

BIG SHIP VALUES DOWN ON DANIELS

British Success Against German Submarines Changes Secretary's Opinion.

EXPERTS ARE VINDICATED

American Navy Now Lacking in Defense Against Under-Water Attacks, but Experiments Are Now Being Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 9.—The fact that Great Britain has destroyed or captured upwards of 50 German submarines since the Germans undertook the blockade of the British Isles, and the further fact that few large warships have been sunk by submarines since the war began, has been made plain to Secretary Daniels, and, according to late advices, he is now disposed to again change his opinion on the question of naval appropriations and to follow the recommendations of the general board more closely.

Naval experts all along have insisted that the American Navy is more in need of dreadnoughts and battle cruisers than of any other type of warship; they have insisted that the "big-gun" vessels were the type on which the Navy must rely. Not fewer than four dreadnoughts and not fewer than two battle cruisers was what the general board recommended.

Daniels Inclined to Disapprove.

Secretary Daniels, however, on receipt of the report of the general board, expressed disapproval and indicated his personal preference for submarines, and he went so far as to slice the programs of the general board as to heavy ships, while retaining their full recommendation as to submarines. The Navy Secretary has been deeply impressed with the effectiveness of German submarines, especially in their operations looking to the destruction of British commerce.

It was not until the Navy Department received detailed advices from naval attaches in London and elsewhere in Europe, telling of the surprising success of the British navy in exterminating the German submarines, that Secretary Daniels showed any signs of wavering. The fact, however, that the British, by the use of nets, mines, small destroyers and other means had been able practically to end the blockade of the British Isles, which brought home officially, in reports on which the utmost reliance could be placed, made Secretary Daniels waver, and he is now understood to be more liberally disposed toward the battle-ships and the battle cruisers.

Submarine Defense Lacking.

At present the United States Navy has but a single instrument for fighting submarines—the destroyer—but the battle-ships and cruisers are equipped with torpedoes whose efficiency is none too great. The submarine being a fixture in the modern navy, especially as a weapon of defense and always a possibility as an offensive instrument of war, the Navy Department has turned its attention to the study of means of combating the submarine, and experiments, confidential in nature, are being conducted with such instruments as have been employed successfully by the British, and with other contrivances of American origin.

The probabilities are that an important feature of the naval estimates will call for a liberal appropriation for experimental work, which will include experiments with apparatus and devices of this general character.

3 COMMISSIONERS HELD

Board at South Bend Involved in Irregular Payroll Case.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—W. B. Donaldson, chairman of the present Board of County Commissioners, and H. M. Wilson and F. G. Crawford, former members of the board, have been also indicted on seven counts each by the grand jury. The indictment of the four was known a week ago, but the court would not release publication until ex-Commissioner Wilson returned to the city. He was found at his home in Bay Center by Sheriff Bell. All three gave bonds of \$2500 each, signed by some of the most substantial business men of the city and county.

The indictments are almost like those returned against Blaine, the road supervisor, and have to do with the validating of the warrants for the alleged irregular payroll submitted by Blaine.

COUNTY LEVY 22.2 MILLS

South Bend and Raymond Clubs Succeed in Effecting Cut.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Through efficient co-operation between committees from the South Bend and Raymond Commercial Clubs and the Board of County Commissioners, the estimates anticipated a month ago in the county tax budget have been reduced \$75,998. The county will raise \$68,798 and the consolidated state and county levy has been placed at approximately 22.2 mills.

The current expense that threatened to be 15 mills has been reduced to 4.9 mills by the elimination of \$60,000 that was to have been raised to provide for the prosecution of the 46 indictments against North River "night-riders" and others. It is believed that not more than three of these trials will be had this year.

