

OREGON BACK IN SHIPBUILDING

Increased Fervor Among Men Created by Visit of Schwab Party Expected to Help, Said.

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Existing Facilities Will Be Used to Their Fullest Extent Instead, Is Program at Present.

Oregon's handicap in shipbuilding is manpower, and yet approximately one fourth of the employees of shipyards in the United States are working in Oregon and Washington, with approximately another fourth in California.

This state of affairs will be partially relieved as a result of the recent visit here of Director General Charles M. Schwab, Vice President Charles Piaz and other members of the Emergency Fleet corporation, for these men created among workmen a new fervor and enthusiasm which will tend to remove what little strained relationship existed between employer and employe, and will undoubtedly result in greater co-operation and greater efficiency, meaning increased production, says J. E. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company. Of the visit of the Emergency Fleet officers and its results Mr. Bowles says:

Proportion Too Great

"The Fleet corporation officials discovered on the Pacific coast what was already known to many of us, and that is that somewhat too large a proportion of our manpower is engaged in shipbuilding, spruce production and allied war industries. That but of a total of about 400,000 working in shipyards in the United States, approximately 100,000, or 25 per cent of the whole, are in yards located in Oregon and Washington, with almost as many more in California.

"In addition, there are more than 20,000 men in the spruce industry, which must be at least doubled by reason of a recent call of the signal corps for an increase in production from 10,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet monthly. The officials were appraised of the fact that our main supply of spruce on the Pacific coast is the territory west of the Rocky mountains and only a normal percentage could be relied upon to move from the main West, as a majority of men are reluctant to abandon their homes.

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"The result was that after a full analysis of this situation, rather than deplete further the supply of men required for the war effort, the program was further expansion in the production of war industry products—ships and auxiliaries therefor, particularly—would be arranged. Hence, the new four-way plan for expansion by repair construction and operation by the Northwest Steel company, was laid aside for the present. The question of building a plant for production of forgings, steel castings and bars for use in repair construction also met with disfavor, as did all other applications for expansion which might make further drafts upon the limited manpower available.

"The same procedure was followed on Puget Sound, where all plans for new extensions were abandoned and, in addition, arrangements were made for the completion of construction started on two or three of the large shipbuilding plants, were stopped, and that district, therefore, will proceed only with the limited number of ships which are planned to proceed with the addition of two ship ways previously arranged at the plant of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation. I am informed that like action was taken in regard to expansion in California.

More Contracts to Come

"All shipbuilding plants were, however, assured that further contracts would be awarded in keeping with their preference over treatment, but that therefore be seen that while no new industries will result from the visit of the Fleet corporation officials, the growing facilities of the Pacific coast will be used to the greatest possible extent with the number of workmen available; also, that no city or district has received preference over another, but that all have been put on a basis of bringing the present plants up to a maximum production. Then, if the emergency still exists, the extension, now tabulated, will be revived."

FORCES ARE TO BE REWARDED

Officers in charge of lighthouse districts as well as field forces are hereafter to be rewarded as faithful service deserves through the operation of a retirement system for the field workers and a more equitable compensation for officers, who shall be known from now on as superintendents of lighthouses. Light keepers will get similar equitable compensation and other much needed relief.

The retirement system provided permits optional retirement at 65 years for those having 30 years' active service; retirement compulsory for employees in excess of 65 years of age. Commutation for ratifiers for light keepers has been increased from 30 to 40 cents a day, and authority has been given to pay, during the last five years of service, times the number of years spent in active service in the lighthouse service or some other federal branch under the retirement system, not exceeding in any event thirty per cent of such pay.

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SHIPWORKERS BELIEVE IN SIGNS



Liberty Temple after the victory celebration Thursday evening.

Night shift workers at the Northwest Steel and Columbia River Shipbuilding plants were busy Thursday evening at the time of the general western front victory celebration down town, but were not to be denied a part in the jollification, and so staged an affair of their own as soon after coming off shift as possible.

Thus it happened that, 2300 strong, carrying banners of strange device, maybe, but of potent and pointed import, these shipworkers paraded the streets and gathered in front of Liberty temple at a big time. They had it and left their banners that the day workers in town next day might see that they had missed something by going home so early the night before.

WESTERN PLAINS IS LAUNCHED SATURDAY IN WILLAMETTE RIVER

Steel Steamer Second of Isherwood Type and Eighth Launched by Columbia River Yard.

Baptized in the cool waters of the Willamette, sponsored by Mrs. John H. Beeson, an early carry name which conjures up thoughts of the romance that has built from the wild wastes of a great west a land of charm and a home for a new, warlike activity that is writing doom for Frumianism, the \$800-ton steel steamer Western Plains was launched from the Columbia River Shipbuilding company's ways at 4:10 Saturday afternoon.

