

MARKING OF HOMES IS EXCITING PEOPLE

Real Purport of Letters and Characters on Door Jambs Not Yet Discovered.

RED CROSS DENIES WORK

Reports to Police Yesterday Indicate Hundreds of Letters "C" Have Been Found on Residences in City and Suburbs.

What is the real purport of the letters and characters found upon the walls and door-jambs of Oregon homes? This is a question that is interesting residents of cities and towns of the state.

Many Portland householders were surprised yesterday to observe letters marked in lead pencil on the walls near the doors of their homes, at a height of about five feet from the floor.

Explanation Given Credence.

One woman called up the police department to report that there were three of five residences in a block near East Thirty-second and Market streets that bore the initials "C" near the door-jamb at a height of about five and a half feet.

Rug Peddlers Use Marks.

"Leaving a symbolic mark on houses canvassed is a common practice of Syrian rug peddlers," said this man, who is informed upon the ways of the soliciting salesman, "and it has been quite generally adopted by others.

By means of various methods the marks made to serve a purpose where the desire to canvass a locality thoroughly. For instance, a line under the letter means there was no answer to the bell, though it was apparent that they were at home.

ALBANY RESIDENCES MARKED

Investigation Conducted, but No Solution Reached.

Residents of the Ross City Park district were mystified over peculiar chalk marks which appeared on their door-porch posts and door-jambs last night. Some were greatly perturbed and many calls came into the police station.

THEORY OF CANVASSERS GIVEN

Officers of Red Cross Organization Deny Knowledge.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The presence of mysterious marks on door casings at homes in various parts of Lane County is yet unexplained, but the theory is advanced that they were made by canvassers and may have been on the houses for several weeks.

The discovery that more than one house in a neighborhood was marked led to investigation, which gradually revealed that the marking was general, not only in Eugene, but in other parts of the county.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Enid Bennett, Star of "The Biggest Show on Earth" At Liberty

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Sunset—Clara Kimball Young, "The Price She Paid." Star—Mildred Harris, "For Husband Only." Columbia—Thomas Santschi, "The Still Alarm." Majestic—Dorothy Phillips, "The Hinky Road." Peoples—To Hell With the Kaiser.

GENERAL PERSHING and Theodore Roosevelt in photoplays is what William Fox, one of the most aggressive of producers, is promising the film world within the next few months.

"Why America Will Win" is the title of the Pershing picture, said to be an intimate romantic story of General Pershing's rise from a barefoot, Missouri lad to the command of the American Army in France.

MORE MEN ARE REQUIRED

Machines Will Be Used to Equip Steel Ships and Closing of Deal Is Surprise to Many Because of Statements by Mr. Piez.

Construction of 500 winches, the largest since the order of the character ever placed in Portland and probably on the Pacific Coast, is to be undertaken by the Helser Machine Works through a contract entered into with the Emergency Fleet Corporation by Jack Helser, who has been in the East for a few weeks and is expected home the last of the week.

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TOMORROW IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY—BETTER GET THE MISSUS AND COME ON DOWN TONIGHT

Mexican frontier and later in England and France" is the Fox promise.

"Put the Flag on the Firing Line" is the name of the Theodore Roosevelt picture, details of which have not yet been announced.

Screen Gossip. Seena Owen, George Walsh's wife, has been engaged to play opposite Charles Ray. Seena has been out of pictures ever since she was in Portland on a filming trip.

Bryant Washburn and Florence Vidor is another stellar combination Paramount is said to offer.

Mary Pickford hasn't gone back to work yet.

Marie Pavis playing leads for Triangle, has changed her first name to Yvonne, and Ann Kroman, after playing leads with Bill Farnum, changed hers to Ann Forest.

It is reported that Wellington Cross, "You Will See Pershing on the Missouri farm, later as school teacher, his life at West Point, as an Indian fighter, in the Spanish War, United States Military Academy in Japan, taming the Moros in the Philippine Islands, on the

ment Railroad Administration today received word that the order discontinuing export bills of lading which was to become effective September 30 has been rescinded.

A fire which broke out aboard the schooner Honolulu lying in the stream at Bureks about 11 o'clock this morning caused the destruction of between 10,000 and 20,000 feet of dry lumber in the center of her deckload, also considerable damage to sails and rigging.

