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FULL TIME AT SMITH MILLS

May Go to Six-day Shift This Week and Work at Full Capacity Soon

WILL BE BIG HELP

New Logging Equipment Will Also Mean More Men in Smith-Powers Camps

C. A. SMITH COMING HERE

Expected to Come on Adeline Smith Today but Was Delayed There—General Conditions Improving—Mr. Johnson Active

The C. A. Smith company mills on Coos Bay will soon be put on the full six-day shift. It is possible that the two plants may go on the full shift this week but this has not been officially announced.

Improved conditions in the lumber market and increased demand are the two factors resulting in this improved weather conditions and additional equipment for the Smith-Powers company, permitting it to meet the demand for logs, are bringing about the full time schedule more quickly than was expected.

For several months, the Smith-Powers logging company has been handicapped by lack of additional railway steel and camp equipment, making the delivery of logs difficult. However, during the past week, the camps at Powers alone have been delivering upwards of 700,000 feet of logs per day and with the additional facilities this can be considerably increased within a short time. Part of the new equipment has already arrived.

C. A. Smith Due Here C. A. Smith is personally expected to visit the Bay within a short time. In fact he had been expected to arrive here on the Adeline Smith today but was delayed at the last moment. He may be here on the Adeline the last of the week.

Johnson More Active Mr. Johnson, a member of the Creditors' Committee which has been assisting C. A. Smith with the company's affairs, will soon take a more active part in the work, according to a report reaching here from San Francisco. Mr. Johnson is an experienced lumberman and his assistance will be of much value at this time.

The proposed transfer of the Alsea Bay and Redwood holdings of the Smith company to the Peole Mortgage Syndicate March 1 will, it is understood tend to rapidly clear up the financial affairs of the company. It is stated that the negotiations which have been on for some time to charter the Nann Smith for a trip by the Orient have not been closed, despite reports to the contrary. The San Francisco papers early last week printed a report that G. W. McNear & Co. had chartered the Nann for a trip to take a cargo from San Francisco April 1 to Japan and China and bring back an Oriental cargo.

However, with the company's mills going on full schedule, it is not believed that the charter will be permitted as the Nann can handle lumber much more cheaply than the smaller steam schooners that would have to take her place.

PROBES COMPLAINT AGAINST F. P. NORTON

County Roadmaster Murdock was here Saturday night investigating complaints that have been made to him and the county court regarding the work of F. P. Norton as roadmaster of the Marshfield district. Most of the complaints are based on the slowness with which Mr. Norton has been removing the slides that block the road to Flaxstaff. Mr. Murdock will try and have a larger crew of men put on the work at once and the trouble removed.

LINE NEARLY DONE FOR NAVAL BASE NEAR ASTORIA

WESTERN UNION TO OPEN SERVICE VIA RAILWAY IN 10 DAYS

Commercial Superintendent E. Boening of Seattle Here—Will Open New Offices

SAYS PROSPERITY IS BEING FELT HERE

E. Boening, commercial superintendent of the Western Union with headquarters at Seattle, who has been here the last few days, says that the Pacific Northwest is now on the verge of an era of prosperity such as it has never known before. He declares that in the past few weeks the Western Union business in his district has increased 25 per cent and he says this is always a barometer of business conditions. Reports from the East and Middle West show that the westward trend of prosperity has been gradually westward and that it is well founded.

E. Boening, commercial superintendent of the Western Union in the Pacific Northwest, left this morning overland for home after looking after some details of the company's business here. Before leaving, he stated that the company would "cut over" from the old line to Roseburg via the Coos Bay Wagon road to the new line via the Coos Bay-Eugene railroad within ten days or two weeks. It is expected that the new line will mean the elimination of the wire troubles that Coos Bay has experienced so frequently in years gone by. However, slides along the new line may bother some during the next twelve months, Mr. Boening said.

Open New Offices

Mr. Boening came down to try and get the \$177 due his company from the North Bend Tide, which recently suspended, and was promised by some North Bend business men who are trying to aid in reviving the publication that it would be paid. Mr. Boening said that he expected an office would be opened in North Bend. W. C. Wray, in charge of the Palace hotel there, will probably be appointed agent for the company there.

