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BOOST OREGON PRODUCTS IS NEW SLOGAN

MRS. BEN ELY, FIELD WORKER FOR ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF OREGON, IN CITY

ASK HOUSEWIVES FOR SUPPORT

Home Industries League Starts Campaign With Slogan, "Try Oregon Made Products First"

Mrs. Ben Ely, field worker for the Associated Industries of Oregon, is in the city today. Her home is in Portland. The slogan of the Home Industries League of the state is "Try Oregon-Made Products First," and Mrs. Ely is endeavoring to interest the housewives, who are the real buyers, in rallying to this banner. In short, it means patronize home industries and help build up the state. A. G. Clarke, manager of the Home Industries League, selected Mrs. Ely to talk to the women over the state and spread this propaganda.

Not only is Mrs. Ely trying to get people to buy Oregon manufactured products in preference to sending money out of the state, but she is willing to do her utmost to help any city or town secure anything that may help their community. She will attend the commercial club banquet at Medford this evening.

Mrs. Ely is distributing cards to housewives, who are requested to sign them. The card is a little pledge and reads:

"That I may help to support the



Mrs. Ben Ely

state which supports me, I accept membership in the Home Industry League, without cost to me, and agree to buy, whenever possible, home products, price and quality being equal.

"I also agree to inquire for home products to induce storekeepers to handle such articles. I will do this in a spirit of patriotism, to create more work for more people and make this region prosperous."

"Because—There is now being sent out of the state annually millions of dollars for the purchase of supplies required by the people, while all such articles are being made at home."

GOVERNMENT MUST SHARE THE CABLES

London, Mar. 21.—Cable agencies say with extreme pleasure that the rights of the government departments to priority use of the cables is to be immediately drastically reduced and government and non-government messages will be sent at alternate half hours. Previously the government often erupted the cable service for 20 to 24 hours. It is also understood that censorship will cease within a month.

GOV'T. TO FURNISH MILITARY OUTFITS

High Schools to Be Benefitted Where 100 Boys Sign Up For Military Training

Salem, Ore., Mar. 21.—Military equipment, including uniforms, will be furnished by the government to military companies in the larger high schools of the state, under the government's plan for military training as made known by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction. Colonel Howard, of the United States army has apprised Superintendent Churchill of the scheme and an outline is being furnished to principals and city superintendents, throughout the state.

The plan, where worked out, will supersede the program previously made by the state department of education under the legislative enactment of 1917, in Oregon, by which the state was supposed to furnish the equipment. The state was unable to do this, however, lacking equipment.

The federal plan provides that any high school with 100 boys or more may make application for permission to offer military work. If authorized to offer the work, an army officer will be detailed to give the course.

There is a possibility that the plan may be made to cover schools where not more than 50 boys can be furnished for military training and Colonel Howard has advised that such districts make their applications so that they can be accommodated if such a ruling is made.

SEAMEN REFUSE TO HAND OVER MERCHANT SHIPS

Hamburg, Mar. 21.—Seamen at a mass meeting passed a resolution refusing to participate in the delivery of German merchant ships demanded by the entente, declaring it the duty of all seamen and laborers to refuse to carry out work on these ships on the ground that there has been no guarantee that Germany will receive any food except the initial delivery.

MORMON MISSIONARIES ARE RELEASED BY VILLA

Juarez, Mex., Mar. 21.—A telegram was received here today from Bishop A. B. Call of the Mormon settlement at Colonia Duglan stating Bishop J. C. Bentley, Head Missionary James T. Whetten and Albert Tietjen, another Mormon, had been released by Francisco Villa's troops and had arrived at a logging camp 60 miles south of Colonia Dublan and 185 miles below the border.

FIGHT FANS EXPECT REVIVAL OF BOXING

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 21.—With the recent enactment of laws permitting 25-round boxing matches in Nevada and 20-round bouts in Idaho, followers of pugilism look for a revival of ring contests in the west which will, in a measure, approximate the days when the sport flourished here a half a dozen years ago.

It was in Reno that the Jefferies-Johnson championship bout was fought in 1910 for a purse which, up to that time, was the largest ever offered for a ring contest. Being on the direct line of transcontinental railroad travel, and within hailing distance of San Francisco, Reno suffered but little handicap in the matter of getting a crowd to witness the battle.

California is limited by law to four round bouts. An effort is being made in the present session of the legislature to permit of 10-round contests. In the event that this is approved it still must be voted on by the people and sanctioned by them before it can become a law.

ITALIANS THREATEN TO WITHDRAW FROM PARLEY

Determined to Have Fiume—Germans After Real Facts. Foch Says Unless We Retain Rhine as Frontier, We "Will Have Fought Great War in Vain"

Paris, Mar. 21.—The Italian delegation to the peace conference has unanimously decided to withdraw from the conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace.

