

ENGINEER HOOD INSPECTS LINE

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He said that within a very short time, possibly two weeks, the big span of the Siuslaw bridge will be swinging and the structure entirely completed. This will allow the bringing down of ballast from Eugene.

Trestling holds up part of the work on Lake Takenitch. With good weather this ought to be completed very shortly and the line extended as far as Smith River and to the Umpqua about March 15.

Mr. Hood said that he is not certain the company will "shoo-fly" about the Umpqua bridge for early train service.

Open Line Soon As Possible

He explained the reason why. "There are fairly good sized boats going up and down the Umpqua river and for this reason we have to keep the draw open for them. This means that we are not able to lay temporary trestling clear across the river as we did on the Siuslaw.

"To be able to shoo-fly, this being a temporary structure carrying a track, the main draw span would have to be completed and the bridge working. Also at least one span on each side of the draw will have to be finished.

"Now if this is done and we find that the remainder of the bridge has not been entirely finished by that time, there is a strong possibility, the shoo-fly, will be put up so that train service can be opened into Coos Bay as soon as possible."

"We understand here that the company intends to open this line just as soon as possible. Is this true?"

Weather Delays Construction

"It most certainly is," declared Mr. Hood. "This is our object. Everything now depends much on the weather that we get. During a seige like this we are able to do but little in the way of construction.

The chief engineer keeps well in touch with the progress of work along the Willamette Pacific. He said that he had made a flying trip in here not a great while ago, coming as far as the North Bend bridge, and then back again to Eugene.

Professes Ignorance

As to the road now building from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Mr. Hood professed ignorance.

"That isn't our line, you know, and so I know nothing about it but what I see in the newspapers. This work is in charge of John Twoby, of the well known Twoby Bros. contracting firm, one of the largest in the west.

Time and time again the assertion has been made that this line will eventually be taken under the wing of the Southern Pacific, no other reason being given for the existence of a private line out to Crescent City.

May Unmerge Companies

At the present time there is a suit in the Supreme Court to unmerge the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific. The latter company owns the line from the California border down the Sacramento Valley to San Francisco. If the companies are unmerged, it is declared on good authority that the S. P. will immediately start its steel down the coast from Coos Bay to Eureka, it being the policy of the company not to lease the lines of another concern.

As to this, of course, Mr. Hood had nothing to say. Today was spent by the party in looking over the local lines and conferring with the officials here and tomorrow they intend to leave again for Eureka.

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HUERTA DIES ON FOREIGN SOIL

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landed at Vera Cruz in force and occupied the city after some street fighting in which a number of Americans were killed.

Mediation Proposed

Shortly afterwards a mediation proposal was made by Argentina, Brazil and Chile and accepted. Conferences were held at Niagara Falls but brought no decisive result.

Matters dragged along until July 7 when Huerta, his finances exhausted, his army thoroughly beaten and disorganized, his enemies growing steadily stronger, presented his resignation to the Mexican Congress. He sailed from Puerto Mexico, a few days later on the German cruiser Dresden and after a short stay in Jamaica, chartered a steamer and set out for Spain. On November 23 President Wilson ordered the evacuation of Vera Cruz.

Comes to America

On March 3, 1915 General Huerta left Spain ostensibly for Buenos Aires. He disembarked at Algeciras, Morocco, and early in April boarded a steamer for New York declaring he was coming to this country simply on a pleasure trip. After remaining in New York for some time he started west with the announced intention of visiting the San Francisco Panama Exposition. On June 27 he was arrested by secret service agents at Newman, N. M., on a charge of conspiring to incite a revolution against a friendly country. He was released on bond but was rearrested by secret service men at El Paso on July 3 when apparently planning to cross the border.

Let Out of Jail

Huerta remained in jail until December 28 when he was permitted to be removed to his home in El Paso on account of the serious nature of his illness.

During Huerta's stay in America numerous stories were circulated from various sources asserting that he was being backed by German agents in a plot to embroil this country with Mexico. These stories were officially denied by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, by statements by federal officials that Franz von Rintelen, a German agent had spent large sums of money endeavoring to cause disturbances on the Mexican border.

Professional Soldiers

General Victoriano Huerta was a professional soldier, and as such he had, up to the overthrow of President Francisco Madero, been known for his loyal support of the existing governments. He fought loyally for President Porfirio Diaz until his fall, and when Diaz was no longer chief executive, Huerta fought for Francisco de la Barra, the Provisional President. After Francisco Madero was elected Huerta found it to be his duty to support one who had so long fought as a rebel. His loyalty was not challenged until the Felix Diaz revolution in Mexico City in February 1913 when the Madero government was completely overthrown and Huerta himself elevated to the presidency.

Huerta devoted himself to the military career at a very early age. Born at Chihuahua in 1854, he entered the Military Academy of Chapultepec at the age of 17 and passed through the full course to graduation in 1875, when he was commissioned second lieutenant of engineers.

BURIAL IN MEXICO

According to the family, when tranquility in Mexico is assured, the body will be taken to Mexico City for burial. Hundreds of exiles of his party, some of whom came from a long distance in the hope of bidding him farewell before his death, viewed the remains.