At Coquille, Myrtle Point and Powers, the agents of the railroad will act as agents of the Western Union. Mr. Boening said that he would soon decide whether the company would extend its lines to Bandon and open an office there.

While here he made arrangements with President Hall of the Coos & Curry Telephone company to use its poles between Marshfield and North Bend to hook up with the new line via Eugene.

COOS BAY IN LEAD

SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER FOR FIRST HALF FEB. FAR EXCEED

Receipts at San Francisco From Here Almost Double Those of Any Other District Along Coast

With Coos Bay in the lead the following figures show the amount of lumber received from each of the Pacific coast ports at San Francisco Bay for the first half of the month of February:

Table with columns for Lumber Type (Fir and Spruce, Redwood) and Amount (e.g., Aberdeen 700,000, Bandon 725,000, Coos Bay 6,000,000, etc.)

FOR NAVAL BASE NEAR ASTORIA

Senator Lane Asks \$3,000,000 Appropriation for New Coast Defense Station

BILL IS INTRODUCED

Provides for Purchase of Site and Preliminary Work on Columbia River

NEW ARMY BILL DRAFT

Provides for Federalizing National Guard, Increasing Standing Army and Other Preparatory Features

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Senator Lane, of Oregon, today introduced a bill to appropriate \$3,000,000 to acquire a naval base site on the Columbia River near Astoria. The new army reorganization bill, federalizing the National Guard, increasing the regular army to 134,000 men, doubling the field artillery, creating four squadrons of aircraft and an entirely new corps of cadets from colleges having military training, was agreed upon tentatively today by the House military committee.

The committee authorized Chairman Hay to draft the bill and have it ready for the committee next Wednesday or Thursday. The National Guard provision will be one of the most notable features. The committee agreed that Congress has the right to take over the National Guard by Legislative enactment.

FLOOD DANGER BIG

MISSISSIPPI LEVEES BREAK NEAR NEW ORLEANS

Four Steamers and Many Small Boats Engaged in Rescuing Citizens—Bad Near Catastrophe

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—With four steamers and numerous flat boats engaged in rescue work, reports from the district flooded by the Mississippi levee break at Buckridge were more optimistic. Two steamers loaded with refugees reached Natchez today from the neighborhood of Newellton. Water from the constantly widening crevasse was reported rapidly covering Tenas, Concord, Franklin and Catahoula parishes.

FIRST QUAKER DIES IN PENNSYLVANIA CHAIR

Roland S. Pennington and Geo. H. March Executed at Bellefont Today for Pinkerton Murder

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BELLEFONT, Pa., Feb. 21.—Roland S. Pennington and George H. March were today electrocuted at the penitentiary here for the murder of S. Lewis Pinkerton. Pennington is said to have been the first person of Quaker extraction to suffer the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

COOS COUNTY MAN GIVEN FULL PARDON

John H. Wright, Pardoned Two Years Ago on Sentence of Obtaining Money Falsely, Gets Rights

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—To John H. Wright Governor Withycombe granted a full pardon, and restored him to citizenship, Wright, who was serving a sentence of one to five years for obtaining money by false pretenses, was paroled two years ago. He was from Coos County.

BUY BARK CALLAO

G. W. McNear & Co. Take Over Peruvian Vessel Today (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Peruvian bark Callao has been purchased by Geo. W. McNear, Inc. of San Francisco. It was announced today. She will be placed under American register and operated out of San Francisco to Pacific ports.

TICHENOR WILL RUN FOR NAVAL BASE NEAR ASTORIA

PORT ORFORD MAN TO SEEK JOINT REPRESENTATIVESHIP

Grandson of First Settler of Curry County Metropolitan Files as Democratic Candidate

(Special to The Times.) PORT ORFORD, Ore., Feb. 21.—Frank B. Tichenor will be a candidate for Joint Representative from Coos and Curry in the Democratic ticket. Mr. Tichenor is well known in the two counties.

