

The Oregonian

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St. Helens type of steam schooner. The wood ship industry of this coast has been injured rather than helped by the board's activity.

Those sanguine people who believe that, when anything is wanted, all that is necessary is to establish a Government board and give it a big appropriation, should think again.

THE SHIPPING BOARD'S OEGIE. The United States Shipping Board has been authorized to expend nearly \$4,000,000 on ships, its authority to cease six months after peace is proclaimed.

THE RUSSIAN EXPERIMENT. Although the proposal to invite the various governments of Russia, including the Bolsheviks, to send delegates to a special conference was made by President Wilson, it was presented by the British government in London.

FOOD NEEDS IN 1919. It is indicative of earnest intention to increase food production in the United States in 1919 that definite steps are being taken to foster interest in two organizations which were an important factor in crop production in 1918.

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MISPLACED CONFIDENCE. The public will give various interpretations to the action of the United States Senate in dismissing the latter position, it is believed, will be filled sufficiently by returning soldiers.

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