

## COAST SHIPBUILDERS' OUTLOOK BRIGHTENS

Further Reinstatement of Contracts Promised.

## MR. HURLEY MAKES SALES

Many Steel and Wood Vessels Disposed of to Date—Disclosures Expected at Hearing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—Prospects for the Pacific coast steel shipbuilding industry were much brighter today, it appearing that some assurances had been received of more extended reinstatements of contracts than the \$25,000,000 promised last week.

Representatives of the shipbuilders were more cheerful this afternoon than they have been in 30 days and said that the situation was working out satisfactorily. It is believed that matters have been improved by the recent successful sales of abandoned types of vessels. It was announced by the board this afternoon that 12 more wooden ships of the 4000-ton and 4500-ton type have been sold at a flat price of \$450,000 each, making a total of 31 wooden ships disposed of to date. Although the shipping board does not go into details as to other sales, it is understood that 22 or 23 steel ships have been sold, several of the Lake type selling at \$250,000, and others of the ocean type at \$210 a ton.

**Mr. Hurley Reports Sales.**  
In his letter to Chairman Good of the house appropriations committee, received today, Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, in asking for an appropriation of \$673,000,000 to complete the shipping program, lists of other successful sales of steel ships, as follows:

"Yesterday we sold one of our 7500-ton freighters to the National Shipping corporation of New York for \$210 a deadweight ton, and we have received from the Skinner & Eddy Shipbuilding corporation an offer to buy at present construction costs four 5000-ton freighters which the Skinner & Eddy corporation itself is building. Today we sold one of our 5075-ton freighters to the Omega Steamship company of New York for \$210 a deadweight ton, and we have received from another firm an offer to buy four ships at the same price."

This admission is likely to cause some inquiry to be made of Mr. Hurley when he appears before the senate commerce committee at the hearings beginning tomorrow. It is the reason for asking Pacific coast builders to construct ships of new types for \$150 a ton when the present type is able to obtain \$210 a ton for abandoned patterns.

**Disclosures Are Expected.**  
Much interest attaches to the hearing beginning tomorrow because it offers the first opportunity to uncover the methods of the shipping board. One question almost sure to be asked is how the board recently made possible by the large appropriation asked, and another query is what splendid help in advertising 100 wooden ships for sale, announced to the world that an offer had been received from a private concern to build ships for \$146 a ton? The point will be to ascertain if the board regarded that as good business just after selling the wooden ships for \$145 a ton, with hide being asked for approximately 100 more wooden ships for which as good or a better price was expected. The hearing is expected also to show that the board never received any such offer for steel ship construction as the one mentioned.

## MEXICO IS POUTING AGAIN

SPEECH BY GILLET CAUSES SOUTHERNERS TO LEAVE.

Collector of Customs at Juarez Removes Cash of Office and His Family Across Line to U. S.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Mexican government has ordered the withdrawal of the Mexican delegates from the Pan-American commercial congress as a protest against the speech recently made before the congress by Speaker Gillett of the house of representatives.

JUAREZ, Mexico, June 9.—Military information was received here today that

## WIFE OBJECTS TO KISSES

Man Asking Divorce Says Mate's Attitude Has Sadly Changed.

Mrs. Kathryn M. McElvin would scold her husband and "bitterly resent his desire to kiss her or otherwise be affectionate," says a complaint for divorce filed in the circuit court yesterday by Alexander O. McElvin. Since he lost his right hand in an accident at Astoria, declares the husband, his wife has forsaken and ridiculed him.

After writing his wife and telling her that their marriage was at a mistake, Paul E. Overend asserted that "if she would be sensible she could be happy again, as other girls have done so," according to the complaint for divorce filed by Ella Overend yesterday.

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## 300 Villa Troops Had Reached Samalayuca, 30 Miles South of Juarez, Following Concentration Sunday of Upwards of 2000 Forces at Villa Ahumada Under General Felipe Angeles and Martin Lopez.

EL PASO, Tex., June 9.—It was reported here today that General M. M. Murrieta, collector of customs at Juarez, had removed the official funds of his office to El Paso and also had sent his family across the international bridge.

