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COOS BAY LINE

President of Southern Pacific Says Oregon Has Most Construction Work

Principal Officials of Railway Are Making Tour of the State

MAY MEAN EXTENSIONS

lays Coos Bay Line Will be Completed Early in the Coming Year-Present Trip May Result in Additional Electrical Lines in Oregon

(Special to The Times.) PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 23 .- Folowing a conference here, the prinofficials of the Southern Pacific left today for a tour over all the lines of the S. P. in Oregon that have been electrified. "After we conclude this inspec-

tion," said President Julius Krutt-"we may have information on which to base further electrical Meanwhile the Southera Pacific is carrying on more conction work in Oregon than in may other state, in completing the tew line from Eugene to Coos Bay. We hope to have this line finished early in the coming year.

COOS BAY WILL BECOME AN IMPORTANT SEAPORT

Heard Good Reports of This Section-Expects Much Freight

EUGENE, Or., Mar. 23 .- Julius Kretschnitt, of New York City, chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Pacific, Saturday nase his first inspection of the com-Pacific line from Eugene to Coos Bay, which has been under construction for nearly five years and which may be completed this year. Mr. Kruttschnitt and party, including William Sproule, president of Southern Pacific: William Hood. dief engineer of the Southern Pathe railroad, arrived Friday from

"I hope that we will be carrying great quantities of timber, coal and food products over the new branch before this time next year," said Mr. Kruttschnitt after his return. 'At least we will be ready to haul it if the country will ship it, and I think it will. They tell me that Coss Bay will become an important

"We have built a real railroad tere. I have found it extremely well constructed—all of steel and

The party was taken over the Wilamette-Pacific to the end of the track at Mapleton. Saturday they tent down the Siuslaw by boat to Atme, to where the steel drawbridge to be siuslaw is about to be

CO., SAYS OUTLOOK BETTER

hinks Mill and Rail Projects Near

erlin Will be Carried Out -Expect to Have Three Large Sawmills Operating Soon. SUTHERLIN, Or., Mar. 23 .- R.

Pex, of the local offices of the ch Timber Company and the In. Coos Bay & Eastern Railtrip to Chicago, Muscatine, levs, Spokane and Tacoma, Washcton, and Portland.

days ago, Mr. Fox was tost optimistic regarding the busioduook generally and especialin the lumber industry, and said was satisfied that from now on r at least a number of years there be a constantly increasing April. and for sawmill products.

Regarding what his company con-emplated doing in the Sutherlin Valley the present year, Mr. Fox said that work would be resumed a the grading for the Sutherlin. soon as the ground is sufficiently by to permit of the handling of dirt and the line will be constructed It is expected that McAllister Son, the grading contractors, will

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HAD A BAD RECORD STORM STOPS CHARLES SKERRETT SEVERELY SCORED IN LETTER TO POLICE

Deputy Sheriff Writes From His Former Home in Michigan That He Had a Bad Rep-

utation There. H. Charles Skerrett, arrested and freed on the charge of arson in connection with the Bunker Hill lodg-ing house and former owner of the Bunker Hill stage, left overland at 5 o'clock yesterday morning for the north. He was accompanied by Paul

the Nann Smith sailed on Saturday there was an officer at the pier to see that Skerrett did not leave the country. It was stated by the police that he had not paid bills aggregating more than \$1800 that he had outstanding, Skerrett did not then attempt to leave. former attorneys declared he had found work and would remain here.

Today the police exhibited a letter received yesterday afternoon from Deputy Sheriff P. J. Heath, of Oakland County, Michigan, giving information regarding Skerrett when he lived there several years ago. The officer declared that Skerrett bore a "bad reputation here and we were glad when he left." The letter further states that he there sold property covered with mortgages, that he "sold property that did not belong to him, and further, that he jumped his board bills."

District Attorney Liljeqvist when told of the matter today refused . to committee himself on the question | when asked if an effort would be made to bring Skerrett back to Coos Bay. He said he was not surprised . to know Skerrett had left, that he had been expecting such a proce-

It is known that Skerrett did not receive the \$500 due him from the Sun Insurance Company for propdestroyed in the Bunker Hill This sum has been turned over to the attorneys who defended him his examination in the justice . court. The attorneys now state that before leaving he interviewed his creditors giving them amounts that he owed, payable when he is able to.

Allowed Bail," Says District Attorney Lilljeqvist.

