\$6,000,000 SHIP JOB LET IN OREGON

Portland Yards Will Build Ten.

2 CONTRACTED AT COOS BAY

Wooden Vessels Will Cost About \$500,000 Each.

SEATTLE OBTAINS ONLY 2

Facilities Here Are in Shape to Rush Government Orders as Soon as Expected Work Is Awarded. Some Already Under Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 17 .- Contracts for 14 wooden ships to cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 each were let on the Pacific Coast today, 12 of them going to Oregon yards and involving an expenditure of about \$6,000,000 in Oregon

four by the Coast Shipbuilding Company, of Portland; two by the C. A. Smith Lumber Company, of Coos Bay, and two by the Sandstrom Company, of Seattle.

The vessels are not to be built along the Government plans that have not yet been approved, but will follow the general lines desired by the Shipping The ships will average about 3000 tons burden.

The shipping board declines to give specific information regarding these contracts but it is understood that some of the ships contracted for are already in course of construction.

The vessels assigned to the Coast yard, at the foot of Woods street and formerly the Heath plant, are of a type that the Shipping Board has sected, though they conform to a large extent with plans submitted by H. E. Pennell, of the company, who has been at Washington.

Guy M. Standifer, of the Standifer-Clarkson Company, who has been East for a lengthy period, is due home tonorrow and, as that company has offered to place its facilities at the disposal of the Government, contracts are expected immediately.

C. Knapp, pres gramme was taken up, and he has member of this company. since spent much time in conference with members of the Board in the inthe construction of wooden vessels.

Recently Mr. Knapp instructed Theodore Knudson, superintendent of the yard, to lay the keels for two steam-That, coupled with the fact he had been in close touch with developments at Washington, was regarded as certain that the company would soon be building for the Government.

The Peninsula interests submitted their own plans to the Shipping Board. and designed for either oil engines or steam. Advance preparations of a tentative character are said to insure material being turned out rapidly for the fleet, and four building berths least two more sets of ways at once. The Peninsula type of vessel will be

strapped and strengthened throughout and the probabilities are STOWAWAY SEALED IN CAR the Government will provide the machinery, at least for motive power, all Escape Effected by Cutting Hole in auxiliaries being obtained here. The auxiliary schooners Alpha and Beta already have been launched there, and two other ships of the auxiliary rig are well along. Work will be hurried on them and as rapidly as possible all ways will be given over to the emergency construction.

Mr. Pennell departed for Washington early in the month, and in a telegram received here yesterday he annouced that four contracts had been successfully negotiated. The company has three sets of ways practically ready, the fourth can be started at once and grading will be ordered today for the fifth. Piling and other material was ordered yesterday for the PASTOR TURNS BARBER fourth and fifth ways.

The mould loft there is under way, and other structures have been begun. In a short time the company will be

rushing operations. Every wooden shipbuilding plant on the Columbia and Willamette rivers is ready to accept one or more ship tracts from the Government. At the Supple & Ballin yard, at the foot of East Oak street, plans are ready for the building of four more ways, pro- preaching regularly on Sundays, viding six in all. The Standifer-Clarkson plant can expand. The Vancouver plants of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Company and Motorship Construction Company are under way. The St. Helens Shipbuilding Company can more than double its facilities; Somarstrom BOTTLE COSTS \$200 FINE Brothers are starting their yard at Columbia City with five ways; Wilson Bros. and the McEachern Ship Company, at Astoria, are ready to increase Not only that, but there is additional capital available for more plants if the Government will promise contracts.

"Life Problems" to Be Topic.

"Life Problems" will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered Saturday evening at 8:15, room A. Central Library, by Dr. V. B. De Lory. There will be good music by a string trio, and Miss Vivienne De Lory will play a violin solo. The public is invited.

WAR BONDS DEFEAT MILITARY CRISIS IN 8 PER CENT MONEY

Morning

ATRIOTIC PLEA OF THOMAS ROBERTS IS GRANTED.

Guardian Says Greater Interest Could Be Realized, but He Prefers to Assist Government.

The Nation's war coffers were enriched by \$10,000 yesterday when County Judge Tazwell granted the pe tition of Thomas Roberts, of Roberts Bros., to invest that amount of money belonging to the estate of his brother Henry Roberts, for which he is guar dian, in the "Liberty Loan."

J. E. Bronaugh, appearing for Thomas Roberts, represented that there were funds in excess of \$10,000 available in the estate of Henry Roberts, and that they should be invested in interest bearing securities. He said that it would be possible to invest the money at 8 per cent, but that Mr. Roberts felt a desire to assist the Government in the flotation of the war bonds.

