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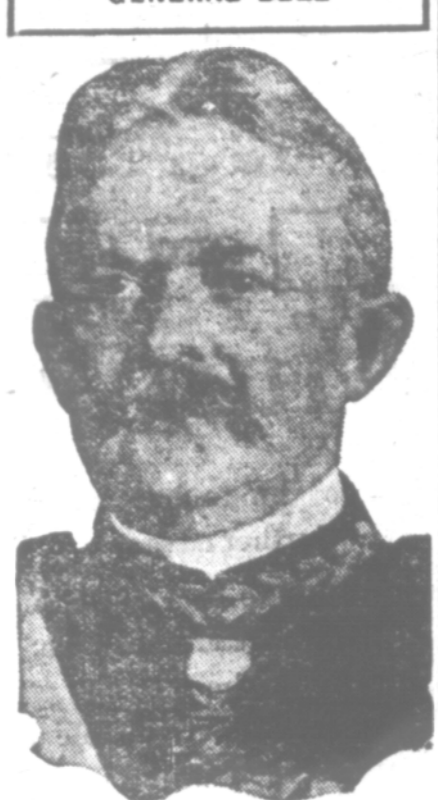
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GENERAL BELL



Gen. J. Franklin Bell, who succeeded General Wood in command of the eastern department of the army.

CHINESE SHIPPED TO EUROPEAN FRONT

Seattle.—The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, on her last trip to Vancouver from the Orient, brought 2500 Chinese coolies, men of fine physique, for service with the entente armies in France. It is said that many more coolies will be brought to Vancouver, to be shipped by rail to the Atlantic coast and thence by transport to France.

IDAHO OFFERS \$100,000

State Land Board Agrees to Invest Funds in Government Bonds. Boise, Idaho.—The state of Idaho will subscribe \$100,000 of the proposed war loan of \$5,000,000,000. This decision was reached at a meeting of the land board, when a motion introduced by Governor Alexander was unanimously carried.

NO STRIKES DURING WAR

Nation's Safety First Consideration, Says Labor Defense Committee. Washington.—No strikes or labor disputes of any kind during the war is the program of the labor committee of the Council of National Defense's advisory commission, headed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Fruit Growers Elect Head.

Spokane.—Paul H. Weyrauch, prominent fruit grower of Walla Walla, Wash., was elected president of the Fruit Growers' Agency, an organization of fruit growers and shippers of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, at the first annual convention of the organization.

Intensive Cultivation Ordered.

Washington.—Cato Selvis, Indian commissioner, has ordered intensive cultivation of all Indian reservations during the year because of the war situation.

AS PRICES RISE

HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS THE RAILROADS

Service Will Be Crippled Unless Relief Comes Soon.

EXPENSES UP, RATES DOWN

Wasteful and Conflicting Regulations Hamper Railroad Credit, While Advances in Labor and Materials Outstrip Revenues, Chairman Kruttschnitt Tells Congress Committee.

Washington, April 2.—The condition in which the railroads find themselves as a result of constant increases in wages, prices of material, taxes and other expenses, while their revenues are restricted by legislation, was strikingly described by Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in his testimony during the past few days before the Joint Congressional Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is making a study of the question of railroad regulation.

Why Roads Need More Money. Mr. Kruttschnitt's testimony also had a bearing on the reasons for the application of the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general advance in freight rates. He showed that while the price of transportation has declined in recent years, the cost of producing transportation, like the cost of almost everything else, has rapidly advanced.

Recent reports made to the state board of health and examinations of the heads of animals suspected of having rabies show an alarming increase in the spread of hydrophobia throughout Oregon, according to Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer.

William Branson, tried on a charge of killing William Booth in October, 1915, was found guilty of second degree murder at McMinnville. This was Branson's third trial, the first having resulted in a hung jury and the second in a verdict for conviction.

More than 1100 people attended the mole trapping demonstrations given during the recent bad weather all over Multnomah county under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural Extension division and by Theodore Scheffer, of the United States biological survey.

The Western Broccoli association has placed \$1600 worth of broccoli seed in safety deposit vaults at Eugene for safe keeping until it is distributed to Lane county farmers, who have contracted with the association to grow broccoli. The seed is valued at \$2 an ounce.

The amount due the 18 land grant counties in Oregon on delinquent taxes from the Oregon & California land sale is \$1,714,775.89, according to tabulations prepared by Oswald West, who is representing the department of the interior in steps to collect the back taxes.

COUNT ZEPPELIN



Count Zeppelin, inventor of the airship which bears his name, who died in Germany.

A study of the Douglas fir timber of Oregon with a view of preventing rotting and other defects in the trees will be made by E. P. Meinecke, forest pathologist of the department of agriculture.

The war department has named a coast defense battery on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, "Battery Henry Adair," in honor of Lieutenant Henry E. Adair, of Portland, who was killed at Carrizal.

Two hundred and eighty-two industrial accidents, of which two were fatal, is the record for the past week, according to reports received by the state industrial accident commission. The victims of the fatal accidents were K. Onaka of Astoria, who was employed in a sawmill and Fred Williams of Gaston.

It is reported that 21 applicants have filed requests to secure quarter sections of Oregon-California grant lands. All the applications are made by residents of New York City. Attorney General Brown says no preference will be given to those who file early, except to those living on lands.

Efforts to secure the reversion of the lands of the Coos bay wagon road grant in the United States and their sale according to the terms of the grant are being put in motion by Oswald West, who has drafted a bill in tentative form for submission to Senator Chamberlain and presentation to congress.

The \$35,000 grain elevator of the Farmers' Union Grains agency was dedicated at Pendleton Saturday. Extensive plans are being made by members of Oregon Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the fourth annual state conference, to be held in Eugene March 9 and 10.

The Cascade Contract company, of Portland, has obtained an option on Saddle butte, 12 miles south of Albany, and plans to develop an extensive rock quarry there. The plans contemplate the construction of a branch railroad two and one-half miles from the quarry to connect with the Southern Pacific railroad at Sheild.

Reclamation of 951 acres of rich bottom land lying between the Columbia and Oregon sloughs in Multnomah county, involving an ultimate outlay of approximately \$200,000, is sought. As soon as weather will permit, the United States forest service will make a survey of a road over the mountains through the Wenaha national forest in Union and Umatilla counties.

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The Holly Condensed Milk company of Amity, has invented a new product—rice and milk—which is gaining popularity with a bound, and many housewives are welcoming it into their list of table delicacies. The idea is entirely a new one and the Holly people are the originators and only manufacturers to put out the article. It is rice cooked and canned with condensed milk.

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Plate glass windows were broken and awnings fell under their load when two inches of hail fell in Oregon City in the course of the worst hail and electric storm in the memory of the earliest settlers. Hailstones two inches in circumference were found after the storm.

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BUY HARNESS NOW! Buy It From Us. You may think you can get along without that new set of harness this winter, and possibly you can—but WILL IT PAY YOU? The time lost in repairing and tinkering and cussing on old and broken and unreliable harness will just about pay for a new one. And time is money these days. Then broken harness often cause runaways, and they often result fatally to the driver or the animals. No, unreliable harness does NOT pay. Buy a new set NOW, and buy it from US, where it is BEST and CHEAPEST.

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