

SLOAN SHIPYARDS DEALING COSTLY, EVIDENCE SHOWS

Senate Investigation Brings to Light Large Sum Advanced and Little Work Accomplished.

BIG PROFITS MADE ON DEAL

Seattle Firm Sold Ships at Marked Advance to Government; N. Y. Firm Well Paid.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The tale of sixteen ships' might be called. The senate committee investigating the shipping board has spent considerable time upon it, and now has unfolded the tale down to many of the details, with an unusual mixup of commissions and subcontracting on government orders.

The Sloan Shipyards company of Seattle is the builder of the ships, or was until the government took over its plant a December. The full story goes back to four ships which the company agreed to build for the Clinchfield company of New York for \$385,000 each, complete.

Government Paid Big Profit
Philip D. Sloan, president of the company bearing his name, said he agreed to do work for the shipping board with reluctance, because "the red tape would almost break the ordinary shipbuilder."

In order to build for the government, Sloan explained, it was necessary to obtain a release from his contract with Clinchfield, and in making this clearance the Clinchfield people got \$167,000 out of the government, he testified, this being their profit on the advance price paid by the government.

\$1,724,500 Advanced by U. S.
Of the remaining 12 ships, Sloan subcontracted for six of them to the Anacortes Shipbuilding company, of which Joseph A. Sloan, brother of Philip D. Sloan, is president. It is to build them at a marked down price of \$454,000. This company proceeded to build a yard on Anacortes island. It has an investment of about \$300,000 now, it is stated, and has some of the ships under way, receiving advances from the Sloan company, which in turn had received the advances from the government.

Under the contracts entered into with the shipping board the Sloan company was to and did receive \$1,724,500 from the government in 60 days from the time the contract was signed. These advances were to be made with a regard to progress made upon the ships. Admiral Bowles has said that the company could have "spent it for candy."

Outlay Big, Work Little
The money, it appears, was largely spent in enlarging the Sloan yards at Olympia, building the new yard at Anacortes, and the purchase of materials. There has been no testimony to show that any of the money was spent for other purposes. On the other hand, the shipping board apparently has given no information about the subcontracting, and things went along without a ripple until Admiral Bowles one day awoke to the large outlay that was being made without much visible evidence of ships.

Four Months Behind Schedule
Sloan admitted that his salary had been fixed at \$25,000 a year by the directors of the company, but he had agreed to a reduction to \$10,000, he said, while the company was engaged on government work.

Sloan estimates that the 16 ships contracted for by his company are at least five months behind schedule. The first was to have been completed the last of his month, and the last ones in July. The Sloan contract has interested the committee as an example of slow progress made in a case where the govern-

New Phone Charges Are Being Held Up

Public Service Commission Decides That Investigation Shall Be Made Before New Tariffs Go Into Effect.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The public service commission today issued an order amending the long-distance toll charges of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to conform to the rates in effect prior to the first of this year, the old rates to be in force until the commission can make an investigation of the new rates and determine if they are acceptable.

The telephone company adopted new long-distance rates, said to be based on an airline distance, which went into effect January 1. These rates made many radical changes, particularly by increasing the rates for telephoning between Portland and principal cities of the state, in some instances the old rates were lowered.

TRAFFIC SURVEY OF COLUMBIA RIVER IS ORDERED BY PORT

Action Will Be Taken as Quickly as Possible, According to Decision of Commission.

A Columbia river traffic survey was authorized by the Port of Portland commission at its meeting Monday evening. The work will be inaugurated as quickly as possible. Upon its showing of prospective business will depend practically all plans for water transportation on the Columbia river—whether the port will operate a river boat line between Portland and upper Columbia points under authority granted in the law passed by the last legislature or whether private capital will provide facilities.

The traffic committee of the port commission, consisting of Port Commissioners Drake C. O'Reilly, chairman; E. W. Spencer and W. H. Patterson, which prepared the report on which was based the action of the commission on Wednesday, will have active charge of the survey. All are thoroughly versed in river traffic matters.

The cost is not expected to exceed \$5000 and expenditures to that amount were authorized by the commission. The port commission will cooperate in its work with the commission of public docks, the Portland Traffic & Transportation association and the Chamber of Commerce. The basis of the report submitted Wednesday was the survey of upper river conditions prepared by Fred C. Schubert of the United States engineer corps. Mr. Schubert's scientific knowledge of transportation and traffic conditions on the Columbia will be further utilized by the committee.

Drake C. O'Reilly, chairman of the committee, made it clear in his report to the commission that first consideration will be given points where the commerce drains naturally toward the river.

Spy Tries to Sink Supply Ship at Sea

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—A deliberate attempt to sink a supply ship was made today, but officials here today with her arrival here. She docked just in time to prevent her foundering.

That an enemy spy, or spies, was aboard is believed today, but officials withheld all information. The attempt to sink the vessel was made several hundred miles at sea.

Clarence Guy Is Known at Dallas

Dallas, Or., Jan. 29.—Clarence Guy, otherwise known as "Coots" Guy, who is held in jail in Portland for attempting to kill his wife, is a native of Dallas and until a couple of years ago was a resident of this city. He is a son of Tom Guy of North Dallas and about three years ago served a three months' jail sentence here for furnishing liquor to minors.

Mrs. R. A. Morden, shot Friday by Clarence Guy, was reported this morning resting easily at the Emanuel hospital. So far she has had no nourishment.

ment has virtually put up all the money for shipyards and ships, with commissions paid on the side, and operations carried on for six ships through a subcontract which the shipping board apparently knew nothing about until recently.

Idle dollars are sloaker dollars. Invest in War Savings Stamps. They pay interest.

