

NITRATE INDUSTRY IS NEGLECTED NEED

Capital Awaits Encouragement in Laws Permitting Power Development.

PRODUCT WAR NECESSITY

United States Produces None of Commodity Used in Explosives and Could Be Made Helpless in Event of Hostilities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 28.—While the Department of Commerce, backed by the entire administration, is using every available means to encourage American capital to invest in the dyestuff industry, with a view to making the United States independent of foreign producers, no part of the Administration is showing concern over the nitrate industry, which commercially financially and in a military sense is far more important. The United States imports every pound of nitrate used in the manufacture of ammunition and imports most of its fertilizers as well.

Time and again advocates of a workable water power bill have attempted to impress on the Administration and Congress the fact that if the United States should become involved in war it would be forced to import all the nitrate necessary to the manufacture of explosives. An enemy country, to render the United States powerless, need only cut off its supply of water power. It is a notorious fact that the reserve supply of powder in this country is woefully small.

Nitrate Industry Possible. It has been repeatedly shown by experts that, with proper encouragement, a nitrate industry could be built up in the United States which could supply every pound of nitrate necessary to the manufacture of explosives and it likewise has been demonstrated that the United States, under a wise water power policy, could produce a few years cut off all importation of fertilizer from abroad.

With an inadequate Navy the United States could not, at the present time, protect vessels bringing nitrates to our ports, and yet all the nitrates imported, save those from Canada at Niagara Falls, have to come to the United States by sea and the Canadian supply would be cut off, were the United States at war with Great Britain.

Moreover, the nitrate plant at Niagara Falls is inadequate, in itself, to furnish the material necessary to the manufacture of explosives. It would require should it become involved in war.

Looking at the matter from a commercial standpoint, there is a very good reason for encouraging a nitrate industry in the United States, that for building up a dyestuff industry.

Dyestuffs Value Is Less. Statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce show that the value of various forms of nitrates imported into the United States is three times the value of dyes and dyestuffs. The value of the nitrates imported in the United States for the past three years, give the value of imports as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year (1913, 1914, 1915), Dyes and dyestuffs, and Nitrates. Values are in dollars and cents.

On the other hand, no nitrates are manufactured here, although the discovery by the Interior Department is said to have solved the problem of extracting nitrates from alunite, which is found in the West, in deposits in some of the Western States.

Capital Awaits Encouragement. With proper encouragement American capital stands ready to invest liberally in the nitrate business, especially in the West, a country that industry is built up, it would find a market not only for \$35,000,000 worth of nitrates, in various forms, now imported from other lands, but for an increased quantity that will be made necessary when the Government enters upon the program of preparedness, which involves the manufacture of vast quantities of ammunition, along with other things.

The present conservation policy of the Government drove to Niagara Falls, Canada, one American corporation which had intended to develop water power and manufacture nitrates in Alabama. It also disheartened other capitalists who have had dreams of building up a big nitrate business in the West, and our ships where war power can be developed cheaply. It has been abundantly testified before Congress that the manufacture of nitrates, by the electrical process, will not be undertaken in the United States until the hydro-electric business is properly encouraged.

The Administration's answer is the Ferris bill. With this glittering prospect in sight, the Administration prefers to concentrate its entire efforts toward encouraging a dyestuff industry worth less than third what a nitrate industry might be, if given the same encouragement.

OREGON DAY IS BIG EVENT

(Continued From First Page.) and California at every point. He spoke of California's generosity. "In early days of the Exposition California shined up blue ribbons, expecting to tie them to her own livestock, fruits and flowers," he said. "But they even let us carry most of them across the Sierras."

He paid a tribute to the pioneers and to "our blue-ribbon Governor of the West."

Governor Withycombe said it was impossible to measure up to the glowing introductions of himself. "We love Oregon, we honor California," he said, and prophesied: "The time is coming when the Pacific Ocean will represent the maritime activity of the whole world and our ships will be laden with the fruits of our factories, farms and forests."

Deep Impress Made on West. "Indeed, we should be happy, contented, grateful people. This exposition will have made its impression on the West for all time to come."



ROBERT FAY (RIGHT) AND DETECTIVE GEORGE BARBITZ, OF NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO PICKED UP CLEW LEADING TO ARREST OF FAY AND WALTER L. SCHOLZ.

BOMB TRIAL TO WAIT

German Conspiracy Is to Be Traced to Source.

EXPLOSIVE'S USE FEARED

Government Plans Investigation to Determine Associates of Men Accused of Design to Destroy Allies' Supply Ships.

PICKFORD SHOW OPENS

"TRILBY" IS ATTRACTION AT REMODELED STAR THEATER.

BAN ON IN WASHINGTON

Sheriff Announces Intention to Enforce Sunday Closing.

MR. COLT EXPLAINS TALK

Realty Men Not Referred to Particularly in Business Address.

MILWAUKIE PARENTS ARE SEEKING WANDERING SON.

Dominick Fellal, formerly a resident of South Milwaukee, is said to have been of a roving disposition and never contented with the sort of work that was outlined for him.

CANAL RATE IS MODIFIED

Garrison Suspends Classification Pending Investigation.

ALPHONSE LENOIR

Alphonse Lenoir, for the past 25 years a resident of Portland, died at his home, 364 Fourteenth street, Saturday morning after a lingering illness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Members' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, 8 P. M., Presentation of the Astoria rate case.—Adv.

9 SPIES EXECUTED

German Uncover Plot to Dynamite Railways.

WOMEN SENT TO PRISON

Espionage System Declared to Have Been Widespread, Having Been Under Direction of Wife of French Army Officer.

RELIEF PROMISED POLAND

Americans to Act if Consent of Allies Is Obtained.

CHARTER MEETING CALLED

Oregon City Mayor Summons Electors to Consider Measure.

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FARM SYSTEM IS OUTLINED

Klamath Agriculturist Urges Elimination of "Losing" Cows.

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E. D. BALDWIN POLK GUEST

Secretary of Republican Committee Pleased With Prospects.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Edward D. Baldwin, secretary of the Republican state central committee, was in Dallas today as a guest of Walter L. Toole, Jr., state committeeman.

Mr. Baldwin said he found conditions here very favorable and from his investigation feels that next year Polk County would roll up more than its usual majority for the National ticket.

Polk County is, in line with other sections of the state visited by him, indicative of a general movement throughout the state to return to the party of prosperity. Mr. Baldwin will leave soon for Washington, D. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A CARLOAD OF BEAUTIFUL KNABE PIANOS Including Uprights, Grands and Players, HAVE JUST ARRIVED. And Will Be on Display, Beginning Monday, Nov. 1, at the Warerooms of THE REED-FRENCH PIANO MFG. CO., Teath and Stark Sts.

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MARIE GAFF.

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