Five thousand dollars in bonds for the release of Mrs. Clarence Russell were signed up last evening and the wife was freed and today went home with her husband and family to the farm near Myrtle Point, according to District Attorney Liljeqvist who came over this morning.

is little evidence in the case have man aviator dropped bombs on the brought a laugh to the prosecuting town and it is claimed that three attorney, "I haven't said a thing a-bout this case yet," he said, "and I am not going to either. Mrs Russell of Hill No. 196. has waived her preliminary examination. If her husband comes up for his hearing I expect to bring forth only the evidence in the chemist's analysis and the testimony of William Pentland. I consider that enough to at least get him before the grand jury. The rest of the evidence is being saved for the proper time."

bondsmen are R. The five Knowlton, George Moulton, Frank Burgess, Captain Panter and Mr. Mc-Closkey.

'You will see, too" said Mr. Lilit, "that all of these men are Coquille None of them are neighbors to the Russell family." He stated that none of the neighbors in R. M. FOX, OF ROACH TIMBER the vicinity of the Russell home had

volunteered as bondsmen. What other evidence the district attorney's and the sheriff's office have dug up is a matter of conjecture, not a thing being given out until the

grand jury meets next month. When asked why the bond of Mrs. Russell had been raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 Mr. Liljeqvist said, "There is a doubt whether she should be released on any sort of ball. At any rate there was nothing else to be done Company, arrived home but raise the bond. I consider it nec-

> WORK WILL START APRIL 1 SUTHERLIN, Or., Mar. 23.-W. McAllister, of the well known railroad construction firm of McAllister & Son, has arrived here from Portland. He states that his company expects to get busy on the Sutherlin, Coos Bay & Eastern rail-road grade work about the first of

Refuses to Prosecute,-Because Miss Kate Wedell refused to prosecute Belle Cushman on the charge of taking clothes from her clothes line, the case in the justice court was dropped this morning by District Attorney Liljeqvist. In the complaint to permit of the handling of dirt torney Lilledvist. In the case now goes ments at Empire Improvement.—C. G. Hockett is making a number of improvement it was alleged that Miss Cushman had sion inquiry into the capture by a Hockett is making a number of improvement and substantial improvement. It is expected that Miss Cushman had sion inquiry into the capture by a Hockett is making a number of improvement and had taken two dresses from the steamer Dacia, has declared the portant and substantial improvement. It is expected that Miss Cushman had sion inquiry into the capture by a Hockett is making a number of improvement.—C. G. and mad taken two dresses than the steamer to described as a man reports in the Naples newspapers.

line. She pled not guilty following her seizure valid. The case now goes ments at Empire. They include consumers at her home on Pony Stough before the French prize court which crete piling in the rebuilt dock and a week, cutting off, for that time, all before the French prize court which is allowed two months to hand down is allowed two months to hand down in portant and successful they will last for a week, cutting off, for that time, all before the French prize court which is allowed two months to hand down is allowed two months to hand down in process and birds and flowers. not want the notoriety of prosecuting. its decision.

Repulse of Allies and Continued German Victories on French Front

Say They Have Driven Russians From Town and Are in Pursuit

RELEASE 3000 PRISONERS

German Aviator Dropped Bombs on Town Killing Three Civilians -French Repulse German Attacks Near Town of Bagatelle

DARDANELLE LOSSES

[By Associated Press to Coos Say Times.] BERLIN, Mar. 23 .- Wire-Sayville.) - The Overseas News Agency says: According to a detailed description the Franco-British losses in the Dardanelles, as given out by Athens newspapers, 2000 men were killed and five warships sunk. Four other warships were badly damaged. The Com-mander of the British cruis-er Inflexible was killed and members of the crew drown-The French battleship Suffern was damaged ser-

[By Associated Press to Coos Say Times.] PARIS, Mar. 23 .- A gale blew through Dardanelles straits yester-day and the Allied warships did not leave their anchorage, says an Athens dispatch. It seems certain that the forts of Chanak Kalessie, Hamidieh and Kilid Bahr are still capable of offering stubborn resistance. German Howitzers on Rails

A number of Turkish field bat-teries have been posted along the straits and German howitzers mount-"Question Whether We Should Have ed on rails so that they can be moved quickly to any threatened This is supposed to explain the shooting from certain forts, such as Kum Kale, which were supposed to be destroyed.

GERMANS BOMBARD RHEIMS

[By Associated Press to Cook Bay Times.] PARIS, Mar. 23.-The official er this morning. statement this afternoon says: "The Continued statements that there enemy bombarded Rheims. A Gercivilians were victims. In Chamragne we made slight progress east

Near Bagatelle two German counter attacks on the ground they lost Sunday were repulsed."