The biggest catch of codfish ever known is being made this season, according to advices here today. The last vessel to report a catch was the "C. J. Tilden," which was out on account of floating ice. Another factor contributing to the big catch is the fact that the fishermen make a big winnowing.

Mr. Frehn began the system of putting the acting harbormaster through the new vessels recently placed in commission here has been abundantly supplied with reading matter and the last to get ready for sea has been given a supply of stationery also through the efforts of Carl Frehn, chief harbormaster, and Frank Whalen, secretary of Portland Council, Knights of Columbus.

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Inspection of the steel steamer Western Maid, floated by the Northwest Steel Company July 8, was continued yesterday by United States Steamship Inspectors Edwards and Wynn. She will probably leave on her trial trip today from the Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

Changes of masters recorded at the Custom-House include A. Selmsby, signed on the steamer Oklaheima, in place of T. A. Lowery; C. Cremers and Bergsma, of Joseph Undine relieving L. O. Hoeford, and Frederick Hagestrom on the steamer Lone, vice E. Ellis.

To carry on instruction in steel shipbuilding plants, Newton Van Dalsem, of the education and training department of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has arrived in the city from the East and was accompanied from Seattle by J. J. Tilden, who is in charge of the teaching in steel shipbuilding at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

Mr. Van Dalsem for four weeks will impart their knowledge to men in classes. J. H. Abbott carries a similar work in the wooden shipyards of the Oregon District.

In company with C. W. Tebanit, manager in Oregon for the National Service Section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, Dr. D. C. Cremers and Bergsma, of Joseph B. Hathaway, who spoke to shipyard workers here during the past two weeks, went to Coos Bay plants yesterday.

Columbia River Bar Report. NORTH HEAD, Aug. 12.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.—Sea choppy; wind northwest, 26 miles.

Tides Tuesday at Astoria. High. Low. 5:43 A. M., 2.7 feet; 11:20 A. M., 2.3 feet; 5:45 P. M., 2.5 feet; 9:57 P. M., 1.2 feet



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SLACKERS ARE WARNED

SHIPPYARDS MUST NOT BE USED TO GET DEFERRED CLASSIFICATION.

John H. Stevenson Asks Local Boards of State to Report Specific Cases to His Department.

Due to comments that there are instances of shirkers and slackers using shipyards as a harbor, employment there being a reason for placing men of draft ages in the deferred classification list, John H. Stevenson, branch officer for the Emergency Fleet Corporation in classification and transfer, has addressed a communication to local boards in every county of the state, asking that information of specific cases of the character be forwarded to his department.

"Men who are not doing their best will be speedily dealt with, and we would like to know from anyone of such cases," he said yesterday. "It is the policy of the Government to determine men from military duty, and the fact they are of draft age and employed in yards is not to be taken as prima facie evidence that they are shirkers, but if they do not do their best work and boast of the fact, it is apparent they defeat the ends of the system."

There was a survey made recently on the baseball situation, and of several thousand men in the yards of Oregon in the deferred class, only 11 were found of draft age who are ballplayers of the class called professional, and of those men not all were in class by any means. We found that the ballplayers as a rule were older men and those having families."

WAGE SESSIONS AT CAPITAL

Macey Commission Is Now Considering Conference Results.

Regarding conferences held last week by Emergency Fleet Corporation officials with Pacific Coast shipbuilders and representatives of employees, at Philadelphia, it was reported that an agreement had been reached regarding working conditions and that recommendations had been formulated to be presented to the Macey Wage Commission at Washington, where the first session was to have been convened yesterday.

WESTERN SCOUT IS LAUNCHED

Seattle Matron Comes Here to Start New Carrier on Way.

Mrs. C. D. Bowles, of Seattle, whose husband is interested in the Northwest Steel Company, was sponsor yesterday for the hull of the 880-ton steamer Western Scout, which was floated at 4:03 o'clock. Mrs. Bowles was presented with a gold vanity box immediately afterward. The Western Scout is the 15th vessel the company has launched, the last three in slightly more than a month, as the Western Maid was floated July 8 and the Western Comet July 23.

As soon as a towboat went alongside the Western Scout yesterday she was headed for the plant of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, where her machinery is ready for installation. The Northwest has made final arrangements

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