HUERTA EXPENSIVE

COSTLY TO GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF INDICTMENT

Shadowing Former Dictator and Bringing Charge Created an Expense of \$25,000

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 14.—The United States court officials estimate today that the indictment of the late General Huerta and the 11 other men on charges of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws had cost the government \$25,000. This included the cost of shadowing the former dictator from the time of his arrival in the United States from Spain.

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SAILOR IS INJURED

MAN ON FIFIELD HURT ON RECENT TRIP

Crew Has Thrilling Experience When Vessel Crosses the Coquille River Bar

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Jan. 14.—Chas. Peterson, a sailor on the steamer Fifield, was injured, and several others of the crew had a thrilling experience when the vessel crossed out over the bar of the Coquille river on the last trip from Bandon. The story is told as follows in the Bandon Recorder:

The bar, with perhaps one or two exceptions was the roughest over which the Kihyam ever took a tow. After the preliminary sounding Captain Johnson reported sixteen feet of water but a very rough bar and recommended no trip that day. But Captain Bakman of the Fifield was newly in charge and anxious to make time. There was plenty of water and the tide still rising. It was not absolutely dangerous and he urged the trip.

Sea Washed Boats

It was a memorable experience for both vessels. Sea and sea drenched the deck of the tug and nearly as fast as it could gather momentum the incoming big ones would halt it again.

Three men were handling the wheel of the Fifield although two could only work at a time. The vessel sheared with a breaker, the wheel slipped the grasp of the men and spun like a top.

Was Thrown Down

The shock threw Peterson down. He fell with his left arm toward the wheel, grasping wildly at something to keep from falling. His hand came in contact with the wheel and was carried to where the lower half turns through a slot in the pilot house floor. His fingers were literally broken on the wheel, the central bone of four fingers being broken. His wrist struck against the edges of the slot and was cut on both sides to the bone exposing the tendons.

Gets Out Quickly

Others quickly sprang to the wheel and soon the boat was safely over. The injured arm and fingers were bandaged and a band tied around the arm to stop the flow of blood. It was seen that if medical skill could not be reached the man would bleed to death.

Transferred to Tug

The Fifield must either return to port or the man be passed on to the tug. The Kihyam volunteered to take him if he could be transferred in the open sea. Peterson and a crew of five men were put in one of the Fifield's boats and it was lowered. With considerable maneuvering the boat got to the lee of the Kihyam and a couple of men waiting, hauled Peterson on board. He was taken to the engine room of the tug and as his arm was still bleeding another bandage was tied around the arm above the elbow.

The tug had a hard time on the return trip but made it without accident.

Had Hard Time

But the five men in the Fifield's boat had a hard time before they regained that vessel. The sea was very heavy and the farther out they went the worse it was. The wind was strong from the southwest. The Fifield could not turn around nor stop and heading to the south was slowly blown to the north. Finally after an hour's desperate work the boat's crew got their line to the outer buoy and there the Fifield picked it up and pulled the boat on board.

Is Recovering

Peterson is recovering from the effects of his wounds and will be able to go to San Francisco when the Fifield returns from San Diego.

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SELLS CEREAL CROP

RUMANIA FINDS MARKET WITH THE CENTRAL POWERS

Reasonable Prices are Charged and This is the Only Market Open to Products of Country

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VIENNA, Jan. 13.—Rumania has sold to the Central Powers 50,000 carloads of cereals, mostly wheat, Indian corn and navy beans. The sale, unlike some others which preceded it, has been made at a reasonable market price, and no special inducements were offered, nor will it be necessary this time to engage in the wholesale bribing of Rumanian government and railroad officials to get the purchases out of the country.

Only One Market

Rumania was obliged to sell to the Central Powers because she cannot sell to anybody else. The closing of the Dardanelles has locked the gate to other markets, and Russia, the only other Entente power with whom Rumania now has physical contact, is not in the market for Rumanian cereals. So long as Serbia was still a fact and a neighbor, Rumania was able to ship some of her foodstuffs to Saloniki from where they could be reached by Entente and neutral consumers. Now this route is closed.

With the conquest of Serbia the Central Powers have gained a great economic advantage. Rumania must sell to them, if she does not want to have her crops rot on her hands, and what is considered just as important here, must sell on terms more favorable to Germany and Austria-Hungary than she has in the past.

Sells to Bulgaria

But in addition to selling to the two empires, Rumania is also exporting much food to Bulgaria and even to Turkey in Europe. Though there is a large supply of wheat, barley and other grains in Anatolia and Syria, Constantinople has not been able to reach these easily, owing to limited railroad transport facilities. Rumanian flour being more accessible right now than Anatolian unmilled grain, the city administration of Constantinople has just concluded a contract for a large quantity of flour, which Rumania is to supply, the first deliveries being equal to about 2000 carloads. Much of this has already been rushed south via the new Eastern Bulgarian through route.

