

UNIONS REFUSE TO SIGN SCHOOL PACT. Benson Trade Contractors Are Declared to Have Broken Pact With Labor.

JOB MAY BE DELAYED. Savings System for Children Is Inaugurated and Banks Are to Co-operate—Accounts Will Be Opened for \$5.

Labor troubles threaten the completion of the Benson Trade School next spring as scheduled. The school board was told yesterday that it is impossible to get union men to work there because of alleged unfair conditions imposed by the Freiberg-McLennan Company, which has the general contract.

Agreement Declared Violated. Mr. Willson said they did not, but the contractors have failed to live up to the agreement, and that as a result union men will not work on the job. He said it is difficult in fact impossible to get union men to work on the concrete part of the construction, as the contractors have refused to accept the terms of the agreement.

Savings System Approved. Mr. Willson gave the opinion that the matter will soon be one that the board will have to decide. A school savings system for the children was approved yesterday by the directors, having been recommended by the finance and judicial committee.

Mrs. Alexander Wants More Pay. A. E. Clark, attorney for Mrs. Evelyn Alexander, declared yesterday that the Benson Polytechnic School for Girls, returned to the board a check for \$6.75, being salary for the small part of October. Mrs. Alexander went principal before her suspension by Superintendent Alderman. Attorney Clark put in claim for the balance of the salary. The matter was referred to the judicial committee because Mrs. Alexander is now having a hearing on charges against her.

BIG SHIP PLANT SOLD. PACIFIC MAIL AND GRACE HAVE INTEREST IN EASTERN DEAL. Properties at Camden, N. J., Will Be Greatly Enlarged and Government Business Sought.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The American International Corporation, in conjunction with the International Mercantile Marine Company, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and W. R. Grace & Co., for many years prominent in South American trade, have bought the properties of the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, N. J.

GROUND AT NEW YARD BROKEN. Albina Concrete Gets Ready for Turning Out Steel Carriers.

Grading operations began yesterday on the Albina concrete dock site, where the main part of the Albina Engine & Machine Works will be located for the construction of steel steamers of 3,000 tons dead-weight capacity. A few teams were employed, and as soon as the ground is ready it is expected the Port of Portland will assign one of its dredges to make a fill in the rear.

many details of the ship and yard organization attended to, so when the fabrication of steel starts it will find many former employees of the company on deck. News that William Cornfoot, president of the corporation, had accepted contracts for two steel vessels and that more would follow has turned the eyes of the workers on the company by this way, especially those who had been on the payroll before.

Stranger Resumes Run Today. Oil-burning equipment aboard the steamer Strangler has been overhauled as well as other machinery work done and she is to go out again on the Portland-Dallas run today morning, after being idle since her return Sunday when engine trouble prevented her from making the Dallas. The steamer is operating in conjunction with the Tacoma, under the banner of the People's Transportation Company.

VESSEL NOT TRANSPORT BRITISH SAYER GERMANS DID NOT WARN MAIL LINER.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The official press bureau gave out today the following official German statement: "On November 6 a German submarine sank by a torpedo a hostile transport of about 12,000 tons, eight nautical miles west of Malta."

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The following announcement was made today by the Admiralty: "A German submarine on November 15, 80 miles west of Malta, sank with a torpedo a hostile transport steamer of about 12,000 tons, sailing under convoy of destroyers and patrol boats."

COUNTY DIVISION IS AIM. WEST JEFFERSON FOLKS WANT TO BE PART OF GRAYS HARBOR. Round Trip to Principal Seat is 600 Miles and Six Days Will Be Required to Get Mail.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Ranchers of the Queets, Clearwater and Upper Quinalt River valleys are preparing to petition the Legislature to divide Jefferson County and annex the western end to Grays Harbor County. This word has been brought to this city by delegation of ranchers from the two former valleys, who came here to interview Representative Johnson of Hoquiam, and Linn H. Hadley, of Bellingham, on the need of mail service to the Queets district.

REGULATION IS ADVOCATED. Chamber of Commerce Committee Passes on Railway Question. At its meeting yesterday noon, the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce favored a plan of the State of Oregon to take up by referendum at its meeting which starts today at 10 o'clock, the subject of closer Federal regulation of railroads.

