

FORMER GERMAN SHIPS ARE SOLD

Concluding one of the graphic incidents of the world war which had its beginning in Portland, three Shipping Board vessels which were German-owned and were lying in the local harbor when the government declared war on Germany were sold to private American owners at San Francisco Tuesday, according to information received from the South.

The three vessels were the Chillicothe, Monongahela and Moshula. Before the war they plied into this port under German names, which were later changed. The Chillicothe was the Arctonide Vinnen, popularly called the Gamecock; the Monongahela was the Dalbek or Red Jacket, and the Moshula was the Kurt or Broadnought. All were four-masted barks with steel hulls.

When the war broke out these vessels sought refuge in the local harbor and

when America entered the war were fitted up for Pacific sailing service.

Of the three, the Monongahela became the most famous locally, as she was manned by a group of Portland high school boys, without previous sea experience, and too young to enlist in active military service. Under the direction of a Portland sea captain of wide sailing experience, an eight-month trip to Manila was made.

Other vessels, which were formerly German owned, were included in the list of those sold at San Francisco. They were the Muscota, Arapahoe and Tonawanda. All six vessels were sold to Victor S. Fox & Co. of New York.

A number of claims for unpaid services done the three former German barks are resting in Portland. The Port of Portland has a claim of \$230 against the Dalbek for towage into the river. Several local shipping firms, including Rosenstine Bros., have private claims against the vessel.

The Port of Portland received a letter from the shipping board Tuesday saying that no department of the government is authorized to pay claims against the former German ships under present statutes. The port commission will take up the matter with Oregon's representatives at Washington.

The Diamond Match company of Spokane has purchased approximately \$500,000 worth of lumber land in Pend Oreille county and will build two mills.

PULP PAPER PLANT OUTLOOK IN ALASKA TO BE INVESTIGATED

B. F. Heinzeleman of the forest management division of the forest service left Monday night for Alaska to spend several months investigating paper pulp mill prospects.

Heinzeleman will go over the most desirable bodies of pulp timber and make recommendations upon the localities most suited, taking also into consideration questions of waterpower and transportation.

Heinzeleman will spend several months in Alaska and his investigations will be the basis for advertisements for bids on paper pulp mill permits to be made later in the season.

Inquiries from all parts of the country are coming to the forest service on such prospects and permits issued by the forest service for special uses in the heavily timbered Sitka spruce areas in Southeastern Alaska. While a large portion of these are mere inquiries, several actual applications have been made.

These will not be acted upon until Heinzeleman's report is made. Several prospective permittees are meeting with Assistant District Forester Fred Ames this week, discussing the Alaskan paper pulp development.

Overseas Veteran Knocked Off Cycle by Automobile Truck

Karl A. Williams, 6242 Sixty-second street southeast, an overseas veteran, was knocked from his motorcycle at Broadway and Oak streets, Tuesday afternoon by a light truck being driven by Clarence Dederick, 17-year-old driver for Jones' market. Williams' knee was badly injured.

Police records show that Dederick has frequently been slated for reckless driving, once before knocking down a pedestrian and seriously injuring him.

Police Captain Lewis did not hold Dederick because of his juvenile court age, but expressed the hope that when all motorists are required to take out licenses after July 1, he may be able to prevent his obtaining one.

Williams had just obtained a job as lineman for the telephone company and was to have started work this morning. He will be unable to work for at least two weeks, according to internes at the emergency hospital.

E. T. Allen Will Be Chief Speaker At Lumber Meet

E. T. Allen, secretary of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, will be the chief speaker at a meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association in Chicago, April 30, on the subject of a national forest policy. Allen will outline the policies of the various organizations and interests on the question of providing for timber in the future through some method of insuring national reforestation.

On April 15 the forest policy committee of the Western Forestry and Conservation association will meet in Portland in conjunction with a similar committee of the Western Pine association to consider the same subject. Representative lumbermen and forest officials from the six Northwest states will be represented in the conference.

