

**TRIAL RESULTS IN INSURANCE FOR 15 TRIED WOOD SHIPS**

Approval of Underwriters Based on Successful Trip of 5 From San Francisco to East Coast.

**STEEL VESSELS PREFERRED**

Flour Shipments for Present to Be Confined to Steel Carriers, Many of Which Are Available.

Demonstration of tried wooden vessels as carriers of rice and bean cargoes has been very satisfactory and the American Underwriters following the successful trial of five wooden steamers from San Francisco to the Atlantic coast recently, have approved insurance for 15 more tried vessels.

This was the information Senator McNary received recently from Julius Barnes, head of the federal grain corporation, in answer to a request made by the senator concerning the result of recent experiments with wheat and flour shipments. Senator McNary has forwarded the information to the Chamber of Commerce.

**STEEL CARRIERS PREFERRED**

Despite the fact that the wooden steamers built on the Pacific coast have proved themselves satisfactory for the rice and bean shipments, Mr. Barnes informs Senator McNary that a large majority of steel tonnage is now available for loading on the Pacific coast and flour shipments for the present will be confined to this class of carrier.

Availability of the shipping board to allocate to the grain corporation a sufficient number of tried wooden ships is also given by Mr. Barnes as a reason for the grain corporation not making any pressing demands on the shipping board for wooden ships. Mr. Barnes is adverse to using wooden vessels that have not been thoroughly tried in the four trades.

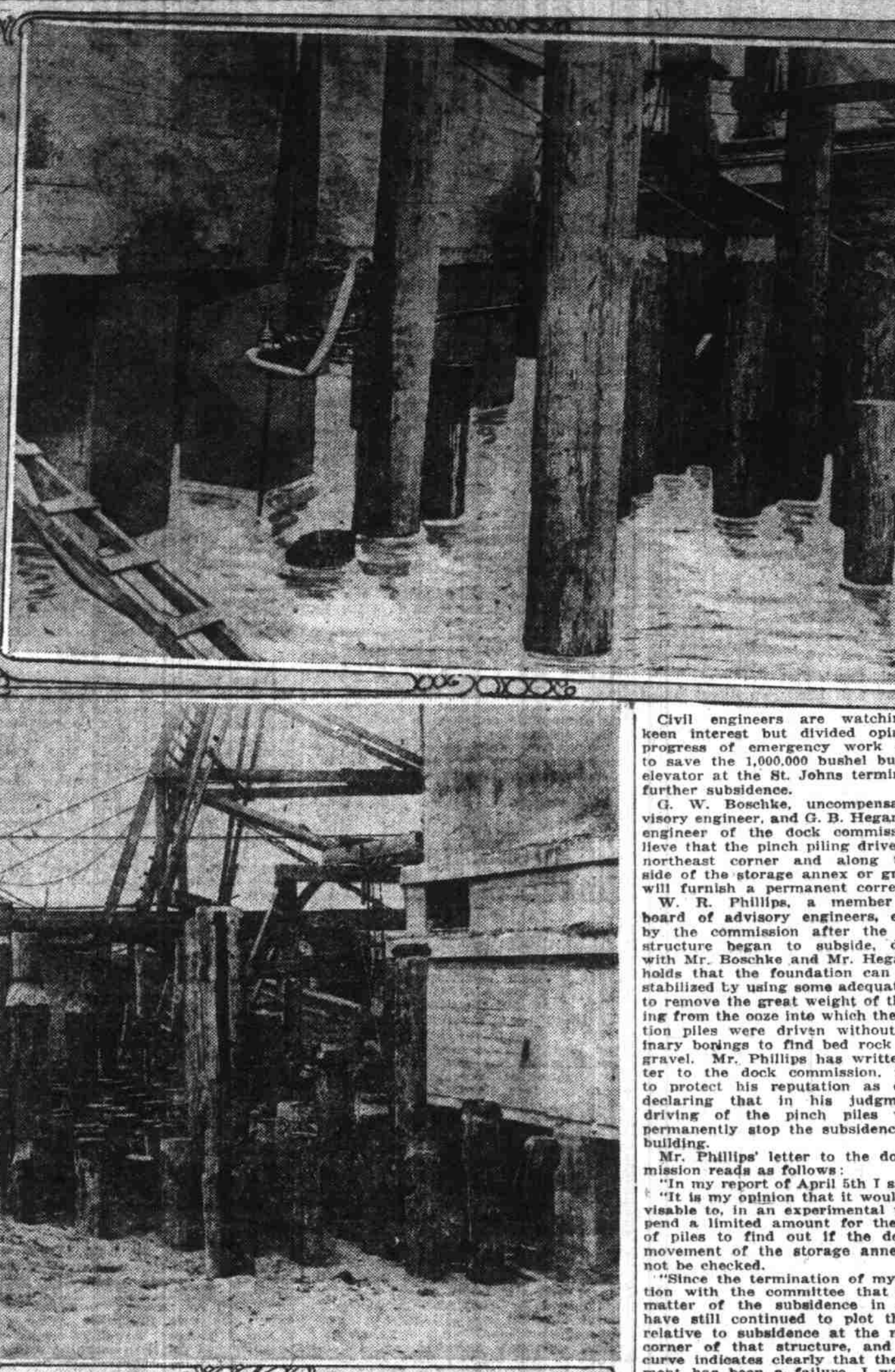
High compliment to the seaworthiness of the Oregon-built steel and wooden ships was paid today also by George G. Sharp, chief surveyor of the American Bureau of Shipping, with headquarters at 46 Beaver street, New York, who is here on a tour of inspection.

