



## APPLICANTS FOR LAND

### Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant.

### HAVE A RIGHT TO BUY

### Eighty-Six Applicants Have Commenced Suit in the United States Circuit Court.

### AGAINST PRESENT POSSESSOR

### Southern Oregon Company Holds 92,000 Acres and Its Chief Stockholders Are Residents of New York and Boston—Applicants Want the Land

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Contending that the applicants for the land of the Coos Bay wagon road grant should have a right to buy land in 160 acre tracts at a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre, 86 applicants have commenced suit in the United States circuit court against the present possessor of the land which is the Southern Oregon Company whose chief stockholders reside in New York and Boston. The applicants want 17,000 of 92,000 acres held by the company.

### "IT IS SIMPLY FICTION."

### Lincoln Steffens in Magazine Article Romance About Harvey W. Scott.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—In the March number of the American magazine is an article by Lincoln Steffens on Oregon affairs, wherein he gives the text of a telegram said to have been written by H. W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, and sent by W. M. Ladd to Jonathan Bourne at Salem during the Oregon senatorial campaign in 1903. Mr. Scott is declared to have made offers of various kinds to Mr. Bourne in consideration of Mr. Bourne's support of Mr. Scott for Senator.

The Oregonian tomorrow will say editorially: "It is simply fiction. This so-called agreement, alleged to have been written by Mr. Scott, was not written by him nor dictated by him, nor ever seen by him till now. It never existed. It is a fabrication by somebody and a sheer forgery. It follows, of course, that it was not 'wired' to Salem on the last night of the session, or at any time, by Mr. Ladd, or by anyone else, and Mr. Ladd, moreover, never saw it till it was shown him in this magazine article."

### UNEXPECTED DEATHS.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Just how near unexpected death lurks in the metropolis and obversely how difficult it may be to find it was never more theatrically illustrated than in several surprising happenings this week calculated to instill into even the average person a certain amount of respect for the eastern proverb "Unto every man his death appointed time." On one morning was chronicled the strange death of Martin Seaks, who suffering from a chapped face had purchased a bottle of lotion which he rubbed on at retiring. Rising in the night to get a drink he struck a match. That was his last conscious act for his face immediately took fire and he was so badly burned that he died a few hours later. For him death lurked in the innocent seeming lotion. The following day came the third unsuccessful attempt

of "Iron Jack" Grant, an ex-pugilist, to kill himself. Grant jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge into the water nearly 150 feet below missing a tug and an ice float by only a few inches. The net result of his efforts was not what he expected death but just one black eye. Previously Grant, who seems to deserve the appellation of "Iron Jack" had attempted suicide by drinking laudanum and severing the arteries in both his arms. Any one of his three efforts ordinarily should have proved fatal, but he has now decided that death isn't so easy after all and that he will have to wait his turn.

### FLEET INVITED.

### Australia Invites the Fleet to go Home by Their Country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The interesting and important news of the movements of the American battleship fleet was made public at the conclusion of a cabinet meeting tonight. A most cordial invitation was received from the Australian government, asking that the fleet or portion of the fleet visit that country. After expressing the appreciation of the invitation Secretary Metcalf said: "The eventual movements of our fleet have not been determined. While it is possible that the vessels will return by way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route but it would be premature to promise this."

## ALL MAIL HELD UP

### Postmaster General Orders Mail for Syndicate Held Up.

### IS USING TILLMAN'S NAME

### The St. Paul-Pacific Timber Syndicate and Its President, Byron R. Dorr, Cannot Receive Any Mail—Tillman's Name Used in Literature.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Under instructions from the postmaster-general, all mail addressed to St. Paul Pacific timber syndicate or to its president, Byron R. Dorr, is to be withheld from delivery until further notice. The order was issued on the representation of Senator Tillman of South Carolina that the company was using his name in its literature without his authority.

### NEUHAUSEN TO RESIGN.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—The Oregonian tomorrow will say that Thos. B. Neuhausen, special inspector of the Interior Department, will tender his resignation to the Secretary of the Interior when the pending Oregon land fraud cases are tried or otherwise disposed of. Neuhausen desires to enter private business. Neuhausen will leave for Los Angeles Sunday night to assist Tracy C. Becker, special assistant to the attorney-general, in arguing the application of the government for the removal to this state of several alleged land fraud operators charged with having illegally acquired 18,000 acres of land in Crook county.

### NO WAGE REDUCTIONS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Railroad officials commenting upon Roosevelt's asking for the data that might shed some light upon the wage controversies between the railroads and employees indicated clearly today that wage reductions are not contemplated.

### CAGE FALLS.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 21.—Four men were killed and four probably fatally injured, when the car in which they were being lowered in a mine fell to the bottom today.

