

RIVERS AND HARBORS MEASURE IS DEEMED A VITAL NECESSITY

Creation of Great National System of Waterways Is Termed Essential.

CHAMBER URGING ACTION

Questions of Car Shortage in Times of Peace Suggests What to Expect in Times of War.

"If our railroads, efficient as they are, are utterly unable to handle the traffic in time of peace, in God's name, what would happen in time of war?"

The question occurs in a statement drawn up by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which has been sent out by United States Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

Local support energetically will be given the national campaign to secure the passage of the rivers and harbors measure. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, as representative of the city's commercial interests, urged the passage of the measure by the congress recently ended and will repeat its efforts in connection with the coming special session, said W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the chamber.

Through, in case of war, enemies might block the railroads and stop the operation of trains, the Columbia river would furnish a transportation artery that could not easily be closed, and that it should be ready for use in military necessity is readily apparent.

As important would the river be found in commerce as a means of present time of congestion had there been the proper community and private organization to utilize its natural advantages increased by government work and appropriation.

Lessons Are Learned. "No lesson has been more plainly taught by the war in Europe than this," Senator Ransdell's statement proceeded, "that the larger a nation's army and navy the sooner do they become impatient either for offense or defense, unless they are backed by an industrial development which can produce the enormous amount of supplies and munitions which are required and by transportation facilities which can deliver those supplies and munitions as fast as they are needed."

"For more than a year the traffic history of the United States has been principally a record of delay, congestion, car shortage and embargoes. There is no doubt that the losses which these delays and embargoes have caused to the manufacturing industry and workingmen of the United States have been far greater than the total sum which would be required to improve every river and harbor in the country."

Such Depends on Congress. Should congress again fall at its special session in passing the rivers and harbors and sundry civil bill government work on the Columbia, Lewis, Grays and Clatskanie rivers of the lower Columbia would suffer. Work on the Oregon City locks would be deferred. Work on the upper Columbia would be largely suspended and also on Coos bay.

The larger projects of channel improvement on the Columbia would not, however, be seriously jeopardized. There is enough money on hand to complete the north jetty at the mouth of the river and the work should be complete, say the federal engineers, by the middle of June as only 200,000 of the 3,000,000 tons of rock necessary to the building of the jetty are yet to be handled. Practically the full effect of the jetty is being felt now. The completion of the north jetty means also the completion of the jetty system at the mouth of the Columbia upon which the government has been laboring.