KILLING OF AMERICAN BRINGS OUT AN APOLOGY

nity to Dead Man's Family is Now Progressing Very Satisfactorily.

(By Associated Press to Coes Ray Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23. Secretary of State Bryan announced today that regret for the killing of John B. McManus, an American, in Mexico City, by Zapata forces, had been expressed on behalf of Gen-eral Zapata and General Palafox, in charge of Mexico City; and that negotiations for the payment of in-demnity to the dead man's family were progressing satisfactoril

WILL PUNISH PERPETRATORS thy Annulated Prom to Com Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23 .-The Brazilian Minister at Mexico City has received the apology on behalf of Zapata, Palafox also made a declaration that the men who killed McManus would be apprehended if possible and punished. The amount of indemnity, Secretary of State Bryan said, had not been determined

SEIZURE OF DACIA IS DECLARED VALID

American Vessel Now Goes Before French Prize Court for Another Decision.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Mar. 23 .- The commis-

FIFTY-SIX ARE DEAD GERMAN REPORT HEAVY TOLL OF AVALANCHE NEAR VANCOUVER, B. C.

Terrible Death Toll Result of Snow and Land Slide at Brittania Mine—Further Slides Are Feared

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 23.— Fifty-six dead and 22 injured is the latest official estimate of the casualties in the avalanche Sunday at midnight at the Brittania mine, It was not only a snowslide, but a landslide. A slice of the mountain overhanging the village came away and covered the buildings with many feet of rocks and snow Monday afternoon a second, but smaller slide occurred. Other slides

MANY KILLED AND 15,000 REF-UGEES IN DANGER

Christian Villages Plundered and Burned; Many Flee to Ameri-ican Mission for Protection

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—Reports

of plundering and murdering of Christians in Northern Persia are contained in a cablegram from Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, received today by the Persian War Relief Commit-The message says a number of villages were burned. Christian quarters of Urumiah were plundered and many people killed. port says that 15,000 refugees un-der the protection of the American mission are endangered.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS VICTORY WAS COMPLETE

Few Days Before the Final Sortie to Break Russian Lines Officers Encouraged Troops With Increased Rations

LOSS OF PRZEMYSL

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] BERLIN, Mar. 23.-The press of the German capital unites in paying tribute to the defense of Przemysl, which, it is declared, only hunger could subdue. At the same time there is no disposition to make light of the defeat.

IDy Associated Press to Coos Bay Times. PETROGRAD, Mar. 23 .- The official communication regarding Przemysl says: "During the last few days before the final sortle, the garrison received increased rations and the officers were instructed to explain to the troops that if they returned to the fortress an inglorious fate awaited them. The east-ern direction was chosen for the sortie as the line of least resistance, as well as because it led to a district where the Russians had large stores of arms and ammunition,

More than 20,000 men were ordered to participate in the sortie, but several units refused to move. Negotiations for Payment of Indem- Austrian communication says garrison returned to Przemysl cause it encountered overwhelming forces. In this connection is should be noted that the Russian forces near Przemysi were never large."

GERMAN VIEW OF 1T.

filly Associated Press to Coor Bay Times. BERLIN, Mar. 23,-The Lokal Anzeiger says: "We have no intention of minimizing the loss our drivstrong and a great fortress. It has shown its strength in its proud de-We mourn with our allies, its loss and the loss of the commander and the garrison who wen laurels and whose glory the cap-tivity cannot destroy."

Elect Trustee .- At a meeting of the creditors of William Schroeder, of Coquille, this morning in the office of Judge Schibrede, referee in bankruptcy, F. K. Gettins was elect-ed trustee, Mr. Schroeder formerly owned a jewelry store in the county seat. None of his creditors are local people and the greater share of them are from the south, in California. The assets are about \$1,700 and the li-abilities about \$3,500. Mr. Gettins will have the appraisment made at once , an inventory taken and then . will receive bids for the sale of the property, the proceeds to be distributed to the creditors pro rata.

Improvement .- C. pany's warehouse at that place.