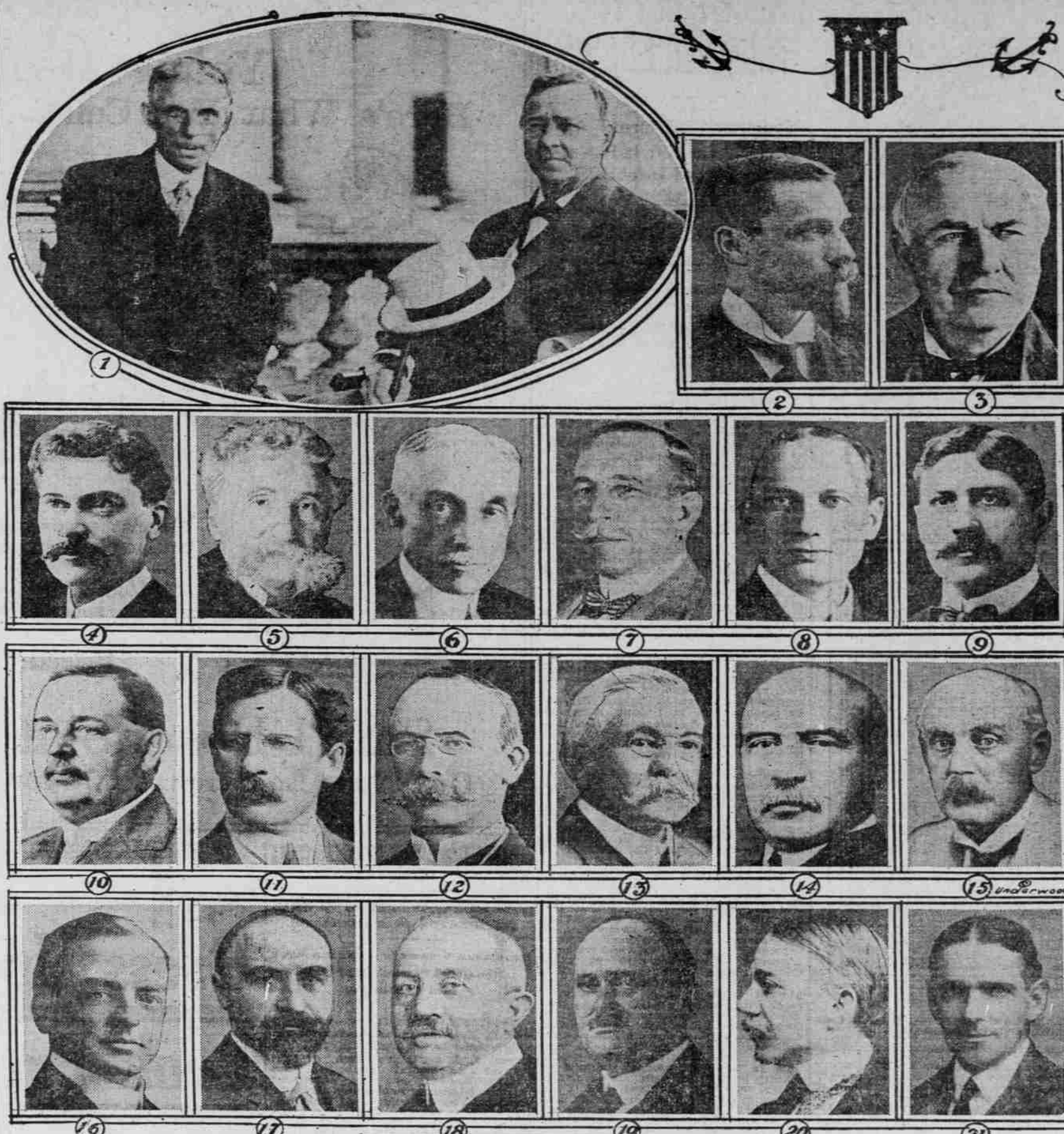
Hunting Mixup Decision Reversed.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—A peculiar judgment was rendered by a Pacific County jury yesterday in the appeal from Justice Court of the suit of Jones vs. Don Smith. A dog and Jones' three hound dogs attacked and killed some of Smith's geese on Lower North River. Smith killed two and wounded one of the dogs. Jones sued and recovered \$225 for the loss of his geese. Smith appealed to the Superior Court. The jury was out five minutes and gave Smith judgment for \$1. The costs in the suit will run up to between \$300 and \$400. Jones is an itinerant hunter and has helped kill much of the country of bear, cougar and other forest animals.

Land Commissioner Aide Sues.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Assistant State Land Commissioner W. W. Hopkins, of Copalis, has started suit against the Copalis Lumber Company for \$2763 for alleged injuries received in an automobile accident. A train hit his automobile, Webster Leonard also was injured and is suing for \$5075.

MEMBERS OF NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD, WHO HELD FIRST MEETING LAST WEEK.



FOREST FIRE LOSS IS CUT

WASHINGTON ESTIMATES DESTRUCTION AT \$10,000 THIS YEAR.

Total of 13,835,000 Feet Killed and 5,949,000 Feet Wiped out—Part of Timber May Be Saved.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The value of Washington timber destroyed by fire this summer will not exceed \$10,000, State Forester E. W. Ferris announced this week, giving a compilation of the reports of losses by counties in the state.

Total fire losses were 13,835,000 feet of timber fire killed, practically all of which can be logged before it deteriorates, and 5,949,000 feet destroyed. Last year losses were 26,850,000 feet killed and 18,141,000 feet destroyed, while total financial losses, owing to destruction of much logging equipment, was many times as great as this year.

The estimate of the Washington Forest Fire Association, based on Western Washington counties only, agrees closely with the figures of the state forester. The association reports that it killed and destroyed this year, with the loss set at \$9800.

