

PORTLAND SHOWS BUILDING GAINS

Stands Fourth in the List of Cities With Increases for March.

LEADS PACIFIC COAST

Record Is 24 Per Cent Better Than a Year Ago—Spokane's Gain Is 22—Other Cities in the Northwest Also Lose Ground.

CHICAGO, April 10.—(Special.)—Building for March in the principal cities of the United States was almost as active as it was in the corresponding month a year ago, but there was a considerable falling off in volume. Permits were taken out in 45 cities, according to official reports to Construction News, for the construction of 16,677 buildings involving a total estimated cost of \$34,000,000, against 14,127 buildings and a total cost of \$27,238,344 for the same month a year ago, a decrease of 20 buildings, and \$6,761,656 or 46 per cent.

The significant part of the month's operations is that Chicago still leads the cities of its class, permits having been taken out in that city for 1264 buildings, involving an estimated cost of \$4,522,000 against 1023 buildings aggregating in cost \$2,506,000 for the same month a year ago, an increase of 241 buildings and a decrease of \$1,976,000 or 18 per cent.

Only 15 out of the 45 cities show increases, and in this the West fares better than any section of the country. St. Joseph, which has not figured very extensively heretofore, has an increase of 119 per cent; Terre Haute, 42; Indianapolis, 35; Spokane, 23; Portland and Denver, each, 21; Patterson, N. J., 20; Baltimore, 16; Chattanooga, 15; Louisville, 11; Kansas City, 12; San Antonio, Texas, and Lincoln, Neb., each, 10; Milwaukee, 2. In 21 cities there were decreases, the most notable that in New York, including Manhattan and the Bronx, of 75 per cent. Brooklyn and Philadelphia have a heavy falling off, the former 64 per cent and the latter 29. Pittsburgh and Cleveland have 49 and 40 per cent respectively. St. Louis, 23; Detroit, 22; Buffalo, 18; Cincinnati, 16; Minneapolis, 15; St. Paul, 14; Omaha, 13; Duluth, 12; Toledo and Birmingham, 10 each; Worcester, 8; Topeka, 4, and Mobile, 4.

REVEAL SMUGGLING SCHEME

CANADIANS ENGAGED IN TRAFFIC TALK TOO MUCH.

Bitter Rivalry Results in Discovery of Underground Railroad for Contraband Chinese.

DETROIT, April 10.—The Free Press tomorrow will say:

Through the bitter rivalry of three Canadian organizations for smuggling Chinese into the United States a wholesale scheme of bringing the Orientals illegally across the international border at Detroit was discovered yesterday. It is said that some eight or ten Chinese have been smuggled across the line and that several comfortable fortunes have been made at the business during the past two years by enterprising young men who have made Windsor, Ont., their headquarters.

The immigration authorities here have recent hope of reaching the principals of the competing agencies, but a man who gives his name as A. C. McCann is held at the Wayne County Jail in connection with the capture last Tuesday of three Chinese at Adrian, Mich. The Chinese and McCann were found in a Wabash boxcar bound for Chicago. There was a dead horse in the car and the four men were concealed under the straw. The plan was to engage a freight car at Detroit for the shipment of a horse, some worthless animal being placed in the car for a blind.

The Chinese, it is said, have been brought across the Detroit River on ear ferries, being hidden with the assistance of employes on the boats when the immigration inspectors had made their rounds, and then hurriedly directed to the freight cars. The following day they would be transferred to other cars and sent to Detroit or Chicago.

ITINERARY IS GIVEN OUT

Admiral Thomas Announces Plans for Fleet's Voyage North.

MAGDALENA BAY, April 8.—Via San Diego, Cal., April 10.—The Atlantic fleet sails Saturday at 4 P. M. for San Diego, the first of the California cities to extend a greeting to the battleships after their long sojourn in foreign ports. The entire programme of the trip from Magdalena to San Francisco, occupying nearly one month, has been mapped out, even to the last detail of time for arrival and departure at the various ports.

The fleet will pass out of Magdalena Bay in single column formation, the Connecticut flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas at the after masthead. Squadron formation—a double column of ships, eight in each line—will likely be the steaming order up the coast.

A corrected itinerary for the fleet has been issued by Admiral Thomas. The schedule from Magdalena to San Francisco covers a total of 10,000 knots. The arrival at San Francisco lightship is given as May 3 P. M., departure May 6, noon, and final anchorage at San Francisco May 6 at 2 P. M.

The formation of the fleet at each port is directed explicitly and the exact bearing of the ships indicated. At San Diego the formation is to be a line of division, or four lines of ships, with the flagship of each division heading, the Connecticut and first division being nearest Coronado. The lines will be 500 yards apart.