According to the records of the American Bureau of Shipping, nearly all the completed vessels in this district are apparently preferred for service in the North and South American trades.

Regarding particular types of ships, Mr. Sharp said that all of the types of ships turned out in this district are suitable for special needs, and that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the size of vessel which will meet the shipping needs. This statement is based on the idea that different trade routes require different classes of ships.

A. H. Bryant is in charge of the local branch with offices in the Northwestern National bank building.

**EMERGENCY WORK MAY SAVE ELEVATOR**



Upper-Piling driven by dock commission to compress earth around grain elevator, showing seepage of water under structure. Lower-Piles massed at northeast corner of grain elevator to prevent further subsidence.

at 11 o'clock Friday night, having run short of fuel.

**Schooner in From Australia**

San Francisco, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—The schooner Georgette, Captain Johnson, made port this morning 88 days from Wellington, with 1200 tons of hemp and 150 tons of stowage consigned to George W. McNear.

**DAILY RIVER READINGS**

STATIONS	Flow Stage	Height (ft. above low water)	Change (ft. in 24 hours)	Direction of Current	Remarks
Wenatchee	40	186.1	+0.6	0.00	
Leviston	22	118.8	+1.4	0.00	
Umatilla	25	197.6	+0.5	0.00	
The Dalles	40	131.5	+1.4	0.00	
Rogue	10	3.8	+0.8	0.03	
Albany	20	5.0	+0.8	0.01	
Salem	10	12.0	+0.6	0.00	
Oregon City	12	5.1	+0.4	0.00	
Portland	15	18.1	+0.6	0.00	