Mr. Roberts declared in his petition that, inasmuch as the estate of which he is guardian has had the protection of the Government, he felt the reciprocal duty to furnish funds to the Government to carry out its purpose.

STOCK SUPPLY IS GREATER

Lane County Farmers Report Great Increase in Number of Calves.

EUGENE, Or., May 17 .- (Special.)-Despite the high cost of feed and the top prices offered for livestock, an Six will be built by the Peninsula and sheep actually on the farms of Shipbuilding Company, of Portland; Lane County is shown by returns made in connection with the farm survey. On 1345 of 2836 farms reporting there are 4680 dairy cows as compared with 4197 for the average year. Beef-breeding stock on the same farms shows an increase of 400 head

A great increase in the number of calves is also shown, indicating that fewer calves are being slaughtered for veal. Brood sows increased 450 head, feeding hogs 400 head and ewes more

SPENT TO ENLIST

C. F. Elliott Pays Expenses for Two From Oak Point to Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 17 .-Special.)-One man was so anxious to ome a member of Sixth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, that he took several days and spent \$35 to get here to enlist. He is Charles F. Elliott, a imekeeper for the Hammond Lumber Company at Oak Point, Wash.

Mr. Elliott not only paid his own expenses but also the expenses of Dan Welch, of Kelso, Wash., already a mem-F. C. Knapp, president of the Penin-sula Shipbuilding Company, was in the Welch along to make certain that no with our work. East at the time the wooden ship pro- slips occurred in his getting to be a

terests of the use of Douglas fir in OLDEST NATIVE SON DIES

J. H. Bristow Lived on Same Lane County Farm 68 Years.

EUGENE, Or., May 17 .- (Special.)-J. H. Bristow, probably Lane County's oldest native son and one of the first white children born in Oregon, died today at his home on the farm where he was born 68 years ago. He was a son of A. K. Bristow, who headed one of the the type being a ship 300 feet long early immigrant trains and who settled on this farm in 1848.

His mother, Almira Bristow, who held the distinction of having resided in Lane County longer than any other resident, died two months ago. He is at the yard will be augmented by at survived by his wife and four children, all of Pleasant Hill.

Side of Freight Carrier.

EUGENE, Or., May 17 .- (Special.)stowaway arriving in Eugene last night in a sealed car of lumber from Coquille, after appealing in vain to the freight clerk to release him from his rison, cut his way to liberty, apparently with a jackknife through the side of the car. He had been in the, car two or three days.

While a freight clerk was seeking a policeman to arrest the man and col lect passenger fare, if possible, he es-

Scio Man Will Preach Sundays and Work Rest of Week.

ALBANY, Or., May 17 .- (Special.)-Rev. H. B. Her, pastor of the Federated Church of Scio, has purchased a barber shop in Albany, and will work at this trade during the week besides

Rev. Mr. Her was a barber before he entered the ministry. The church at Scio is one of the few federated churches in the state. It is the only Protestant church in that city.

Possessor of Liquor at Marshsfield Also Gets 30 Days in Jail.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 17,-(Speial.)-Will Ferry, after two trials in the Recorder's Court, was acquitted on charge of selling liquor. Peter Skanson was convicted in the Justice Court of having liquor in his possession and fined \$200 and sen-

tenced to 30 days in jail. Albert Ahlquist was convicted of having liquor and fined \$100.

RUSSIA IS PASSED

Generals Agree to Return to Front.

RESIGNATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN

Coalition Cabinet Also Solves Situation at Home.

DISCIPLINE HURT

Commanders Complain That Soldiers Misunderstand Peace Talk and Object to Offensive War. Council Adds to Powers.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 17 .-As a result of a meeting in Petrograd of the commanders-in-chief from all the fronts except the Caucasus, Generals Brussiloff and Gurko have withdrawn their resignations, and reports of further resignations are refuted by case in the number of cows, pigs the definite announcement that all the

> Thus, the crisis in the army, which formed an alarming accompaniment to

the political crisis, has been averted. Discipline at Front Lost.

Discussing with the temporary govrnment the serious condition of affairs at the front, the commanders declared the unfortunate phrase "peace without and train crews. Give publicity to annexations" had found its way to the those making good and poor records." army and was there translated into an argument against offensive warfare.

This and other harmful doctrines pervading the army and the inability of them had rulned discipline and destroyed the authority and prestige of the officers.

