

# SHIPBUILDERS TO MEET HERE TODAY

Yard Owners Will Submit Plans for Extensive Campaign.

RED TAPE IS ELIMINATED

Owners of Wooden Yards Are Expected to Determine Today Number of Ships That Can Be Built During Year 1918.

As Army and Navy heads plan military operations against the Huns and Austrians, so will shipbuilders of the state of Oregon gather at 2 o'clock this afternoon to map out a campaign against the red tape which is retarding the maximum number of vessels that will be delivered to the Government next year.

The meeting, being in response to an urgent request from Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, who seeks dependable information as to what the new tonnage output will be in 1918, will have to do principally with the wooden yards. The steel constructors have determined to wait the return of Joseph R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, and Bert C. Ball, president of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, who are en route home from Washington and will be here Monday.

Increased Output Probable. Except F. C. Knapp, president of the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company, who is in the East, heads of other wooden shipyards are at home and will be on hand at this afternoon's gathering. Since the receipt of Chairman Hurley's message Wednesday, the builders have given the call for more ships deep thought and comprehensive plans probably will be introduced into the meeting the capacity of different yards.

It is also promised by some interests that they will embark in the construction of wooden vessels, if it is shown that their services are actually needed. The action of Chairman Hurley, following official reports of the partial reorganization of the Shipping Board, is taken to indicate that all the support it is possible to muster for forming big fleets is wanted.

### New Era Is Opening.

On the part of the builders, they feel that a new era is opening as far as the Shipping Board figures, which means not alone that more progressive timber is being introduced into the departments that have to do with practical work, but that red tape is being wound up and put away, to remain until the return of normal conditions. "As some of the builders have been at Washington recently in conference with the Shipping Board heads, they will be able to introduce into the meeting today's meeting much new information. That is the reason the steel builders have postponed their meeting until the return of Mr. Bowles and Mr. Ball, for they have been in close touch with all conditions there, know what is to be depended on in the way of assistance from the Government as to material being obtained and forwarded and a number of other details equally important in considering the maximum output for the ensuing 12 months.

### PUPILS TO AID RED CROSS

Planned to Devote School Holidays to Work of Getting Subscription.

L. L. Riggs, of the Red Cross campaign committee, yesterday obtained from the Board of Education permission to conscript 657 high school students to assist in conducting the subscription drive tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday, the three days being school holidays.

The plan is to have the students participate in a house-to-house campaign which will be conducted the three concluding days of the drive. The conscription will be taken from the different high schools in the following numbers: Lincoln, 41; Franklin, 25; Washington, 80; Benson Polytechnic, 26; Jefferson, 195, and St. Johns, ten.

### Famous Scout Is Dead.

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## EARLY REQUEST TOLD

Thomas Strong Relates Dealings With Mrs. Faling.

### CASE TO ADJOURN TODAY

Attorney Testifies Woman Asked Him to Prepare Her Last Will. Few Months Before One at Issue Was Drawn in 1915.

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passing the Winter at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank E. Hodgkin, of Vancouver, has three sons, all officers in the United States Army. When the Presidio training camp for officers opened last Summer her three youngest sons went down and all won commissions.

Captain Clyde T. Spooner, infantry, is at Camp Lewis; First Lieutenant Langdon H. Spooner has been assigned to the artillery, and will start under sealed orders for a point in the East to study French artillery fire after New Year's, and First Lieutenant Lloyd S. Spooner is divisional instructor in musketry at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.

The two First Lieutenants are twin brothers. Mrs. Spooner's oldest son, Clifford Spooner, is a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

## CAMP ORDER IS STRICT

PLACES PATRONIZED BY SOLDIERS MUST BE APPROVED.

In Future Hotels, Barber Shops, Ice Cream Parlors, Etc., Must Have Health Certificates.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—General order No. 63 issued today at Camp Lewis reads:

"Soldiers of this camp will not patronize any restaurant, hotel, booth for sale of food, barber shop, manure parlor, ice cream parlor or soda water establishment unless same shall have a certificate of inspection." It fixes it so that soldiers belonging at that cantonment cannot eat, sleep, get a shave or a finger polish where the United States public health service's certificate of inspection are not showing.

The Federal officers for the inspection of such places of business will be in this district soon for the purpose of issuing the certificates. These places will be revocable by the Federal officers or by the division surgeon whenever occasion demands. The military police will enforce the order. All cities and towns in this district are affected by the order.

## CALL ISSUED FOR NURSES

Recruits Needed for Hospital Unit That Soon Will Go to France.

Wanted—35 trained nurses to prepare for service with base hospital No. 46 in France.

Major R. C. Yenny yesterday received advices from Washington to recruit up the nurses staff of base hospital No. 46 to 100 members, indicating that the unit, which is sponsored by the University of Oregon and Elks' Lodge unit, would be ordered into service shortly after the first of the year. The unit now has 65 nurses and 182 men enrolled.

Trained nurses interested in the unit are requested to communicate with Miss Grace Phelps, director of nurses, Red Cross headquarters, Corbett building.

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## JOIN THE RED CROSS TODAY—HELP THE BOYS WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR YOU

Unit 46 will be used as a base hospital in France, probably, fitted out to handle 600 cases, where the patients will be sent during a convalescent period, for specialized treatment.

## Army Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Army orders issued at headquarters of the Western Department here today, were:

Leave of absence for 11 days is granted Captain William H. Morse, Medical Reserve Corps, Fort Missoula, Mont.

Captain James G. Cumming, Medical Reserve Corps, is relieved from further duty at these headquarters and will proceed to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and report in person to the commanding General, for assignment to duty.

Major Frederick H. Sparsenberger, Medical Reserve Corps, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., will proceed to Fort Stevens, Or., and report to the commanding officer, coast defenses of the Columbia, for duty.

Leave of absence for five days is granted Major George T. Perkins, Coast Artillery Corps.

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