

DON'T SAY "IT CAN'T BE DONE," THE CHANCES ARE YOU'LL FIND SOMEBODY DOING IT

A PAPER THAT BELIEVES IN THE BEST AND ALWAYS BOOSTS

Coos Bay Times

A CLEAN WHOLESOME NEWSPAPER FOR ALL SOUTHWEST OREGON HOMES

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WALRY OVER TIMBER DEALS

Gray and Lyon and Philip Buehner Syndicate After Same Properties

LET MANY OPTIONS

Buehner Said to Have Given Eastern Men an Option on His Simpson Option

LATTER GET ONE DIRECT

Deal of Timber in Four Townships at Head of Coos River Involved—May Mean Railroad From Bay to Sutherland Later

WALRY BETWEEN THE INTERESTS

of the Simpson holdings and the Merchant Estate, Menasha Lumber Co. and other properties on Coos River is becoming rather intense and is being watched eagerly by local parties as to what the developments will be.

THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE IDENTIFICATION

of the parties negotiating for the Merchant Estate tract, the 12,000 acres of the Menasha-Woodenwars Company's holdings and other tracts has been partly disclosed. The purchasers are an eastern syndicate and James Irving of St. Paul, for years closely identified with the Weyerhaeuser interests, and Messrs Gray and Lyon, the latter Chicago timber and timber brokers, are said to be the principal ones in the syndicate.

MR. GRAY WAS ON COOS BAY SOME TIME AGO

and is expected here again soon. Their cruises, headed by a steam named Henson, have been at work since then. A son of Mr. Irving was also on the Bay some time ago.

Options and More Options

According to the story of the developments in the negotiations, and which appears to be quite reliable, options on top of options and underneath options have resulted so far.

The Irving, Gray & Lyon syndicate, which is said to have made substantial payments on the Merchant and Menasha timber, are also said to hold an option on the option which Philip Buehner and others have on part of Simpson Lumber Company's holdings. This option will expire March 15.

Mr. Buehner's option on the Simpson holdings does not expire until April 1 and even then can be extended for a certain period, it is said. The Buehner option on the Simpson holdings includes about 25,000 acres of timber, the Porter mill and some other properties. The option price is \$100,000, some saying it is as low as sixty cents a thousand acre while others figure it is about \$1, but the latter probably includes the money being paid for the Porter mill and waterfront and the valuable interests that go with it.

Mr. Buehner and his son and Mr. Gray, a prominent and wealthy Coos Bay river logging operator, now have their cruise on the Simpson holdings about completed. The cruise has been under the direction of Mr. Buehner's son-in-law, Mr. Saylor.

Let Another Option

According to the story now told, Messrs. Irving, Gray and Lyons have secured an additional option on the Simpson Company's property, the latter being in case that Buehner does not purchase under the Buehner option expiring April 1. This latter option of the Irving people is said to include all of the Simpson holdings, instead of merely part, with the exception of a small tract in the South inlet country near Sunset Bay which L. J. Simpson desires to retain in connection with his Shore Acres property.

The total stumpage of the Simpson holdings in Coos county is said to be right around one billion feet of timber.

The object of the latter option of the Irving company is not quite clear.

After Big Tract

According to parties who have been closely following the negotiations, cruises, etc., the Irving, Gray and Lyons syndicate is apparently endeavoring to get all of the timber in four townships near the headwaters of Coos River. This solid tract would be immensely valuable in a few years with a continuation of the present boom in lumber and timber.

The Menasha tract of 12,000 acres

ENGLISH SHIP WITH 411 SUNK

Only 260 of Those on Board When Maloja Struck Mine Off Dover Are Saved

RESCUE SHIP LOST

British Tanker Empress of Fort William Goes to Bottom While Attempting Aid

MANY BODIES RECOVERED

Baby, Found Floating on Its Back, Among Those Rescued—Sunk Soon After Striking Mine in English Channel

FEAR 150 LOST IN DOVER DISASTER

DOVER, Feb. 28.—It is feared the death list from the sinking liner Maloja will be more than 150. The bodies continue to be washed ashore and 50 persons thus far have been accounted for. Up to mid-afternoon the number of known survivors was 260, of whom 64 are passengers.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Advices say that of the 119 passengers on the Maloja, 55 have not been definitely accounted for.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular and Oriental liner Maloja, which struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only 260 are known to have been saved.

The British tanker Empress, of Fort William, going to the rescue, struck another mine and also sank with the loss of one life.

The bodies of many Lascars of the crew of the Maloja were washed ashore, making a total of 47 bodies recovered.

Baby Is Rescued.

Among those rescued yesterday was a baby, warmly clad, found floating on its back. The child was discovered by a patrol boat and taken into the engine room. After being warmed, it smiled at the rescuers and seemed none the worse for its experience.