JAP AT PEKIN IS

TRANSFERRED TO MUKDEN

First Secretary of Legation At Chinese Capital Will Now Become A Consul General

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PEKING, Jan. 14.—Yukichi Obata, the first secretary of the Japanese Legation, will leave Peking in a few weeks preparatory to taking up the post of consul-general at Mukden. Mr. Obata has been in charge of Japanese affairs in China for many months. Mr. Hoki has just returned from a long vacation in Japan. During the Japanese-Chinese negotiations last spring concerning the twenty-one demands, Mr. Obata was Mr. Hoki's able lieutenant, and is regarded by Chinese officials as a forceful and effective diplomat. His transfer to Mukden is a decided promotion.

That important railway junction point in Manchuria is the center of much friction between the Chinese and the Japanese. The Japanese section of Mukden is a new section adjoining the railway station and is still in an embryonic state. The Japanese have built many modern structures in that portion of the city for the use of banks, railway offices and Japanese industries. However the Chinese have steadfastly held aloof from the new city and clung to the ancient Manchurian settlement several miles away from the Japanese portion and from the railway station.

Mr. Obata was educated at the Imperial University in Tokio, and served as Japanese consul at Tientsin before coming to the Legation in Peking. While acting as chargé d'affaires in October of this year, he was the spokesman for the Entente powers when the request was presented to the Chinese government that it postpone the monarchal movement lest the peace of the Orient be affected by the abandonment of the republic at this time.

THE DALLES—William Coffey, who says he is 21 years of age and Zelma Romine, aged 15, who ran away from her home at Vancouver, Washington, managed to get married in this city by swearing that both were of age.

SALEM—Governor Boyl's, of Nevada, has asked that Oregon send a representative to the conference to be held in that state for the purpose of considering plans for stamping out the rabies.

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LONDON WILL HAVE PALACE OF INDUSTRIES

Big Building to be Erected as Place For Holding Great Trade Exposition

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Ground has been broken here for a huge new permanent exhibition building to be known as the Palace of Industry. The building, located at Willesden Green, about six miles distant from the center of the city, will cover an area of 610,000 square feet, nearly four times the size of any similar building in London. It will be opened early in 1917 with an exhibition known as the "Industries of the Empire Fair," which is planned to be "the greatest trade exhibition ever organized." The Fair will be under the cooperative auspices of all the principal trade organizations of the British Empire, and over 3,000 exhibitors representing seventy distinct lines of business have already applied for space. The frontage of the stall will aggregate twelve miles in length. It is to be solely a display of British goods, no foreign exhibits whatever being allowed.

DO AWAY WITH SWORD FOR GERMAN OFFICERS

Instead They Will Carry Short Knife Which Will Be Much More Convenient

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The officer's sword, whose usefulness has long since vanished and whose sole remaining function was to trip it wearer up at inopportune times, is now to disappear officially at the German front. The Emperor has just issued an order permitting officers at the front, with the exception of the commanders of large detachments and staff officers, to wear a short knife or bayonet. The order approves a custom which had already established itself with the tacit acquiescence of the military authorities.

PLAN FOR TRADE AFTER WAR CLOSES

British Will Hold Important Conference to Decide Upon A Program to Follow

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Jan. 13.—An important conference will be held in London in January to discuss proposals dealing with British trade after the war to prepare a program to be laid before the government in the name of the British chamber of commerce. The object of the conference will be to form an offensive and defensive commercial alliance of the Entente Powers against Germany and her allies. The conference will be attended by representatives of all the chambers of commerce throughout the United Kingdom and it is thought that as a result of the deliberations then held, the future commercial policy of the country will be formulated.

Although the questions of post-bellum rehabilitation have occupied trade circles for some time and been frequently discussed informally, the first expression of government opinion was made by Mr. Asquith in a recent meeting of parliament, when he stated that present preoccupation in the endeavor to secure victory ought not to prevent the taking of measures to insure the proper consideration of economic, social and financial problems which will arise after the war. The chamber of commerce insists that business men in trade should immediately begin investigations and that a defined trade policy should be evolved as soon as possible, or at least long before the war is over, so that a basis may be prepared for a commercial alliance with the Entente Powers which shall become operative the day that peace is signed.

HOLLAND ADVANCES WOMAN SUFFRAGE

A Bill Making It Possible Has Been Introduced in the Parliament

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

THE HAGUE, Jan. 14.—Woman's suffrage has been made an essential part of the government's program in Holland. A bill making suffrage possible through an amendment of the Constitutional law of the Netherlands, has just been brought into Parliament.

The bill involves also other changes in the organic law. It proposes to extend the right of voting to all male citizens who have reached the age of 23 and are not excluded by certain disabilities, "and also to female citizens who have reached the same age."

It is stated that the passage of the bills will not of itself bring suffrage into being, but will only pave the way for it. A further revision of of the existing Electoral law will then be in order, putting into effect the principle thus embodied in the Constitution.

The new Constitutional amendment also introduces proportional representation in the different representative bodies, the Second Chamber or House of Representatives, the Provincial Councils, and the Municipal Councils. The members of the Senate, or First Chamber, are elected by the different Provincial Councils.

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