The state and the Washington Forest Fire Association are working on a regular patrol work this summer than last year, yet each reports a saving on total expenditures of \$4000. Much smaller forces were employed in actual fighting, in spite of the fact that from King County north an extraordinary summer drought was experienced. In this section, practically all the destructive fires occurred.

The following statement by Mr. Ferris shows timber losses in detail by counties:



(1) Henry Ford and Secretary Daniels in Consultation. (2) John W. Richards, (3) Thomas A. Edison, (4) M. B. Sellers, (5) Hudson Maxim, (6) E. P. Sperry, (7) Henry A. Wise Wood, (8) Howard E. Coffin, (9) A. L. Riker, (10) B. G. Lammie, (11) F. J. Sprague, (12) Professor A. G. Webster, (13) Robert S. Woodward, (14) Alfred Craven, (15) Andrew Murray Hunt, (16) W. R. Whitney, (17) Leo H. Baekeland, (18) William L. Sanders, (19) Benjamin B. Thayer, (20) Dr. Peter C. Hewitt, (21) Thomas Robbins, (22) William Le Roy Emmet, (23) Spencer Miller.

County	Timber Killed	Timber Destroyed
Chelan	100,000	100,000
Grant	100,000	100,000
Island	400,000	400,000
King	1,700,000	800,000
Klickitat	250,000	100,000
Lewis	100,000	100,000
Pierce	100,000	100,000
Penak	100,000	100,000
Skaet	500,000	150,000
Strom	100,000	100,000
Stevens	20,000	20,000
Spokane	100,000	100,000
Whitcom	11,000,000	4,000,000
Total	13,835,000	5,949,000

ACCIDENTS ON INCREASE

RATE UNDER WASHINGTON COMPENSATION ACT SHRINKS.

Large Majority of Cases Coming Under Commission's Notice Due to Non-Mechanical Causes.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Statistics dealing with four years' experience with the compensation act are being prepared by the Washington Industrial Insurance Commission for its forthcoming annual report, these statistics being more nearly complete than those of any other state since Washington was the first to put such an act into effect.

Although accidents for the second year showed a marked increase over the first year, the records indicate a reduction in the rate for the last two years.

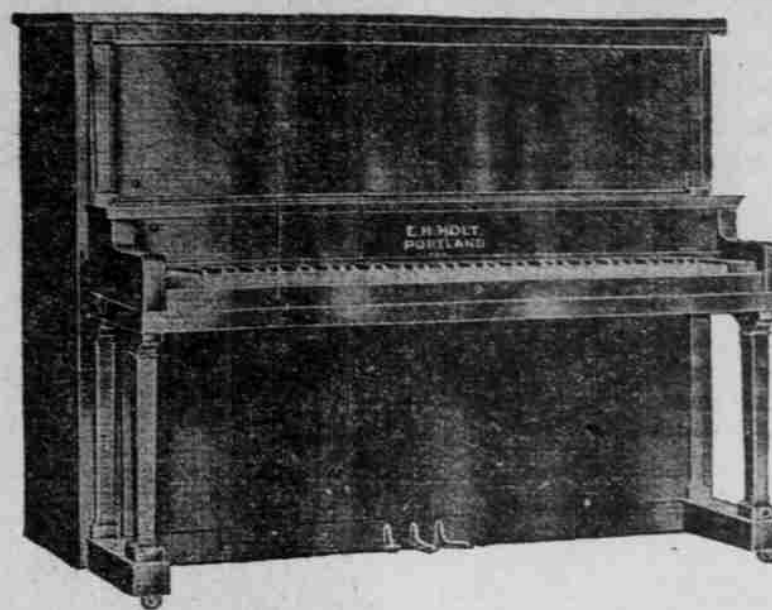
The Washington act went into full effect October 1, 1911. For the first year there were 11,896 accidents, including 278 fatalities, reported. The second year the number increased to 16,328 accidents, including 371 fatalities. For the third year the first decrease was shown, the reports dropping to 15,086 accidents, with 324 fatalities, and for the last year there were only 11,162 accidents, of which 215 were fatal.

Of 19 fatal accidents brought to final settlement within the last year a large majority, it is shown by the Commission's statistics, were due to non-mechanical causes. Of this total 22 claims were rejected on the ground that the accidents did not come within the act of the remaining 188 only 30 were attributed to machinery, and 158 to non-mechanical causes. Of these 35 accidents were attributed to rolling logs, 24 to falling trees, 19 each to falls of rock or coal in mines and to drowning, nine to falls from ladders or scaffolding and eight to falls from machinery.

Grand Jury Indicts 46: Disperses.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The county grand jury closed its sessions yesterday and was finally discharged from further duty by Judge E. H. Wright. It has been grinding since last June, except for a brief summer vacation, and has been quite an expense. At its Spring sitting 46 in-

Good Judgment



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