The discord in Petrograd had naturally found an echo everywhere at the front, but the spirit of the soldiers was slowly recovering and the power of the Russian army was by no means lost. Interference Causes Trouble.

General Alexieff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, said:

"The whole gist of the new idea reforms cannot be properly understood by the Army and this has brought about dangerous results. We can overcome the consequent loss of authority if irresponsible persons and organiza . He wished to have tions will cease further to interfere

"I feel assured that under the new coalition government it will be possible to conduct military affairs in a more energetic manner. It is time to out annexations.' Let us leave peace negotiations to the government"

Cabinet Crisis Also Settled.

The Cabinet crisis has been settled. A declaration of the government's policy has been accepted by the representatives of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates with (Concluded on Page 2, Column 8.) results it will be extended.

MAYOR ONE TO BE ELECTED

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

TWO TO BE ELECTED

FIRST

X

CHOICE

VOTE SINGLE SHOT!

SINGLE SHOT

ROADS ASKED TO

WAR BOARD OUTLINES PLAN

Consolidation of Some Runs and Abandonment of Others Are Suggested.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- All railcoads have been called upon by the war board of the American Railway Association to readjust their service mmediately so as to make available the maximum transportation energy for moving fuel, food, material and

A notice to the roads, announced tonight by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the board, says:

"First-Consolidate where practicable through passenger train service and eliminate those trains which are not well patronized. "Second-Reduce the number of spe-

cial trains and give up running exursion trains. "Third-On branch lines where two trains are operated try to reduce to

ne train a day. "Four-Where practicable substitute mixed train service for separate passenger and freight service on branch Closely review number of schedule freight trains whiere tonnage is insufficient to load them fully, with a view to reducing the number of

"Fifth-Where passenger trains are double-headed for speed, a readjustment of schedules or cutting off cars where possible will release locomotives for freight service.

"Sixth-Reduce as far as practicacommanders have decided to remain at In the interest of economy reduce the ble luxuries such as observation cars. present rather elaborate and luxurious bills of fare on many dining cars.

"Seventh-Move 'company' freight on underloaded trains. Operate work trains as far as possible in slack times. tore coal in slack times. "Eighth-Make proper train loading of primary importance with officials

In connection with his announce ment Mr. Harrison said the war board finds it inevitable that from time to time it must recommend the adoption he officers satisfactorily to explain of policies which may prove inconhowever, the board will rely upon the support of public opinion, he asserted.

NINE CUTS TO PIE PLAN

San Francisco Cafeterias Meet Increased Cost of Food

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 .- Increased prices and decreased portions have been in the bill. decided upon by local cafeterias to combat the high cost of food, it was announced here today,

Pies, a year ago cut into five pieces. will be divided into nine hereafter, it 000,000 to the total of the bill during but will leave that field to the grocery is said, and like economies will be ef-

NIPPON BOATS IN FRANCE wake up and stop shouting 'peace with- Japanese to Aid in War on Ger-

PARIS, May 17 .- A number of Japanese gunboats have arrived at Marseilles to aid in the war on German submaraines and convoy French merchantmen.

If the experiment has satisfactory

THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO BEAT THE UNFIT CANDIDATE IN THE CITY ELECTION.

READJUST SERVICE TAX ON BIG INCOMES SHIP IS REPORTED **FURTHER INCREASED**

House Levies 45 Per Cent on \$1,000 000.

.. ESTIMATE RAISED

Half of First Year's Need Put at \$2,245,000,000.

ANOTHER BILL TO FOLLOW

Changes in Measure Are to Be Considered Beginning Today-Proposal to Raise Exemption Lost. Stamp Tax Is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- Further irastic increases were written into the income surtax schedules of the war revenue bill by the House in the committee of the whole today after an-Kitchin that Secretary McAdoo's latest estimate of one-half of the cost of the first year of the war, which the bill is intended to cover, would be about \$2,245,000,000.

The increases, 25 per cent on all the proposed surtaxes on incomes between the committee and a 45 per cent surtax on incomes in excess of \$1,000,000 as proposed by Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin were included by a vote of 146 to 107.

Another Bill May Follow.

House, Mr. Kitchin announced tonight, to raise the total of the bill to \$2,245,000. 000. It is probable, however, he added, that the total will be larger than the \$1,800,000,000 contemplated in the original measure, and if it is found that nore money is needed another bill will be drafted at the next session of Congress.

Many members believe further efforts to make the bill total \$2,245,000,-000 will be made on the floor or in the committee.

The committee meets tomorrow and daily thereafter to consider changes

Increases Add \$66,000,000

A statement prepared by a committax increases would add about \$66,the coming year.

