

BUSINESS FOR MARCH SHOWS BIG INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS MONTH

Building Permits and Bank Clearings Show Enormous Gains Over February.

Portland has entered upon a building program of considerable magnitude, as evidenced by the number and value of permits issued during the past month. Hundreds of these permits are for residence property, and at least 1000 additional permits for homes must be issued before the normal demand for houses will be met.

During the month of March \$11 building permits were issued at the city hall, calling for an expenditure of \$253,250. This is a material advance over the building record of the city during February and is far in advance of any previous month during the past year.

Bank clearings for March totaled \$119,054,123.35, compared with \$88,061,053.39 for the corresponding month last year and approximately \$29,000,000 for February. March is one of the best months in the year in the banking business and the record of the last 31 days gives promise of continued prosperity, according to financial men.

A new ruling of the postoffice department forbids the giving out of information as to postal receipts or postal savings deposits. It is admitted by officials of the postoffice and of the United States Railroad Express company, however, that the business of the month just closed has shown an increase over the same month of last year as well as exceeding the February business.

Four German Ships Assigned to U. S.

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Four more of the German passenger vessels recently assigned to the United States have been placed in commission, it was announced by the navy department Monday afternoon. They are the Patricia, Graf Waldersee, Zeppelein, and Pretoria. The name of the Cleveland, which was recently commissioned, has been changed to the Mobile, the navy already having a vessel named the Cleveland, it was stated.

Hand Appointed to Treasury Position

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Recent appointment by President Wilson of Robert G. Hand, Mississippi, to be assistant treasurer of the United States, was announced at the White House Monday. Other appointments announced included: Albert C. Hindman, Boise, Idaho, to be United States marshal for the Panama canal zone; Cornell S. Franklin to be first judge of the circuit court, first circuit, Hawaii.

Wets of California Beaten in Assembly

Sacramento, Cal., April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The Prohibition enforcement bill was denied reconsideration by the assembly Monday by a vote of 42 to 26. The plea for reconsideration was made by the wets on the ground that they had been denied fair play when the cloture rule was applied and the bill passed last Friday by a vote of 45 to 30.

Looting of Army Stores

San Diego, Cal., April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Systematic looting of army stores at Camp Kearny with thefts totaling thousands of dollars is charged in information filed with the federal court at Los Angeles Monday. A federal grand jury investigation of the charges is asked. It is charged that government stores have been cashed in on card lot and sold to dealers in San Diego and other towns contiguous to the camp.

Assigned to Commands

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Assignments to command of four German submarines to be brought to this country were announced by the navy department. Lieutenant Commander Holbrook Gibson is assigned to the U-2-97; Lieutenant Commander J. L. Nelson, U-2-48; Lieutenant Commander A. G. Dibrail, U-2-17, and Lieutenant Commander H. T. Smith, U-2-48. All were detached from the London headquarters of the United States navy.

Mrs. Hearst Very Ill

Pleasanton, Cal., April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, mother of William R. Hearst, is still in a serious condition as the result of after effects of an influenza attack, it was reported from her residence this afternoon. William R. Hearst is in San Francisco from New York, en route to visit his mother.

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Little Boy at Play Sets Fire to Gasoline Tank and Is Burned

Freewater, April 1.—Bobby Lance, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lance of this city, while playing in an old automobile, set fire to the gasoline in the tank. He was badly burned about the face and hands.

Mrs. Sleeth Honor Guest

Milton, April 1.—The W. C. T. U. held a reception Saturday at the home of Mrs. T. A. Williams of this city, the guest of honor being the state president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Mattie Sleeth of Portland. Several new members were added to the union. A program was given and refreshments were served.

Veteran to Study Medicine

Freewater, April 1.—Spurgeon Fritchett, who recently returned from France, has gone to the University of Washington, where he will take up the study of medicine.

Wheat Land Is Sold

Milton, April 1.—William Harder and Mrs. L. C. Harder, have sold nearly 900 acres of wheat land west of Eugene to Benjamin men, who pay \$70,000 for the land. There is still 900 acres owned by the estate.

Guns Are Mounted To Shoot Strikers In Barcelona City

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Precautions are being taken to put down any threatened disturbances in Barcelona, because of the labor trouble there, said a dispatch to the state department from Madrid Monday afternoon. Guns have been taken from warships in the harbor and mounted in the streets.

A rigid censorship of the press has been instituted, in protest of which the newspapers have suspended publication. Several thousand arrests have been made and the government is refusing to allow employers to pay returning strikers for the time they lost. Everywhere, it was stated, there is a desire on the part of strikers to return, but the authorities are disposed not to recognize the syndicalists, two meetings of which were broken up Saturday and all participants arrested.