Colonel House promised Premier Orlando to present the project in a few days concerning the Italian-Jugoslav frontier, which he hopes will satisfactorily settle the dispute. The Italian delegation's decision apparently brings to a head the bitter controversy between Italy and the Jugoslavs over the disposition of land along the Adriatic.

Basel, Mar. 21.—Berlin advises say the president of the German armistice commission at Spa presented a note to the inter-allied delegation, asking if Germany should consider

as true statements in the French and British press that the peace treaty will be ready for the Germans as soon as President Wilson approved, but Germans will be allowed neither to discuss nor modify the documents.

Paris, Mar. 21.—General Foch stated today in an interview that "the Rhine is our only good line of defense. I do not demand annexation, but if we do not secure that military frontier we will have fought in vain." He added that "it was wonderful, soldiers, who gave us victory. My only merit was in having faith, never despairing. We signed the armistice despite the certainty of crushing Germany's armies, to avoid killing more men, and because it gave everything necessary to French victory."

VILLA FORCES BEATEN AND LEADERS SLAIN

Juarez, Mex., Mar. 21.—Government troops under General Zuazua routed Villa forces under Martin Lopez Wednesday 70 miles south of here, General Zuazua reported. Lopez, Felipe Martinez and another famous Villa general, Ramon Vega, and forty of their followers were slain.

"HINDY" SPEAKS IN DEFENSE OF HIS MASTER, "WILLIE"

Berlin, Mar. 21.—Aroused by recent criticisms of former Emperor William regarding his flight from Germany to Holland last fall, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has prepared and published here a defense of the ex-ruler's action. After depicting the situation as it existed in November, caused by the weakening of the army, the doubtful reliability of the forces in the field and the breaking out of the revolution at home, the field marshal writes:

"The peaceful return home of the emperor then became impossible. It could only have been carried out through the forceful employment of loyal troops and civil war would have been added to the hostilities with the enemy.

"The emperor could have betaken himself to the fighting troops in order to meet death at their head in a last attack upon the enemy, but the armistice so keenly desired by the people would thereby have been postponed and the lives of many soldiers uselessly sacrificed. The emperor finally, in agreement with his advisers and after a severe mental struggle, decided to leave the country, solely in the hope that he could thereby best serve the fatherland, save Germany from further losses, distress and misery and restore peace and order to her."

"I WANT TO HELP THAT LITTLE GIRL"—STORRS

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 21.—The police today held in custody Dudley M. Storrs, automobile mechanic, for whose love Ruth Garrison confessed to having poisoned his wife. No charge is placed against him.

Storrs denied that he knew of the girl's intention to kill his wife and said he did not even know that they intended to meet. He said Miss Garrison came to see him in Oakanog, but he did not ask her to come. "I want to help that little girl out of this," he told the police.

RED RUPERT MAY MAKE ESCAPE TO OLD MEXICO

Salem, Ore., Mar. 21.—Warden Stevens received word today that "Red" Rupert was seen boarding a train at Gazelle, Cal., on Tuesday, after buying some clothes from a fireman. It is believed that Rupert had pre-arranged help in escaping. He will probably go to Mexico or South America to escape a federal charge lodged against him for theft of liberty bonds.

Rupert could have gone before the parole board this month but did not, owing to the federal charge impending.

TWO MILLION MEDALS FROM GERMAN CANNON

Portland, Mar. 21.—The woman's liberty loan committee at Portland has received the following telegram from national headquarters:

"Treasury war loan organization has made 2,000,000 medals out of captured German cannon for victory loan workers. Instruct all your county and city chairmen to send in their authorized lists of workers to you, then forward these lists to federal reserve chairman your district. Federal reserve chairman will upon receipt of list and arrival of medal shipments from factories send county and city chairmen number certified. Advise that you instruct your local chairmen to secure all possible publicity concerning medal awards. Instruct them also that every worker must be listed in order to secure medal."

Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell is chairman for Josephine county.

RUSSIANS GO BACK TO KEROSENE AND CANDLES

Omsk, Siberia, Mar. 21.—Finding the necessities of life for the people is one of the great problems of the All-Russian government having its headquarters here. Light is one of the most urgent needs. Electricity exists spasmodically in less than half the city. The burning of an electric power plant caused a big section to depend entirely on petroleum, or kerosene, and candles. But the stock of petroleum is almost exhausted and candles are becoming rare.

EXPLOSIVES USED FOR CLEARING LAND

War Nitrates to Make Fertilizer. War Department Cancels Three Billions in Contracts

Washington, Mar. 21.—Settlement of claims involving detailed inventories and reviews of accounts is slowing up cancellation of war contracts, the war department announced today in a statement which showed that of \$2,941,000,000 in contracts recommended for cancellation the actual closing out had reached a total of \$185,122,068 on February 27.

