

## GUN PRACTICE INJURES SHIPS

Big Guns Damage Craft of Battleships on Target Tests.

### REPAIRS ARE NECESSARY

Vibration of Firing Cracks Several Guns and Damages Vessels' Decks.

Washington, Oct. 18.—As anticipated by many naval officers here, the Atlantic battleship fleet has returned from target practice off Cape Cod bay badly shaken by the firing of the heavy guns. Reports are coming fast to the department of the damage done to the individual ships, and there is some apprehension that the navy department's idea to have the fleet in prime condition by December 1 may not be realized. The structural weaknesses in parts of the ships, which seem unable to withstand the vibration caused by the gun firing, is again forcibly brought home. It is believed considerable additional work will not be necessary in case the fleet is to be started out on a war footing.

For some time the firing of heavy guns has caused trouble to the department. The bureau of ordnance has been kept busy repairing guns which have given way or cracked or had their muzzles blown off, and the bureau of construction and repair has repeatedly been called upon to remedy damage done to the decks and other portions of the ships after target practice.

The battleship Missouri after firing her heavy turret guns at once at level recently damaged the deck so that more than \$1,000 had to be expended to repair it. Now the Ohio is damaged and a crack has been discovered in the powder chamber of one of her 12-inch guns, which may cause the department embarrassment. The guns may have to be replaced, which spells difficulty on hand and it will be difficult to get the work done in the allotted time.

Both the Kearsarge and the Kentucky have returned from Cape Cod with their 8-inch guns out of line, and both ships are rather badly shaken up. These 8-inch guns must be removed from the turrets and placed parallel and other damage done must be repaired. The Massachusetts is having her 6-inch batteries removed at the New York navy yard, and it is announced at the navy department that she is not to carry her 6-inch batteries when she starts for the Pacific.

Whether this is due to damage sustained recently is not divulged. The order to remove the 6-inch batteries was only approved today. The Rhode Island is having work done on her 8-inch turrets. It is believed that practically every ship which participated in target practice will need additional work as a result of the shaking up caused by firing heavy guns.

At the bureau of construction and repair, navy department, it has been explained that the decks are in some cases too weak to stand the vibration caused by the heavy firing, and that damage must necessarily result. It is explained that this is not unlooked for and causes the bureau no annoyance.

Secretary Metcalf is adopting drastic measures to have everything in readiness aboard the battleships of the Atlantic fleet before they start for the Pacific. Repairs are to be rushed with all possible speed, officers in command are ordered to report immediately any defects in their ships and the department is to devote additional and concentrated attention to the question of getting all repairs done in time for getting the battleships in first class condition by December 1.

Fearing difficulty, Secretary Metcalf today directed that no alterations of any kind be authorized for any of the ships, so that the men at the navy yards could devote all their time to the most necessary repair work.

Demands for repairs are coming in thick and fast. The Connecticut, Louisiana, Vermont and Kansas have asked for steam engineering work,

### NEW MANAGER N. P.

St. Paul, Oct. 18.—The resignation of Harry J. Horn, general manager of the Northern Pacific, and the appointment of George L. Slade, son-in-law of J. J. Hill, to succeed him, was officially announced today.

and many of the battleships returning from target practice have notified the navy department that more work is needed than they anticipated. This has led Secretary Metcalf to order that repair work be rushed.

### LUCKY BOY PEOPLE DROP ROAD SUIT

Fail to Fight Lane County After Change of Venue to Douglas.

Eugene, Or., Oct. 18.—The case of the Lucky Boy mining company vs. the county of Lane, in which the company claimed \$7000 damages through the establishment by the county road from Blue River City to the Blue River mines, has been dismissed in the circuit court at Roseburg, the case having been taken to Douglas county on a change of venue. The dismissal of the case was on account of the company's failing to appear and prosecute.

About a year ago the county established a public road five or six miles long between Blue River City and the mines over what the company claimed was a private road belonging to it, which was the only thoroughfare leading into the mines. The viewers of the county allowed the company no damages, and the latter took the case into circuit court. It was continued over two terms and taken to Douglas county on a change of venue.

Before the establishment of the road by the county there had been a great deal of trouble with the Lucky Boy company about keeping the road open. For several months they blockaded the road so that no teams besides their own could enter the mining district, and the only way supplies could be transported to the numerous camps was to pack them in over a precipitous trail. The road has been open ever since the matter was taken to the courts and is now declared a county highway.

