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# INCREASE RATES

Petition Seeking Advances Ranging From 10 to 25 Per Cent on All Business Is Filed With I. C. C.

EIGHT HOUR LAW IS GIVEN AS REASON dynasty.

Necessity for Placing Roads in Excellent Working Condition Pointed Out.

Washington, March 23 .- (U. P.) -/ general increase from 10 to 25 per cent in all freight and passenger rates to cover the increased cost of operation under the Adamson law, is asked by all the railroads of the country in a petition laid before the Interstate One of Hermiston Postoffice Commerce commission, the receipt of which was announced today.

The roads' petition stated that "in pur opinion the only practical method of securing proper relief is by a percentage advancement in all rates This, of course, should be adequate to cover the effect of the Adamson law and other wage increases already made and those which will naturally follow together with increases in the cost of fuel, material and supplies.

Other Expenses Named. was stated the roads have met other heavy expenses besides Adamson wage increase and that they want to get themselves in shape to serve the coutnry efficiently in time

Request was made for a blanket increase to facilitate prompt action, the roads explained. In presenting the case for the rail road, President Rea of the Pennsyl-

vania, stated: "We realize that the condition of the railroads today presents a menace to the country, not alone to the owners of the property, (Concluded on Page Two, Column One.)

## - IF U. S. ENTERS WAR

Believes Loans Will Be Made his gun a number of times at the sher- Romaro; Stokers Grande, Gonzales, iff, and then fled up the hill into the Muino and Alonzo; Engineers Messman Only to Allies; Republics to Remain Neutral.

By Charles r. Stewart,

South America is apprehensive that entrance of the United States into the war may seriously affect its finances. From high sources in Argentina today a .44 Colt and 50 rounds of ammunithe belief was expressed that such a step by the United States, now regarded as certain, would result in concentration of money into war measures and result in a curtailment of foreign loans, except to the allies fighting against Germany.

In any event, officials closely in touch with Latin-American sentiment declared all other American nations would remain neutral, no matter what course was adopted by the United

Argentine press today was without comment on the extra session call in the United States and the warlike preparations started there. Argentina's foreign policy will be

under direction of Fernando Saguier. His acceptance of the portfolio was announced today. Personally, Saguier is pro-ally, but it | year.

understood generally in Argentine circles that he will be merely a rubber-stamp personality for President Iregoyen. The post of minister of for-eign affairs has been vacant for sev-

#### Rumors of Revolt In Germany Denied

New York, March 23 .- (I. N. S.) -The New York Times today printed the following special cablegram from its correspondent at Copenhagen: "Copenhagen, March 22 .- I have made inquiry about rumors of revolution in Germany and am able to state that no foundation exists at all for

### Board to Look Into Nitrate Plants for

Washington, D. C., March 28. —(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—An interdepartmental board to investigate sites for a government nitrate plant, consisting of Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Interior Lane and Secre-tary of Agriculture Houston has made tentative plans for a hearing at Pasco, Wash, to con-sider sites on the upper Colum-bia and Snake rivers. The board may also visit Lewiston, Idaho, and Fall Bridge, Or., the latter place for consideration of the Deschutes river. Plans are indefinite as to the date since the secretaries do not know when it will be possible to leave Washington.

### Vote Is Given Russia Women ByGovernment SUNK; 2

Mass Meeting of Supporters of Woman Suffrage Movement to Be Held Sunday.

Petrograd, March 23.—(I. N. S.)— Russian women are to get the ballot. Announcement was made today that it has been settled that women shall vot for members of the constituent (Na tional) assembly. A big mass meet-ing of supporters of the woman suffrage movement is to be held on Sun-

Foreign Minister Millukoff received the foreign correspondents at the for eign office and gave them a brief state ment in which he said that Russia is stronger now in every way than be-fore the overthrow of the Romanof

Robbers Captured; Other Gets Away After Battle.

Pendleton, Or., March 23.—After an \* ties. March 21, Healdton, unwarned, exchange of 15 or 20 shots, Sheriff T. 13 D. Taylor and Special Deputy Olaf Aarhus of Umatilla, last evening, just | \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* at dusk, captured one of two yeggmen who Wednesday night blew up and The first state department advices

run out of ammunition.