Santa Cruz the anchorage will be the same as at Santa Barbara. According to this itinerary the fleet will remain at San Francisco lightship over night, or from 9 P. M. May 5, to noon, May 6. The anchorage there will depend upon existing conditions. The final anchorage at San Francisco will be in line of divisions, the first division headed by the Connecticut being nearest shore.

Admiral Thomas has made the following request of the Associated Press: "I wish that you would convey my requests to the general public, and that, as far as may be possible, they refrain from furnishing the men of the fleet with intoxicating liquors. I would consider it a personal favor if they would do so. It is nearly always the case when our men reach a home port that some of the people are inclined to offer them liquor. Many consider it a part of the entertainment, and perhaps it is, but it works a bad end."

CANNOT GO IN ALASKA

AMERICAN AUTO IS RETURNING TO SEATTLE.

Depth of Snow and Chuck-Holes Make Progress Impossible—Will Sail for Vladivostok.

SEATTLE, April 10.—A special cable to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez, Alaska, says: "The American automobile and crew left on the steamer Bertha this afternoon for Seattle. A public reception was given them last night by the Chamber of Commerce at midnight and the crew started to inspect the trail. They went 30 miles, Schuster, when interviewed, said that Alaskans had his sympathy. As the depth of the snow and the chuck-holes absolutely prohibit any chance of the automobile running a mile, he says he will return to Seattle and ship for Vladivostok to make up the time lost on the Alaskan trip. He will attempt to charter the sea-going tug Walcott at Orea, take the car and crew across to Siberia. It is doubtful if this can be done."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Two foreign cars in the international automobile race from New York to Paris, the French machine, De Dion, and the Suez, carrying the Italian racers, left San Francisco this morning on the Pacific Coast steamer City of Puebla, bound for Puget Sound ports. From Seattle the racers will journey to Valdez, Alaska.

BANNERMAN IS WEAKER

Ex-Premier's Vitality Falls—King's Physicians in Consultation.

LONDON, April 10.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman passed a restless night, but his weakness has increased. Only yesterday his physician permitted him to sit up in bed and read the newspapers, but those knowing the real state of Sir Henry's health confess that this fact gave them no hope, as the patient's vitality is gradually lowering.

Dr. Thomas Barlow, physician to King Edward's household, and Dr. Bertrand Dawson, physician extraordinary to His Majesty, were called in consultation with Sir Henry's regular physician this afternoon. The gravity of the ex-premier's condition was further evidenced by the issuance of a bulletin this evening. This is the first time in several weeks that a second daily bulletin has been given out. "Sir Henry had a quiet day, but there is no improvement in his symptoms. Although he has had comparatively little suffering, he is very weak."

ALL DENOUNCE ALDRICH BILL

Business Leaders Argue Against It Before House Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Four representatives of large commercial interests ever before the House committee on banking and currency today, all of them opposing the Aldrich currency bill, which they declared would do no good and might result in much harm to the business interests of the country. Victor Morawetz of New York made an extensive argument against the bill.

MAY SEND SPECIAL MESSAGE

President Has Not Given Up Hope for New Battleships.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Roosevelt's known desire that building of four battleships shall be authorized by Congress during its present session may result in the sending in of a special message urging that action. It was said at the White House today that, while no message on the subject is now in course of preparation, the final determination as to whether it will be written has not been reached.

TALES TOLD BY THE TEETH

Remarkable Facts About the Incisors of Men and Animals.

London Answers.

Teeth are not bones, as most people imagine them to be. Though they are attached to the skeleton, they are not a part of it. They develop from the dermis or skin, and are, as a rule, made up of three substances—"dentine," "cement," and "enamel."

Enamel is the hardest of all animal substances. It actually contains more than 86 parts in 100 of mineral matter, mainly phosphate of lime—while bone contains only 60 per cent. This accounts for the fact that teeth are more indestructible than any other part of the animal frame.

What is more wonderful still is that the tooth is the keystone of the frame. An expert anatomist needs only to be shown a tooth, or two or three, to recognize from them the animal from whose jaw they originally came—and this although the animal itself has been dead 10,000 years, and its kind extinct for almost as long.

Not only do the teeth show what their owner looked like, whether it was animal, lizard, fish, or bird—some extinct birds used to possess teeth—but a study of some of these useful organs will show what the creature used to feed on, and, incidentally, tell a great deal about its life and habits.

Butterick Patterns and Delineator for May—Robinson & Wells' London Tailored Hats—La Vida Corsets, W. B. Corsets, Nemo Corsets, Smart Set Corsets, C. B. a la Spirite Corsets

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Popular Copyright Books. Formerly \$1.18 Copy—Now 50c. Lady Betty Across the Water. At the Mercy of Tiberius. Maid at Arms. Adventures of Captain Kettle. Sword of the Old Frontier. Alton of Somasco. The Viper of Milan. Half a Rogue. The Garden of Allah. Saul of Tarsus. The Northerner. Partners of the Tide. Cardigan. Port of Missing Men. Ben Blair. The White Cat.