### FINED FOR PACKING WITHOUT LICENSE

John Angus was taken before Justice Penlock and fined \$50 and costs for packing salmon without any license. Angus was working at the cold storage plant in Marshfield, and was in the employ of J. Lindberg, of Astoria. He went to work with the belief that his employer had provided all safeguards in the way of avoiding trouble with the fish commission, but Warden Wilson, who came down from the north recently, is digging up a number of lax proceedings and will have this country pretty well disciplined before he leaves. Angus paid the fine, and it is supposed the money will be refunded to him by his employer. Attorney Watkins appeared for the defense and E. L. C. Farrin for the prosecution.

### Committed to Asylum.

Carl Free, whose vagaries were explained in yesterday's issue of The Times, was taken before Judge Hall yesterday forenoon and examined for sanity. The letters he had written to Mrs. Spitzer were produced as evidence and Drs. Straw and Mingus were called in to give medical testimony. The evidence was sufficient in the mind of Judge Hall to commit Free to the asylum at Salem, and he will leave today in company with Guard J. A. Ranny, who arrived yesterday to take G. W. Thompson of Empire to the asylum. Free had a sum of \$40 on his person and this money was turned over to the guard for safe keeping.

### Bert Dimmick Gets Appointment.

The members of the Tennis club who have the decorations in charge have appointed Bert Dimmick on the task committee. Bert was aiding in the work about the hall and was sent out for a paper of tacks one evening, and forgot to return. The workers accordingly placed him on the task committee with the understanding that the duties will not be strenuous.

### St. Monica's Catholic Church.

Mass on Sunday at 8 and 10:30 in the morning.

## GOVERNMENT DREDGE FOR BAY

Several Visitors from North North Bend at Last Night's C. of C. Meeting.

### JUDGE GUERRY'S ADDRESS

Peter Loggie Also Addressed Meeting—Personelle of North Bend Committee.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce met last evening and the interest in its program was manifested by the usual attendance. Secretary Lyon was absent and his place was occupied by G. W. Carleton who was inspired by the secretary's example and furnished an entertainment which was quite up to the standard. Several members of the North Bend chamber were present and two of them, Judge Guerry and Hon. Peter Loggie, made speeches, which were interesting and instructive. Before calling on the speakers President McCormack called for committee reports. Mr. Clarke of the committee on consolidation reported that his committee was at the North Bend chamber and made a presentation of the subject of consolidation on the borough plan and it seemed to him that the plan was favored. At any rate, he said, the committee was received very cordially and treated respectfully. The North Bend chamber appointed a committee to confer with the Marshfield committee, composed of Messrs. Raab, Gardiner, Gale, Whisnant and Backey. This committee would meet the Marshfield committee in Marshfield Tuesday evening next at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Mr. B. F. Waite reported that he went over to Roseburg to see if arrangements could be made to hold the next district fair in Coos county and he found that Douglas county would give every aid to that end. He also said that in order to get the district fair it would be necessary to organize a fair association and that the committee must take measures for that purpose.

Judge Guerry being introduced delivered a very witty and eloquent address in which he showed all the rich human and flowery eloquence of his southern nature. To reproduce his witty sayings and manner would be impossible as they are peculiar and natural to himself alone. One of the points he made was that it was absurd that, with such rich land as surrounded the bay it was necessary to send away for garden truck, spuds, cabbages, vegetables and fruits. He believed the farmer who bought strawberries, potatoes or vegetables should be sent to the penitentiary for five years. The judge's address was thoroughly enjoyed.

Hon. Peter Loggie gave, on request, a statement of the manner in which he and his associates obtained the government dredge which will be delivered on this bay next summer. Mr. Loggie's address was exceedingly interesting and gave the people present some information which was greatly relished. He assured them that the dredge was a certainty but said it would be a great mistake to throw it back to the government again without use. The people of Coos Bay should do something to get the dredge. They would have to provide a way to raise money for its use. He had induced the congressional committee to report favorably on the proposition by telling them that the legislature would, at its next session (1907) create a harbor commission for Coos Bay and that this would have power to raise the money to operate the dredge. It was important that something be done. Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbor committee, was especially interested in the prospect that a depth of 40 feet could be obtained on the bar and in the bay. "This," said Chairman Burton, "is what the committee has been looking for, because it is of the utmost importance that the government get a good harbor which will admit the largest ships on the Pacific coast north of Golden Gate."

