

# ORDERS RECEIVED SUSPEND BUILDING OF FIVE STEAMERS

G. M. Standifer Construction Corporation Yards at Vancouver Hit by Latest Move.

## NEW WORK IS ANTICIPATED

Builders More Confident Government Intends to Undertake the Building of Larger Vessels.

Suspension orders for five of the 15 steel steamers under contract at the yards of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation at Vancouver, which until this time had been the only yard in the Oregon district which had no work annulled, came Wednesday afternoon and builders now feel more confident that the shipping board intends to undertake the work of building steamers of a larger type.

When orders came suspending the construction of 24 vessels at the plants of the Northwest, Columbia River and Albin yards last month and no orders were received by the Standifer yard, it was supposed the government would allow the construction of steamers of the 800-ton type, but it appears that the shipping board has concurred in Chairman Hurley's orders that no contracts be placed for smaller vessels and all orders be replaced where it is possible to build vessels of not less than 12,000 tons.

**Need, Shown for Larger Ships**

An estimate of material on hand has been requested and the manager of the yard estimates that building supplies for 12 more vessels is on hand. Of the vessels under contract one is in the water, five are on the ways and one of these is nearing completion. Previous suspension orders included 10 at the Northwest Steel company yards, eight at the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, and six at the Albin Engine & Machine works. After reports were turned in of the amount of material on hand two were reinstated in each of the yards.

Chairman Hurley failed to accomplish the purpose of his trip to Europe, the placing of a universal rate and pay scale among all countries maintaining commerce and if America is to compete in world trade he saw that it would be necessary to have larger vessels in the United States merchant marine. Orders were then received from him to start a program of larger building and he is now on his way home to help the board intensify on this plan.

**Conference Is Expected**

Guy M. Standifer of the Standifer corporation landed in New York Tuesday from France and the fact that J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company, and Alfred F. Smith, president of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, are due in Philadelphia from Portland is accepted as meaning that a conference concerning the future of steel shipbuilding in this section will soon be under way in the East.

A resume of the entire steel program made by one of the eastern members of the shipping board gives the reason of the suspension and reinstatement as being occasioned by the fact that a number of the yards had material on hand for the building of vessels outlined under their first contracts and that a big loss would have been sustained if completion of at least some of the vessels had not been carried out. This also said that contracts for larger vessels would be given to these companies by next summer.

With work suspended on a total of 23 steel steamers of the 9500, 8500 and 3500 types in this district and no further work received this morning, managers of the steel yards feel confident that no more work will be called off, even though big suspension orders have been received in California. If any further action is taken here it is thought reinstatement will be the program rather than further suspensions as material is on hand for every one of the steamers under contract.

**Oakland Loses Ship Contracts**

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Contracts for seven steel ships to have been built here have been cancelled and contracts for six others suspended, it was learned today.

The shipping board's telegram announcing the action gave no reason. The seven contracts cancelled were for the Moore Shipbuilding company, where a strike is in progress. The six contracts suspended are held by the Union Iron works.

California yards have within the past few weeks seen 43 contracts for steel ships either suspended or cancelled. The figure involved is approximately \$77,000,000.

Whereas some believe the shipping board cancelled the contracts held by the Moore company because of the strike there, the general opinion is that the action comes as a result of the more extensive policy developed by the shipping board for building peace time ships. Keels of the steel ships affected had not been laid. General Manager Pies in Philadelphia recently announced through the United Press that these ships planned to win the war were not suitable for peace time competition.

It is believed the government plans ships larger and faster and better built than those called for by these contracts, and that in the end the yards will profit by more valuable contracts than those suspended or cancelled.

Contracts have been suspended or cancelled in yards in Oregon and Washington, and it is believed the same holds true there.

**Bids Come From All Parts of the U. S. for Army Spruce Outfit**

Saturday, February 15, is the last date on which bids for the property of the United States Spruce Production corporation, with headquarters in Portland, will be received by the sales board recently named by Brigadier General Brice P. Disque, the commanding officer.

Proposals have been pouring into sales board headquarters for the past few weeks from all over the United States and Canada. Many bids for individual parts have been received, but there are also thousands of large ones embracing all or main units of the machinery and equipment, some of these coming from contemplation or by firms and corporations which have in prospect work on an unusual scale.