2-Clasp Kid Gloves 95c. Regular \$1.50 Values. Here's an Easter Glove Sale that eclipses anything yet—4000 pairs perfect 2-clasp overseas French Kid Gloves. Not old gloves that have lost their elasticity such as other stores sell in bargain sales. Every pair new and perfect, ALL SIZES, every pair made to sell at \$1.50. Colors—black, tan, brown, white, modc, oxblood, blue, green, pearl and cream. Regularly \$1.50. Extra Salespeople to wait on you. The year's greatest glove opportunity. Choice at the pair 95c.



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SATURDAY SALE OF MILLINERY TRIMMINGS. ROSES FOLIAGE BLOSSOMS 39c UP TO 75 CENTS VALUES.

Children's Wear for Easter. Our Superb Infants' and Children's Wear Dept. is one that we are proud of. The variety of pretty and dainty children's wear is perhaps the largest to be found anywhere in Portland. Ages up to 6 years in this department. Misses' Section is separate.

Children's Coats at \$2.00. Children's golf red, navy blue and Copenhagen blue Coats, three-quarter length, sizes 2 to 6 years. Price, \$2.00.

Children's Coats at All Prices. A large and very complete assortment of finer Panama and Pongee Coats. \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$7.50.

Infants' Caps, Bonnets, Hats. Infants' and Children's Muff Caps, Bonnets and Hats. All newest styles—Dutch, French, Venetian, Fluffy Ruffie, pique and corded. Also newest fancy Straw Hats and Bonnets, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$10.00.

\$6.00 PURSES \$3.98. New plaid, seal, walrus and walrus purses, in tan, brown and green; all new shades and styles. \$6.00 to \$6.50 values. \$3.98.

Alligator Bags. Buffed alligator bags, in brown, green and tan. \$5 and \$10 values. \$3.50.

LEATHER BAGS \$1.39. Black and brown leather bags, outside pockets, girth and gunmetal frames, fitted with coin purse. Sale price \$1.39 for this sale.

\$9-\$10 BAGS \$7.48. All our walrus and seal bags, handsome gilt and silver tops, all new designs. \$9 and \$10 values. \$7.48.

RIOTS ARE BELFAST'S FUN. A Year Seldom Passes Without Some Trouble in the Irish City. Kansas City Star. Belfast is the chief commercial and manufacturing city of Ireland, and is the capital of the Province of Ulster. It is about 86 miles northwest of Dublin, on the River Lagan. The riots of Belfast have long been a feature of the city's career. To the ordinary Englishman, the Belfast riots are a puzzle as difficult to solve as the Irish character itself.

The year of the last severe riots, 1901, it was believed that nothing would arise to revive the smoldering fires of sectarianism. There was no very remarkable event to celebrate. At all events, so the respectable portion of the community believed. But they were mistaken. The Pope's jubilee came along. To obtain the promised "indulgences" a series of violations to various churches in the city was organized, and after a time the members of the different Catholic confraternities began to march to these places of worship in processional order.

No one took any particular notice of these until it entered the mind of a good bishop of the diocese to have a combined procession to a given rendezvous on the first Sunday after the feast of Corpus Christi. Almost at once all sorts of rumors filled the air. The most tangible of these was that the Catholics of Belfast were going to march on mass to St. Malachy's College grounds to protest against the King's coronation oath.

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Saturday Is A Good Day for Feminine Portland to Think of Easter Apparel

Lipman Wolfe's superb showing of 1908 modes embraces all the ideas that stand close to fashion in gowns, tailor suits, waists, dress fabrics, laces and trimmings, gloves, hosiery, neckwear, belts, lingerie, ribbons, veils, etc.—the well-known Lipman-Wolfe quality at practical prices.

Thieves Ate Snake Eggs.

Rising Sun, Md., Dispatch to Philadelphia Record. Robbers enjoyed a feast of fried snake eggs in the barn of Henry Burkens the other night. The night previous thieves emptied his feed boxes and, desiring to punish the suspected intruders, Burkens spread an invitation broadcast that, if they would return that night, he would not only provide food for their stock, but include a supper for themselves.

Robbers Ate Snake Eggs.

In sawing down an old tree, early in the week, Burkens found nine snake eggs and packed them away in cotton, intending to present them to the Philadelphia Zoological Garden. Before retiring last night he partly filled the feed box, and, fearing the snake eggs, made them into sandwiches which he wrapped in a napkin and placed on top of the feed. This morning the feed box was empty and crumbs of bread on the floor showed the lunch had been eaten.