After Mr. Loggie's address the chamber adjourned.

—See A. H. Eddy's ad in business directory.

## HARRIMAN SICK OF ROASTINGS

Claims Newspapers Are Not Giving Railroads a Square Deal.

### FORGETS THE OTHER SIDE

Says Sentiment Resembled Prairie Fire—Gives Reporters His Opinions.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Money is like liquid, the moment you place an obstruction in front of it it causes diminution of the flow. This is one of the new financial aphorisms to which E. H. Harriman, who came to Chicago to battle with Stuyvesant Fish, gave utterance when asked to express his ideas about the future of the country. "This obstruction," he said, "has been placed in front of a liquid stream of money and it has already caused a serious check in its flow. This obstruction is apprehension which has run like a prairie fire through the land and permeated the minds of the people. It has been caused partially, if not entirely, by the aggregate millions against corporations in general and railroads in particular and it will last until the people awaken to the fact that we must have a saner comprehension upon these important subjects."

Asked if he looked for any serious effect from the rapidly changing conditions in the financial and railroad world, Harriman replied:

"No, I do not. I think the country too great and too prosperous to have a money panic."

Harriman was asked if he really thought that the alleged difficulty in raising capital was not largely in the imagination of those who gave expression to the thought. "By no means," he replied. "The difficulty in raising money is real and not a fancied one. Ask any merchant whom you should chance to meet why it is he is not carrying as large a stock as was his custom. He will reply it is because of his inability to raise sufficient cash to carry a larger stock. There is a general lack of accommodation everywhere in the United States and it is not confined to this country. I do not fear any serious results, however, because it is claimed liquidation practically has taken place on Wall street and people will after a time realize that a large part of their apprehension is groundless and that they will realize also what is more important, that the time has come for co-operation between the national government and the railroads and other corporations and also between state governments and railroads and other corporations."

Harriman picked up his chair and carrying it to the end of the press table, sat down with the remark, "I think you gentlemen can do more to settle this railroad situation than anybody else." When asked for an explanation, he said:

"You can do it by refusing to print one side of a proposition until you have seen the man on the other side and let him have his say at the same time. I am sick and most other men are sick of continued attacks on railroads. When charges are made against a railroad, the proper thing to do is to refrain from publishing them until the party bringing the charge and representatives of the railroads have had a conference with the representatives of the press present. As such things are now run," Harriman said, "the charges are first printed and the public gains a wrong impression. It is the first impression that counts. Very often the railroad has not been able to reply for weeks, and then the denial is passed by unnoticed. Printing the charge and denial together," Harriman asserted, "would do away with much of the ill feeling now created against the railroads."

### Maps for the Public.

The Title Guarantee & Abstract company has had some fine maps of Coos county printed for distribution to its friends. The map is the latest improved design and shows everything of interest in the county, including the rivers, cities, inlets and sections.

### WANT SOUTHERN MAN.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 18.—At a Democratic mass meeting last night a movement was started looking to the nomination of a southern man for president. A committee was appointed to further that purpose.

### RETURN FROM TRIP IN CURRY COUNTY

Wardens Cal Wright and Glen Aiken Home from Scouting Expedition.

Wardens Cal Wright and Glen Aiken arrived home Thursday night from an extended trip through Curry county. They were absent for nearly three weeks, and during the time were unable to find any positive evidence of the game laws being violated. They encountered rumors, as is usually the case, but those who claim to know of the matters will not come forward and give testimony when it comes down to a suit. They have trace of three men who are making a practice of running deer with dogs and hope to land them before the season is over.

Mr. Wright said that they had been forty miles up the Rogue river, had followed for a number of miles the following creeks: Rogk and Johnson, and the Sixes river. During the entire trip Mr. Wright hooped it and never rode a foot of the distance. He came home feeling fine and without a sore muscle. So far as they learned, there had not been an elk killed during this season in Curry county. They saw no elk on the trip. There is, however, a fine band of elk in Curry county, consisting of about 60 animals, but though they learned where they are, they are not telling anybody of their location. They got into Coquille late Thursday, and came over in the night. Mr. Aiken had a pack animal and Mr. Wright kept up his reputation as a pedestrian, walking into Marshfield from that city.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PLAY FOOTBALL TODAY

North Bend and Marshfield Meet on Gridiron This Afternoon—Game at 2:30.