Tacoma Factory to Manufacture Rubber

Tacoma, Wash., April 1.—(U. P.)—Announcement of the reorganization of the Western Rubber company of Tacoma on an extensive scale, with plans for the immediate erection of the first unit of a \$1,000,000 plant, gave promise today of putting Tacoma on the map as one of the country's leading rubber manufacturing centers. Elmer Dover is president of the reorganized company, which has the backing of some of the most influential business men of the city.

Mexico Seeks to Attract Americans

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Orders that all foreigners be treated with consideration and respect, have been issued by the governor of the Mexican state of Sinaloa, according to telegraphic advices Monday afternoon. The order was interpreted here as a move to attract foreign and especially American capital for Mexican enterprises.

Senator Johnson Neutral on League

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Senator Johnson of California today denied that he had advised California Republicans in a letter to fight against the League of Nations. Johnson said he would say nothing about the league until he had more information.

Army Aviator Killed When Plane Crashes

Riverside, Cal., April 1.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant C. M. Ripberger of Molina, Ill., was killed at March field Monday when his plane took a sudden dive earthward while Ripberger and Cadet Packard were attempting to make a landing. The cadet received a broken leg.

Airman Now Dead Listed as an 'Ace'

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The name of Second Lieutenant George McArthur, deceased, of the air service, formerly of Buffalo, has been added to the list of the 64 American "aces" having been credited with destroying at least five enemy planes, the war department announced Monday afternoon.

President Wilson To Visit Belgium

Paris, April 1.—(U. P.)—President Wilson probably will make a long delayed trip to Belgium in the interim between calling the German delegates to Versailles and their arrival, it was learned today.

Seizure of Cotton Upheld

Washington, April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—The cotton claims case of Isabel Kouns of New Orleans was decided in favor of the government by the supreme court of the United States this afternoon in upholding a decision of the court of appeals. Cotton shipments held at terminals for a certain length of time are seized by the government and the decision Monday afternoon upholds this procedure.

Clash Result of Brawl

Washington, April 1.—(U. P.)—Reports to the state department on the recent clash between American and Japanese soldiers at Tientsin indicate it was a brawl originating in the Japanese concession. It was said that both Tokyo and this government attached no international significance to the incident.

Fugitive Murderer Caught

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 1.—(U. P.)—Lucius Driskell, who escaped from a convict road camp in 1917, has been captured in Tucson, Ariz. Driskell was serving sentence for the killing of Policeman Riley here in 1910.

OFFICER IN FRANCE JOINS BIG MOVEMENT FOR BETTER ROADS

Lieutenant Riggs of the Aviation Service Takes Membership in Klamath Association.

Klamath Falls, April 1.—F. W. Riggs of this city has received word from his son, Lieutenant Robert Riggs, in France, asking for a membership in the Klamath Good Roads association. Lieutenant Riggs, who is in the aviation corps, also asks for a blue sticker of the association for his airplane. He assures his father that he is boosting for Klamath county.

Commercial Club Needed

Klamath Falls, April 1.—At a mass meeting of citizens it was unanimously decided that there is immediate and urgent need for the reorganization of the Klamath Commercial club. A number of projects were mentioned as needing attention of the body. A committee consisting of E. J. Elliott, O. D. Burke, Rollo C. Groesbeck, Oscar E. Peyton and J. F. Maguire, was appointed to canvass the town in an effort to secure financial assistance in the reorganization.

Marsh Lands Chartered

Klamath Falls, April 1.—According to Fred Mench, United States engineer from Portland, all of the Lower Klamath lake marsh lands which can be surveyed and platted at this time have been properly chartered. The uncharted portion still amounts to about two townships. Much of this marsh land has been reclaimed by the Klamath drainage district within the past few years by installing in Klamath straits, which flows southeastward from Klamath river into Lower Klamath lake a portion of each year, heavy timbered gates which prevent the waters from flowing onto the lands.

Landowners Fear Dam

Klamath Falls, April 1.—The owners of property bordering on Upper Klamath lake north of here, fearing that the erection of the dam proposed by the California-Oregon Power company at the lower end of the lake will raise the lake level higher than at present and ruin their land, are circulating a petition to the secretary of the interior to investigate the matter further before permitting the power company to proceed with its project.

Attempt to Pirate Yacht Discovered

Vancouver, B. C., April 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—Having been caught in a sensational attempt to pirate the launch, the her moorings at the Vancouver Yacht club, Lincoln Price, W. W. Douglas and Blanche Price, last named a girl 19 years old, are held for further investigation by the police today. The woman stated to the police that they were working for a party who was to give her \$8000 to take the boat across the line. One man had a wireless outfit in a suitcase.