**Yard Launches Last Barge**

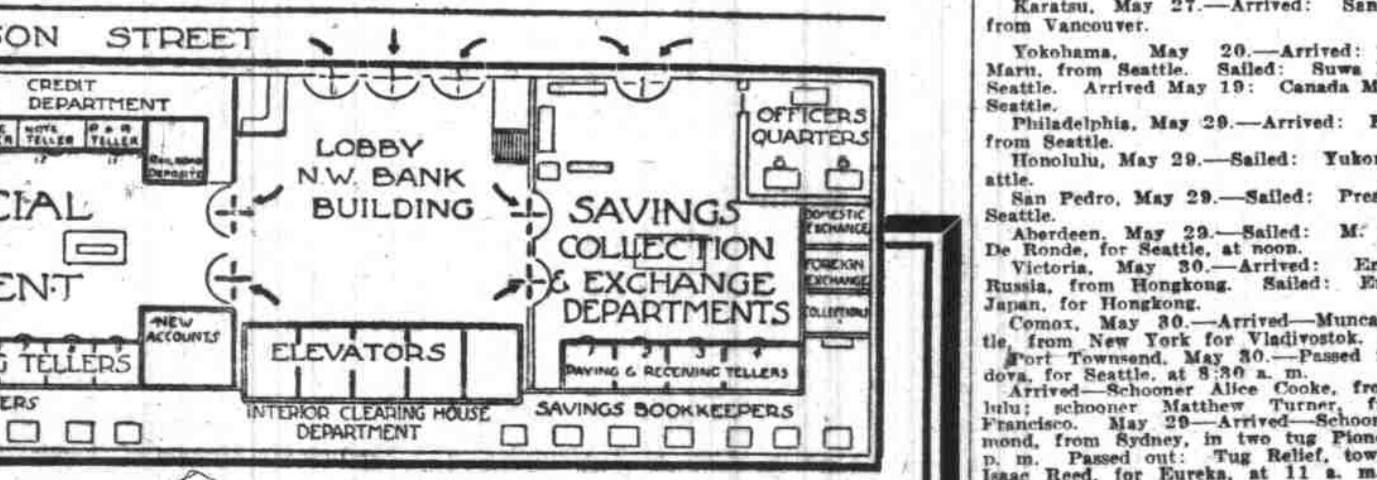
Abrdeen, May 31.—The barge Academia, last of the government built vessels at the Grant Smith-Porter yards here, was launched at midnight Thursday. It is not known what disposition will be made of the yards.

**Steamer Returns for Fuel**

San Francisco, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—The Japanese freight steamer Maru, Captain Konaka, which left here May 27 for Portland, returned to port

**RIVER FORECAST**

The Willamette river at Portland will rise Sunday and Monday, and fall Tuesday, reaching stage as follows: Sunday, 18.7; Monday, 19.2; Tuesday, 18.6.



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**Commencement To Be Held for One Blind Graduate**

Joseph F. Stephens has the distinction of being the one graduate from the Portland school for the blind this year, and for him an elaborate commencement program has been prepared to be held at Central library, Friday evening, June 6.

Principal J. F. Myers will deliver the commencement address and Assistant Superintendent C. A. Rice will present the diploma. The orchestra will play several selections, W. V. Jennings will play two violin solos, Dudley Buck and A. Halline Pierce will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Bishoff. Mrs. Rosa Myers will give a recitation and Mrs. Violet Simmons will play a piano solo.

Many of the participants in the program are members of the school.

**SURVIVOR OF FIRING SQUAD EPISODE IN CIVIL WAR PASSES**

The only one of a band of Civil war prisoners to escape with his life when the group was lined up before a firing squad of Confederate guerrillas and shot down, John P. Hicks lived to tell of his hazardous experience to the third generation of his family. The G. A. R. veteran died on Friday at the age of 83 years.

Funeral services for Mr. Hicks were held from the Miller & Tracey chapel this afternoon, the Rev. R. H. Reed officiating, and under the direction of comrades of the G. A. R. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Hicks served through the Civil war with Company A, Fifth Missouri cavalry. He came to Oregon in 1880 and is survived here by his widow, Leah R. Hicks, and two sons, Charles E. Hicks of Portland, and George E. Hicks of Grants Pass. A son, Ulysses Hicks, lives at Dunsmuir, Cal., and a fourth son is at Endicott, Wash. Surviving also are a sister, Mrs. Julia Taylor, Nelson, Mo., and a brother, J. V. Hicks, Logan, Kan. As one of several prisoners fired upon by guerrillas Mr. Hicks was left as dead. He recovered, however, the only survivor of the experience, although a cripple throughout his life.

**Mrs. Anna L. Dunham Dies**

Mrs. Anna L. Dunham died this morning after a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Merrill Reed, 412 East Twenty-first street north. Mrs. Dunham was born in New York state and came to Portland eight years ago. She died at the age of 78 years. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. Finley & Son.

**Mrs. Mary H. F. Evans Passes**

Mrs. Mary H. F. Evans, aged 78, a native of Illinois and a resident of Portland for over 40 years, died Thursday at her home, 492 Albina avenue. A brother, Levi Reed, resides at Sheridan, Ill. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. Finley & Son.

