

# NORTHWEST STEEL IS NOW NORTHWEST BRIDGE COMPANY

After an active wartime program which gave to the Emergency Fleet corporation 36 steamers and to private interests three others, the Northwest Steel company, has gone out of business, and its plant in South Portland has been taken over by the Northwest Bridge & Iron company, according to announcement made by the new operators Thursday afternoon.

## TANKERS TO BE BUILT

The new operators will begin construction, within six weeks, of seven steel tankers of 10,000 dead-weight tons capacity for the Esquimaux Oil Transport company, subsidiary of the Canada & France Steamship company.

Directors of the Northwest Bridge & Iron company are W. R. Bowles, W. H. Cullers and L. R. Banks. J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company, and Walter B. Beebe, vice president, are not interested in the new concern.

Bowles has not announced his new plans, but it is said he will make an extended pleasure trip to Europe this summer.

W. R. Bowles is the son of C. D. Bowles, one of the officers of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, and a nephew of J. R. Bowles.

Construction of the tankers will begin within six weeks, it was announced. The five ways at the Northwest plant are to be consolidated into four, widened and lengthened. About 90 feet additional length will be necessary for the construction of the huge oil carriers.

## OPEN SHOP TO PREVAIL

The open shop plan of labor employment will be followed and only Americans will be employed, no foreigners being taken unless they can at least show their first papers. The 44-hour week will be observed and the wage scale adopted at the San Francisco conference last August, whereby an increase of 3 cents an hour over the Macey scale, was granted, will be carried out.

Thus, ship joiners will receive 84 cents an hour, while journeymen pipe-fitters, machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, ship fitters and riggers will get 88 cents an hour. Helpers will receive 66 cents, and common labor 60 cents. About 4000 men are to be employed. The wages are said to be 2 cents higher on all classifications than prevail in the Pacific Coast navy yards or in the private construction yards of the Atlantic Coast.

The machine work for the new plant, it is understood, will be done by the Smith & Watson company. The Heenan-Smith company formerly did the machine work for the Northwest Steel company.

**STRIKERS ARE JUST SCARED, SAYS WRITER**

They abolished it. The reason given was, "The papers won't give us a square deal."

It is difficult to get individuals to talk. One and all are suspicious. One of them confided to me today that they had been ordered to keep mum on all

# SPUD PRICE IS CUT DOWN BY BOYCOTT

**DETROIT, Mich., April 16.—(U. N. S.)**—On Tuesday of this week potatoes were selling at \$7.50 a bushel.

Wednesday the Detroit Federation of Women's clubs and the Detroit Stewards' club instituted a two weeks' boycott against the purchase or use of the vegetable and the principal hotels and restaurants banished the tuber from their menus. Today potatoes are quoted at \$4.25 a bushel and the boycott leaders declare they will force the price to \$2.50 before they end their campaign.

Eggs will be the next food subjects when, in the presence of reporters.

The result is that few people not connected directly with the strike have any very clear idea of what the strike is really about and what manner of people the strikers are. A magazine editor asked me what kind of men were striking. He seemed to have the idea that they were some special breed of fish.

As a matter of fact they are the most ordinary men imaginable. They are just average railroad men and everyone knows that they are just folks.

Some few of them are violent and inclined to revolutionary talk. Most of them are conservative, quiet, a little bit frightened by the magnitude of the damage they are doing, very much hurt by the charges that they are revolutionary, bewildered by so great a opposition from press and public and grimly certain that they are in the right morally as well as every other way.

They are suspicious as children playing Indian. Every stranger that comes near their headquarters is spotted and very openly shadowed. All afternoon two strikers shadowed me around Jersey City. I identified myself to them and they looked at my papers with interest but kept on following me.

"We think you are what you are all right," one of them explained at length, "but we want to watch you and we got to obey orders."

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**HOME POLICY FOR FORESTS IS GOAL**

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Creation in each state, where such does not already exist, of a strong forestry department governed by a non-political board representative of all interests involved.

**REPRESENTATION GENERAL**

All the Pacific slope lumbermen and timber owners' associations except for California redwood were directly represented at the meeting to arrive at a program and declaration of principles for the Western lumber industry in connection with a national and Western forest policy, especially relating to reforestation to insure future crops.