NEXT DRAFT NOT LIKELY TO TAKE ANY OREGON MEN

Showing Is Considered Great Demonstration of Patriotism by Young Men of This State.

MOST ARE PHYSICALLY FIT

Reports of Examining Boards Highly Satisfactory, in Most Cases Over Half Qualify.

According to the rate of enlistment of registered men during the past two months, it is doubtful if Oregon will be called upon to supply a full quota of men at the next call, which is expected about February 15, say local board officials.

According to the classification of the registrants which will be completed in a few days, a large number of draft subjects have already joined the colors and are now fighting for Uncle Sam in France.

According to the report of Provost Marshal General Crowder to the secretary of war on the first draft under the selective service draft act of 1917, the gross quota for Oregon was 7387, and the enlistment credits were 6657, which shows a ratio to the gross quota of over 90 per cent, which places Oregon at the head outside of the territory of Hawaii.

Number Is Nominal
"There is no reason to doubt that the enlistments for this draft are just as many as the previous one," stated Secretary Jaeger of board No. 7 this morning, "in that case the amount of men that Oregon would be called upon to furnish would be nominal and it is a question whether Oregon will be called upon to furnish any men at all. I consider this is a great victory for Oregon and demonstrates, that our boys are not lack-

ing in patriotism. Oregon was at the top of the list for volunteers and for the least number of drafted men for the first call, and it now looks as though this state will not be called upon to furnish any men at the second call, if the quota to be called is not any more than the previous one. However, the war department may make the quota for Oregon to be called for the second draft much larger than for the first, but in any case Oregon will live up to her reputation.

One Half Quality
Of 60 registrants examined for local board No. 4, 28 qualified for general military service, nine for limited service, and 13 were physically deficient. This shows an average of over 50 per cent for men who have been examined by this board and who have qualified.

Report of physical examination for local division board No. 4. General Military Service: Walter E. Arndt, Lawrence Lee White, Ralph Paulson, Alfred Peter Jespersen, Richard Herbert Knight, Joseph Thomas Charles Nash, Randall E. Matman, Lawrence B. Pitta, Ray Lynch, W. J. Carney, George E. Zipey, Earl R. Elliot, John Bellevue, Charles Nunn Haight, Roy A. Wright, Harry G. Bowder, Morris Mattencin, Andrew V. Hood, E. C. Karambetas, William C. Kerus, Arthur C. Townsend, George E. Bushnell, Carl E. Taggins, James Harold Colton, Major Keyting, George J. Wurfel, Carl O. Wilson.

Special or limited service—Otto Frederick Flann, John M. Scheringer, Donald Wood, James B. Ott, Joseph M. Stepp, Elmer H. Broeder, Charles H. Smith, Clarence Tillman, H. H. Bain.

Physically deficient—Theodore David Harmon, Edward G. Simpson, Harold Edward McCauley, Charles E. Melquist, Frank Mariani, Henry Jacob Busch, A. F. Taylor, A. R. Wust, Charles L. Morgan, William Dickenson, Hallie H. Haynes, Harry Conboy, Dale R. George.

Board No. 11, Multnomah county, has notified the following registrants to appear for physical examination 3 p. m., February 2, Saturday: Joseph Christy, Letsinger, Nasel, Wash.; Walter Preston, route 2; John Pettenger Reed, Hillsdale; George Pratt, East Seventy-second street and Sixty-sixth avenue southeast; Harold Gut McCreary, Gresham; Herbert N. Armstrong, Gresham; James Wallace Anderson, 308 Salmon street; George Emil Johnson, city; Frederick Luid, 144 West Kinrick street; James Clarence Vuther, Corbett street; David H. Kennedy.

Notices Are Mailed
Local board, division No. 11 Multnomah county, has mailed the following notices to registrants to appear for physical examination February 4:

Frank Chinienti, Troutdale; Emanuel May Fox, Troutdale; Edward O. Bligh-Ingror, Hillsdale, route 2; John Alvin Johnson, Gresham; John Gustach, Portland; Eugene Bourgeois, Troutdale; Adil Cornelius Miller, Troutdale; Alvin Albert Anderson, Carlton; Arthur Fiedal, 221 1/2 Washington street; August Van Donick, Gresham; Fred Zwalzer, Hillsdale; Walter Muralt, Sherwood; Robert Wallace Gillespie, Hillsdale; Henry Staudler, Hillsdale; John Washington Thomas, Portland; Lewis Christensen, Gresham; Robert Klerem, Corbett; Ellsworth Delos Baker, Troutdale; James William Ford, Los Angeles; William Edward Johnston, Gresham.

Cloudburst Floods The Pinehurst Links

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The qualifying round of the St. Valentine tournament was started at Pinehurst yesterday. After part of the field had completed the round a heavy shower flooded the greens and caused a cancellation of the day's playing. One hundred and nine persons teed off. Norman H. Maxwell turned in the best card among those who finished. Maxwell had a 79, going out in 35, and coming home in 41. J. D. Standish Jr., of Detroit, paired with Maxwell, went around in 42-38-31. The qualifying round will be out of 18 holes and played today.

Disabled Craft Is Still Off Coast

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 29.—The steam schooner disabled off Coos Bay Monday is this morning far off shore with the larger steamer which has her in tow. It is believed they will come closer in when the tide is favorable for crossing the bar.

The tub Killyham of Bandon is here to bring the vessel into port, having arrived in the night.

Neither of the boats at sea have wireless and their identity has not been learned.

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WHITLOCK on BELGIUM

Recital of German atrocities in Belgium by Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL, beginning Sunday, February 17.