The battle took place at the mouth of Juniper canyon on the Columbia. Taylor and Aarhus had traced the men to Umatilla, where they had abandoned a handcar on which they left Hermiston, Suspecting they had gone delphia, via Bergen to Rotterdam, com-up the Columbia, the officers secured manded by Captain Charles Christoa railroad velocipede and made their way up the tracks to Juniper, where they came upon the two men under a restle.

The man who escaped, saw them Taylor Gives Chase,

Before his companion could do likewise, Taylor had him covered. Turn-ing him over to Aarhus, Taylor started One lifeboat with following officers ing him over to Aarhus, Taylor started up the canyon after the other fellow, and crew reported saved.
who dodged behind a telephone pole, List of Saved For and opened fire. Taylor returned the fire, until his revolver was empty. When he attempted to reload he found that in his haste in leaving Pendleton, he had grabbed the wrong cartridges. The robber behind the pole emptied

Before Taylor could get another gun, dark had descended and he was forced to abandon the pursuit. The robber's

sullets whizzed just over the sher Sheriff Taylor brought his captive

By Charles P. Stewart. to Pendleton this morning and re-Buenes Aires, March 23.—(U. P.)—turned at once to take up the trail

Prisoner Well Armed. The man captured gives the name of tion. On him was found a big package of stamps, \$30 or \$40 in money, an outfit of skeleton keys, a gold watch and two sticks of dynamite. He is about 40 years old and admits he has been following the "yegg" game some time. His companion he knew by the and new at the game. Mason says nating oil in bulk." Moran is armed with a big gun and 40 rounds of ammunition. Mason says he advised his companion against

"You sure have got a nervy sheriff," declared Mason. "He would go through hell to get a man. I'm ready to do my time, and then I'm through with the game. You can't beat it."

Sheriff "Til" Taylor was king of the Portland annual Rose Festival last

#### Reservation Timber To Be Placed on Sale

Bids Will Be Beceived By Government Lands-Indians Will Benefit.

Washington, March 23,—(U. P.)— Indian Commissioner Sells today advertised for bids for 630,000,000 feet of timber on the Klamath, Or., Indian reservation. The sale, Seils March 22: hopes, "will relieve the acute timber "Standar

timber is yellow and sugar pine. A Terschelling, Holland, Twenty-one of minimum price of \$3 a thousand feet crew drowned. One died of injuries, othon one tract and \$3.25 a thousand feet ers taken to northern Holland. Subon the other two was set by Sells. Funds raised from the sale are to be used to put the Klamath Indians on self-supporting economic basis, Sells said.

### Pacific Northwest British Agent Hurt; Can't Explain How

Seattle, Wash., March 23 .- (P. N. S.) Sydney W. Stevenson, purchasing agent for the British government, is in agent for the British government, is in a local hospital today with a fractured skull, near death. The injury was sustained in a manner puzzling both in economics at Reed college, together with Professor D. W. Morton of the with Professor D. W. Morton of the after he had registered, in an unconscious condition. Travelers' checks for \$25,000 were found on his person. There was blood on his pillow and it was first thought he was merely ill.

When Stevenson regained consciousness yesterday he thought he was in San Francisco. When told it was Seattle he asked:

American shipping facilities should be after he had registered, in an uncon-

Standard Oil Tanker Healdton Becomes Victim of a Coast: 13 Citizens in Crew

VESSEL CARRIED OIL BOUND TO ROTTERDAM

State Department Receives Report That Possibly 21 Lives Were Lost.