Captain and Son to Face Murder Charge

New York, April 1.—(U. P.)—The federal grand jury Monday returned indictments against Captain Adolph Pedersen and his son, Adolph E. Pedersen, of the bark Puako, said to be owned by San Francisco interests, charging them with murder on the high seas. According to the indictment, the captain and his son threw overboard one of the crew, Axel Hansen, on a voyage from Victoria, B. C., to Cape Town, in April, 1915.

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Whose ability consists of a victrola and a small room, or those who derive their profits from public dance halls and teach a side line. Hundreds of my pupils spent time being discouraged and thought they could never learn to dance until they joined me. I tell you you can learn—it is simple and easy, but you must have a real teacher, and you must have a real school.

My new book on Dancing, Etiquette, Grace, New Steps and Stage Dances, will be given free to all joining our new class or taking private lessons this week, or will be mailed on request, or \$2.00. Call afternoon or evening, learn from professional dancers. Phone Main 7656. Clip this out, tell your friends.—Adv.

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And you will note that they have been chosen to show the great diversity of style and the beauty of line and cut. But you will still have a pleasant surprise when you see the springtime shades and color notes.

—Unusually good quality serge is used in this special sale of colorings and combinations, and they are cut on the smartest lines and show much that is new in adornment.

—Taffeta frocks are fashioned from a particularly soft finish taffeta to insure long wear—the styles are charming and varied—some have sleeves of Georgette.

—Much more might be said about the attractions of these smart dresses, but suffice it to say that, great as your expectations may be, a revelation awaits you.

We Are Expecting You Early!

—Economy Basement, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Three Towel Specials!

—Three specials that are even better than the usual lower-than-elsewhere prices that always prevail here.

Bath Towels Special 3 for \$1.00
—Extra size bath towels—22x44 inches. Bleached and hemmed of heavy quality material. All perfect. 35c each.

Khaki Bath Towels Special 25c
—A one-day sale of heavy quality khaki colored bath towels at just half price. Better buy while you can at this price.

Huck Hand Towels Special 25c
—17x34-inch huck hand towels with hemmed ends. Just the thing for rooming houses, boarding houses and hotels.

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Three Hosiery Specials!

—Women's and children's hosiery of good grade offered here and very special prices. Note these items:

Women's Lisle Stockings Special 39c
—Fine quality lisle stockings—black, white and colors in medium weight, with extra spliced heels and toes and double garter tops.

Women's Cotton and Lisle Hose 25c
—Splendid quality hose with ribbed and hemmed tops. Black, white and colors—all with double heels and toes. Special.

Boys' "Buster Brown" Hose 40c
—Heavy ribbed cotton stockings in black. Made with extra heavy spliced heels and toes. Sizes 6 to 8½—40c. Sizes 9 to 11—50c.

—Economy Basement, Lipman & Wolfe Co.

Three Underwear Specials!

—Some offerings in good underwear for women and misses that will mean money saved if you buy them tomorrow.

Women's Swiss Ribbed Vests 25c
—Low neck, sleeveless or wing sleeved vests with beaded tops. Regular and extra sizes—very special, 25c.

Women's Fitrite Union Suits 50c
—A special price for these good union suits made of the best combed yarn, in low neck, sleeveless, lace trimmed, knee style.

Misses' Union Suits Special 39c
—Fine ribbed union suits in low neck, sleeveless and knee length styles, finished with beaded tops. Special, 3 for \$1.00.

—Economy Basement, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

New Sports Plaids \$1 Yd.

—The prettiest plaids for spring and summer wear—a number of colorings and combinations. The best showing in the city at such a low price.

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Sateen Petticoats \$1.49

—New sateen petticoats in all over fancy rose design or fancy cotton taffeta petticoats in conventional patterns. Also all white sateen petticoats at \$1.49.

—Economy Basement, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Chemise and Skirts 98c

—Envelope chemise of fine lingerie cloth with yokes of lace insertion and hemstitching, or lace and embroidery, also skirts of longcloth, with or without dust ruffle.

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Tub Shirting 89c

—A very special price for this new tub shirting. In fast colors that will give the best of service. 600 yards—white grounds with gay colored stripes. Very special.

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New Nadia Corsets \$1.95

—Medium low bust, long hip and back corsets that are made of coutil and finished at top with lace. Two pairs hose supporters attached. For medium figures.

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200 New Tailored And Sport Hats—\$1.98 to \$2.98 Hundreds of New Trimmed Hats—Special at \$3.95

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—There's a hat here for practically every type—young and old, and we suggest that you look here before trying to find a hat elsewhere—you will save considerably by doing so!

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