The football team from Marshfield High School goes to North Bend this afternoon to try their brawn against the high school eleven of that city. The boys are not feeling any too confident about the outcome, and are really expecting a hard game. This being the first game, the showing which the teams make will give some idea what the series will develop. There are to be three games, thus giving sufficient opportunity to judge which team has the better players.

The attendance from Marshfield today is certain to be large, for the students are going to accompany the team and cheer it on to victory. The team will leave at one o'clock on the Flyer and the game will commence at 2:30.

### The Lineup.

North Bend	Marshfield
H. Redfield	Center
G. Redfield	L. G.
Dick Lemon	L. T.
Bill Gaffney	L. E.
Albert Davis	R. G. C.
Reynolds	R. T.
M. Duval	R. E.
Fred Storey	Quarter
H. Russell	F. B.
Tom Story	L. H.
Carmichael	R. H.
	G. Rasmussen

### Flowers and Minerals on Display.

At the Chamber of Commerce yesterday Mrs. Frank H. Hall and Mrs. Charles Metlin left some fragrant and fine flowers. Mr. Victor Stauff, of Willanah Inlet, brought in four exceedingly fine potatoes produced on land on the inlet. The display of minerals which Mr. Carleton arranged yesterday attracted nearly every man who passed the window. One man who saw the coal went out yesterday afternoon to inspect the deposit with a view of purchasing the property.

### Small Gives Up Fight.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Sylvester J. Small, suspended president of the Telegrapher's union, tonight announced his retirement from office and from the union. He said "I am down and out and will not make any further attempt to recover my position. I will look for a job next week."

## OCEAN LINER IN COLLISION

Tartar Injured in Fog by Boat Chamer Near Vancouver.

### SHIP RUN ON THE BE

Filled Fast, and Panic Was Immense—Storm Would Have Wrecked With Ship.

Vancouver, Oct. 18.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Tartar, out bound for Yokohama, and the steamer Chamer, a ferry boat operated between Victoria and Vancouver, in collision in a dense fog 20 miles off Vancouver harbor last night. Tartar filled rapidly and but for compartments, would have been lost. There was almost a panic aboard but for the prompt action of the officers there would undoubtedly have been loss of life. The vessel is carrying 100 deported Hindus who control of themselves. The Chamer acted bravely. The Chamer proceeded to this city, but the Tartar had to be beached to save from sinking. The passengers were removed safely. The Tartar is in exposed position and if a storm came up will undoubtedly be badly damaged. The fog was so dense it was impossible to see anything and vessels found the harbor with difficulty.

### BESSEY RECEIVES COMPLIMENTARY V

Mr. H. E. Bessey of the Co Creamery, brought a letter in Times office yesterday which is a boost for Coos Bay cheese. The Bessey output in particular was from the H. L. Produce company of Seattle and part which is interesting to the people of this territory is this: have cleaned up your 200 drums which we bought some time ago. Like the stock better than any have received from Tillamook. were very well pleased with this nice word from the north very pleasing and shows that Coos Bay and the surrounding country produce cheese that will worm a compliment from produce dealers who are usually stingy with compliments. At any rate the appreciation regarded as fully deserved. Creamery which is under the charge of Mr. Bessey yesterday shipped cases of cheese to southern California on the steamer Plant.

### HAS HARD TIME SECURING TEACH

Professor Golden, to whom board of education delegated matter of engaging a high school assistant, is having a difficult time securing a teacher for the position. Most of the good teachers are employed at this time of the year, and it is an accident if one can be obtained. Miss Richmond, the California teacher with whom he had been in communication, turned the situation down, as she was getting \$5 per year where she is now located. Mr. Golden heard of another teacher receiving an application from Miss Alice Bretherton, of Portland, and she had arranged to leave on the Breakwater. But he got a telegram yesterday from her saying that she could not come, and that she would explain in a letter. And so the situation stands. The board is offering \$75 per month for a competent teacher for the high school and the seems to be no takers.

### Valuable Sawmill Burns.

Kalama, Oct. 18.—The old Nicolas and Bevis sawmill was burnt today. The loss will exceed \$20,000. The cause was not ascertained but the authorities are not satisfied that the conflagration was not caused by an incendiary. The mill recently changed ownership.

### Robbed Curio Store.

Portland, Oct. 18.—It developed this evening that the curio store Mrs. Frohman, situated in the Portland Hotel, was burglarized last night and two thousand dollars worth of valuables were taken. There is no clue.