GERMAN STEAMER SEIZED BY RUSSIANS IS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamer Peshenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those aboard were saved. She was formerly the German steamer Erik Larsen, 1647 gross tons.

May Mean Railroad

Others who have followed developments in the matter say that the deal indicates another possibility—the realization of the long talked of road from Sutherland to tide water on Coos Bay. The Roach interests which are putting in the road at Sutherland and the mill there were also allied with the Weyerhaeuser interests. Mr. Irving is and consequently they link up the two propositions, especially when the bulk of the timber between the field in which the Irving syndicate is buying and that held by the Roach interests near Sutherland is owned directly by the Weyerhaeuser company.

The Sutherland-Coos Bay railroad has been surveyed once or twice and it is claimed that it has less mileage, an easier grade and is less costly to construct than any railroad project that has ever been figured out for Coos Bay. In addition to this, it taps the big area of valuable timber and much good ranch and dairy country.

Buehner Goes North

The field work of the cruise of the Buehner people of the Simpson company holdings was completed on Saturday. George R. Saylor and H. C. Buehner returned from Coos River, together with Philip Buehner they left today on the stage, returning to Portland.

Make Marshfield a City Beautiful

EVERY spring there is talk in Marshfield of a Clean-up Day or a Clean-up Week, but usually it ends in little more substantial than talk. "Words, words, words," said Hamlet. That's why The Times is desirous the present season to develop a practical plan that will produce results:

"A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds, How many weeds!"

The Times has received many compliments and some suggestions in the matter of inaugurating a genuine City Beautiful campaign that will accomplish something.

A prominent front street business man suggests that a man and team with a harrow be employed to drag the whole Mill Slough fill and sow it to oats, with which some grass seed might be mixed. The cost would be trifling and the transforming of the great ugly stretch into a vast green sward would add incalculably to the appearance of the city.

Another suggestion is that the city street commissioner visit property owners along streets where heavy cuts have been made and compel them to remove the dirt, which on account of slides, completely covers the sidewalks in many places.

Both these suggestions are excellent, but what is needed is some plan of systematic co-operation that will get results. Some effective method must be developed by which united effort will achieve what scattered individual work could not accomplish.

Cash Prizes For City Beautiful Essays

THE TIMES' suggestion has proven so popular that it has been decided to broaden the scope of the campaign and add some cash prizes for essays by school students.

Few cities possess as many natural advantages for the production of a beautiful city as does Marshfield. Anyone looking over the city from some elevated vantage point, cannot but be impressed with the natural beauty of the place. The slope from the shimmering waters of the bay back to the hills clad in their everlasting emerald presents a scene never to be forgotten. Even the artistic and poetic soul of Joaquin Miller was so touched with the beauty of the place that he said that "God had written a poem on Coos Bay and bound it in green and gold"

There are, however, many things that could be done from an aesthetic viewpoint. The planting of flowers and rosebushes in profusion is only one of many things that might be done.

Every day the boys and girls going to and from school see some object that is not only unbeautiful in itself, but also mars the entire view; every day in walking up and down the streets some new idea is suggested how the natural beauty of Marshfield might be enhanced.

That the boys and girls of the Marshfield schools are alive to the opportunity that their home city offers for the development of one of the beauty spots of the Pacific Coast is the firm conviction of The Times. To prove this

to be an unquestionable fact The Times offers to the boy or girl sending in the best idea of how to beautify Marshfield a cash prize of \$5.00. The second and third best answers will be awarded \$1.00 each.

These prizes are entirely independent of the other three prizes of a silver medal, and two six months' subscriptions offered to the general public.

The contest is open to all pupils of the Marshfield schools. At the close of the contest on March 15, a jury of three selected from among the men and women of Marshfield interested in civic development, will decide who are winners of the prizes.

The following are the regulations governing the contest: The essay to be submitted must not be more than 250 words in length and written legibly on one side of the paper only. The name of the author must be written on a separate slip of paper and pinned to the composition. Both will then be given a number in The Times office and the judges will not know the names of the writers. All essays submitted in this contest must be original and written by the pupil submitting it and not by any other person.

Here is the chance for the young people of Marshfield to do something of benefit for themselves and their city and at the same time earn a little money. It will be no small thing if at the end of the month when you receive your report card of the work at school, you are singled out as the one boy or girl in all Marshfield having advanced the most practical way of improving the city in which you live.

TWO U. S. FLEETS GERMAN NOTE EIGHT DIE ON SHIP

REAR ADMIRAL KNIGHT FAVORS BIGGEST NAVY IN 1925

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The U. S. Navy's general board's conception of the needs of the United States as a naval power were outlined to the House Naval Committee today by Rear Admiral Knight. In formulating the policy that the U. S. Navy should equal the strongest afloat by 1925, he said the board had in mind the establishment of two fleets, one in the Pacific powerful enough to overcome any enemy there and the other in the Atlantic, where it would be exceeded in strength only by the British fleet. The total force is slightly in excess of the British fleet, he said, would accomplish this purpose and insure the country against 99 out of a 100 possibilities of international complications.