**CONCLAVE DIVIDES ON GERMAN ISSUE**

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armistice would be prolonged indefinitely, that hostilities will be commenced on short notice in case the enemy shows any signs of carrying out the armistice and that a dead line will be drawn beyond which German troops will be forbidden to move toward Poland.

**By Naboth Hehn**

Special Correspondence to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The predicted conflict between the real ideas represented by Premier Clemenceau and the idealism of President Wilson has now fully developed.

Typical of the commentaries in the opposition press is a cartoon today showing the French premier's utter amazement while watching President Wilson, the outline being, "What is he talking about?"

**Deadlocked on German Issue**

Hitherto the "Tiger" has accepted numerous ideas that were diametrically opposed to his own—publicity of the peace conference program, the method of procedure, treatment of the Russians, disposition of the colonial problem, and many others.

But when he comes to discuss peace terms with Germany, Clemenceau cannot yield. France demands:

- 1.—Security.
- 2.—Reparation and damages.

The renewal of the armistice involves both. Overwhelming French opinion favors "putting the screws" on Germany now, while the "Idealists" favor going to the Germans, "there, there, be gentle, Boche," employing moral suasion instead of force.

According to the French attitude is the following satirical editorial in "Le Matin":

**Old, Old Story With Huns**

"A century before Christ, 300,000 Boches invaded France, pillaging, devastating and killing, and penetrating as far as Aix-en-Provence. They were beaten and swore they would never try it again.

"Sixty years later 240,000 Boches invaded France, installing themselves in the Jura mountains.

"Three years after that the Helvetians, pushed by the Boches, invaded France. They were beaten and the Boches swore they would never try it again.

"Three years later, 400,000 Boches invaded the Meuse-Oise region. They were beaten and swore they would never do it again.

"Sixteen years before Christ an army of Boches invaded the left bank of the Rhine.

**Repeated Raids Beaten Off**

"Again, 213 years after Christ, they tried it again and were beaten off again.

"Twenty-four years later they tried and were beaten.

"Later the Boches invaded the Rhine valley in 275. Twenty-six years later the Boches destroyed everything as far as Langres. Beaten, they swore they would never try it again.

"Fifty years later the Boches again occupied the left bank of the Rhine. Three years later they invaded France as far as Lens and Lyon. Six years later they invaded Belgium. Eight years later they invaded Alsace. Ten years later they were beaten on the Sambre. Eighteen years later they came in an invasion on mass.

"France was totally ravished. Two years later the Boche pillaged Toulouse, Narbonne and Bordeaux. But this article is getting too long."

**Score More Hun Invasions**

The writer then enumerates 28 different German invasions of France and continues:

"Whenever they were conquerors they were atrocious and terrible; whenever they were conquered they were humble, toiling the French by their meekness

# FARMERS DEMAND PLACE IN LEAGUE

Wilson's Plan Backed by National Gathering; Lenroot Has Railroad Control Scheme.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Representation before the society of nations for the farmers of the world was demanded Wednesday by the national board of farm organizations in semi-annual conference here. The resolutions in which the demand was made were presented by Clifford Finch.

The organization went on record as backing President Wilson's plan for a league of nations and then set forth its position on the part the farmers ought to play in the forthcoming readjustment of the globe.

Among measures advocated by the board which is composed of dozens of farmers' organizations, are inclusion in the league of nations of a special body having the international interests of agriculture directly in charge. Extension of the international institute of agriculture at Rome, a world system of crop reports, the right of collective bargaining for farmers and the extension of free educational facilities to all the farming communities of the world are among other demands.

Typical of the ones addressed today by Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, who spoke in favor of a plan set forth by the various farm organizations, is the University of Wisconsin for a \$20,000,000 federal corporation to control and operate all railroads. The government would own no stock in this corporation, but would name two out of eight directors, the others being named by the investors, shippers and farmers.

Consolidation of the roads is necessary, Senator Lenroot said, and the only way to get it is through some scheme that will give the government direct supervision.

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# FOLLOW NEW CLUE IN MURDER CASE

Police Say Warrant Has Been Issued for Jack O'Neil, Who Can't Be Found.

