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## BULLDOGS OF DEEP MODERN AS ANY PALACE

### ELECTRICAL CONVENIENCES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION FOUND ON UNCLE SAM'S SHIPS

## SOON LAUNCH THE CALIFORNIA

### Over Two Blocks in Length, Carries Twelve 14-inch Cannon and Many Smaller Guns

Vallejo, Cal., Apr. 17.—When the 58 officers and 1,022 men to be assigned to the battleship California now in process of construction at the Mare Island navy yard near here, take up their quarters on the latest and most formidable of the nation's fighting craft of her class, they will find every modern convenience provided for their safety and comfort.

While every known protection will be provided against mine and submarine attack, and naval officers consider the California will be as nearly impregnable against destruction as it is possible to build a ship, the creature comforts of the men will include a dental office, barber shop and a score of conveniences usually associated with hotels. An electric potato peeler which can handle 1,000 pounds an hour, electric ice cream freezer, electric food and meat grinder, electric cake machine with 60 quart capacity and a dish washing machine which will handle 1,000 dishes an hour will be among the conveniences which will both speed up and lighten the work.

Electricity will play an important part on the great battleship for its use will be extensive. The main engines of the vessel will be electric, the electric generators driven by steam turbines of 28,000 h. p. the steam supplied by oil burning water tube boilers. Electricity will handle the ammunition, fire the guns, raise and lower boats and anchors, steer the ship and regulate the ventilating blowers.

The California keel was laid on October 25, 1916, and she soon will be ready to leave the ways.

Since the signing of the armistice the work on the California has been resumed. Her cost when the award was made to Mare Island three years ago was placed at \$7,413,516.

Her dimensions are: Length over all, 624 feet; breadth, 96 feet; depth 47 feet 2 inches; mean draft, 30 feet 3 inches; displacement at this draft, 32,300 tons; speed 21 knots for 12 hours; fuel capacity (normal) 4,900 tons. Her armament will consist of 12 14-inch, 50 caliber, breech loading rifles, four submerged torpedo tubes, 22 5-inch rapid fire guns; four six pounder guns for saluting, two one pounder guns for boats, four 3-inch anti-aircraft guns; one 3-inch landing gun and two 30 caliber guns. The 14-inch main battery guns are of exceptionally powerful type and will be mounted in threes in four centerline, heavily armored turrets.

The California is built with a clipper type of bow instead of the usual ram. She will be fitted with two cage masts bearing fire control platforms for controlling the firing of the guns. She will carry high power motor boats of the hydroplane type. A complete carpenter and machine shop, with each machine independently electrically driven, will be provided.

## LENINE AND TROTSKY RESORT TO DIPLOMACY

Copenhagen, Apr. 17.—Bolshevism in Russia is giving way to a "new bourgeoisie" according to the director of the Moscow Red Cross committee who has arrived here. Lenine and Trotsky are trying to reach an understanding with the moderate elements.

## WOULD USE SUBS TO REACH NORTH POLE

### Stefansson Looks Upon Divers With Favor—Could Cut Thin Ice and Avoid Dangerous Storms

San Francisco, Apr. 17.—In the way of modern methods of transportation as a means of reaching the North Pole, the submarine comes first in the estimation of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer. Next comes the dirigible balloon, and finally the airplane.

"The submarine appears to me to be a perfectly practicable way of reaching the Pole as well as a comfortable way for one could carry all the necessary comfort," said Mr. Stefansson on his recent visit here while discussing Arctic explorations with friends. "I seldom have seen a stretch of ice extending more than 30 miles without coming to open water. Under the circumstances there never would be any difficulty in the matter of getting to the surface. Also the navigator would be assured of calm water when he came up in these ice hemmed bits of water."

"The submarine already has been used for getting to ice bound ports by passing under the ice. They may be provided with wheels so as to go along the channel bottom. A large submarine will only weigh about 600 pounds on the wheels when submerged in this manner. In constructing an under ice submarine the periscope and much of the above deck construction would be done away with and in place of it would be a deck coming to a ridge similar to a roof which would cut through the ice when coming to the surface. Ocean ice is mushy and I have seen a whale come up through a thickness of six or seven inches of ice."

## GEN. BLANQUET KILLED BY CARRANZA FORCES

Mexico City, Apr. 17.—General Aureliano Blanquet, who was recently reported to have landed in the Vera Cruz region to start a revolution against President Carranza, was killed in a fight near the village of Chavazela, according to press reports. He was 71 years of age and was war minister under President Huerta.

## 205 HUN U-BOATS ARE SUNK

New York, Apr. 17.—Rear-Admiral Sims, who commanded the American fleet during its war-time activities in European waters, said today that he believed there were "205 German submarines at the bottom of the sea."

## AMERICANS AND FRENCH DIE IN RAILWAY WRECK

Paris, Apr. 17.—Fourteen American and six French soldiers were killed in a railroad collision. Twenty-five Americans and 22 Frenchmen were injured.