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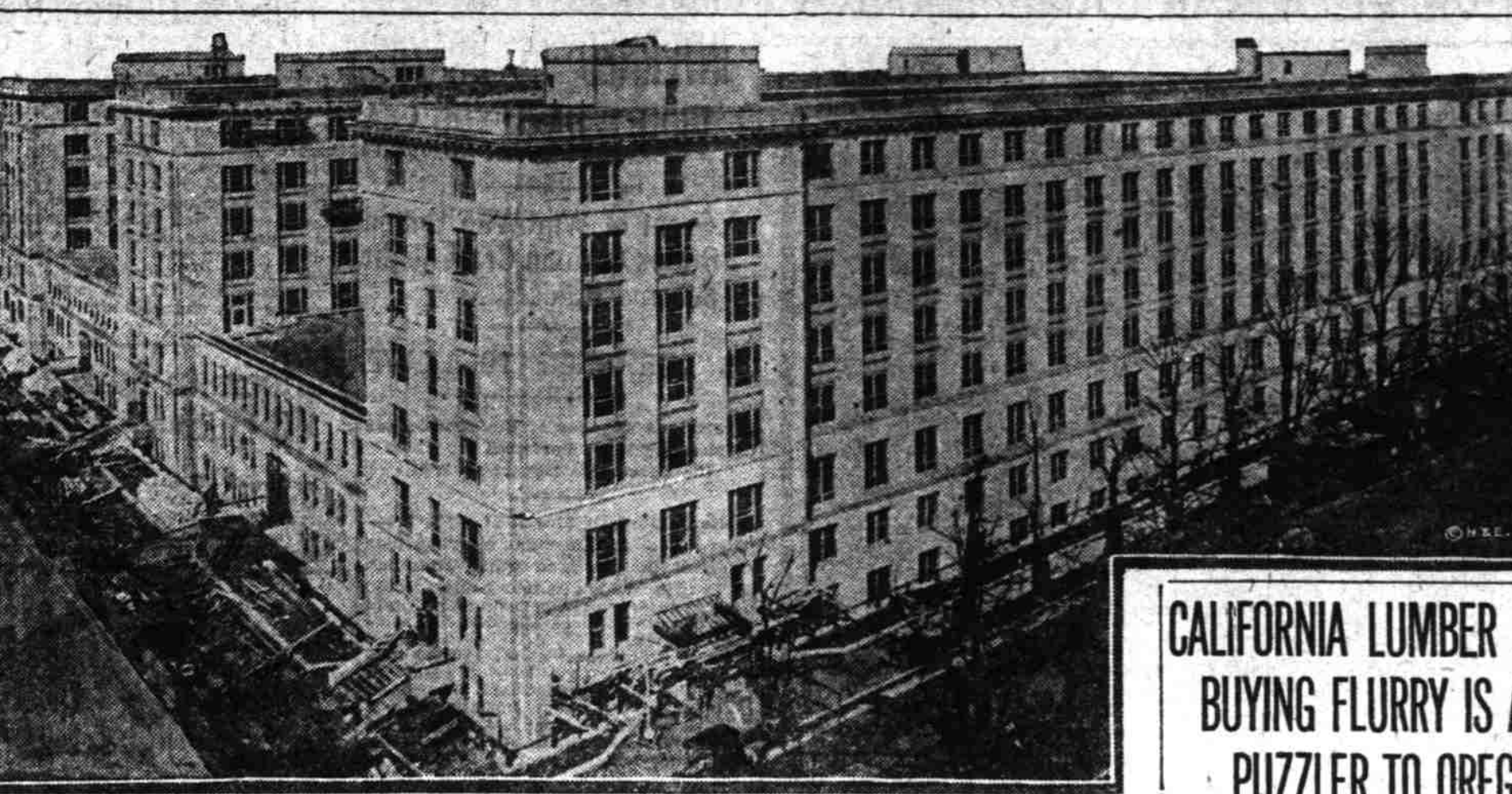
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NEW BUILDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



The new department of the interior building in Washington, the largest building owned by the United States government, with the possible exception of the capitol, is being pushed rapidly to completion. It is said to be larger than any building owned by any foreign government. It is exceeded in floor space only by the Woolworth building in New York, having 18 acres under its roof. The building is located west of the state, war and navy buildings, and is a part of the general plan of improvement of the capital's Mall.

ing since 1885 with an expenditure of approximately \$7,000,000.

Channel Is Deepened. But the effect of the jetties supplemented by dredging has increased the channel depth at the mouth of the river from 20 to 40 feet at low tide during the period mentioned.

The money on hand will take care of upper river requirements, probably until July high water forces an abandonment of work temporarily.

Portland in the past has always urged that river and harbor work should be followed up steadily and comprehensively by the government.

That has been when important work for this region was at stake. Local representations and urgency for the passage of the bill will be the same, even with local necessity less, because it is still recognized a needed channel improvement of the nation is a national problem of general concern.

Portland Boys to Hike to Chicago

Three Lads Will Start From Bull Run and Depend on Their Legs to Carry Them to Point of Destination.

A tour by foot over the greater half of the country is contemplated by three Portland boys. They will include in their itinerary a climb of Mount Hood and Mount Jefferson, and a visit to Crater lake and the Three Sisters, besides touching at Mount Shasta.

C. H. Treichel, 21, Dean Van Zandt, 19, and C. E. Blakney, 20, comprise the party. Treichel is a draughtsman, Van Zandt a salesman, and Blakney a railroad clerk of Portland.

They intend to reach Chicago and will traverse the entire distance without any reliance on railroad trains, automobiles or buses.

They will leave by way of Bull Run, their starting point, April 2.

No prospect of roughing it "de luxe" is entertained by them, as they intend to sleep under the sky wherever nightfall overtakes them, and eat food of their own preparation over camp fires. They expect, exclusively of Chicago.

Undaunted by the difficulties of the undertaking, the adventurers are going ahead with grim determination, arranging the details of the trip.

Chinese Born Here Would Aid Nation

Young Lee Informs Army Officers That He Is Ready to Organize Company of Coast Artillery.