The Western Plains, second of the company's four Isherwood type hulls, is the eighth vessel launched by the company, whose first ship was launched on December 1, 1917. A total of 70,000 tons stands to the company's record in seven months, and with a production achievement of one hull every month there are few yards to compare with the Columbia River company.

Mrs. Beeson, who broke the christening fluid over the prow of the Western Plains, while the yard band played martial music, is the wife of the plant surgeon. With the floating of the Columbia River company's eighth hull, Portland alone has produced for the United States government, directly and through command, 106,600 tons of steel shipbuilding, honor for which is divided as follows: Northwest Steel company, 13 ships, tonnage 114,400; Columbia River company, eight ships, tonnage 70,400; Pacific Engine & Machine Works, six ships, tonnage 20,800.

PORTLAND TO COME BACK

Chartering, and Operating Company to Be Formed Here.

Portland has taken heed of the lesson that the government, directly and through since the war started and her importance as a port for offshore commerce dropped to a subnormal level, and the immediate necessity to bring into existence a chartering and operating company that will be prepared to take over Emergency Fleet corporation vessels or charter privately built craft for the Pacific coast.

Japanese commerce looms up in an important light, although the trans-pacific liners controlled by Japanese interests are admittedly inclined toward Seattle, according to the conclusions reached by the Portland Chamber of Commerce in its survey preceding action in launching such a company as is said to be a vital necessity for the coast.

Coastwise trade has already suffered because Portland has had no suitable chartering agency, while such concerns as the Matson Navigation company, the Pacific Mail and others are taking over many government vessels for coastwise business.

On every vessel built and launched in Portland the name of the city and the state is increased in prominence upon its prow and bow to the name of the ship. Portland will be the home port of the several hundred ships that will undoubtedly be products of Oregon district shipbuilders before the war is ended. It is, therefore, of increased moment that strict attention be paid to the need of such a chartering and operating agency, according to the conclusions proposed. Early action on the question of organization was anticipated Saturday at the chamber.

GAS BUOY IS DAMAGED

Log Raft Is Towed Against No. 12 at River's Mouth.

A log raft towed against gas boy No. 12 at the mouth of the Columbia, marking Clatsop spit, put the structures out of commission Saturday, according to a message received from the mouth of the river by Robert Warrack, superintendent of the chamber of Commerce.

As a result of the accident the Jetty Sands range was brought into use again to protect traffic while a new buoy is being secured in place of the damaged structure. This change will require about two weeks, Superintendent Warrack estimated. In the meantime vessels due in the course of the light have been diverted to the west side of the fact that it is out of commission.

NEW ORLEANS IS FEARED MORE

San Francisco Sees in Southern City Rival for Oriental Commerce.

San Francisco newspapers have succeeded in diverting the attention of waterfront interests from the Seattle Inroads Seattle has made upon the Bay City's record as the leading port of the Pacific coast by calling direct attention to the growing importance and possibilities of New Orleans as a source and terminal for transpacific

Huns Peeved When British Celebrate

Washington, July 20.—Proposals by the ways and means committee to increase the income taxes took a wide range today. Some members of the committee suggested that the normal tax be raised as high as 20 per cent and the sugar tax to 80 per cent. The committee adjourned until Monday without reaching any conclusions upon any of the proposed rates.

The relation of the suggested increases to the sale of Liberty bonds entered into the committee discussion. Certain members of the committee expressed the opinion that the rates on incomes above \$100,000 were increased 80 per cent, as suggested, it might prove difficult to get the possessors of these large incomes to invest in the bond issues. For this reason, it was urged that the present figure of 63 per cent on all incomes of this class should be allowed to remain.

Shipbuilding Payroll Growing

"In government circles there is the feeling that Portland and Oregon have done splendidly, and have been well taken care of. It is pointed out that this city has a shipbuilding payroll practically equal to that of Seattle, and may equal it soon, that we are near the mark of San Francisco and yet we had no shipbuilding little more than two years ago; that we have the headquarters here for the three great grain, flour milling and spruce divisions for the Northwest, and are the center for lumber distribution and buying; and that much other government work has centered here. While these agencies are not numerous, it is urged that they are of the highest business value, and that the people of Portland should not be discouraged by either their achievement or recognition, in any line except ship operation.

Trotsky Not to Help, But Will Not Oppose

London, July 20.—(U. P.)—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister, has ordered the Russian army not to support the Anglo-French forces on the Murman coast, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

His dispatch, that the allied forces be allowed to go freely from one town to another but that they be watched carefully.

Tokyo, July 20.—Japan will not send troops to Siberia until after a formal joint declaration of policy by Japan and the United States, it was learned today.