Chicago Has Lowest Death Rate
Chicago, April 7.—(U. N. S.)—Chicago had the lowest 1919 death rate of any large city in the world, according to a health department report, made public today. It was 11.75 per thousand. The rate was 17.17 in 1918.



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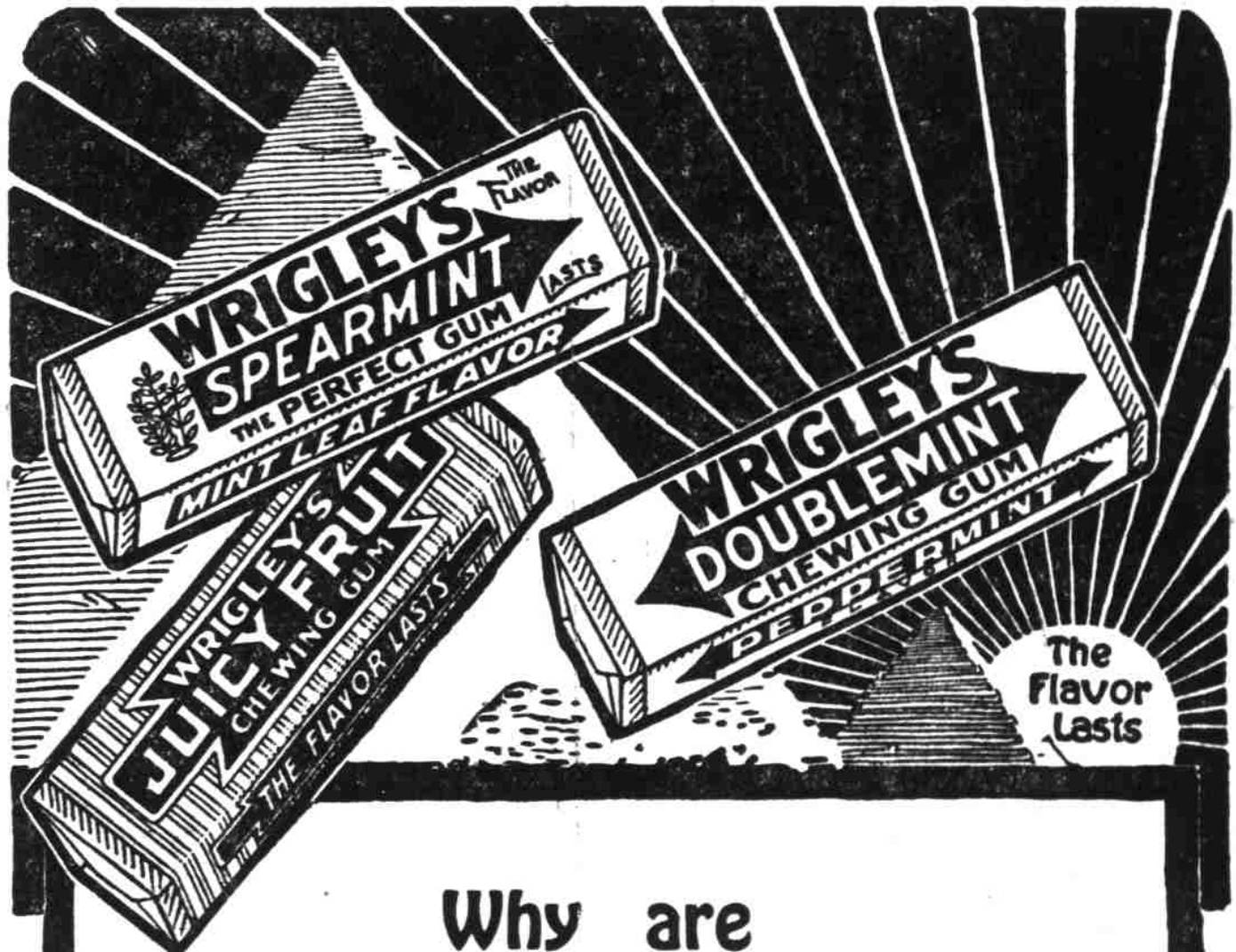
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