquor Problem by Mrs. H. G. Adams; The Call of Central America by Mrs. J. M. Shaw; South America Problems, Mrs. Emhoff; Solo, Mrs. Overstreet; Reconstruction work in Europe, Mrs. Benjamin; reading by Mrs. Geo. Hall; Africa, Mrs. Blair; a solo by Miss Alsberge; The Call of the Orient, Mrs. J. C. Scott. Closed by singing Work for the Night is Coming, and Aronic Benediction.—Reporter.

Here is a new one told as honest-to-goodness truth: One of the units at Camp Lewis, Wash., had in its ranks a chronic whistler. In barracks, at drill, everywhere and all the time this soldier whistled, and suggestions, threats, sarcasm about his musical effort all rolled off him like water off a duck's back. There was no stopping his whistling. Finally an officer took the man in hand. "You stand out there at attention," the officer commanded, "and whistle for an hour." The soldier grinned and obeyed. For one hour he stood in the company street, whistling "The Star Spangled Banner." And for an hour officers and soldiers stood at attention with him.

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## Smelt Running Big

Smelt! Smelt! Smelt! Tons of glistening smelt dipped wriggling from the Sandy river! Smelt for the market, smelt for supper, smelt to salt away for the household larder, jolting with knock-out blows the high cost of living. Saturday the smelt began to run in the Sandy. Funny how rapidly the news spread. By 4 o'clock Sunday morning, whole families with dipnets, buckets, any old thing to dip'em up with, were arriving at the Sandy river bridge, just the other side of Troutdale (which ought henceforth to be called Smeltdale.)

These early comers were just the vanguard of a multitude who came to the Sandy Sunday for smelt. From every point and rock on both sides of the river a-bow and below the bridge, they dipped a their nets and hauled out the smelt.

They came in automobiles, on motorcycles, in trucks and behind Old Dobbin in the family buggy. The interurban from Montavilla to Troutdale had to run extra cars to accommodate the rush. Some even walked out. Six deputy sheriffs and traffic officers were kept in a sweat all day handling the swarm of automobiles. From Troutdale down to the bridge and beyond it, a full half mile, cars were parked on both sides of the highway, and in every open parking space they were three, four, even half a dozen deep. And every moment more cars arriving to add to the jam.

The 15 miles of highway between Portland and Troutdale during the whole of Sunday was covered with two streams of automobile traffic—one going to the Sandy, the other returning. From the fronts or backs of most of the cars on going out projected the handles or busin as ends of dipnets. Packed on the hoods and running boards of the cars returning were gunnybags, flour sacks boxes, buckets, barrels and baskets full of smelt.

It made no difference what kind of a dipnet was used. It was all the same to the smelt. Some fishermen had nice "store" dipnets. But those with flour sacks held open by a wire grommet and fastened to any old kind of a stick dipped them out just as fast.

There were about as many varieties of dipping them out as there were dipnets, too. Most of the fishers stood on the shore and reached out into the current where the teeming schools were swimming. Bolder spirits waded right into the stream and scooped them up. And some, like the fishermen of Galilee, did their fishing from boats. The boats, however, were moored to the shore for the current was too swift for paddling.

But they all got smelt. Buck-ettfuls, bagfuls, wagon loads of them. And for every smelt who yielded up his life in a dipnet, hundreds of others pressed upstream in mass formation for the spawning grounds.

The annual smelt run in the Sandy usually continues from one to two weeks. It ends almost as abruptly as it begins.—Oregonian.

"A police court isn't all grim and sordid," remarked Judge White the other day. Sometimes something really funny happens. Not so very long ago a chauffeur was brought in after having run down a man. "Did you know that if you struck this pedestrian he would be seriously injured?" I asked. "Yes, sir," replied the chauffeur. "Then why didn't you zigzag you car and miss him?" "He was zigzagging himself and out guessed me, your honor," he answered.—Pittsburg Sun.

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