San Francisco, March 24.—(P. N. S.)—Young Lee, American born Chinese from Chicago, who has a vote in the United States and a lot of fighting blood in his veins, wants to organize at least one company of coast artillery for the United States army in case of war, composed exclusively of Chinese who are American citizens. He visited Fort Winfield Scott today and told Post Sergeant Major Charles C. Quigley all about it.

According to Lee, who speaks perfect English, there is no particular reason why Chinese wouldn't make as good soldiers as any other volunteers and he thinks a few of them in American volunteer forces would serve a double purpose—help out the United States in a crisis and give educated Chinese military training that might help the fatherland of Chinese-Americans to wake up in a military way later.

Brazil to Requisition Nine Ships, Is Report

Rio Janeiro, March 24.—(I. N. S.)—The Brazilian government, it was stated today, will requisition nine ships of the Company's Commercial Navigation and put them under the Lloyd Braziller for service with the United States.

The foregoing action is supposed to have been taken because of German interests in the company owning the ships. The Lloyd Braziller is a steamship line owned and operated by the Brazilian government.

Sink Diver Without Warning, Says Taft

Atlanta, Ga., March 24.—(I. N. S.)—"If a commercial vessel of the United States armed by the president of the United States meets a submarine it should sink it on the spot without warning. To wait is like waiting for a coroner's verdict when a man's pistol is pointed at you," said former President William H. Taft, while the largest assemblage gathered in the Atlanta auditorium in many years last night fairly raised the roof with cheers of approval.

FRENCH STATISTICIAN PAINTS VIVID PICTURE OF STAGGERING DEBT

Sum of \$5.55 Monthly Per Citizen for 40 Years Necessary to Pay for It.

By C. F. Bertelli.

Paris, March 3.—(By Mail to New York, March 24.)—(I. N. S.)—A vivid idea of the crushing nature of the coming burden of war taxation in Europe is supplied by M. E. Rioult, a French statistician, who finds that every single French person will, after the war, have to pay monthly \$5.55 taxation for 40 years. Thus for a family of six persons, \$33.30 will have to be paid out per month to liquidate France's war indebtedness.

M. Rioult calculated that France's total war debt will prove to be \$24,000,000,000. The total population of France is 38,000,000, and if this sum had to be divided among the population each person would receive \$631.68.

France's annual financial obligations hereafter will be as follows: Interest on war loans at 5 per cent, \$1,200,000,000.

Amortization in forty years, \$600,000,000.

Pensions, \$300,000,000.

Indemnities for reconstruction of property destroyed, \$300,000,000.

Total, \$2,400,000,000.

These figures relate only to war burdens and are in addition to the usual peace taxation.

Allies Swindled by Horse Substitution

Colorado Dealers Alleged to Have Made \$400,000 by Replacing Accepted Animals With Inferior Ones.

Denver, Col., March 24.—(U. P.)—A gigantic swindle, by which the entente allies have been swindled of \$400,000 by Colorado horse dealers, was revealed here tonight, following disclosure of the arrest of a Scotland

Yard detective by the local police as a vagrant.

The London sleuth was disguised as a stockyards laborer, gathering evidence.

The plan involved the substitution of inferior horses during the night in corrals for sound animals which had been accepted by inspectors for the allied governments.

A Canadian government official and an English army captain are reported en route for Denver to attempt to effect a settlement outside of court.

Meanwhile W. E. Foley, district attorney, is planning calling of a special session of the grand jury and an investigation to secure the indictment of 50 wealthy livestock men.

Pacific Coast Syrup Co.'s Head Is Dead

E. E. Bergin of San Francisco, Stricken and End Comes Suddenly; Local Branch Receives Word of Death.

E. E. Bergin, pioneer business man, well known in the Pacific northwest as president of the Pacific Syrup company, died at his San Francisco home early Friday morning, according to word received in Portland by H. H. Conner, manager of the Portland branch.

Mr. Bergin had been in good health up to the time he was stricken and his death was entirely unexpected. He is survived by his wife and a married daughter. He was past 70 years of age and had been head of the syrup company for 30 years.

The funeral will be held Monday.

Had Key Fashioned To Open Suitcases

An ingenious key fashioned from a pewter spoon handle, and devised to open every kind of a suitcase, was found in the possession of Victor Dunlap, alias DeVere, 23 years old, when he was arrested at Fourth and Yamhill streets, Friday afternoon, by Detectives Hellyer, Tackabery and Moran.