## GROWTH OF NEW NAVY

### Senator Perkins Speaks in the Senate.

### IS SECOND SEA POWER

### Surpassing France By a Small Margin Outstripping Germany, Russia and Japan.

### POPULAR BRANCH OF SERVICE

### Perkins Declared the Encouragement Given the Iron and Steel Industry by Construction of Ships of War Had a Very Potent Influence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Perkins, of California, today spoke in the Senate on the justification of the expenditures for upbuilding the American navy and of the policy of sending a fleet into the Pacific Ocean. He reviewed the achievements of the navy and declared it the most popular branch of the government service. The Senator sketched the growth of the new navy from 1833 to the present day when the United States has become a second sea power in the, surpassing France by a small margin in strength and fighting force, far outstripping Germany, Russia and Japan. Perkins declared the encouragement given the iron and steel industry by the construction of ships of war had a very potent influence by bettering the conditions of the workingmen and that money expended for the ships of war therefore was not an economic loss, judged by a single trade alone. The Senate adopted Tillman resolution authorizing the attorney-general to prosecute the transportation companies of Oregon that have received public lands and have violated the terms of the grant.

### NEWSPAPER STATISTICS.

NEW YORK, February 21.—More publications are printed in New York than in any other city in the world, or in many states and foreign countries. The total at present falls just short of 1000, indicating the tremendous increase in the consumption of reading matter throughout the country. Some surprising and interesting statistics regarding newspapers throughout the United States have been gathered by Appleton's Magazine and are presented in an article to appear in the March number. According to this article, which is written by General Charles H. Taylor, one of the most widely known men in the newspaper business, the total circulation of the newspapers of the country in 1907 was upwards of ten billion copies. The total income from advertising and circulation is estimated at \$200,000,000 a year which makes newspaper publishing one of the great businesses of the country. Appleton's is devoting much attention to newspaper and the important part they play in American life, having published an article this month telling of the services of the press in stopping the spread of the panic last fall. The forthcoming article asserts that there never was a time when the newspaper reader got so much for his money as today and the claim is borne out by the statistics that are given.

### WAR FUND. — Brewers Unite in a Common Warfare Against Temperance Movements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The U. S. Brewers Association and the U. S. Masters Associations have united in a common warfare against prohibition and temperance movements. They have pledged many thousands of dollars as a "war fund" with which to fight Sunday saloon closing and to stop the way of prohibition. The action was taken yesterday at a session of the executive officers of both organizations held here. Rudolph Brand of Chicago was selected chairman of the conference. Edward A. Faust, of St. Louis reviewed the movements of the prohibitionists through the Southern and Western states and asserted that the time was ripe for action on the part of liquor interests. Brewers from all parts of the country attended the meeting.

### SHIPPING TIED UP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Fifty longshoremen employed by the Pacific Lumber Company struck today on being notified that their wages would be reduced from \$4 to \$3.50 per day. It is expected other firms will follow suit and that the longshoremen will strike. Sixty steam schooners of a total of 101 in the coast trade are tied up and the indications now are that the lockout of engineers will result in an almost complete tie up of the coast shipping for a time.

## JAPS DISCHARGED

### But Held By the Immigration Officials Pending Appeal.

### DETERMINATION OF RIGHTS

### Chief Justice Hunter Directed That the Two Japanese Now Lying in Westminster Jail for Violating the Natal Act be Discharged.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 21.—Chief Justice Hunter today directed that the two Japanese now lying in Westminster jail for violating the recently passed Natal Act of the Province should be immediately discharged from custody. The justice said there was no doubt that the provincial act must be held as in operative as regard the subjects of Japan seeking to enter the Provinces. Immediately Mr. Cassidy, representing the government of British Columbia gave notice of an appeal. The Japanese in question will now be detained by the immigration officials pending the determination of their right to enter this country under the Dominion immigration laws.

### BLOCKS CONDEMNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The result of a visit of inspection by the members of the marine hospital service, the citizens' health committee, and the city board of health, to what is known as Butchertown, the decision was reached to begin at once the actions to condemn as unsanitary and a menace to the public health the three square blocks in that district.

### SMOULDERING FIRES.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—A special dispatch from Lisbon says the greatest uneasiness prevails there. The palace is surrounded by troops, the entire garrison is confined to the barracks and ball cartridges have been issued to the men.