Those present were: Huntington Taylor of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, representing the Idaho Timber Association; J. J. Donovan, Bellingham, Wash., and George R. Long, Tacoma, Wash., for Washington Forest Fire Association and the West Coast Lumbermen's association;

C. S. Smith, San Francisco, California White and Sugar Pine Association, also a joint committee of all California interests; R. M. Fox and C. S. Chapman of Portland, for Oregon Forest Fire Association, and E. T. Allen of Portland, all of the foregoing being members of a committee on forest policy appointed at last October's annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association. The only member absent was H. C. Miller of Montana. With this committee also met T. A. McCann, Bend, and A. W. Cooper of Portland, representing the Western Pine Association; G. B. McLeod, Portland, Oregon Forest Fire Association; J. Z. Douglas, Portland, Columbia River Loggers' Information Bureau, and George M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman.

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As a national policy dealing with the country as a whole, the platform to be presented at the West's stand by Allen to the second American Lumber congress to be held at Chicago next week was adopted. This consisted of 12 "commitments," containing the provisions for acquisition by federal and state governments of large forest areas, largely of cut-over land, condemning and paying for the land if private owners refuse to sell or to keep the land in timber themselves; reimbursement to the states for loss in taxes; assistance in obtaining state legislation for forest protection; conduct of land classification; greater congressional appropriations for fire prevention; making army facilities, especially aviation, available for forest protection; consistent policy of marketing publicly owned timber looking toward stabilization of lumber prices; recognition of forest service as a leader of public forestry thought and effort; cooperation of private, state and federal forest agencies; sympathetic attitude from the American public.

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# STRANGER ELOPES WITH IRENE, THEN HER RING AND FUR

Chicago, April 16.—(U. N. S.)—While the Misses Irene and Josephine Kellenbaum were sojourning recently at the Mayo sanitarium at Rochester, Minn., they met a handsome stranger who gave his name as "F. J. Fouts." A romance with Irene followed, culminating in an elopement and marriage at Winona, Minn.

The couple came to Chicago, the bridegroom vanishing soon thereafter with Irene's \$500 diamond ring and a check for her \$1000 fur coat, in storage at Portland, Or. Irene notified the Portland police to be on the lookout for her husband and identified him at the Chicago "Rogues' Gallery" as Oliver M. Barger, wanted in Kansas City, Mo., on a bogus check charge.

Through a description sent about the country Barger was arrested today at Lincoln, Neb. Irene, sadder but wiser, is living at the Y. W. C. A. here.

## CAPTAIN CIRCLE TAKES CARE OF IRENE'S COAT

Police Captain Harry Circle recently received a letter from Irene Kellenbaum, who asked him to see that a check for storage of her fur coat be not honored by the storage company in case it should be presented. She said she had left the fur here January 2. She said her home is at Poplar, Mont. Nothing was said about her romance, Circle said. Her request regarding the storage check has been taken care of, so that she would not lose that valuable property.

## BEST DECORATED AUTO TO GET \$500

W. Freeland Kendrick, Imperial potentate of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has offered a \$500 cash prize to be awarded to the individual entering the best decorated automobile in the floral parade to be held Thursday afternoon, June 24, announcement to this effect having been made today by Winthrop Hammond, member of the board of governors of the Portland Rose Festival association and chairman of the floral pageant committee.

This prize constitutes the largest sum of money ever offered in Portland for the winner in a pageant, and is expected to stimulate competition among the individual automobile entrants.

The division in which the "W. Freeland Kendrick trophy" will be the grand prize is in charge of a committee composed of Mesdames Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. J. J. Jefferson, Mrs. Fred S. Morris and G. J. Frank. Persons desiring to enter in this division are requested to communicate with a member of this committee.

Judges for the floral pageant will be selected by a committee consisting of Nelson G. Pike, Edward Ehrman, Charles E. Cochran and Arthur H. Deyers.

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**FOLLOW THE LEADER**

He ran a small ad. He got a customer. The customer was satisfied. The satisfied customer sent in 10 of his friends—each one of the 10 friends sent in 10 more—and so on. The one man shop grew to be a factory.

And the price of a small want ad—pay about 15 words—is only 25 cents.

—IN THE JOURNAL

# Smoot Is Accused Of Choking Certain Washington Reports

(By United News.)  
Boston, April 16.—Roger W. Babson, in a letter to Senator Reed Smoot Thursday, accuses the Utah senator and his associates of trying to hold an invisible control over a large portion of the Washington news.

The letter, with its counter charges and accusations, is a sequel to the recent report of the joint committee on printing at Washington, of which Senator Smoot is chairman, making certain charges against the newspapers. The Official Bulletin.

A part of the letter follows: "For some time you and your associates have tried to hold an invisible control over a large portion of the Washington news. This is unfair to the newspapers of the country. This forced the government bureaus to issue bulletins of their own and left a field for a central publication, such as the United States Bulletin, which I control, and which you are attacking. This bulletin serves all the departments alike and publishes material which, for one reason or another, doesn't interest the newspapers. For some time this development has worried you and your associates. You have seen your control drifting away while at the same time the government officials were continually expressing themselves with more freedom. Therefore, you had attached to a recent appropriation bill a rider which requires all government bulletins to receive the O.K. of your committee before they can be published. In no country—not even in Russia or Germany—has there been given to any man such power to censor government officials."