No uneasiness was manifest among the 2000 troops. Feeling in Juarez seemed to be that the Villistas, reported at Samalayuca, 30 miles south of Juarez, were out on a railroad track wrecking expedition.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 9.—Mexican government authorities have arrested six men at Morelos, state of Coahuila, on charges of recruiting for Villa's revolutionary army. The men were taken to Piedras Negras.

MEXICO CITY, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The City of Chihuahua, which Villa was reported to hold, was captured Saturday by federal troops commanded by General Manuel Diegues, it was announced last night from the office of President Carranza.

It was added that General Diegues would remain in Chihuahua to await orders before continuing the campaign against Villa. The official announcement set at rest various reports regarding the situation in Chihuahua.

## LAND MEASURE DEFENDED

ATTEMPT TO POISON PUBLIC MIND IS CHARGED.

Second-Lieutenant Fred Robertson Is Relieved of Duty at Vancouver Barracks—Ordered East.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—Declaring that there is a campaign being conducted deliberately to poison the mind of the public and of congress against the Mondell bill providing for community agricultural settlements for soldiers, Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, chairman of the house committee on public lands, today called attention to the misrepresentation that is being indulged in to prejudice the matter.

"Poison is being sent among southern members of congress that this bill is a big scheme to irrigate western arid lands," said Mr. Sinnott. "At the same time the minds of western members are being poisoned, or an attempt is being made to poison them, against this bill on the ground that it is intended to buy and drain swamp lands in the south. Among northern members the bill is described as one to irrigate desert land in the west and to drain southern swamp lands which otherwise would be valueless, as alleged."

"I do not know who is circulating this poison, but the committee would like to know. This is a non-sectional bill, applying equally to all parts of the United States."

A hearing at the federal building at Portland, Or., June 16, on the new perishable protective tariff of the railroad administration was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. When the transport Huron, carrying the 35th regiment, 90th division, landed at Newport News, Va., yesterday, General J. P. O'Neill, known as "Fighting Patsy" O'Neill, commanding the regiment, was met by Mrs. O'Neill, who had come all the way from Portland, Or., to greet him.

Senator Chamberlain was told by the navy department today that it was found impracticable to send the Mare Island marine band to the Rose Festival at Portland.

Candidates for postmaster at Harrisburg and Ione, Or., will have an opportunity to take civil service examinations on July 15. Harrisburg applicants at Albany and Ione at The Dalles. The Harrisburg office pays a salary of \$1500 and Ione \$1100.

**Second Lieutenant Fred J. Robertson,**

quartermaster's corps, is relieved of duty at Vancouver barracks, Wash., by today's army orders, which instruct him to report to the director of purchases, storage and traffic in the city.

**LIQUOR TAKEN FROM JAIL**

Evidence in Case Against J. M. Thull Disappears.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Twenty-four pints of whisky, stored under lock and key in the city jail as evidence against J. M. Thull, from whom the liquor was taken when officers arrested the man last week, is missing. When the case was called today, the two suitcases containing the consignment were missing, and neither Sheriff Quine nor Chief of Police Sharnbrook have any clues as to who carried the contraband away. The trial, however, will continue tomorrow, and officials say they can secure a conviction without the whisky being produced.

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## RECORD WHEAT CROP PROMISED THIS YEAR

Total of 1,236,000,000 Bushels Now Predicted.

## SOME DAMAGE REPORTED

Red Rust Working Havoc in Many States and Is Likely to Curtail Production Somewhat.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Bumper crops are growing throughout the country, but plant diseases already have done some damage and threaten to curtail production somewhat. The largest wheat crop ever grown, aggregating 1,236,000,000 bushels, of winter and spring wheat combined, was forecast in today's monthly report of the department of agriculture. That represents practically one-third of the world's wheat crop this year. In previous years the United States has grown about one-fifth. Big crops of oats, barley, rye, hay, apples and peaches also are in prospect.