## INDICTMENT WAS FAULTY

### Decision of the Court of Appeals.

### REVIEW OF THE CASE

### Point of Schmitz's Attorney Was That the Indictments do Not Charge Public Offense.

### REPLY TO THE PROSECUTION

### The Supreme Court Has Until March 8 to Grant or Deny Prosecutions' Plea for a Rehearing—Schmitz May be Admitted to Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The brief of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz in reply to the appeal of the prosecution to the supreme court for a review of the decision of the court of appeals in the extortion cases, when it was decided by the latter court that the indictment of Schmitz was faulty, was filed by the attorneys for Schmitz today. The main point of Schmitz' attorneys for was that the indictments charging Schmitz with extortion do not constitute a public offense, that the threats which caused the French restaurant keepers to pay tribute was not unlawful. The supreme court has until March 8 to grant or deny the prosecutions' plea for a re-hearing. If the plea is denied Schmitz will be admitted to bail and the five indictments against him as well as those against Abe Ruef on a similar charge will be invalid.

### MORAL HOUSE CLEANING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The panic and the business depression that has followed it has had one good result in that it has given time for a moral house-cleaning that seems to have been badly needed. The number of multi-millionaires of a few months ago whose fortunes have vanished into the thin air from which a good part of them were drawn is equaled only by the bank officials and controllers who are likely to have a chance to study the architecture of the criminal courts from the inside. For the general business welfare the most important effect is the breaking up of the relations between chains of paper-owned banks and the speculative enterprises of their owners. The trusts too have come in for a certain share of official attention. Governor Hughes has taken action resulting in the appointment of a special prosecutor for the Ice Trust case and there is a growing feeling among certain trust agents that New York is not the healthiest place imaginable for them just now. The plans of the Beef Trust for securing its dominance of New York markets received what is generally regarded as a body blow in a decision handed down a few days ago against a man alleged to be one of its secret agents maintained for the purpose of eliminating competing interests by absorption. The decision in question, rendered by Justice Greenbaum of the Supreme Court, denied the petition of Frederick Joseph, now president of the New York Butchers Dressed Meat Company, an association of the city's independent dealers, and formerly an officer of Schwarzchild and Sulzberger, an independent concern, for a writ allowing him to examine the books of the latter company. Justice Greenbaum did not hesitate to indicate his belief that the writ was not sought in good faith but as part of

devious trust methods for getting rid of competitors, saying, in his opinion, "I cannot resist the conviction that the writ is desired to further the interests of the relators in their rival company and for some ulterior purpose." Joseph is defendant in a suit brought by the minority stockholders of another concern who allege that he has sold them out to the trust and the four million meat consumers in the city are hoping that in the general clearing up which is taking place it will be possible to free them from the tightening grip of the meat monopoly.

### MAY 17th 1914.

Proposed Present to Mother Country Costing \$100,000 by Norwegians. CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A movement to present the mother country with a suitable token of love of her emigrated sons and daughters will be launched tomorrow by leading Norwegian-Americans from all parts of the country, who will gather in convention here. The object of the gathering is to start a widespread subscription for a fund of \$100,000 with which to purchase the proposed gift is to be given to Norway on May 17, 1914, the centennial of the adoption of the Norwegian constitution.

### 1011 BALLOTS.

MARYSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 21.—The eighth district congressional convention called to name a candidate to succeed Congressman Cole adjourned sine die tonight without having made a nomination. They had 1011 ballots.

## MURDERS OPERATOR

### Robs the Railway Stations and Postoffices.

### IN SCUFFLE KILLS THE AGENT

### West Virginia, Pennsylvania His Principal Field of Action Although he Took a Trip to Frisco, Back to Boston and Arrested in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The arrest here last night of James A. Baker, charged with killing E. Y. Hutchinson, a telegraph operator at Clarlington, W. Va., and robbing the railway station at that point, came after a chase to San Francisco and back to New York which was participated in by postoffice Inspector Kincaid and Detective Riger and Nuss of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The officers say that Baker, whose home is at Columbus, O., confessed to the killing of Hutchinson, Dec. 29 and to the robbery of a number of postoffices and railroad stations. The officers say that Baker is of good family and is an amateur at robbery. They believe that he began his systematic robbing of small postoffices and express offices only in November last. He has worked under many different aliases among them "C. C. Rogers," and "J. H. Young." It was while asking for mail at the New York postoffice under the latter names that he was arrested. The detectives say they have discovered that under the latter name he is engaged to marry a girl of good family in Pittsburg, whose name they refuse to divulge. It was Baker's method, the detectives claim, to pick out unrequented stations where there was no one on duty at night and rob them when there was little chance of his being caught. In these, robbery they say, he frequently secured railroad mileage books and it was by the sale of these books that he was traced. The first crime which they saw Baker's handiwork was in the latter part of November, when the Thompson, Pa., station on the Baltimore and Ohio was robbed of about \$500 worth of pay checks and express money orders. On Dec. 1, Baker is alleged to have admitted, he robbed