Tremendous Gale in Dardanelles Holds Allies War ships at Their Anchorage

Enemy Strongholds Still Capable of Offering Stubborn Resistance

Teuton Troops Occupy Russian Town of Krottingen, Where Several Thousand Germans are Held As Hostages-All the People Freed

[By Associated Press to Cous gay Times.] BERLIN, Mar. 23 .- Wireless to

Sayville.) - The official report today of says; "Two French night attacks near Carency, northwest of Arras, were

In Champagne the Germans successfully blew up mines and re-pulsed a night attack north of

Beausejour, Minor French advances near Combres, Apremont and Flirey were without success. The attack against German positions northeast of Badonviller broke down.

Hostile aviators again threw bombs on Ostend, No damage to military establishments were sustained, but several Belgians were killed or injured.

Northwest of Verdun a French aviator was shot down and a French aircraft forced to land near Freiburg and the two occupants cap-

The Germans are pursuing the Russians who were driven Memel. The Germans occupied the

GERMANS AGAIN DRIVE INVAD- Colonel's remarks. ERS FROM FATHERLAND

Russians Continue Activity on the again, Offensive in Northern Poland think But Without any Important Results.

its predecessors. Berlin announces a trifle lato the other Port. and that the Germans are pursuing regular Fort taxes," he captured the Russian town of Krot- nizance of this, too,"

tingen. far as the day's dispatches show, of Coquille are about half a mill. their attacks were attended by no "But we have the money to star important results. Berlin asserts with and we're going right ahead." in progress for several months, the amount on hand,

Italy Prepares for War. Italy is preparing rapidly for A widening of the channel will whatever may result from the ne-also be made. At present the chan-gotiations with Austria, which are nel is 100 feet. This will be widgotiations with Austria, which are nel is 100 feet. important stage.

START FROM SEATTLE FOR POLAR REGION

SEATTLE, Mar. 23 .- The little power schooner Polar Bear, noted for its battles with the Arctic ice in previous years, sailed for the Polar Sea today under command of its owner, Capt. Louis Lane, who hopes to reach Banksland next sumand in addition to hunting trip, will seek Vilhit mur Stefansson and two companions, last heard from several years ago.

JAPANESE INQUIRY CRUISER PRESIDENT WILSON NOW WAITS ANSWER TO HIS NOTE

Points Involved Are Considered Im-portant Ones by This Govern-ment, But Not Necessarily

Serious

(By Associated Press to Coos Hay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23. President Wilson said today that the only definite thing that could be said at this time on the Japanese-Chinese negotiations was that United States had addressed an inquiry to Japan concerning her de-mands on China, When asked whether Tokio dispatches were cor-rect in saying the American government had inquired about "minor points," the President made it clear

of a minor character, UNITED STATES' ATTITUDE WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23.— Another dispatch from Tokio stating that the United States had approved Japan's explanation of the demands was brought to President RHEIMS AGAIN BOMBARDED Wilson's attention and he referred to it as unfounded, pointing out that the United States had neither approved nor disapproved, having in fact not received Japan's reply.

JUDGE WHO SENTENCED LEO FRANK, IS DEAD

Georgia Jurist Who Presided in Nation Famous Case Passes Away in New York Hospital Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Mar. 23.-Former Judge L. S. Roan, of Atlanta, who tried and sentenced Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan, he has been a patient since Febru-ary 26th. It is reported that death was due to cancer, but this the hospital authorities would not confirm or deny.

COLONEL ROSA STATES \$20,000 AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT.

Expresses Belief Port of Bandon Will Stand Before Supreme Court-To Widen Coquille River Channel.

Dredging on the lower Coquille Russian town of Krottingen, across the border from Memel and freed more than 3000 Germans, who had been dragged away from their homes by the Russians, Attacks made by Russians on both sides of the Orzyc Russians on both sides of the Orzyc River, in Russian Poland, have been repulsed."

will be made and the ect for a 10-foot channel to Coquille fact that the life of the Port of Bandon is threatened in the Supreme Court where it comes for a rehearing April 12, according to Colonel R. H. Rosa, president of the Port, who arrived here last events and the pardameters. the Port, who arrived here last evening. He declares there is in all terranean through the Dardanelles, about \$20,000 now available and the second concerns the equilibrium hat the dredge Scattle will be of the Balkans, and the third the

the belief that the Port will win its ern Mediterranean. case in the higher court marked the Coionel's remarks. "We beat them out of the solution of such probfair and square the first time," he lems unless it is satisfied to see said, "and I think we can do it not only the powers of the triple again. There is only one point I entente settle these affairs according think the court can get us on and to their interests, but also the small that is regarding the watershed, but and They say we take in part of the Greece.' [By Associated Press to Coss Bay Times.]