Statements on the floor as to the mount they would raise ranged from \$100,000,000 downward.

The surtaxes, which would be added to the normal taxes provided by the old law under the Lenroot amendments, would be as follows:

Between \$40,000 and \$60,000, 10 per cent: \$60,000 to \$80,000, 12% per cent; \$80,000 to \$100,000, 17% per cent \$100,-000 to \$150,000, 21% per cent; \$150,000 to \$200,000, 25; \$200,000 to \$250,000, 20: \$250,000 to \$300,000, 33%; \$300,000 to \$500,000, 3716; \$500,000 to \$1.000,000, (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)

LOST: 120 MISSING

Oregonian.

STANDARD GOES AGROUND OFF

Twenty-Nine Men in One of Five Lifeboats of Libby, McNeill & Libby Vessel Picked Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17. - The hree-masted ship Standard, owned by Libby, McNeil & Libby, is a total wreck off Cape Constantine, in Bering sea, according to a message received here today by the naval radio station Of nearly 150 men aboard the vessel to the report.

The vessel, which carried a large crew and many men for the Alaska canneries, stranded at 11 o'clock at night on May 14 and was abandoned by the crew a day later, when the heavy seas had begun to pound her to

Five lifeboats, each crowded to ca pacity, were launched. One was picked up a few hours later, containing 29 nen. So far, according to the message received today, none of the remaining boats have been sighted.

The Standard, a ship of 1461 net tons. left San Francisco April 7 for Bristol Bay, Alaska The message received here was sent out by the naval radio station at St.

Paul, Pribiloff Islands, in Bering Sea.

SEATTLE, May 17. - The Standard eft San Francisco 38 days ago with supplies and workmen for the Libby McNeill & Libby salmon canneries on Bristol Bay. Cape Constantine is the western point of the entrance to the estuary at the mouth of Nushagak

River, Bristol Bay. A message just received by Libby. McNelll & Libby from the manager \$40,000 and \$1,000,000 as reported by of the Nushagak cannery says the Standard went on the Cape Constantine flats Monday night.

The local office says the vessel un doubtedly got off the flats and proceeded without serious damage. The nessage contained nothing to indicate No attempt will be made in the loss of life or property.

HIGH FOOD PRICES HIT

Scattle Port Commission Plans Wholesale Foodstuffs.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17 .- Robert Bridges, president of the Port Com- send it to the White House. It probworking on a plan by which the Comin the public warehouses.

The object, he declared, is to regulate which Colonel Roosevelt desires to take the price of food products brought here to France, and greatly increases the tee expert tonight said that the sur- for local consumption. The Commis- pay of all enlisted men. stores.

The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees.
TODAY'S—Unsettled, probably shewers; rising temperature; westerly winds.

War.

Regiment of foresters to go to France.

Army bill ready for President's signature. berty loan subscribers must hasten to com-plete task in 27 days. Page 4. Thirty-two military camps each will be com-plete town of 2000 buildings. Page 9. tritish capture all of Bullecourt. Page 4. inited States steamer Hilonian torpedoed and four lives lost. Page 2.

Page 1. Grind of training for officers takes hold at the Presidio. Page 7.

Foreign. plan. Page 2. Domestic. Ship Standard lost off Alaska; 120 men miss-

Sports. Pacific Coast League results: Pertiand 2. Stone, of Missouri, and as ardently de-San Francisco 3: Oakland 8. Sait Lake 5. Los Angeles 7. Vernon 0. Page 14. of California. Red Cross to benefit from championship golf tourney. Page 14. Dr. Leslie Clough resigns as physical in-structor at Multnomah Club. Page 14.

Pacific Northwest. Many Portland people on second day's pro-gramme of Sunday school convention. Page 5. vames three for State Lime Board. Bids for paving Sisklyou Highway to be called for. Page 7.

Commonwealth conference considers labor mobilisation. Page 3. Commercial and Marine Large clip of Baker wool sells at 50% cents. Page 19. liors listed for exemption from draft. News that allies will resell wheat causes slump at Chicago. Page 19. Stock prices continue to advance, led by tion, was introduced in the Senate metal shares. Page 19.

April 19. was passed April 25—in the Allies to unload wheat previously purchased here. Page 19. Wall-street market continues advance. Page 19.

Portland and Vicinity. Estate will buy \$10,000 war bonds. Page 1. Western shippers to protest rate increase. Page 6. Portland bankers ready to accept liberty lean subscriptions. Page 8. Head of Chinese Peace Society resigns.

