

PORTLAND TO TURN OUT MORE VESSELS

\$200,000,000 Mark Set by Schwab.

1919 PAGE TO BE FASTER

Industrial Leader Inspects Shipbuilding Activities.

INFORMATION IS GATHERED

Distinguished Government Officials and Party Pass Busy Day, Included in Which is Viewing of Great Workers' Parade.

Through the arrival in Portland yesterday of the Emergency Fleet Corporation officials, led by Charles M. Schwab, director-general, it was decided that the Oregon district should produce during the next year a fleet of steel and wooden steamers with a contract valuation of \$200,000,000.

The conclusion followed a partial inspection of Portland plants, after which a general check was made of the estimated tonnage each establishment could deliver.

The enlargement of some plants and the duplication of at least one steel yard is dependent on to produce much of the extra tonnage, while established yards are to be given all contracts they can complete through maximum production.

And he has just started. Mr. Schwab and Mr. Piez only really sketched the situation, for today they are to be busy preparing for tomorrow, and tomorrow they are going over the remainder of the plants with their charman of the plants.

They both went on record yesterday for keeping both steel and wooden plants cranked up to order. They also pointed out that any laggards in the plants would find themselves without business or means of assisting in the war. It is a business trip. Any one who has other impressions of the purpose of the tour need only to trail the party for a few hours.

Mr. Schwab brought with him his happy smile, his utterances that grow mirth and his generally magnetic demeanor, and Mr. Piez is exhibiting the same smile. Oregon builders found when they went to Washington to talk ships.

Optimistic Spirit Noted. But they are not on the Pacific Coast to scatter cheer alone. They are optimistic about the final outcome of the war as regards the ability of the American shipbuilders to meet the 100 per cent demands placed on them for tonnage, also they tell that every ounce of muscle and energy now devoted to the cause must be doubled if possible.

With them it is an open season on ships as well as Germans, only they are scoring every impression of the winning percentage of the war just as every German put out of combat is credited as a loss to the Kaiser.

Visitors' Day is Full. The Schwab party arrived at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning after having spent the fore part of the month in California. From the time breakfast was served at the Hotel Multnomah until noon night was said to a large concourse on Multnomah Field last night, there was not an idle moment, the only respite allowed the party being for meals.

Mayor Baker was on hand to welcome the party.

FORD-ST. BRIDGE MENACED BY FIRE

FLAMES BREAK OUT AT ELEVEN DIFFERENT PLACES.

Fire Marshal, After Making Investigation, Concludes Lighted Cigarettes Caused Blaze.

Lighted cigarettes carelessly thrown along the right of way of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company across the Ford-street bridge is believed responsible for fire which early last night broke out simultaneously at 11 different places on the bridge. This was the verdict of Fire Marshal Roberts after an investigation of the blaze. The bridge spans the Canyon road at the foot of Jefferson street on Portland Heights.

Possibility that the fire had been caused by a hot box from a passing streetcar was dismissed when it was disclosed that no car had reported an overheated journal.

Recessed in the district and eye-witnesses of the fire are inclined to believe that the fire was of incendiary origin. "We have had a great deal of trouble lately from fires on bridges caused by carelessly thrown lighted cigarettes, and measures to abate the evil will be adopted," said Fire Marshal Roberts. "Last week we put out four fires on the Madison-street bridge caused by carelessly thrown cigarettes. We are having large placards printed that will be displayed on all the bridges in Portland, forbidding the throwing of lighted cigars or cigarettes on any of the bridges."

Engine 15 responded to the alarm and put out the fire on the bridge before it had assumed large proportions. The fire was spreading rapidly when it was discovered. The Fire Marshal says that, owing to the extremely dry weather recently, pedestrians and motorists should be very careful about throwing anything upon the bridges that may cause a conflagration.

MEXICANS SEIZE PRELATE

Archbishop Francisco Orozco y Jimenez Arrested at La Gos, Jalisco.

EL PASO, Tex., July 13.—Archbishop Francisco Orozco y Jimenez, of Guadalajara, Mexico, was arrested by military authorities at La Gos, Jalisco, July 5, and is now held as a prisoner, according to a courier who reached here today with a request for Bishop A. J. Shuler to assist in obtaining the archbishop's release.

Telegrams were immediately sent by Bishop Shuler to Monsignor Boszano, apostolic delegate to Washington, and Monsignor Kelley, of Chicago, reporting the arrest.