MUNICIPAL FISH MARKET PLAYS ENTIRE SUCCESS

Popularity of Portland Market Spreads to Other Cities, Where It Will Be Followed.

SOLVES BIG MEAT PROBLEM

Local Institution Supplies All Kinds of Sea Fish at Reasonable Prices to Consumer.

Adoption of the municipal fish market plan for the increased consumption of fish at prices beneficial to consumers has proved so thoroughly successful in Portland that there is a likelihood of the method being followed in the district comprising San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Richmond, Cal.

The government food administration has already heartily approved of the municipal fish market, and W. B. Ayer, Oregon food administrator, declares that the Portland market has accomplished a great deal to help solve the high costs of living problem.

Mrs. Evelene Spencer, well known Portland woman, who has been conducting demonstration lectures in Oregon and Washington under the auspices of the United States bureau of fisheries, lecturer for San Francisco Saturday, to continue work in the California bay cities. She was accompanied by her two daughters, the Misses Evelyn and Adrienne Spencer. The young women will study the fish consumption program problem under the guidance of their mother, with the view of carrying on the work also.

PORTLAND WILL KEEP UP EFFORTS TO GET SHIPPING TO ORIENT

Plans of Emergency Fleet Corporation Thwart for Time City's Ambitions.

Certain far reaching policies now forming in the offices of the Emergency Fleet corporation offices at Philadelphia have successfully thwarted a plan for Portland's steamer line to the orient, but the city will continue unflinchingly to take about such trans-oceanic service to this port.

Such is a summary of the eastern trip of W. D. B. Dobson, which ended with his return to Portland Thursday, as it is officially known in "Portland Commerce," house organ of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Dodson is executive secretary. Mr. Dodson says:

"It is in encouraging the use of fish hauled by the fishermen by the fishermen as being improper or unavailable for food that great strides have been made in my work. In this connection the Portland fish market has performed valuable service. The so-called scrap fish are now being extensively consumed in Portland. People are getting educated to the food value of the flounder, and one of the best of healthy standing timber and whale meat, which, properly cooked, makes a delicious dish.

"I am told that California also has an abundance of healthy standing timber, the California scrub being a grade of fish, which will stand exploitation. W. H. Edwards, commissioner of finance and revenue of Oakland, Cal., and chairman of the Bay State fish market, is set for to share fully the benefits that were derived by the Portland consumers, who may visit the market daily.

Advocates Government Fishing

Success of the Portland municipal fish market is due in part to the cooperation of the Port of Portland commission, the members of which have aided materially in the launching of the fish drive. The commission allowed the city of Portland the use of the old pilot schooner Joseph Smith, which has been used for many years as a regular trip to the fishing grounds off the Oregon coast.

The Portland fish market deals in nearly every kind of fish that swims, and the fish are run as high as 40 cents a pound. According to Commissioner Kellaher, the market has increased public interest in fish as a substitute for meats and incidentally made it impossible for the private fish dealers to corner the market and boost prices.

Off the Oregon coast halibut fishing is carried on extensively by about 500 boats, 2,000,000 pounds of halibut have been taken from the Oregon banks in about a month's time.

Included among the varieties of fish which are run are salmon, trout, Chinook and black salmon, cod, red snappers, ling cod, fall cod, rock cod, tom cod, flounders, perch, sole, herring, mackerel, and many other varieties. The fish are now shipping to the soldiers across the sea 7000 pounds of fish a month. Commissioner Kellaher has suggested that the United States government maintain a fleet of fishing boats, including canneries, nets and boats. After caring for the local needs, he says, the surplus could be shipped to Europe as food for the soldiers.

Portland Getting Plenty of Water

Portland's water supply this summer, despite the daily sprinkling plan, which permits the use of water for all needs, and there has been an absence of complaints from shortages, according to John Mann, city commissioner. He said:

"The Bull Run lake has a water supply sufficient for a city twice the size of Portland. Sixty-five million gallons are going through the waterworks daily, and of this amount as high as 54,000,000 gallons have been sent into the six reservoirs and several million gallons are being pumped at high altitudes. This amount of water is necessary to keep up the necessary pressure.

"The distribution system is being re-arranged, it is possible, and individual consumers have little, if any, reason for complaints."

Diplomat Wins at Chess

Alfred W. Donagan, former consul at Metzger, Germany, and now attached to the American legation at Bern, Switzerland, recently won the championship tournament of the Bern Chess club, with a score of 13 victories and 2 defeats, in addition to the Cantonal tourney with 1½ to 2½ score.

IN NATION'S FLYING SERVICE



Lieutenant Henry Helgesson, former Journal carrier, who has been assigned to Wilbur Wright field for further training.

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