Dunlap is said to be a parole violator out of the Monroe, Wash., reformatory, where he was serving time for picking pockets at Olympia. He confessed to the detectives that he had just started to ply his old trade when captured, after being followed through the crowds about the market place. He will be taken back to the Washington reformatory to finish his sentence.

JUNIOR LEAGUE APRON DAY SALE MONDAY

Hundreds of aprons will go on sale in the department stores of Olds, Wortman & King, Meier & Frank and Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Monday.

Members of the Junior League will be the salesladies and all who are interested in the success of a good war effort are entreated to buy.

Unlike most enterprises of this nature, no charity is involved. The aprons are priced at what they are worth and "got money." The proceeds will go to the women who made them.

Worcester building. Many of them came without experience, but were given in the beginning such simple duties as they were able to learn rapidly. All who have obtained the aprons at previous sales testify to their quality and durability.

The "salesladies" of the Junior League have been distributed as follows for Monday: Olds, Wortman & King—Mrs. Lewis Mills, Miss Jean Mackenzie, Miss Elizabeth Murphy, Mrs. John Benson, Miss Francis Fuller.

Sawyer and Miss Enoch, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.—Miss Ailma MacMaster, Miss V. Ona Guthrie, Miss Antoinette Meares, Miss Irene Daly, Mrs. Coe McKenna, Mrs. Hazel Lidt, Miss Harriett Cummings, Mrs. Paul Giesy, Mrs. J. N. Coghlan.

Margaret Webber of Junior League stamping aprons with league seal preparatory for Monday sale.

The Junior League is for that matter, is now carrying to the close of its second year an idea that money which otherwise would have to be solicited in charity can be earned. Women ordinarily unemployed have been given work in the sewing rooms fitted up in the

STAGE TRICKS OFTEN ARE RESORTED TO BY MEDIUMS, IS CHARGE

Frank Leeds, Discussing the "Pitfalls of Psychology," Relates Some Experiences

SUBJECTS ARE PLENTIFUL

Such as Well as the Poor Fall Prey to Spirit Mediums, Says Investigator; Alleged Expose.

"I am convinced that many educated people, while openly laughing at palmistry, clairvoyance, fortune telling and love charms, secretly believe in them," asserts Frank Leeds, investigator of psychic phenomena, who recently appeared before the Portland Ministerial association, in lecture on the "Pitfalls of Psychology" in which he demonstrated the various tricks employed by spirit mediums.

Almost in proof of this assertion, during the meeting a man in the audience became so firmly imbued with the idea that there was supernatural power employed in the mystery of trickery that he became hysterical and cried to the demonstrator to stop the performance, because it was the "spirit" of the incident later Dr. Leeds said:

"When spirit mediums are that is open to exposure, they are proclaimed as trickery has such an effect upon the mind of a presumably educated man, what greater effect must it then have upon the masses?"

Asked how he became an investigator, Mr. Leeds said:

"From my earliest childhood anything that pertained to the occult interested me. 'Ghost stories' were my particular brand of 'yellow backs'."

"But my attitude was aroused at the age of 11, when I appeared as a subject for Professor John E. Kennedy, who promised free tickets to his meetings, when the hypnotic stage and submit to his hypnotic tests. He suggested to the boys and men who had come up that we were sitting on a hill overlooking a plain watching a herd of buffalo coming nearer and nearer. Out of the corner of my eye I could see that the rest of the boys were either sleeping or were pretending, but, try as I would, I could see nothing but the faces of the audience. The ridiculousness of the situation struck me and I laughed outright, whereupon the professor moved me back out of the circle with the explanation that I had emerged from under his influence."

"I saw my ticket for the rest of the week glimmering and resolved in my own mind to see things, too, when he presented the next scene. The consequence was I became his star subject for the balance of the week. In payment he gave me a complete course in how to mesmerize. With this as a basis I made a deep and thorough study of hypnotism, which I pursued until my attention was attracted to professional hypnotist, working both privately and publicly."

"Some of the results achieved were marvelous and placed me preeminent among hypnotists, making it possible for me alone among those of the same profession to walk the boards of city theater in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and all the principal eastern cities. My private work consisted of lecturing and demonstrating in medical colleges and teaching physicians and dentists psycho-therapeutics and hypnotic anaesthesia. Many amusing cases were, of course, encountered."

