

WARSHIP ADVANCE SHELVES OREGON

Hobson Explains How Vessel, Once Finest in Her Class, Would Fare Today.

CHARTS EMPHASIZE FACTS

Perfection of Torpedo Attack One Feature of Change—Rapidity of Gunfire Greatly Increased in Last Few Years.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 29.—The reasons why the Navy Department regards the Battleship Oregon as obsolete were fully explained to the House of Representatives in the course of the debate on the naval appropriation bill by Representative Hobson, of Alabama. Mr. Hobson illustrated his talk with a series of charts, to which he referred constantly and his explanation more clearly than anything heretofore said by the department satisfied his hearers of the advance made in naval architecture since the Oregon and her sister ships were built.

In fact his comparison of the Oregon with the Pennsylvania, one of our most modern dreadnoughts, left little doubt in the minds of members as to the correctness of the Navy's contention.

Vessel Once Finest in World. Mr. Hobson said the Oregon and her sister ships when they were built, were "the finest ships of their types in the world."

"I have not any hesitancy in saying," he added, "that the Oregon, compared with her contemporaries, was the best designed ship in the world."

"Now, you can not carry much coal on the Oregon or any larger amount of supplies to carry her far from the Coast without putting her deep in the water and submerging her heavy armor belt. As a matter of fact, the Oregon at times, like the Indiana and Massachusetts, her sisters, did have the top of her armor below the water line, so the armor was not giving any protection above the water line."

Similar Vessels Sunk in Japanese War. "There were interesting parallels to the Oregon in the Russian navy, the Borodino class. In the war with Japan four of them took part in the Battle of Tschushima. The Russians did not appreciate this question of stability and buoyancy. They had those ships loaded down like we had the Oregon and her sister ships. So the heavy armor, supposed to protect the water line, had its top below the water line. Before the Battle of Tschushima was over three out of these four ships either capsized or sank. Thus in trying to make a seagoing battleship out of the Oregon it is necessary to undermine its stability and buoyancy and to have such a low elevation of her guns as to make them unserviceable in a seaway. Even when at normal draft her guns are only 18 feet above water compared to 22 feet of the Pennsylvania."

Now, as to question of size. The Oregon is of seven ten thousand odd tons, the Pennsylvania over 31,000 tons.

Pennsylvania Big as Six Oregons. "I would not hesitate to say that if the Oregon were a contemporary of the Pennsylvania, and if the Oregon were of the same type and class as the Pennsylvania, so that they could be intelligently compared, the Pennsylvania would be the equivalent of at least five or six Oregons."

Here is another comparison: The Oregon's thick armor is 7 1/2 feet high and the Pennsylvania's is 12 feet. Suppose you were to flood the whole of the unarmored portion of the Nevada or the Pennsylvania. She would go down by the head, but that would not hurt her very much. She would change in draft and trim, but the mean change of draft would be only about 1 1/2 feet. She could fight every gun she had. The same thing applies aft. She would continue to fight. The Oregon was never built to withstand torpedo attacks. At the date the Oregon was built the torpedo was small, had a range of only a few hundred yards at best, with almost no accuracy of fire. Now the torpedo is an accurate weapon at 10,000 yards range, carrying 250 pounds of high explosive.

The Oregon's guns, those old guns, do well to fire one round in 3 1/2 minutes. The Pennsylvania's guns fire two to three minutes and more than six times as rapidly. Compare the energy delivered from minute to minute, and every minute the Oregon would develop 52,375 foot-tons, while every minute the Pennsylvania would develop 1,576,488 foot-tons, or 30 times as much."

LUMBER COMBINE TARGET (Continued from First Page.) the investigators, "the lumbermen, through their associations and otherwise, were industriously striving in concert to maintain or raise prices."

Effect of Work Shows. Prior to 1906, the report continued, lumbermen by open agreement maintained prices. Since then "a variety of new methods have been adopted to carry on, in essentials, the practices ostensibly abandoned by the associations. The evidence clearly shows combinations intended to increase the market price of lumber and there is abundant evidence to warrant the conclusion that as a result of such attempts prices have been higher than they would otherwise have been."

Manufacturers in many industries have organizations similar to the lumbermen's. The report said: "It may be proper and desirable for producers in any line of business to establish standard grades, to collect and publish information and to collect in various proper ways for the common advantage, but it should be pointed out that the standardization of grades is the first step toward price fixing, and that the collection of information as to output facilitates the curtailment of production for the purpose of raising prices for the benefit of the manufacturer."

Some Activities "Proper." As to the activities of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, particularly, the report said: "Some of the activities of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, such as efforts to secure fair treatment from the railroads, are undoubtedly proper. Its actions in laying its views before legislative bodies in an open and straightforward way may not be objectionable, but it has not stopped there. When, in 1908, Congress was revising the tariff law, the association was not content to present its case in the forum of proper argument. It resorted to intrigues in its attempts

to influence both political parties in Congress; it tried to pack committees; it attempted to secure the influence of Cabinet officers, Federal and state forestry officials and others high in authority; its chief representative in Washington freely wrote letters about the service he rendered to certain Senators and certain Representatives and pointed out that friends of a duty on lumber traded with friends of other protected interests, and officers of the association claimed large credit for the election of two Senators, one of whom was unseated by the Senate of the United States."