U. S. Ships Sunk Since Pebruary 1.

February 13, Lyman M. Law, no casualties. March 12, Algonquin,

warned, no casualties. March 16, Vigilancia, unwarned, 15 missing. March 17, City of Memphis, March 18, Illinois, no casual-

Washington, March 23 .- (U. P.)-

The other robber, who did the shoot- of the American tank steamer Healding, made his escape after Taylor had ton came late this afternoon from Vice-Consul Krogh at Rotterdam His message read: "American steamer Healdton, from

Bayonne, N. J., owned by Standard Oll company, New York, en route Philapher, American citizen, carrying 6003 tons petroleum and having 41 officers and crew aboard, reported torpedoed and sunk without warning by German submarine 8:15 evening March 21st., 25 miles from Terschelling. Captain and 19 men brought safely to Ymui-den. One died of exposure in lifeboat

"Captain Christopher, Brooklyn Chief Engineer Caldwell, New York, Assistant Engineer Emery, New Orleans; Boatswain Rode, Rotterdam: Cook Snickers, Rotterdam; Seaman Lerentzen, Norway; Otlers Gilaine and

and Larino, all of Philadelphia, "Survivors en route to Rotterdam. Later reports from the same source sald additional survivors were: Willerup, Sevenson, Parker, Johnson, Sickstrom, Andersen, Von Seca, Gonzales and Alano.

Explosion Kills Jassinto. Jassinto died of injuries from an

The Standard Oil company of New York telegraphed in part as follows: "Wives of the captain and chief engineer of the Healdton report mes sages from their husbands that they are safe. Thirteen of the crew were Americans. The steamer was bound from Philadelphia, to Rotterdam, and had called at Halifax and Bergen. She left Bergen for Rotterdam March 20. Had been ordered to proceed through name of Moran, Mason said, and picked safe route, through North sea channel him up in California. He is about 28 west of Denmark. Cargo was illumni-

> Six Americans Among Survivors. London, March 23 .- (I. N. S.) -Six Americans were among the survivors landed in Holland from the United States steamship Healdton, which was sunk by a German submarine, says a dispatch from Amsterdam today. The elegram gives the Dutch newspaper Handelsblad as authority for the statement. There were 13 Americans in the crew of the ship, leaving seven

First Report Said 20 Lost. Washington, March 23.—(I. N. S.)— Twenty lives were lost when the American tanker Healdton was sunk by a German submarine off the Dutch

for 630,000,000 Feet From Klamath state department last night. The dispatch to the department did not give the nationality of those lost in the disaster. The following official dispatch has been received from American Consul Frank W. Mahan at Amsterdam, dated

"Standard Oil ship Healdton from Philadelphia to Rotterdam, cargo of oil, Three tracts are included in the of-fer for sale. Ninety per cent of the p. m., March 21, 25 miles north from

#### Cornwall Would Open Panama Canal

"More details to follow."

Editor of Timberman Payors Opening Waterway to Bailroad-Owned Ships to Keep South American Trade. Announcement was made before the

City club at its luncheon held this local hotel on March 15, four days merce would deliver a series of lec tures at the April meetings of the club,

### Row Between Everett and Seattle Is On

Puget Sound Cities in Controversy Over Lumber Contract for Alaska Railroad.

Washington, March 23.—(WASH-NGTON BUREAU OF THE JOUR-NAL) .- A row is now on between Everett and Seattle over the lumber contract for the Alaska railroad, which was readvertised. Everett bidders are German U-Boat Off Dutch lowest, and apparently will get the contract.

The Alaskan engineering commission makes a strong denial of any discrimination against Portland, asserting that a full examination of the facts will so demonstrate. It is claimed Portland people have overlooked the government's contract with a barge company which obliges transportation cost to be figured via the inside pasage and makes it \$1.80 over the Seattle rate, instead of the 33 cents claimed by Portland lumbermen,

"Contract or no contract, the difference is only 33 cents," declared W D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. "Daniel Kern, head of the Columbia Contract company, knows what he is talking about. His barges used the inside passage northbound and the outside passage southbound, and his captains found there was a difference of only 100 nautical miles on the round trip. there is no difference.

#### Time of Bidding on Submarine Chasers

Extension of bidding time on submarine chasers wanted by the to the entente allies with which more government is to be asked at once by actively to prosecute the war.

he Chamber of Commerce. The government officials dispatched one set of specifications and one set of blue prints, the latter of which arrived today, to this territory and wires hurriedly dispatched to San Francisco and Seattle developed that the same condition exists at those points.