It was disclosed also that explosives valued at \$12,000,000 had been transferred from surplus stocks to the interior department for land clearing, road building and similar work; and that more than half of the billion and a half pounds of surplus sodium nitrate valued at \$57,000,000 would be disposed of for agricultural and commercial purposes. The remainder is to be held for the present by the ordnance department.

The nitrate surplus represents acquisitions since the beginning of the war. The department of agriculture is to acquire from the army 284,000,000 pounds for use as fertilizer, paying cost price, while the remaining surplus in the United States will be handled through the nitrate board and the American nitrate pool. The surplus in Chile, representing about a third of the total, will be handled through the British pool at not less than cost price.

AT PEAK OF POWER YEAR AGO, HUNS NOW BEATEN

Washington, Mar. 21.—One year ago today the German army was at the peak of its power and poured down on the British at Picardy, intent on winning an overwhelming victory before the Americans could arrive in France. Today Germany does not exist as a military power.

ENGLAND MAKING PROGRESS IN BUILDING AIRSHIPS

London, Mar. 21.—After successful trials of new British dirigibles of the rigid type of construction, the government, according to the Mail, has ordered the building of two enormous airships. Each will be 800 feet in length and will have a capacity of 3,000,000 cubic feet. They will be driven by six engines which will generate a total of 1,800 horsepower and it is said will have a lifting power of 80 tons compared with 29 tons, the largest load carried by any known to be in existence.

VANCOUVER WILL HELP WORKMEN BUILD HOMES

Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 21.—A novel method of increasing the city's population by giving workers a chance to own their own homes, has been inaugurated here, in the form of a Business Men's Building corporation, which will supply capital and opportunity to workmen for home-building on virtually their own terms.

Between 1,000 and 2,000 homes are needed here, the business men believe, to care for the workers in shipyard plants and allied industries. More than two thousand men come here daily to work, from homes in Portland, Ore., on special trains, it is estimated. The business men of Vancouver are seeking to have these men build their own homes, and pay for them in any manner most convenient, in order to bring them here to live. Available property has been listed, lumber will be purchased in carload lots and everything possible done to make home-building inexpensive.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RUN A GREAT RACE

BUREAU OF CENSUS SAYS DIVORCE WINS OUT EASILY WITH SWINGING STRIDE

ONE COUPLE IN NINE SEPARATE

Highest Divorce Rates Found in Oregon, Montana and Nevada. Desertion Principal Cause

Washington, Mar. 21.—About one marriage in every nine is terminated by divorce. The number of marriages in proportion to the population has increased since 1890, but the divorce rate has increased much more rapidly. The returns for 1916 show 1,050 marriages and 112 divorces per 100,000 population. There are some of the most striking features of a report on marriage and divorce, covering the calendar year 1916, which is soon to be issued by Director Sam L. Rogers, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce. This report was compiled under the supervision of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population.

According to the returns, which covered 2,885 counties out of a total of 2,980—no data being available for the 95 missing counties—the number of divorces granted in 1916 was 112,036, or 112 per 100,000 population, as against 84 in 1906, 73 in 1900, and 53 in 1890.

Excluding South Carolina, in which state all laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878, the lowest three divorce rates in 1916 are shown for the District of Columbia, North Carolina and New York—12, 31, and 32 per 100,000 population, respectively; while the highest three rates are those for Nevada, Montana and Oregon—607, 323, and 255, respectively. The divorce rates were higher in 1916 than in 1906 for all the states except eight—Maine, West Virginia, South Carolina (in which there were no divorces in either year), Alabama, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota and Colorado—and the District of Columbia. In 31.1 per cent of the cases the divorce was granted to the husband and in 68.9 per cent to the wife. The latter percentage compares with 67.5 per cent for 1906 and 66.4 for 1896.

The principal causes for divorce and the percentages contributed by them to the total were: Desertion, 36.8 per cent; cruelty, 28.3 per cent; infidelity, 11.5 per cent; neglect to provide, 4.7 per cent; drunkenness, 3.4 per cent; combinations of preceding causes, 8.6 per cent; all other causes, 6.7 per cent. Desertion was reported as the cause of 50 per cent of the divorces granted to the husband and 80.8 per cent of those granted to the wife.

POLES ARE RECOGNIZED
Brussels, Mar. 21.—Belgium has recognized the independence of Poland.

PREDICT COAST LEAGUE TEAMS EVENLY MATCHED

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 21.—With little more than two weeks before the beginning of the Pacific coast league baseball season, all of the clubs are deeply engrossed at their respective training camps endeavoring to whip their playing combinations into shape for the opening day games on April 8.

As is usual at this time of the year, all reports of the relative strengths of the various teams is mere conjecture but baseball experts seem fairly united in expressing the belief that the teams are much on a par on their show of playing ability thus far exhibited.