MANY ARE LOST ON ITALIAN VESSEL

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the hospital ship Marechiaro near San Giovanni-di-Medua, Albania, is reported in a dispatch from Rome. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. It is reported that there were numerous victims.

DIAZ HEADS REVOLT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Confirmation of reports that General Felix Diaz left the United States for Mexico to start a new revolution were received today at the Department of Justice.

GERMAN NOTE TO U. S. FIRM

Kaiser Declares He Will Not Alter Plans for New Submarine Campaign Now

Declares America's Attitude Hitherto Has Indorsed Position Germany Takes

KEEP LUSITANIA PLEDGES

Points Out That No Stipulation in Negotiations Covered Armed Merchantmen—Can't Ask Commanders to Take Chances

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—In a note presented to Secretary Lansing today by Ambassador von Bernstorff, Germany assures the United States it has no intention of revoking the pledges given in the Lusitania case.

The note declares that the Government of Germany will no longer allow submarines to be made the object of attacks in violation of the principles of international law and that, therefore, the new instructions will not be postponed or modified.

Reviews Lusitania Promise

During the negotiations over the Lusitania, the note says, no mention was made of armed merchantmen, and that the United States in one of its notes on the Lusitania, specifies "unarmed merchantmen." Attention then is called to the assurances privately given, in which it is stated liners will not be sunk without warning, provided they do not offer resistance. Attention is also called to the statement of the American government in its notice to the Port authorities that the presence of armament on board merchant vessels creates the presumption that the vessel is armed for offense. It is stated a sub-

GERMANS CLAIM FRENCH BADLY DEFEATED AT MANY POINTS

GERMANS GAIN ON WEST FRONT

Berlin Claims Fresh Troops of Joffre Defeated Near Fort Douaumont

ADVANCE IN WOEVRE

Claim Decided Gains in Champagne and Capture of 1000 Men and Machine Guns

PARIS VERSION DIFFERENT

Claim to Have Repulsed Germans Near Village of Douaumont—Furious Fighting at Many Points Along Line

LONDON, Feb. 28.—In the Verdun region, fresh French reserves were exhausted in fruitless efforts against Fort Douaumont, Berlin announced today. The Germans advanced their lines further toward Bras and Vacherauville and made fresh gains in the Woivre district.

All the French troops are reported to have been driven from the Meuse peninsula. In the Champagne district the capture of Navarin farm is claimed by the Germans. French positions on both sides of the farm, over a front of 1600 yards, were taken. More than 1000 men and nine machine guns were captured.

Report from Paris

Paris says the Germans by a surprise attack entered certain advance trenches near the Navarin farm. In the region north of Verdun, Paris announces the bombardment continues with intensity. Germans yesterday evening made several attempts to capture the village of Douaumont. The efforts were broken by the resistance of French troops, who withstood the most furious assaults. In the Woivre district the Germans assumed greater activity. The railroad station at Eix, after changing hands several times, finally remained in French possession. The German attack against positions at Manheulles failed.

Near to Paris

The new movement in Champagne is on the front much nearer Paris than the scene of the operations against Verdun, the former front being approximately 100 miles from Paris, while Verdun is roughly 140 miles.

WHEAT DROPS FIVE CENTS AGAIN TODAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Unanimous over the strained relations between Germany and the United States cut down the price of wheat today five cents a bushel.

PLAN TO REPEAL FREE SUGAR CLAUSE IN TARIFF

House Committee Unanimously Favours Measure to Be Submitted to Congress Thursday

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—A favorable vote on the administration's bill to repeal the free sugar clause in the tariff law, which would become operative May 1, was authorized today by a unanimous vote of the house ways and means committee. The bill will be brought up Thursday.

LIEUT.-GOV. ESHLEMAN OF CALIFORNIA DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Governor John M. Eshleman died of a hemorrhage this morning at Indio, Riverside County. He was taken from the train there and died soon afterwards. He returned recently from Washington where he appeared for California interests.

GERMANY PORTUGUESE TO HOSTAGES

Berlin, Feb. 28.—(Wireless via Sayville.)—Germany has addressed a sharp note to Portugal in protest against the seizure of the German merchant vessels by the Portuguese authorities.

GERMANS ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF ADDITIONAL POINTS NEAR NOTED FORTRESS OF VERDUN

Miles of railroad line had to be repaired in order to make possible the transportation of heavy cannon to within range.

ENGLISH VIEW OF IT

In the plain of Woivre, the Germans steadily are pushing the French back towards their base of Cote Lorraine.

GERMANS ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF ADDITIONAL POINTS NEAR NOTED FORTRESS OF VERDUN

French telephone lines of communication had to be destroyed in order to prevent the French artillery from interfering with the setting up of the heavy pieces.