"I did not carry any subjects with me. For I found there were always numbers of people in all walks of life—doctors, lawyers, business men and clerks, who were willing to serve me, the local interest inspired making them infinitely more satisfactory than strangers to the audience."

"The results that I achieved in my public performances at the gratifying, but my mind constantly reverted to the time when I served as a subject for Kennedy. The boys and men on the stage with whom I have been hypnotized, but I knew I was not."

"I began to wonder whether these people were fooling me as I had fooled Kennedy, and I determined that for stage purposes no one, no matter how strong a hypnotist he may be, can hypnotize numbers of people and to the extent they claim to be hypnotized. The skepticism inspired in me from this investigation led me further and I then began to devote my time to the investigation of spirit phenomena."

"It may seem a bit egotistical for me to characterize myself as being 'preeminent' in the line of spirit investigation with such men as Sir Oliver Lodge, William James, W. F. Stead and Lombroso but I do claim that they are utterly unqualified to judge of the trickery by which all of these manifestations were accomplished, because they are so thorough in their scientific knowledge that they are looking for a psychological explanation."

Forester Graves to Speak to Council

Chief Forester Henry S. Graves will speak to the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting Monday noon. His subject will be "Coordination of Governmental Forces." George W. Stapleton will also discuss the "Two-Plant System." Election of a director, chairman, secretary and three members of the managing committee will also be gone through with.

France to Control Imports in Future

Paris, March 24.—(I. N. S.)—Only imports authorized by the government upon application will be allowed to come into France in the future, it was officially announced today.

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA DISCUSSED BY EXPERT



Frank Leeds.

Seaside the Scene Of Eleventh Meet

United Metal Trades Association of Coast Will Have Annual Session April 6-8 Inclusive.

The United Metal Trades association of the Pacific coast will hold its eleventh annual meeting in Seaside, April 6-8 inclusive.

Delegates from California cities are expected to arrive at Flavel on the steamer Northern Pacific April 6, and arrangements have been made for special cars to carry large delegations from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Everett, Bellingham and other northern cities, over the North Bank road that evening.

Business sessions are planned for Saturday, April 7, with a banquet in the evening. Side trips around Clatsop beach and down to Cannon beach are on the program for Sunday.

A. G. Labbe of Portland is chairman of the committee on entertainment, and he is making arrangements for a great variety of entertainment for the visitors in Seaside.

School Contributes \$300.

Jefferson high school "Live Wire" turned in \$300 for the Belgian children's food fund, said S. L. Eddy, treasurer of the Progressive Business Men's club committee. This is the largest individual contribution to the Oregon fund for 1,250,000 starving Belgian children.

Food Not Beer From Materials, Proposed

New York, March 24.—(U. P.)—Thousands of tons of barley, sugar and grits, which now go to the manufacture of beer in New York, should be ground up and used, if war comes, as food, according to a statement issued here today by Food Commissioner Emerson.

He gave figures showing that the production of beer in this city annually is 4,000,000 barrels, each barrel containing 31 gallons, and that for this 127,000 tons of barley, 16,000 tons of sugar and 7300 tons of grits are necessary.

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RUMORED INCREASE OF RAIL RATES EAST EVOKES A PROTEST

Merchants Exchange Association Wires I. C. C. Opposing Any Raise on Freight.

PRESENT CROP IS A BAR

Failure to Furnish Cars to Move 1916 Crops With Attendant Exposure Urged as Reason for Opposing.

Increase in rail rates east, rumored for several days, has brought a protest from the members of the Merchants' Exchange association, comprising the grain buyers of the northwest.

At its noon meeting the association drew up the following resolution which at once was wired to the Interstate Commerce commission.

"It is rumored that the railroads intend asking permission to increase rates effective on an early date. We do not know how proposed increases may apply, but desire to protest vigorously any increases affecting Pacific northwest grain movements in any direction until the railroads can handle the present crop."

"Dealers are unable to fill millions of dollars' worth of sales made on prices delivered at eastern points on basis of current rates on account of carriers' deplorable failure to furnish cars. Some car orders, five months old, are still unfilled."

"Permission to increase rates under existing conditions would be a monstrous injustice."

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