NOVA, NEW STAR, IS FADING

Astronomers Say Luminary Brightest Since Kepler's Star.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Nova, the new star which suddenly appeared in the eastern skies early in June, is now fading, the Naval Observatory announced today. As yet it shows no indications of bursting again as a star of the first magnitude.

Astronomical observers, who have been watching the visitor nightly, say it is the brightest star that has appeared since Kepler's star in the constellation Ophiuchus, first seen on October 10, 1604, and which vanished in March the next year after reaching a brilliancy equaling that of Jupiter.

SWISS HONOR AMERICANS

Soldiers Lose Way, Village Turns Out to See Them, Give Fruits.

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 13.—Four American soldiers stationed at the town of Mouthes, in Eastern France, lost their way while on leave and wandered across the neighboring Swiss frontier into the valley of Joux.

The entire village of Soullat turned out to see the Americans, loaded them with flowers and fruits, and then the Americans returned to France.

SIX HUN-DEFIERS SLIP INTO WATER

Total of 21,000 Tons Added to Fleet.

RECORD TRIBUTE TO SCHWAB

War Fleet Builder Witnesses First Wooden Launching.

STANDIFER YARD IS SCENE

Every Launching Blow at German Militarism, Asserts Steel Wizard in Complimenting Men Who Constructed Craft.

Six wooden hulls floated by one shipbuilding organization in a single day, adding 21,000 deadweight tons to the 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of shipping the American people will construct to back their Army abroad, is a United States record, established yesterday in honor of the presence in the city of Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The half a dozen carriers were the products of the G. M. Standifer Construction Corporation.

And it was, indeed, an honor to Mr. Schwab, for these were the first wooden vessels he had seen launched. He has seen steel carriers without number take the water, has been interested in the material with which they were constructed and concerned in their building, but never before, until he stood there in the beautiful sunlight yesterday afternoon, when the hull of the Moosabee left the ways, had he witnessed the debut of a ship constructed of material from the forests.

July 4 Record Approached.

The launchings were within one in number of all that took place in the Oregon district July 4, a day set apart throughout the country for such exercises to demonstrate to the Germans with what intensity Americans had gone into the war with the Allies. That day seven ships were floated and the six yesterday will no doubt prove an equally straightforward answer to the Huns that America is in the conflict heart and soul. The 21,000 tons of ships will support 10,500 soldiers.

Guy M. Standifer, head of the Corporation, had met Mr. Schwab and Mr. Piez at San Francisco. He had been acquainted with them before, but as a result of the San Francisco visit, when so much was done for Mr. Schwab and Mr. Piez, he determined to afford them a real treat, so not only caused to be set afloat more ships than any other yard had launched in a day, but arranged the exercises so that Mr. Schwab was on hand when the fifth carrier went overboard.

Miss Boschke, Sponsor, Complimented. "I'm glad it is the men of the Standifer Corporation and those at the head of it who have made the launching programme such a success," he said, and he not only complimented executives of the organization, but congratulated Miss Elizabeth Boschke, sponsor for the Moosabee.

The first ship, the Arvonla, left the ways at the North Portland yard at 9 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Jackson, nurse at the plant, being the sponsor. At 10 o'clock the Montezuma was launched, Miss Elizabeth Boschke christening the ship, and at 11 o'clock the Umattila took the water, Miss Vera Saunders, daughter of E. B. Saunders, a marine architect at the plant, christening her. At noon the Belding was put into the water, with Miss Katherine Durham, niece of James F. Clarkson, general manager of the North Portland yard.

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Mrs. Schwab would rather knit than be in limelight. Section 1, page 18.

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SCHOOL HEAD WILL FIGHT FOR POSITION

Board of Educators Informed of Decision.

REMOVAL DEEMED ILLEGAL

Superintendent Declares He Will Continue on Job.

LEGAL BACKING OBTAINED

Attorneys Contend That Board in Conferring Mr. Alderman's Duties on Another Has Not Acted Legally; Ouster Case Expected.

Situation is Summarized.

After a thorough inquiry, counsel for Mr. Alderman, in a written opinion submitted yesterday, sum up the situation as follows:

1. You are elected and employed for a definite term to expire July 1, 1919.

2. Entirely aside from any question of power to do so, the board has not attempted to remove you, but intentionally it has attempted to confer your duties on another.

3. Your title and incumbency of the office carry along with them its duties and functions.

4. While you remain in office you are entitled, and the School Board has the right to expect you, to perform its duties and functions; and they cannot be conferred on another while you are in office and on the ground ready and willing to perform them.

5. The apparent intent to limit your functions as Superintendent to the supervision of "war work" is not valid.

Board is Notified.