Mr. Tichenor comes from pioneer parentage, Captain William Tichenor his grandfather, being the first settler of this section and represented this part of the state in the first session of the Oregon Legislature. Mr. Tichenor is a member of the Oregon Society Sons of the Revolution, a member of the Society of the War of 1812. His grandfather took an active part in the Mexican War, his father, J. B. Tichenor was a Civil War veteran; Frank himself was in the Spanish-American War.

Frank Tichenor was born at Port Orford 41 years ago and ever since he was old enough has been working for his home town. Mr. Tichenor is well known in Coos County, where he has spent his money without any reward, to advertise the county.

FIND MISSING GIRL

NELLIE JENSEN, OF COQUILLE, DISCOVERED AT COALEDO

Wandered Away From Home and Caused Much Worry—Second Time She Has Disappeared

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 21.—Nellie Jensen, the daughter of a rancher near here, was located by Sheriff Johnson at Coaledo today. She had been missing since last Sunday night and considerable alarm was felt as to her safety and many rumors were afloat.

Burt Johnson, who was with her early Sunday evening, was called on to explain, but he could shed no light and finally Sheriff Johnson found that the young woman had walked to Coaledo, arriving there at 2 o'clock last Monday morning and had since been staying with a friend. This is the second time she has wandered away and caused considerable worry. Her father, or rather step-father, is now away.

MISSING MAN HERE

MERLIN HELMER, OREGON CITY CONFECTIONER, IN CITY

Dropped Suddenly From Sight, Leaving Will Giving Title to Store to Employee, is Report

Merlin Helmer, until ten days ago proprietor of an Oregon City confectionery, and who suddenly dropped from sight leaving his business, is in Marshfield. He has been here for several days, staying at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Peter Scott, on Golden Avenue.

This morning he was away from home, having gone to North Bend looking for work in the shingle mill. According to the newspaper dispatches, Helmer a week ago Saturday gave over his will to Miss Laura Green, an employee in the store, and told her he would be dead the next day and dropped from sight. He had not been well. The will gave Miss Green title to the property.

Examination of the affairs showed that the concern was in a good financial condition. Helmer told Mrs. Scott that he had sold out his business in the north.

CARRANZA DEPARTS SPANISH MINISTER

Consul at Monterey Ousted From Country Because He Protested Against Priest's Treatment

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 21.—Spanish Consul at Monterey Ousted From here, following his reported departure by the Carranza authorities. Laguerre is said to have protested against the deportation of a priest and was given 24 hours within which to leave Mexico.

TIDE LAND SALE HELD ILLEGAL

U. S. Supreme Court Makes Important Ruling in California Case Today

SAN PEDRO APPEAL

Holds That State Authorities Had no Right to Transfer Waterfront Property

MAY AFFECT COOS BAY

Declares That Transfer of Land Either by Sale or Giving Away Was Null and Void—Oregon Situation Similar

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The U. S. Supreme court today upheld the claim of the State of California to the title of the so-called Phineas Banning tide land in the inner harbor of San Pedro. The decision affects every piece of tideland in California harbors. Attorney General Webb is upheld in the contention that the title to the tideland is vested in the state by virtue of sovereignty and any title given by the state is null and void because the state had no right to give away or sell these lands.

MAY AFFECT COOS BAY

Questions Involved in California Tideland Case Similar to Oregon's

The decision of the United States Supreme court in the California tideland case is of much interest on Coos Bay as the California case has been closely watched by many here. The decision is said to have a bearing all over Oregon and particularly on Coos Bay where the State of Oregon has disposed of large holdings to private individuals. The Port of Coos Bay some time ago was investigating the question but deferred until a decision was secured in the California case which has been in the courts for several years.