**To Do Alaska Jetty Work**

Aberdeen, May 31.—E. L. Carpenter, United States engineer, who had charge of the jetty work at the entrance to Gray Harbor for years, will sail on June 7 for Nome, Alaska, where he will supervise the building of a jetty. He will take a crew of men to work on the jetty.

Spanish experimenters are making fuel briquets by compressing rice husks and tar.

**MARCH PROPOSES ABANDONING ARMY POSTS IN THE WEST**

**Skeletonized Divisions Will Be Stationed at Those Cantonments That Will Be Retained.**

**42,569 NEW ENLISTMENTS**

**Return of Troops From Europe in May Sets Record; 317,186 Men Come Back in Month.**

Washington, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—The army posts of the West are to be abandoned in the event that congress passes legislation embodying the recommendations of the war department. General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, announced at his weekly conference today.

General March stated that it was retained, he stated, and only as hospitals where men in the service whose physical condition demanded high altitudes could be sent.

Elaborating on his recent testimony before the house military affairs committee, General March stated that it was the plan of the department to have skeletonized divisions stationed at those cantonments which are to be retained and to recruit men from the vicinity of each camp.

**CORPS MANEUVERS PROPOSED**

These skeleton divisions, he said, would be fitted to war strength in the event of an emergency by drawing upon men who will have received training under any plan congress may authorize. Drill and maneuvers would be held in division formation at stated intervals, and for every five divisions there would be a corps commander and once a year there would be corps maneuvers.

The old Hay-Chamberlain bill is entirely inadequate for the present needs of the division of operations of the Emergency Fleet corporation, Monday will be in his new quarters on the fifth floor of the Spalding building, Third and Washington streets. The former offices in the Northwestern National bank building were vacated today.

The Newark Bay, N. Y., shipyard, in launching one ship a week for one year, claims to have established a world's record for output.

**NEW RECORD IN MOVEMENT**

The number of men actually landed from France during May—exclusive of today—is 317,186, constituting a new record for the movement of troops either from or to France in a single month. Eighty-nine percent of these general army and artillery—were recognized.

**Westbound Troop Train Is Wrecked By Spreading Rails**

Greenfield, Ohio, May 31.—(U. P.)—A trainload of westbound troops was wrecked in a cut near here late yesterday, one soldier, Joseph E. Cleary of Chicago, was killed. Five others were seriously injured. The majority of the soldiers were Indians and Mexicans. Spreading rails is given as the cause. Five cars were overturned.

**Caseo, Will Sail Soon**

San Francisco, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—The little schooner Caseo, formerly Robert Louis Stevenson's romantic South Sea craft, now manned by a number of adventurous souls who plan an expedition to Alaska and Siberia, is expected to sail today. Difficulties regarding passports are said to have been adjusted satisfactorily. The Caseo will engage in fishing in the Bering sea, and next season will go to Siberian waters to land a portion of the expedition, whose objective is said to be a rich sapphirine mine in the interior of Asiatic Russia.

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**SEASIDE YOUTH HOME FROM NAVAL SERVICE**



Arthur Austin Thibodo

Seaside, May 31.—Arthur Austin Thibodo has returned home from service and has been placed in the reserve class of the navy. He enlisted when war commenced in the radio service, U. S. N. R. Thibodo was born in Oregon and his parents have lived here for years.

**ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT**

G. H. Dounset, expert mechanical engineer of the French high commission, is in Portland to make a survey of the machinery at the Foundation yard with the view of having certain parts shipped to France for use in yards there. Other parts will be sold here. Ships being built at the Vancouver plant of the Foundation company are expected to be sent to Portland for the machinery shipments.

**Officers for Year Chosen by Portland School Principals**

The Principals' association of the Portland public schools at its last meeting of the year, held this morning in the courthouse, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. A. Dickson, Oakley Green school; Charles A. Campbell, Rose Park; vice president, Charles A. Campbell; secretary, E. T. Felling, Kennedy; treasurer, members of the executive committee, in addition to the officers, E. M. Sherwood of Stephens and Charles H. Boyd of Highland.

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