Fortified by this legal opinion, Mr. Alderman proposes to continue the occupancy of his office, as superintendent of schools and continue in the performance of the duties of the office. He has accordingly notified the Board of Education in the following letter, which was mailed yesterday:

PORTLAND, July 13.—To the Board of Directors, School District No. 1, Portland, Or. Gentlemen:

No official notification has come from you, but I was present at your meeting on July 5, when a report of the committee on educational affairs was adopted, by which action you attempted to give me the title and duties of Superintendent of War Work.

As long as I retain the office I feel that I am under legal and moral obligations to perform its duties.

Contract Declared Binding.

I am bound to assume that at no time, and least of all when almost the entire civ-

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KAISER TO ROUND UP AND HARNESS SUN

PRESS AGENT BREAKS NEWS TO WAITING WORLD.

Rosner Writes Another Piece for Paper—Emperor Has Acute Attack of "Flight of Fancy."

AMSTERDAM, July 13.—How the German Emperor pictures the future of Germany is recorded by his favorite press agent, the faithful Karl Rosner, of the Lokal Anzeiger.

One evening the Emperor, chatting with the entourage, predicted far-reaching advances in the technical domain.

The emperor thought that all of Germany's needs in nitrates would be covered by extracting nitrate from the air. He then described how purified waste waters from metal works would serve to fertilize the fields so that deserts would blossom like roses and make arid regions self-supporting as regard food.

"With daring flights of fancy," continued Rosner, "the Emperor predicted harnessing the rays of the sun.

"This will all come to pass," the emperor assured his hearers, "once Germany secures the 'strong peace' for which she is working."

HOUSE MAY OUST SULZER

Committee Urges Seating of Wick-ersham as Alaska Delegate.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—A report recommending that Charles A. Sulzer be unseated as delegate from Alaska in favor of James A. Wickersham was unanimously agreed upon today by the House elections committee at the conclusion of an investigation extending over a period of many months.

The report will be submitted Monday but probably will not be acted upon until the end of the three-day recess period late in August. Mr. Sulzer was declared elected after the courts had thrown out seven precincts whose votes gave Mr. Wickersham a majority.

The committee decided that Wickersham, who was the Alaska delegate in the last Congress, was legally re-elected.

Press Amendment Fails.

Amendments by Senator Watson, of Indiana, to exempt telephones and press wires from the resolution were defeated, respectively, 41 to 29 and 29 to 21. An amendment by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, Democrat, to limit action regarding telephones to long-distance wires was voted down, while an amendment by Senator Reed, of Missouri, designed to insure unrestricted public use of facilities, was twice rejected.

The roll-call on final adoption follows: For adoption: Ashurst, Bankhead, Borah, Fletcher, Henderson, Hitchcock, Jones (New Mexico), Kendrick, King, Lewis, McKellar, Martin, Myers, Nugent, Overman, Owen, Phelan, Pomeroy, Ransdell, Reed, Saulsbury, Shafer, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith (Arizona), Smith (Georgia), Smith (South Carolina), Swanson, Thomas, Thompson, Trammell, Underwood and Vardaman. Total—25.

Republicans—Curtis, Johnson (California), Jones (Washington), Keppeler, Knox, Lenroot, Nelson, Norris, Poindexter and Sterling. Total—11.

Total for the resolution—44.

All Democrats For Measure.

No Democrats opposed the resolution and those lined up against it were: Republicans—Borah, Brandegee, Fernald, France, Frelinghuysen, Hale, Harding, Kellogg, McCumber, New, Penrose, Sherman, Smith (Michigan), Smoot, Wadsworth and Watson. Total—18.

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Those voting to exempt press wires were: Senators Borah, Brandegee, Fernald and Watson.

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WIRE CONTROL BILL ADOPTED IN SENATE

House Measure Wins by Vote of 46 to 16.

DEMOCRATS ALL IN FAVOR

Resolution Provides Telegraph and Telephone Seizure.

PERIOD OF WAR SPECIFIED

All American Radio and Cable Systems Included in Legislation Which Gives Sweeping Powers to the President.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Congress tonight granted President Wilson's request for authority to take over and operate telegraph, telephone, cable and radio lines.

By a vote of 46 to 16—the minority all Republicans—the Senate adopted, without amendment, the House resolution granting such power for the period of the war.

The resolution will be signed by presiding officers of the Senate and House and transmitted to the President Monday.

All attempts to amend or modify the Administration measure, which passed the House July 5 by a vote of 221 to 4, were defeated at a session lasting until 9 o'clock tonight.

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