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## GERMANY GETS FIRM DEMAND FROM ALLIES

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Germany troops in the neutral zone of the Rhine. This meeting will probably be the most important since the conclusion of the peace conference because of the vital issues which will be under deliberation. In addition to the German situation the allies' program includes:

The Fiume dispute between Italy and Jugoslavia. Russia's offensive against the Poles and the question of opening commercial relations between Russia and the allies. Turkish terms and the grave situation in Anatolia where Mustafa Kemal Pasha has massed an anti-allied army of Nationalists.

The Hungarian situation. MILLEMAN MAY PROTEST

While the old-time cordial relations have been restored between France and Great Britain following the interchange of notes over the French military measures in Germany, it is possible that Premier Millerand may protest against the British action taken at Constantinople.

It was reported from San Remo today that hotel accommodation had been reserved for an American delegation in the event it attended the conference. The Turkish and Greek delegation will be quartered at the same hotel. Premier Lloyd George will be scheduled to reach Italian soil today. Some dispatches say he will be formally greeted by Premier Nitti. The British premier made the trip to Italy by sea.

## BERLIN PREPARES AGAINST SUSPECTED MILITARY COUP

Berlin, April 16.—(Night)—(U. P.)—Fearing the new military coup, the government tonight took extensive precautions to guard itself. The district around government buildings was barred to the public. Fifteen

## COMING TOMORROW! In Old Kentucky

FEATURING ANITA STEWART

The MAMMOTH \$500,000 FEATURE SEE Anita Stewart win the thrilling horse race. The whole picture is chock full o' thrills, exciting and absorbing scenes. You have never really seen "In Old Kentucky" until you have seen this production.

**"THE COPPERHEAD"** LAST TIMES TODAY

COLUMBIA ORCHESTRA ALWAYS

—IN THE JOURNAL

# RUSSIANS FIGHT WITH JAPANESE; HUNDREDS SLAIN

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## BRITISH REQUEST JAPAN TO EXPLAIN OCCUPATION

London, April 16.—Moves of the Japanese in Manchuria and Eastern Siberia have drawn the attention of diplomats to the Far East, and it is predicted that further inquiries will be made by the British government with regard to the intentions of the Japanese. War office reports indicate an unusual activity of British representatives in the far east.

Explanations have already been asked for as to the seizure of Vladivostok government buildings and the disarming of government troops.

## Regulars Are Urged As Protection for National Capital

Washington, April 16.—(U. N. S.)—Maintenance of regulars in and around the national capital, to protect it from the "forces of unrest at work in this country," was urged in the senate this afternoon by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, of New Jersey.

Frelinghuysen said the national capital was not sufficiently protected now. He declared a mob of only 2000 seized the case government at Petrograd. He said the American army was now scattered along the Mexican border, in the insular possessions of the United States or at remote army posts. He favored the centralization of the country's military forces.

U. S. Not to Be There  
Washington, April 16.—(U. N. S.)—The United States will not be represented at the San Remo conference of the allied premiers unless an American representative is invited to attend as an observer and thus far no such invitation has been received, it was learned at the state department today.

# Botanical Exhibit Of Sweetsers Draws, Admiring Throngs

The botanical display of Professor and Mrs. A. R. Sweetser of the University of Oregon is attracting wide attention at the Audubon society exhibit at Central Library this week. Sweetser is an instructor in botany and Mrs. Sweetser is a talented artist and between them they have acquired 175 water color drawings of Oregon wild flowers.

Fresh flowers of those in season are brought in each day and exhibited as a part of the display. The Sweetsers are on hand to answer questions pertaining to wild flowers. Teachers in Portland schools have been invited to bring their classes to the botanical exhibit.

**Stolen Motorcar Recovered**  
A heavy motorcar stolen Thursday from Mrs. Elva D. Skoheim's home, 242 Clackamas street, early today was found at Eighteenth and Beech streets, where it had been left several hours before. A billy club and some tools used to take a burglar's seat, were found on the front seat.

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# 4 TOWNS CAPTURED BY SONORA REBELS

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, April 15.—(U. P.)—Four towns in Sinaloa have fallen before the invading Sonora state troops, according to a report to divisional headquarters here today from General Flores, commanding the invading column.

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in "The Turning Point"

—A beautiful star in a beautiful story

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