Red rust made its appearance during May in the principal winter wheat producing section and the infection is spreading. It caused damage to the extent of about 7,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and experts are unable to determine how extensive the damage will be by the time that crop is harvested.

**Red Rust Works Havoc.**

A summary of conditions issued by the department said:

"The winter wheat crop, extraordinary in its high condition of 100.5 per cent at the beginning of May, while still showing the high condition of 94.9 per cent of normal and promising the record-breaking production of \$95,321,000 bushels, exhibits by no means the bright, almost ideal condition that was afforded a month ago. The prime cause of the decline and one carrying the threat of still greater damage, is the appearance of red rust in practically all the central states west of the Mississippi river and extending eastward through the states south of the Ohio river into and through the Piedmont regions of the Atlantic coast states as far as Maryland."

"From Nebraska to central Texas this infection is very general. The damage will be light in Texas. Doubt exists as to the harm, if any, likely to result in Oklahoma, where the leaves are destroyed over large areas but with the heads filled, and many authorities contend that the crop there will show little harm. In Kansas and Nebraska wheat is well advanced toward maturity but the rust infection is especially heavy and the extent of loss to be expected entirely problematic. The decline in the last week of May was very marked in those states, especially in Kansas."

**Some Rust Also Reported.**

"Some rust is reported, though not serious, from scattered points in Maryland, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas."

"The spring wheat crop shows an increase of eight-tenths of 1 per cent in the area sown. The late spring and

abundant rainfall interfered with planting as large an acreage as had been intended. The condition is good in the principal producing states."

Condition and production in thousands of bushels, by important producing states include:

Winter wheat—Washington, 97 and 27,061; Oregon, 96 and 12,452; Spring wheat—Washington, 90 and 20,714.

**Other Crops Promising.**

Details of other crops follow:

Oats—Production forecast, 1,446,000,000; acreage, 42,985,000; condition, 93.1.

Barley—Production, 232,000,000; acreage, 5,899,000; condition, 91.

Rye—Production, 107,000,000; condition, 95.5.

Apples—Production, 116,000,000 tons; condition, 91.1.

Apples—Production, 185,000,000 bushels; condition, 67.8.

Peaches—Production, 80,300,000; condition, 78.

Pastures—Condition, 97.4.

## NOTED EDUCATORS SPEAK

WHITMAN COLLEGE EXERCISES DRAW FAMOUS MEN.

Masque by Students Shows Chief Events of School's History From Earliest Days.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., June 9.—(Special.)—Today's programme of the college celebration was opened with an educational conference and discussion in the college chapel, William Mead Ladd of Portland presiding. Professor Walter Andrew Bratton, representing the faculty of the college, spoke on the subject "The Development of Whitman College in 25 Years, a Faculty Interpretation."

Professor Bratton was followed by President Prince L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, who spoke on "Values to be Sought in Framing the College Curriculum." The discussion on these speeches was led by Professor Frederick Bradford, Ph.D., of the University of Washington.

Another educational conference was held in the afternoon with Henry Smith Pritchett, L.L.D., of New York, president of Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, as the principal speaker. He was introduced by the Hon. Frederick Wallace Wilson of The Dalles. President Pritchett spoke on "How a College May Promote the Ideals of Democracy." The discussion on his address was opened by President Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Ph.D., of Mills college, California.

The masque of Marcus Whitman was presented in the natural amphitheater of the college by the undergraduates of the school. It covered the stages of the growth of the college, beginning with the coming of Marcus Whitman, the medical missionary, and carried the story through the years, featuring the taking of the Oregon territory for the United States and the establishment of the seminary by Cushing Eells in memory of Whitman and his companions who died with him. The last scene was composed of present-day students singing college songs.

**Alliance to Serve Luncheon.**

The Unitarian women's alliance will serve a home-cooked cafeteria luncheon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week from 1:30 to 2 o'clock in the church parlors, Broadway and Yamhill street. The officers will be glad to welcome strangers in the city and serve them with a luncheon at a small cost. A rest room is available to any visitor who cares to accept the hospitality of the alliance.

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