With 12 or more shipbuilding firms anxious to bid on the craft and only one set of plans available, it is almost impossible for all to get in their bids by March 31, the date selected by the navy department, It is said that nearly all of the local firms will bid on the contract.

#### U. S. Soldier Is Shot While on Guard Duty

Portland, Maine, March 23 .- (U. P.) Two men supposed to have been en-deavoring to destroy one or more of Fort William's 12-inch guns, shot Private John Poor, early today.

ervation and were approaching one f the big guns when Poor saw them. When he attempted to capture them Medical examiners today declared the

ly an army revolver.

### U.S. Force to Fight

2.)-A United States expeditionary footing. E. Logan of the Iowa National Guard cruiting and hurry warship construc-in a statement today. He also heartly tion, approved the plan of Governor Hard- While the navy department bends

### Portland Member to

At least one member of the Portland committee on national defense will at-tend the meeting of the national committee in Washington, D. C., April 2. A wire was received from Chairman Little of the committee by W. D. Wheelwright, asking his attendance, but as activities here require his attention, one of the remaining members -Daniel Kern, R. D. Inman, H. J. Bid-dle or Henry L. Corbett-will be sent.

#### Arctic Is Included In Barred Zone Now

Christania, March 23 .- (U. P.) -The oreign office received official notification today that Germany had instituted a blockade of the Arctic Ocean between Norway and Spitzbergen.

The new blockade is manifestly almed to prevent shipments to the Russian port of Archangel, which will be free of ice within a few months and which has always been a great center

#### Iowa State Senate Favors Compulsion Suggestions still credited to the swiss minister a hand in spreading Des Moines, Iowa, March 23 .- (U.

.)-Compulsory military training 'n he United States was urged in a resolution passed by the Iowa state senate today, "that constitutional government, bought by the blood of our forefathers, may yet survive." Guatemala Sends

Protest to Germany

President and Cabinet Convinced Germany's Course Is Hastening the Clash; Kaiser Would Force War.

WILSON MAY ENLARGE HIS PRESENT CABINET

Portfolios to Handle Transportation and Munitions Making Created?

By Robert J. Bender. Washington, March 23 .- (U. P.)-President Wilson's forthcoming "war Load the lumber in the lower river and cabinet during a long session this afthave not been worked out, the broad background laid today indicates that this nation is about to enter aggressively into a vigorous defense against Germany's war acts. The tentative course of procedure has

already been indicated, including the the advancement of large sums of money

Washington, March 23 .- (U. P.)-Germany's latest affront in the torpedoing without warning of the American tanker Healdton will be answered by continued speeding up of all preparations for actual hostilities which are now regarded as inevitable. President Wilson and Lansing are convinced that Germany's

present course is merely hastening clash. The president and secretary of most authoritative sources to have held the firm conviction-even before the sinking of the Healdton-that the kaiser's government is determined on orcing a declaration of war from this Cabinet May Be Augmented.

There is indication today that the president after congress has defined the status between Germany and the United States will augment his cabinet by one or more posts to cover work of transportation work of munitions making. This, how The men had gained entrance to the ever, is entirely tentative. The more energation and were approaching one likely course for the present, at least, is believed to be the continuance of the national defense council as a speone shot him in the groin. They then cial advisory body in preparing for

Government activity embraces such culiet was one of heavy calibre-possi- a wide range now that no accurate conception can actually be drawn as It is believed the shot will prove to the scope or effectiveness of the tatal, according to physicians at the country's preparedness work. Presipost hospital, where Poor was taken, dent Wilson is personally directing all of these war preparations.

Secretaries of War and Mavy Busy. Secretary Baker, as chairman of In France, Favored the national defense council, is preis necessary to complete tentative Des Moines, Iowa, March 23 .- (U. plans to place the country on a war

force to fight on the front in France | Secretary of the Navy Daniels is diwas favored by Adjutant General Guy recting his efforts to stimulate re-

ing of Iowa to ask the state legisla- every energy toward making that ture for \$500,000 as an emergency war arm of the service more effective Logan is secretary of the Na- than ever before, the war department tional Guard association of the United continues its more or less secret steps toward calling to arms every regular, reserve and national guardsman when the moment to sound the call is propitious. All possible haste that is compatible with efficiency is Attend Meeting being taken in regard to gathering supplies—guns, ammunition, clothing, quartermaster supplies, etc.