THIS IS AN HONEST SALE—HERE ARE THE ABSOLUTE FACTS—READ THEM

PORTLAND'S FINEST CLOTHING STORE FAILS

Weighted Down by Heavy Obligations, a Creditors' Committee Is Placed in Charge to Dispose of the Stock to the Public at Once, for the Money It Will Bring

CREDITORS SALE!

OF THE ENTIRE

\$60,000 STOCK OF THE PEOPLES CLOTHING CO. 104-106-THIRD ST. BET. WASH. AND STARK STS.

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For the Benefit of the Creditors

ALL PORTLAND PEOPLE KNOW OF THIS GREAT STORE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED OVER 18 YEARS AGO. The news of the failure and the sale of the stock for the benefit of the creditors will come as a shock to the people of this city, who have seen this store grow until it is one of the largest and finest men's stores in the Northwest. A combination of circumstances that no store could successfully combat brought about the failure, and now the entire stock must be disposed of at once. This sale is different from any sale Portland has seen in the past, for there is only one object in view and that is to sell the stock at once, which will be done with little regard for cost or worth.

Sale Starts Promptly at 9 A. M. Today
And Continues Daily Until Entire Stock Is Sold

Stock Consists of the World's Best Merchandise
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Men's Clothing, Hats, Furnishings, Etc.

—Such as Rosenwald & Weil, L. Adler and Stratford System Clothes, Mandelberg Raincoats, John B. Stetson Hats, Mallory Hats, Manhattan, Arrow and Cluett Shirts, Cooper's Underwear, Blum & Koch's Straw Hats. This store was also a special agent for the famous Lenigan High-class Clothes.

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50c President Suspenders at 20c (While They Last.)

25c Boston and Paris Garters at 10c (While They Last.)

50c B. V. D. Underwear, Garment at 25c (While They Last.)

John B. Stetson Hats, All Styles, Choice \$2.85 (While They Last.)

Arrow Collars, Latest Styles, Now at Doz, \$1.00 (While They Last.)

50c, 75c Neckwear, 3 for \$1 50c Hose, 3 Pair \$1

All \$1.00 and \$1.50 Neckwear, Choice Now 65c

All 25c, 35c Neckwear, 19c 25c Handkerchiefs, 3 for 50c

All \$1.00 Shirts on Sale Now, Your Choice for 75c

All \$1.50 Manhattan Shirts, \$1.15 \$2.00 Manhattan Shirts, \$1.35

Blum & Koch's Straw Hats and Panamas at One-Half Price

25c Hose, Now Choice 3 Pair 50c All Suit Cases and Bags, Reduced 1/4

All \$35 and \$40 Men's Suits Now \$22

All \$25 Men's Suits \$17 All \$20 Men's Suits \$12

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Creditors' Committee Now Selling Out

The Peoples Clothing Company Stock

104-106 THIRD STREET, Abington Building, Just Off Washington
Toward Stark Street, the Home of This Store for 18 Years

THE BEAUTIFUL FIXTURES OF THIS GREAT STORE ARE ALL FOR SALE

POISON OAK! IVY! Use Sensitive Lotion. Instant relief. Druggists refund money if it fails. 50c.—Adv.

BODY TAKEN FROM RIVER Brother of Man Who Was Drowned to Be Questioned at Inquest. SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—The body of Clarence Pickernell, of Bay Center, who was drowned April 29, following a supposed fight on the river after a circus, was taken out of the Willapa today by Archie Pollard and Frank Pettit. Nathan Pickernell, a brother, is the last man known to have been with him on the night of his death. The inquest will be held tomorrow and Chief McDonald and Coroner Henderson expect to interrogate the brother closely. There were four Indians

in the boat, but two of them, Lincoln Lewis and Mitchell Charley, were arrested before the drowning and placed in jail. HOTEL MAN DIES SUDDENLY Overdose of Opium Said to Be Cause, but Inquest Will Be Held. RAYMOND, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—F. W. Caton, former clerk at the Green Hotel, died early today from the effects of what is reported to have been an overdose of opium taken with suicidal intent. Mr. Caton retired last night in apparent good health. Mrs. Caton was awakened early this morning by his

heavy breathing. She immediately sent for a physician, but efforts to revive him were futile. Mr. Caton was about 39 years old. He was a member of the Masonic order and came here from Portland two years ago. He was married recently. An autopsy may be held tomorrow to determine the exact cause of death. DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUILTS D. H. Upjohn Gives Up Prosecutor's Position to Enter Business. SEATTLE, April 29.—(Special.)—D. H. Upjohn, appointed in June, 1913, by Governor West as District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District,

comprising the counties of Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook, and under the County Attorney act, becoming the County Attorney for Polk County in November of 1913, is to resign as County Attorney on May 1. He will enter business. It is problematical who his successor in office will be, but report has it that J. E. Sibley, Democrat, and for several years Deputy District Attorney in this county under J. H. McNary, will be appointed by Governor West to fill the vacancy. WILLIAM H. WHITE DIES. SEATTLE, April 29.—(Special.)—William H. White, who was United States District Attorney for Washington during the first Cleveland administration, and who served a term on the State Su-

preme bench, died today, aged 74. He was a sergeant in the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. 200 ACRES SELL, \$26,000 Walla Walla Wheat Land Goes at Nearly Record Figures. WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Nearly a record price was paid today for wheat land in the foothills seven miles east of the city. George McGuire sold 200 acres to Bruce Farrell for \$26,000 or \$130 an acre.