

BUILDING OF WOOD SHIPS TO CONTINUE

Federal Shipping Board Says More Contracts Are to Be Placed.

WORK IS MERELY DELAYED

Senator McNary Is Assured of Government Support for Wood Construction—Yards May Also Build for Allies.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—It is the declared purpose of the reorganized Shipping Board to contract for more wooden ships for the United States Government and to permit American yards not engaged on Government contracts to build wooden ships for the allied governments, but resumption of wood ship construction is to be delayed two or three months.

Senator McNary today told these officials that there was much dissatisfaction in Oregon because shipyards could not get contracts with the Shipping Board and could not get authority to build for the allied governments.

Wooden Ships in Demand. The fact that Great Britain and France are anxious to contract in this country for 200 wood ships each, that Italy wants 100 and Japan 80, Mr. Heyworth said, is the best evidence of the value of wood ships, and so long as the American ship building programme is not being interfered with, he said, there was no sound reason why American ship builders should not be permitted to build for these allied governments.

But since he has come into office, Mr. Heyworth declared he had found so much evidence of juggling of old wood ship contracts; so much delay growing out of inability of some contractors to fulfill their contracts; and so much subtlety and confusion that it has been decided to hold back the award of more wood ship contracts for two or three months, until the Board can determine positively what bidders are competent and what are not and what information is acquired responsible yards will be given contracts to build either for the Shipping Board or for any of the allied governments.

Machinery Makers Encouraged. In reference to the installation of machinery in wood hulls that are being built on the Pacific Coast, Senator McNary pointed out that the height of the masts on the Columbia River to Puget Sound or Mare Island Navy-yard, and said machinery for those masts is being installed on the Columbia. Mr. Heyworth agreed and said full opportunity would be given Portland and Columbia River concerns to establish their claims, and to show they can handle these contracts they will get the awards.

WENTWORTH MAY BE NAMED President of Portland Lumber Company Slated as Shipping Officer.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—The appointment of Portland, is slated for appointment as district officer of the Shipping Board in charge of the new Oregon district. An assistant in charge, who is versed in steel ship construction.

Appointment of Lloyd J. Wentworth, president of the Portland Lumber Company, and who has acted as the direct representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation here, since organization was completed by General Goethals, is expected to be officially named in a day or two to have charge of the Oregon district. The state and the north bank of the Columbia River are to be included in one zone, instead of being part of the Northwest district, which at present takes in Oregon and Washington, with headquarters at Seattle, in charge of Captain John F. Blain.

Strong representations have been made at Washington for the appointment of Mr. Wentworth, who, while at present in a receptive mood, has not sought the responsibility and consented to serve only after urging by ship-building and commercial interests.

DAY IS SAVED FOR BEANS Government Lifts Ration From Under Ban of Licensed Imports. Beans, the old Army beans on which the American forces have fought in all their combats, the food with the staying qualities for troops in the field and by many seasoned soldiers looked upon as standbys of the service as well as the ration list, are to be imported without license and from any country. The designation of this connection between beans and the provisions of the pure-food law.

BRITISH HAVE ENOUGH NEW VESSELS TO OVERCOME LOSSES.

BUILDING IS MORE BRISK Sir Eric Geddes Reports Increase in New Tonnage and Diminution in Losses but Call for Still More Ships is Voiced.

COOS CITY TO CELEBRATE NORTH BEND WILL LAUNCHING OF FIRST SHIP.

Entire City to Join With Builders in Celebrating Occasion—Red Cross Dance to Be Feature.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The entire city will be in fête Saturday on the occasion of the launching of the first wooden vessel built under direct contract from the Emergency Fleet Corporation at the Kruse-Banks shipyard here.

DOCKS WILL BE INCLOSED Commission Reports Progress on Grain Elevator Project. To protect the East Washington and Fifteenth streets terminal as requested by the Government, because of valuable freight being held there at times, the Commission of Public Docks has decided to inclose those properties with picket fences. The commission has safeguarded the docks in the past by the erection of dredged and watertight men and the installation of automatic alarm boxes.

PERSONAL MENTION. Henry J. Biddel and Mrs. Biddel are at the Nortonia.

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THE Lord helps those who help themselves" can be applied to the business of real estate selling, and applied most successfully, despite the wails of the "office brigade"—absolutely nothing doing.

H. R. Burke, Northwest manager for the Royal Insurance Company, who has just been transferred to San Francisco and a larger field, found a particularly active market when he turned realty salesman to dispose of his handsome Laurelhurst home before departing for California.

Of course Mr. Burke didn't content himself with putting a "for sale" sign on the house, assuming an attitude of super-optimism and put the matter entirely up to the house—name it exclusive sales agent for itself.

OFFER IS REJECTED Schooner Joseph Pulitzer to Be Held for Service Here.

FISHING PLAN IS OPPOSED Port of Portland Commission Defers Action of Repairing 7 1/2 Feet of Sewer Located at Foot of Russell Street.

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MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Sailed—Steamer Beaver, for San Francisco and San Pedro.

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HONOLULU, Dec. 12.—Arrived—Motor schooner City of St. Helena, from Portland for Tacoma.

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U. S. Naval Radio Reports. JUNEAU, for Cordova, 70 miles east of Cape Spencer.

ABLET, towing barge 81, Richmond for Gray Harbor, 200 miles north of Richmond. JOHANN SMITH, in tow of tug Defiance, Tacoma, 192 miles north of San Francisco.

PUPILS TO SELL STAMPS State Superintendent Co-operates With Oregon Director. In a conference yesterday with C. N. Wagoner, active director of the war savings stamp sale for Oregon, J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Schools, outlined plans for enrolling the 140,000 Oregon school children in the selling campaign.

ALUMNI TO HAVE DANCE. The Benson Polytechnic Alumni met last night in the story hour room of the library and planned a dance to be given Friday, December 21, in Murliark Hall. Clayton Baldwin presided. The committee appointed to complete details plans for the festivity included Clayton Baldwin, Ed. Engle, Scott Simpson, Glen Shay, Francis Gebbie, Edna Waldele, Ervin Kafka, Florence Mason, Ray Clifford, Elizabeth Schmidt and Lois Humphries.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

AMUSEMENTS. BARGAIN PRICE Mat. - Today 2:15

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REMEMBER MAT. --- \$1, 75c, 50c

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