Labor day will be school holiday. Page 5. Railroad workmen entist freely in engineers' regiment. Page 15. Pians Page Page 13.

eather bureau records show Oregon short 235 degrees of warmth, Pages. Weather report, data and forecast, Page 19.

FOR WILSON'S NAME

Senate Adopts Conference Report, 65 to 8.

SIGNATURE PROBABLY TODAY

only 29 have been rescued, according 10,000,000 Men, 21 to 30 Years. Liable to Service.

ROOSEVELT PLAN CARRIED

Matter of Colonel's Proposed Volunteer Force Is Up to President. War Department Is Ready to Register Eligibles.

CHIEF PROVISIONS OF ARMY BILL AS FINALLY PASSED.

Selective draft of men between ages of 21 and 30 years; 500,-000 at time; 10,000,000 men affected. Regular Army increased to

National Guard units to be drafted into Federal service. President authorized to raise four divisions of volunteer infantry (Roosevelt army). Pay of enlisted men increased.

maximum war strength.

camps prohibited.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- Final action was taken by Congress today on the war Army bill, the second of the ma-

Sale of liquor at or near Army

jor measures of the war. The Senate, by a vote of 55 to &. adopted the conference report, accepted yesterday by the House. Vice-President Marshall and Speaker

mission, announced today that he is ably will be law before tomorrow night, As finally approved, the bill promission will engage in the commission vides for raising by selective conand wholesale business in food prod- scription a war army in increments of ucts, acting as a selling agency for 50,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age, the farmers who store their products. It also authorizes, without directing, It also authorizes, without directing, the President to raise volunteer forces

Clark will sign the bill tomorrow and

War Department Ready

Machinery to register and draft the first 500,000 men already has been set up by the War Department. Imme-INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS diately after the President signs the bill he will by proclamation designate the day for registration of the 10,000,-

000 or more men of the prescribed age. Registration books will be in the hands of state and local authorities who are to co-operate in the work, and Brigadier-General Crowder, the Military and Cabinet crisis in Russia passed. vost marshal general, expects to have his complete lists in Washington within five days after registering begins.

Then will come the task of selecting the first half million, exempting the physically unfit, those with dependents and men who are needed on the farms and in industries.

Call Probable in September.

The process of selection probably will Germany able to fight until 1919. Page 3. be completed long before the men are Oregon gets \$4,000,000 in Government ship wanted. Secretary Baker said today be completed long before the men are that, because of lack of supplies, the new Army would not be called to the colors for training before September.

Whether Colonel Roosevelt shall be permitted to raise an expedition now Nationalists oppose Lloyd-George's home rule | rests with President Wilson. Ht views have not been disclosed. Today's clos ing debate centered upon the so-called Roosevelt amendment. Colonel Roosevelt was vigorously attacked by Senator Stone, of Missouri, and as ardently deof California.

Chamberlain Makes Appeal. The Senate's approval of the meas-

Trambitas will meet negro in ten-round bout ure agreed upon by the conferees and tonight. Page 14. accepted by the House came late in the day after attempts to send it back Secret census reveals great quantity of to conference and an earnest appeal stored food in Spokane. Page 1. by Senator Chamberlain chamberlain by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, for final ac-

The eight Senators who cast the negative votes are: Democrats - Gore, of Oklahoma; Hardwick, of Georgia; Arkansas; Stone, of Missouri, and

Trammell, of Florida. Republicans-La Follette, of Wisconsin; Gronna, of North Dakota, and Norris, of Nebraska,

Bill Up Nearly Month.

The bill, backed by the Administra-April 19, was passed April 28-in the House 297 to 24-and since has been tied up in conference, returned there Shippard with six ways being built at War- twice by the House to include the renton, Or. Page 16. Roosevelt volunteer provision and further pay increases for enlisted men. Its chief provisions are:

Raising of armed forces by the selective draft system, imposed upon all males between the ages of 21 and 30 . Baker, if elected Mayor, to fight in-flated food prices. Page 20. years, inclusive, subject to registration and certain exemptions from service. Increasing the regular Army to maximum war strength

will be school holiday. Page 5.

Forkmen enlist freely in engineers'

It Page 15.

War census in Oregon reade.

Seription of 500,000 men, with addition of 500,000 if deemed necessary.

Raising, if the President sees fit, of the president sees fit, of the page 15.

four divisions of volunteer infantry (the Roosevelt amendment). Increasing the pay of all enlisted men as follows:

Fifteen dollars additional monthix (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)