Data Will Be Completed Soon, Within a few days at most it is expected data from state heads regarding military availability, plans for rapid mobilization of the National Guard, details for stationing and distribution of land forces, will be complete.

Beneath the surface activities, offi-

cial attention turned today to a conference reported under way at im-perial German grand war headquarters, which will be attended by the kaiser, Von Hindenburg and Chancel-lor von Bethman-Hollweg, ostensibly to plan more aggressive land and sea war moves by Teuton forces. This conference may have a vital effect upon Germany's future policies.

No Interference Wanted. The one ray of hope in the dark situation is that Germany may be forced into an early peace. The ad-ministration believed today it had successfully headed off any neutral mediation move by declaring in advance against such a step.

The state department officially de-

clared today that it had not received an offer of mediation. The discouragement which Secretary Lansing and other officials heaped upon the project yesterday probably will prevent any neutral from formally offering mediation services.

#### spired" the report and squelched it as a warning to neutrals not to interfere. Snowstorm Ties Up Wyoming Traffic

Laramie, Wyo., March 23.—(U. P.)— Railroad traffic in Wyoming is para-lyzed by a raging snowstorm, which shows no signs of abating at noon to-

TENRY S. GRAVES, chief forester of the United States, who discussed preparedness at secret session this morning of foresters' convention, now being held by delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.



# PORT; 593 PRISONERS

27 Vessels During Cruise on Atlantic.

By John Grandens. Berlin, March 23.-(U. P.)-The Moewe brought 593 prisoners into port, according to announcement here today. Count Dohna, her commander, arrived Thursday at his home port. He

reported sinking 27 vessels in all. An official German statement reeived yesterday by wireless announced arrival of the Moewe at her home port but made no mention of prisoners board her,

Eleven More Ships Sunk. London, March 23 .- (U. P.)-The British admiralty announced this aftwireless dispatch the raider Moewe had sunk these vessels:

French Prince, Eddie, Brecknockshire, Rhodanthe, Katherine, Esmeraldas, Otaki, Demeterton, Governor, Jean and Staut. All were British except the Staut, which was Norwegian,

The statement also said that it appeared that the St. Theodore had been The most significant thing in the above announcement is that it "appears the St. Theodore has been sunk." The St. Theodore, according to the

stories of survivors of the raider's vic-

tims landed at Pernambuco, had been transformed by the Moewe into a raider itself. Presumably the British announcement means that the St. Theodore has been sunk by British patrol Of the 12 ships listed above, only one has heretofore been mentioned as a victim of the south Atlantic sea raider—the St. Theodore.

### French Dreadnaught Torpedoed and Sunk

Paris, March 23.—(U. P.)—A French dreadnaught has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, it was announced here today,

#### Sailors Say That the mediation story, but there was also some suggestions today that the ad-ministration itself might have "in-Germans Plan to Form in Mexico

Galveston, Texas, March 23.—
(U. P.)—Officers of the Norwegian steamer Vera, arriving here this afternoon from Porto Barrios, report thousands of Germans have entered Mexico through Guatemala with the acknowledged intention of form-Guatemala City, March 23.—(I. N. 8.)—A strong protest against the ruthless submarine order has been forment by the Guatemalan government. The note of protest has been handed to the German minister here.

| Syzed by a raging snowstorm, which asknowledged intention of formaling an ermy to wage war on the United States. They say many German reserve officers are at the head of the movement and trains are held in the yards here, despite the efforts of five rotary snowplows which worked all night to clear the first of the fir

# THE FORESTRY SERVICE

Commander Reports Sinking War and Navy Departments Bowman Brothers of New Plan to Use That Arm in Event of War.