DRAFT MAN CAUGHT

I. ROSENBERG CAPTURED BY OFFICERS AT CRESCENT CITY

Deputy Sheriff Will Bring Him Back—Cashed \$450 Bogus Draft on Bank of Bandon

Officers have caught I. Rosenberg, the Coquille tailor who a few days ago cashed a bogus draft on the Bank of Bandon and escaped. He was found at Crescent City, according to a long distance message received yesterday by the local police from Sheriff Alf Johnson at Coquille. A deputy sheriff will at once be dispatched to the south.

Rosenberg was clever in his manipulation of the draft. He showed the bank officers his deposit book on the Bank of Cincinnati, purporting to have enough in the bank there to more than cover the draft. He was known up and down the Coquille river and had lived in Coquille three years and there was little question when the draft was cashed.

It went east and immediately came back, a few days ago, marked "no funds," and the warrant was immediately sworn out after Rosenberg had had a few days start.

Worked Logging Camps. Rosenberg was well known in the valley, especially in the logging camps, as he traveled about soliciting orders. Some time ago he was given a severe pummeling at one of the Smith-Powers camps near Powers, violating the company's order against peddlers soliciting work in the camps with the result that Foreman Grant kicked him out of the camp. Rosenberg also is alleged to have sent some bogus letters to Allan Todd of Marshfield, a competitor, with the result that Todd was sent on some "wild goose" chases to Coquille Valley points.

FIRE IN U. S. PLANT

EXPLOSIONS IN BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

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TAX IS VALID

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The U. S. Supreme court today upheld the corporation tax law as imposed upon the mining companies.

U. S. IMPATIENT EXPECT BATTLE

UNITED STATES WANTS IMMEDIATE REPLY TO BRITISH NOTE

Asks Quick Response Regarding Interference With Mails and Extension of English Law

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Secretary Lansing today asked the London foreign office for prompt replies to the American notes protesting against seizures of mails and against the application of the trading with the enemy act against American firms and interests.

AUSTRIA TO REPLY

Explanation of Attack on Tanker Petrolite Will Come Soon

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna cabled today that he presented the American note asking for an investigation and explanation of the attack on the American tanker Petrolite near Alexandria several weeks ago and had been promised a prompt reply. It was said at the State Department that the reply probably would give a basis for further negotiations.

DIVER ISSUE GRAVE

U. S. VIEWS SUBMARINE PLAN WITH APPREHENSION

Ambassador von Bernstorff Told That His Government Will be Expected to Keep Past Pledges

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The U. S. State Department officials said today that they consider the submarine issue with Germany still grave. They state that because of the Lusitania agreement, in the light of the newly announced submarine policy of the Germanic powers, contains no assurance for the future. Secretary Lansing has already told Ambassador von Bernstorff that assurances that previous declarations will not be abandoned in the new campaign are highly desirable.

NEED MORE MONEY

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ENGLAND CALLS HER YOUNGEST TO COLORS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 21.—A royal proclamation has been posted calling to the colors the recruits of Class One. They are to report before March 31. The class comprises the youngest recruits available, all bachelors who attained the age of 18 on August 15th last.

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ON WEST FRONT

Activities of Germans and Allies Indicate Momentous Developments Soon

MOVES STILL VEILED

Military Experts Unable to Fathom Strategy of Germans, French and English

ATTACK SUPPLY DEPOTS

Germans Claim English Defeated in Attack Along Yser Canal and French Claim Germans Defeated at Artois

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 21.—Repulse of the British hand grenade attack against the new German position on the Yser Canal, north of Ypres, was announced today by Berlin.

Paris reports the repulse of a German attack with grenades in the Artois district.

Raids on each other's supply depots were made by the French and German aeroplanes. Heavy fighting on the western front and increased activities on the other fronts indicate the beginning of a momentous development this spring and summer. As yet the strategy of neither side has been revealed.

In the East, Russian attacks on the Dvinsk front failed and minor advances elsewhere were repulsed, Berlin says.

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(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Russians have occupied the entire Lake Van district, the Turks retiring southward and even evacuating Bitlis, according to Petrograd dispatch.

In another wing, according to a dispatch, the Russian advance guards have arrived to within a short distance of Trebizond on the Black Sea.

GERMAN AIR RAID

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