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The latest tion lines this can't be helped, the Russian invasion of Germany is said same way does the Port of Coos Bay to have met with the same fate as at the head of Isthmus Inlet run

that the Russian forces which cap- "it seems to me that a lot of tured Memel have been driven back people are trying to get out of them across the border and have "and I think the court will take cog-He explain ed that the taxes of the Port The Russians are still on the of- Bandon amount this year to three fensive in Northern Poland, but as mills, while the taxes of the Port "But we have the money to start

the Russians were driven back in Last year the government approprievery instance. Apart from a few ated \$6000 for waterway maintensmall movements, such as have been ance. This year there is a like Not a dollar of initiative in France and Belgium yes- this has been touched. The project terday was left to the airmen, Avia- is to dredge the main channel of tors of the Allies attacked Ostend the Coquilie at least 11 feet deep and German aeroplanes dropped at low tide to the Prosper mills, bombs on Rheims. three miles, and from there to Coquilie, with a 10-foot depth.

now reported as having reached an ened to 180 feet as far as Prosper and from there range down to 150 feet in width at Coquille.

Should the Supreme Court allow the Port of Bandon to stand there for \$75.43. be no bonding this year, Colonel Rosa. He believes that a three mill tax next year will raise all the money necessary for improve-

ment at this time. The dredge Scattle is not scheduled to finish here until about April 15. The Port case is in the higher court on April 12, and will probably be settled, according to R. E. Miller. superintendent of the Puget Sound submitted a statement for \$45.20 a-Bridge and Dredging Company, before they are ready to move the dredge and outfit to the south.

Poligs Look For Man .- The police were today notified to be on the lookout for a man named Al Cummings who, it is claimed by the officers at Equinoxial Storm.—According to North Bend, has been working in worlds Almanae the sun crossed some of the railroad camps and is

British Vessel Seizes American Steamer Off the Coast of Scotland

that he did not consider the points American Officers Deprived of Command by Men From **Auxiliary Cruiser**

USE AGAINST SUBMARINE

British Officers Who Boarded Ship Declared Intention of Ramming German Submarine With American Vessel is Opportunity Offered.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] BERLIN, Mar. 23 .- (Wireless to Sayville.)—The Overseas News Agency says: "Captain Hannsen and First Officer Janssen, both American citizens, of the American steamer Olsson, while northward of Scotland on a voyage from Havana to Bremen, were deprived of command died here today at the hospital where he has been a patient since February 26th. It is reported that death ary 26th. their intention of sinking a German submarine, if opportunity presented, by ramming it with the American

SAYS ITALY CANNOT STAY NEUTRAL MUCH LONGER

Italian Newspaper Close to the Government, Says Situation Demands Intervention.

ROME, March 23.—The Giornale d'Italia, which, although it is not the official government organ, represents the political majority sup-porting the cabinet, in an editorial

partition of Asiatic Turkey. brought there in April.

Optomism and the expression of affects the equilibrium of the East-

but audacious and resolute nation,

JOE AND ARTHUR COACH PRES-SED FOR MONEY

Actions Addressed Against Coach Timber Company for Orders Liquor and Cigars

Liquor and cigar bilis amounting to a small fortune have been filed against Joe Coach and Arthur Coach for collection through the justice court. These are bills that are alleged to have seen accumulated by the Coach brothers while they were in the saloon business in Bandon.

W. Hoelscher and Company in one complaint ask \$70.08 of Arthur Coach and attach the shares of the Coach Timber Company through Mrs. Leo J. Cary, sister of Arthur Coach who was appointed his guardian some time ago waen it was shown in the county court toat he was spending his money too freely.

Another bill is filed by the same company against Joe Coach, this one

The H. L. Judell Company, a tobacco firm, state that there is due them from Joe and Arthur Coach for cigars, \$70 and in a separate bill the same company asks \$30 of Joe Coach, all of these requests being in the form of suits against the Coach

Timber Company. For auto repairs George Goodrum submitted a statement for \$45.20 of

gainst Joe Coach, CONTRABAND AMMUNITION

Steamer Finland Datained In Italian Port and Search Reveals Violation of Neutrality Laws [By Associated Press to Coos May Times.]

NAPLES, Mar. 23 .- Contraband the Equinox on March 21 and the known to be carrying about with him ammunition was found account the weather prophets tell us that the bogus checks though, as far as known steamer Finland, from New York, by lowering clowds presage the equinox- no attempt has been made by him to Custom officials here, according to