Captain of Detectives Harry Circle said this morning that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Jack O'Neil and added further that the police are seeking him in connection with the murder of Mrs. Lula Deuwel last Friday night at the Gordon hotel, West Park and Yamhill streets. The body was found by the landlady, Mrs. N. L. Hays, about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

O'Neil has dropped out of sight, the police say. He is supposed to have been seen in Seattle last Saturday, but further than that the police say they have no trace of him. According to police records O'Neil was arrested in Seattle July 14, 1915, along with R. Guernsey on a charge of stealing jewelry from a hotel room. The court sentence is not given on the circular.

He was 19 at that time, which would make him 23 at this time, or about the age of the "nephew" who it is said killed Mrs. Deuwel the night she was murdered.

Police were reluctant to disclose any information this morning, but they did not deny the statement of Mrs. A. Shank, housekeeper in the Gordon hotel, had identified the picture of O'Neil as that of the "nephew." The Seattle description of O'Neil is: Height 5 feet 7 inches, fair complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. O'Neil's jaw is drawn a little to one side in the picture.

The only motive the police can ascribe for the crime is robbery.

The night before the woman was killed, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, a friend of Mrs. Deuwel, is alleged to have robbed Hans Hartowier, his partner in a restaurant, of about \$300 in cash and Liberty bonds. Fitzpatrick is also missing.

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# AGRICULTURE WORK To Be Offered in Estacada Schools

Estacada, Feb. 13.—County Superintendent J. E. Calavan and County Club Leader A. L. Olmstead for several days have been working in Estacada and surrounding territory in the interest of the boys' and girls' industrial clubs for the coming season.

Professor H. P. Barrows and O. L. Straughan of the Oregon Agricultural college are assisting the school authorities of Estacada in the establishment of the Smith-Hughes course in agriculture. The work will be directly in charge of Mr. Straughan, who has already begun to outline the course.

Nearly every boy in the high school has taken the oath of service in the boys' working reserve.

The flu ban has been lifted and the Star theatre is again showing motion pictures. A lecture will be given at the high school Friday evening by Dr. Sheldon of the University of Oregon. Films and slides will be shown.

Rev. Walter Givens, first lieutenant and chaplain at Fort Worden, Wash., and W. W. Dillon of the Y. M. C. A. service in France have received their honorable discharge papers and have taken up civil duties once more.

**Permission to Build Warehouse**

A permit has been granted the Portland Woolen Mills company to build a warehouse on Bradford between Baltimore and New York streets. The permit calls for an expenditure of \$15,000. Construction work on the new building will begin at an early date, according to officials of the company.

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**Festival Board to Organize on Friday At Portland Hotel**

The 1919 Rose Festival board elected Friday night will be organized at a meeting Friday evening in the Hotel Portland, according to a call issued by E. J. Jaeger, president of the Rose Festival auxiliary, and E. E. Larimore, who preside over the 1917 festival. The directors elect from a list of 18 candidates were R. W. Childs, Hotel Men's association; W. E. Conklin, Ad club; F. M. Criss, Farmers' association; Eric V. Hauser, shipbuilders; Rufus C. Holman, county commission; William McMurray, railroads; Henry E. Reed, city and county; Ira L. Riggs, Progressive Business Men's club; Charles Rudean, retailers; Mrs. C. B. Simmons, women's organizations; Hermann Von Borstel, Realty board; R. G. Jubitts, Rose society. The new board will organize both for the features and the financing of the Rose Festival this year. It will be a "Victory celebration in Portland's month of roses."

**Fuel Administration Will Sell Equipment Through Sealed Bids**

The Oregon fuel administration, which is to officially close its doors March 1, will dispose of its furniture and office equipment through sealed bids received at 1337 Northwestern Bank building up to and including February 21, according to an announcement issued Wednesday through Federal Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes.

A board of survey and appraisal, consisting of E. A. Lincoln, B. E. Kennedy and M. B. Durning, has listed and appraised the articles to be sold, and will open all bids February 21.

Two desks, 12 chairs, 1 legal blank case, 2 Underwood typewriters, 6 letter trays, 3 waste baskets and a number of miscellaneous articles are offered.

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