FOUR SCHOONERS SOLD. SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 16.—The Port Blakeley Mill Company has sold the wooden schooners Willis A. Holden and Wilbert J. Smith to shipping interests of Mobile, Ala., and the Will enter the hardwood trade between Central American and Gulf of Mexico ports. The company has sold the schooners William Nottingham and J. W. Clise to Norwegian interests which probably will change their names. The Washington will be turned over to the new owners on completing the voyages on which they are now engaged.

SECOND STEAMER CATCHES FIRE. VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 16.—Fire broke out last night aboard the Union Steamship Company's New Zealand freighter Walkawa in a cargo of copper ore. The fire was extinguished and Waterman was removed from the hold in an unconscious condition, having been overcome by smoke. This is the second fire of this sort within the last 24 hours, and while there is no indication that the fires are anything but accidental, precautions are being taken to prevent further outbreaks.

HUNTER FOUND FROZEN. WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 16.—The body of Ray E. Simonds was taken to North Yakima today after having been found frozen yesterday in the wilds of the Chelan Mountains. Simonds became lost a week ago Monday while hunting, and searching parties found his body 29 miles from the nearest habitation.

ATLANTIC RATE HIGH. Ocean Freight Charges Go Up Instead of Down.

FOREIGN VESSELS SCARCE. Two Old-Time Sallers Headed for San Francisco Are French Barks General de Negrier and Marie. Four Others Are En Route.

Instead of a general drop in rates on the Atlantic side, where the bulk of the grain from the Northwest is finding its way, moving by rail to East Coast ports, and then being shipped, advices to A. O. Anderson & Co. of this city, are that they are firm and gradually advancing.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Captain K. Purdie, formerly master of the steamer Northern Pacific, has been taken on the steamer Northern Pacific. The steamer schooner Daisy Putnam has been taken on the steamer Northern Pacific. The steamer schooner Daisy Putnam has been taken on the steamer Northern Pacific.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Arrived—Steamer Breakwater, from Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Daisy, for Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Daisy, for Astoria.

OFFSHORE BREEZE CALMS SEA. Beaver Comes From Bear State With Big Cargo of General Freight. Officers of the flag ship Beaver, of the San Francisco & Portland line, which is now in the harbor from California, found the sea as smooth as a mill pond on the 16th.

MARYLAND TO BE FREDERICK. Navy Department Changes Names of More Armored Cruisers. Admirals of the cruiser Maryland, particularly friends of the cruiser Maryland, are trying to acustom themselves to the new name chosen by the Navy Department.

LIGHTSHIP FOUND STUNCHED. Rebuilding Work Under Way at Supple's Dock. As work of tearing away some of the topside and bulkheads of the old Lightvessel No. 59, which is at Supple's dock to be converted into a combined freight and passenger vessel for the Pacific Coast trade, Mr. Supple's opinion is that the vessel is in excellent condition and in his opinion it will last for many years if cared for.

GRAYS HARBOR BAR IS DEEPER. Dredge Col. P. S. Michle Makes Big Progress in Fair Weather. HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The bar dredge, Col. P. S. Michle already, has been able to make a decided improvement in the channel across the Grays Harbor bar, although she has been working less than a week.

U. S. Naval Wireless Reports. PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Arrivals—Steamer Breakwater, from Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Daisy, for Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Daisy, for Astoria.

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WOMAN GIVEN TWO DAYS. To Make Up Her Mind for Surgical Operation. She Refused; Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"One year ago I was very sick and I suffered with pains in my side and back until I nearly went crazy. I went to different doctors and they all said I had female trouble and would not get any relief until I would be operated on. I had suffered for four years before this time, but I kept getting worse the more medicine I took.

Every month since I was a young girl I had suffered with cramps in my sides at periods and was never regular. I saw your advertisement in the newspaper and the picture of a woman who had been saved from an operation and this picture was impressed on my mind. The doctor had given me only two more days to make up my mind so I sent my husband to the drug store at once for a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and believe me, I only took four doses before I felt a change and when I had finished the third bottle I was cured and never felt better. I grant you the privilege to publish my letter and am only too glad to let other women know of my cure."

Mrs. Thos. McLaughlin, 3432 Hartsville Street, Phila., Pa.

MR. MOTTER WILL OUT. Attorney Tired of Pseudo Masonic Organization. Statement Issued After Arrest Says Lodge Was Joined, Believing It Ancient Order.

Frank Motter, master of Robert Bruce Lodge, No. 47, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masonry in the American Masonic Federation, last night issued a written statement announcing his intent to resign from the lodge.

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