> Heads of the war and navy departments of the government look to the States for valuable assistance in case of conflict with a foreign enemy, according to Chief Forester H. S. Graves, a Portland visitor, who today addressed the district foresters' convention at the Multnomah hotel.
> Following conferences with Score-

the Navy Daniels, the national forester chief unfolded an elaborate system of military preparedness. The marshaling of the army of forest employes, as yet in its premature stages, is expected in case of emer-British admiralty announced this aft-ernoon that, according to a German able arms of the government. Men. accustomed to the outdoor life, whose experience as mountaineers has ren dered them of peculiar value; their intimate knowledge of the intricate labyrinth of mountain roads and trails; their knowledge of the great wood varieties and their practicability for the building of wooden vessels and aeroplane craft; their lookout stations which command a survey of wide expanses of country; their loyalty and their native intelligence, are among the qualities that force the government to a recognition of their

Details Partly Worked Out. Chief Forester Graves declared that make a first-hand survey of the forest service military preparedness question. Details of the plan have already been worked out to a consider able extent at Washington. Labora-tory experiments have proved the uses to which the forest products may be (Continued on Page Two, Column Two)

#### Str. Prince Rupert Ashore; All Safe

Passengers Taken Off in Tugs and Beturned to Prince Rupert; Ship Reported Damaged to Great Extent, Vancouver, B. C., March 23 .- (U. P.) -The G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert, Captain McKenzie, which left Prince Rupert at midnight for Vancouver, is

ashore on Genn island, one mile east of Lawyer's island light and is reported to be extensively damaged. The steamer ran ashore during a heavy snowstorm and her distress signals place the time of the accident at 1:45 a. m. Assistance was sent from Prince Rupert and the passengers were taken off by tugs at daylight and returned Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of

G. T. P. steamers, is at present down south, but Assistant Manager Reginald Beaumonth immediately ordered the British Columbia Salvage association to take action. They dispatched the salvage steamer Salvor from Victoria The G. T. P. steamer Prince George, which is now at Prince Rupert undergoing overhaul, will be rushed out to

# HEAVY LOSSES

ON TRAINS AND NEWS

General Nivelle's Forces Deliver Severe Blow Against Invaders North of St. Simon, Driving Them Back.

FRESH TROOPS CROSS AILETTE AND PROCEED

Germany Is Accused of Placing War Prisoners on Firing Line.

Captives Put on Battle Line. Lausanne, Switzerland, March 23 .- (U. P.) -- Germany has sent many of her captives to the front lines of battle as reprisals, according to a statement issued by the International Red The statement said the Red Cross was endeavoring to dissuade the German authorities from such form of

esh French forces pressed steadily forward at Aillette and north of Soissons, other masses of General Nivelle's forces inflicted a stinging defeat on the Germans north of St. Simon, driving them back with heavy losses to Grand Seraucourt. Today's official statement, relating

the defeat had been very costly to the "The Germans attacked and were defeated with heavy losses north of St. Simon," the statement said. They were driven back to Grand

these facts of the day's progress

against the retreating Germans, said

"It is confirmed that the German (Continued on Page Two, Column Pive)

## BY PENINSULA CO.

York Bought Craft for Norwegian Capitalists,

Sale of the first two motorships built by the Peninsula Shipbuilding national forest service of the United company has been successfully closed, representing Norwegian capitalists, have bought the craft, according to information received by Captain Knudsen, superintendent of the plant,

> Prices were not given out by the firm, but as vessels are exceedingly scarce, it is believed that the two

brought well over \$700,000.

#### Retired Officers Recalled by Navy

F. C. Knapp, president of the firm, conducted the negotiations in the east.

Washington, March 23 .- (U. P.)-The navy has recalled into active serva ice large numbers of retired officers, Secretary Daniels announced today.

Utter inadequacy of the officers' personnel resulted in this order, which fellows closely the order for the adthe Annapolts naval academy.

#### Turks Are Forced to Retreat by Russians

Petrograd, March 23 .- (U. P.) -After 16 hours of desperate fighting Rus-sian forces dislodged Turks occupying Aliabad, near Kerinza, and forced them to retreat, today's official statement

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