## PREDICT COUNTIES OVER TOP BY MONDAY

Portland, Ore., Apr. 17.—Reports from county chairmen indicate that two-thirds of the Oregon counties will be over the top in the Victory loan drive by 9 o'clock Monday, when the campaign opens. Twenty-four counties gave this report. They are Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lake, Lane, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Washington, Wasco and Wheeler.

## MEDFORD ELKS COME IN FORCE AND TAKE CITY

### WIN WARM PLACE IN HEARTS OF THOSE LOOKING FOR THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE

## JOKES, JABS AND LAMPOONS

### Mandy Lee Stuck in the Mud, But Is Not Missed Amidst Hilarity. Many Sober Faces Cracked

The Medford Elks visited our city. Not only that, but eight automobile loads of them arrived here last evening and gave a minstrel show at the opera house that will never be forgotten. The advertisement, "Watch for the Big Parade—there won't be any," only served to whet the people's appetites for the side-splitting jokes that were to follow when the curtain was raised shortly after 8:30. The Elks always make good. They advertised this as a "regular show," and it was.

The Medford orchestra was in fine trim and jazzed the jazziest music that was ever jazzed to an audience. The show opened with a song by the entire company, entitled "Loading Up the Mandy Lee." Just where Mandy was no one knew. Possibly she fell off one of the autos while en route to this city and is still floundering about in the mud. But it mattered not—she was not missed—for the jokes, gags and songs came so fast that the old girl would have been overlooked had she been present.

Quisenberry and Jerome, and Collins and Vawter, as end men, were all that end men are supposed to be and kept the audience bubbling with laughter. They even made faces crack that were supposed to be of concrete.

The solo by Vernon H. Vawter, "Please Don't Take My Harem Away," was enthusiastically received, after which Kimbo Pumilo, Hawaiian soloist, favored the listeners with some pleasing string music. Then followed the ballad by Geo. E. Maddox, "The Rose of No Man's Land," and popular song hits by Fletcher Fish. The end song.

## GERMANY GIVEN UNTIL MAY 15 TO SIGN TERMS

## SEVERAL KILLED IN ITALIAN DISTURBANCE

Paris, Apr. 17.—Germany may be forced to accept or reject the peace terms by May 15, reports says. No reply is expected before May 6.

Norway and Switzerland will act as agents of the allies in feeding Russia. Representatives of France made reservations on the subject today. The plan is opposed by those Russians who are opposed to the bolsheviks.

The conference is considering the question of the United States becoming mandatory for Armenia, Cilicia and Albania and taking over control of Constantinople.

The communists still control Munich, but Bavarian troops are advancing on the capital.

## BOLSHEVIKI KILLING OF MALE POPULATION

Omsk, Apr. 17.—Indisputable evidence of the massacre by the bolsheviks of more than 2,000 civilians in and near the town of Osa has been obtained by Messrs. Simmonds and Emerson and Dr. Rudolph Tausler of the American Red Cross, who have just returned from Perm, Osa and other occupied Russian territory.

## MAYOR HANSON NOT AFRAID OF LABOR STRIKE

### LONGSHOREMEN TRY TO STIR UP TROUBLE AND BRING CHARGES AGAINST EMPLOYERS

## HANSON ON JOB SATURDAY

### "Order Will Be Maintained No Matter What Happens"—I. W. W. Are Not Feared

Seattle, Wash., Apr. 17.—Labor leaders do not believe that a general strike will result from the meeting of the central labor council, called Sunday to consider a general walk-out on behalf of union longshoremen, who claim that their employers are trying to establish an open shop.

Redding, Cal., Apr. 17.—Mayor Ole Hanson said he had no fear of a general strike at Seattle. He said: "I will be back on the job Saturday. The rank and file of Seattle labor will not stand for much more foolishness. Order will be maintained no matter what happens. The influence of the I. W. W. on the rank and file amounts to little."

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 17.—The central labor council refused to appoint a representative on the Victory loan committee, or to help push the bonds. Conservatives say the radicals are attempting to boycott the loan.

## GERMAN AGENT TRIES TO FIRE TROOP SHIP

Boston, Mass., Apr. 17.—A German agent named Fisher, allowed on the transport Patricia to look out for German property, attempted to set the vessel afire as it neared Boston with 2,000 American soldiers aboard. He had been locked in a stateroom due to his actions, but manipulated the electric wires and started a blaze.

## FLU KILL 400,000 IN GERMAN EMPIRE

Cologne, Apr. 17.—According to estimates made in an article published in the German Medical Journal of recent date 400,000 deaths were caused by Spanish influenza in Germany in the last 18 months.

## BRITISH FLIER TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC

Milan, Italy, Apr. 17.—Four people were killed and several wounded during the disorders between the socialists and anti-socialist groups here. Workmen at Milan, Bologna, Turin and Genoa have begun a 24-hour strike.

## HELIGOLAND WILL BE WHOLLY DESTROYED

London, Apr. 17.—The council of four, says Reuter's Paris correspondent, has decided that Heligoland shall be dismantled and, so far as possible, destroyed.

## TURKS READY FOR A BIG MASSACRE

London, Apr. 27.—The situation in Turkey is causing anxiety. Internal disorder is rife and it is feared that there will be outbreaks shortly and masses of Armenians on a large scale.

## PORTLAND GETTING WISDOM TEETH CUT

### Sees Southern Oregon Trade Going South and Is Getting Busy to Bring It Back Home

Portland, Ore., Apr. 17.—The highway commission has decided to cooperate with Lake and Klamath counties to bring them back commercially into Oregon, and will urge additional government cooperation. Four hundred miles are involved; 148 miles in Lake, 145 in Klamath, and 105 miles connecting Lakeview and Klamath Falls. Klamath improvements are to cost \$861,980. The county, Indian department, state and federal government are to put up the money.

## DEMOCRATS AFTER BURLINSON'S SCALP

Boston, Apr. 17.—Due to the impending telephone strike, Francis Finerman, president of the democratic club of Massachusetts, and 11 members of the legislature have cabled to Paris requesting Postmaster General Burleson's removal. They said "Burleson is wrecking party—remove him—settle strike."

## AWARDED SERVICE CROSS FOR BRAVERY

Frank Sanders Jr., colored, arrived here last night to join his wife and two children, who have been residents of this place for some months. They have been living with Mrs. Sanders' mother, Mrs. Samuel Gatewood. Sanders, who was drafted from Riverside, Cal., was a member of the 365th Infantry, colored, 92nd division, known as the Buffalo division, and trained at Camp Grant, Ill. He was in the service 18 months and spent eight months in France, participating in several battles without receiving a scratch. He was in the St. Dir sector at Vosges from August 23 to September 20, in the Meuse-Argonne forest September 26 to 30, and at Morbach October 9 to November 11. Sanders was awarded the distinguished service cross by the French government for caring for wounded under fire. The badge was stolen from him while in San Francisco on his way home. He also has a marksman badge.

Private Sanders was trained as a scout and acted in that capacity during his foreign service and he saw much active service. He is wearing a silver ring with the iron cross in enamel, which he took from a German, who was "badly shot up."

## "SHOOTING DEPUTY" TO CATCH SMUGGLERS

Rosburg, Ore., Apr. 17.—Appointment by Governor Olcott of Deputy Sheriff Frank Hopkins of Canyonville, as special agent to run down smugglers of liquor, was announced here today. Hopkins has been very active in this work during the past year. Thousands of dollars in fines have been turned into the county treasury due to his efforts. He has been dubbed "the shooting deputy," as the result of several encounters with liquor importers, in which gun play figured.

## WAR'S DRAIN WAS LIGHT ON U. S. WEALTH

### COOKINGHAM SAYS EXPENSE WILL NOT BE OVER 6% OF NATION'S ASSETS

## HUNS' DEBT RUNS 50 PER CENT

### Death Losses During War Aggregate 7,350,000 Men—Germany's Collapse Due to Fighting Yanks

Portland, Apr. 17.—In view of what other nations have done, America's patriotism has been put to no test according to Edward Cookingham, executive chairman of the Oregon Victory loan. He says: "During the four years of the war, the gross indebtedness of the civilized nations of the world grew from \$27,000,000,000 to more than \$200,000,000,000. The indebtedness of Great Britain grew from 4 per cent to 44 per cent of that country's entire national wealth. The indebtedness of France grew to about 45 per cent of her national wealth and Russia's national debt reached about the same proportions. The indebtedness of Germany was more than 50 per cent of her wealth at the end of the war, and that of Austria-Hungary had become about 60 per cent.

In comparison with the enormous debts of her allies, that of the United States at the end of the war seem very insignificant, inasmuch as it amounted to less than 8 per cent of her national wealth, and as an offset we hold nearly \$10,000,000,000 of obligations of foreign governments, so that the net drain upon the people of this nation will not be over 6 per cent of the sum total of the assets of the nation. "The available statistics received up to the present time show that the total death losses during the war aggregated about 7,350,000 men. Of our allies, France lost 1,385,000 men, England 706,000 men, and Italy 460,000 men; Russia lost about 1,700,000 men. About 50,000 U. S. troops were killed in battle. The death losses of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and their allies, aggregate 2,750,000 men.

"None of the allied commanders, American, French, English or Italian, believed that a military victory was possible in 1918. Hence, at the time the armistice was signed military plans in the United States were progressing on a prodigious scale. These plans contemplated that by July 1, 1919, there would be 4,000,000 American soldiers in France. To transport and maintain this vast army, 16,000,000 tons of shipping would have been required, and the plans of the government included the construction of sufficient ships to furnish the required tonnage. Had the war continued until the middle of the summer of 1919, this nation would probably have suffered a loss of 500,000 American soldiers, with many hundreds of thousands of disabled and wounded. The outlay required to train, equip, transport and feed this vast army would have been not less than \$2,000,000,000 per month. It is quite obvious, therefore, that the sudden collapse of the German military power resulted in a saving to the American nation, of not less than \$15,000,000,000, to \$20,000,000,000. Moreover, every red-blooded American citizen must not fail to remember that Germany's collapse was directly due to the magnificent fighting qualities of the hitherto untrained American army.

"During the brief time that the American army participated in the active hostilities of the war, 3,918 distinguished service crosses were awarded for gallantry in action to American officers and soldiers."