

DATA ON NAVIES OF WORLD IS GATHERED

Great Britain's Sea Power Double That of United States; Japan Third.

Washington.—Information now in possession of the American government on the relative strength of the three principal naval powers, believed to be complete, shows the present naval strength of this country to be about half that of Great Britain, while more than double the sea power of Japan. In first line major ships, including battleships and battle cruisers, the British navy January 1, 1921, this information shows, numbered thirty-two vessels of 311,050 tons, while the United States possessed sixteen vessels of 435,750 tons and Japan ten vessels of 288,320 tons.

While capital ships under construction for the American navy, including twelve dreadnaughts and six battle cruisers, are to be completed in 1923, will virtually offset the British preponderance in this class of vessels, the information shows that the American fleet still will be greatly inferior in types of vessels regarded by naval officers as of first importance in naval strength.

These types include notably destroyers, leaders, cruisers and light cruisers and cruising submarines.

Although with completion of the authorized building programs of the two countries, the American navy will have only six battle cruisers as compared with twelve for that of Japan, it will more than maintain a 100 per cent superiority by virtue of its greater number of battleships and supplemental types of war craft.

BRITISH CENSOR U. S. MESSAGES

Washington.—Charges that the British government exercises surveillance over American cable business passing through the British Isles and that the state department had extended its controversy with the Western Union Telegraph & Cable company to bring in the Cuban government, came up before a senate committee considering cable legislation.

Norman H. Davis, acting secretary of state, and Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, conducted an argument over the Cuban allegations. Clarence H. Mackey, head of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, told the committee that English secret service authorities were obtaining copies of cable messages.

Mr. Carlton expressed reluctance to discuss the subject of English surveillance because "it would make trouble," but at last yielded.

"Ten days after messages have been transmitted," he explained, "our copies are turned over to the British secret service, which keeps them for a few hours and then returns them. No exception is made and the American official dispatches, like the dispatches to all other countries to and from England, are included."

POSTOFFICE BUYS BONDS

Savings Deposit Bank Earns 5 to 6 Per Cent on Investment.

Washington.—Details of the government's bargain counter business in Liberty bonds popped out during debate in the house touching the post-office appropriation bill. The postal savings bank, it appeared, was a large holder of bonds, having purchased in open market for \$100,000,000 of deposits bonds having a face value of \$111,000,000.

By the deal, it was said, the post-office bank earned 5 to 6 per cent on its investment as against the 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent which it has paid for the use of the deposits.

Valuable Census Records Burned.—Washington.—Valuable records dating back to 1790, when the first census of the United States was taken, were destroyed in a fire of undetermined origin at the department of commerce. The records include figures from every census up to the present one and officials said that it would be days before even an estimate of the damage could be given.

Would Cut Army to 175,000.

Washington.—Unanimous favorable report was ordered by the senate military committee on the resolution of Senator New, republican, Indiana, directing the secretary of war to stop army enlistments until the total number of enlisted men is reduced to 175,000.

Railways Earn \$150,000,000 Last Year.

Washington.—The railroads of the country, earned only about \$150,000,000 last year, or \$395,000,000 less than in 1919, according to estimates prepared by H. P. Parmelee, director of the bureau of railway economics.

Undertaking

Caskets and Robes always on hand; special supplies and caskets ordered at any time.

Sam Brisbane, Moro, Oregon.

GOVERNOR MABEY



Charles R. Mabey, who succeeds Simon Bamberger as governor of Utah.

OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Salem, Or.—The 31st session of Oregon's legislative assembly convened at the statehouse Monday at 10 o'clock. The absence of a fight over the speakership of the house and presidency of the senate permitted prompt organization. Louis E. Bean, representative from Lane county was elected speaker of the house and Roy W. Ritner, senator for Umatilla county was elected president of the senate.

Senator J. C. Smith of Josephine county called the senate to order, and Senator Patterson of Polk county immediately nominated Senator Banks of Multnomah county for temporary chairman, who was elected.

Senator Ritner's election as president followed, Senator Eddy of Douglas county, who was his contender for the position, making the nominating speech.

Fred Dragger, chief clerk of the house for several sessions past, and who was elected again to the position at this session, called that body to order.

Representative Gordon of Multnomah county, who will head the house ways and means committee, nominated Bean for speaker, and there were several seconding speeches.

HOUSE INCREASE COSTLY

Outlay for Added Members Fixed at \$1,000,000 Annually.

Washington.—A minority report opposing the Siegel bill, under which the house membership would be increased to 483, based upon the last census, was filed by six members of the house census committee.

Addition of 48 members of the house, as proposed in the Siegel bill, would cost the government more than \$1,000,000 annually, the report said.

Idaho Solons Face Japanese Question.

Boise, Idaho.—Anti-alien legislation has appeared in the Idaho legislature. In the senate there appeared an anti-alien land ownership bill, which, it is conceded, strikes directly at the Japanese, while in the house there was introduced a bill that proposes to make illegal marriages between Caucasians and Mongolians.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Hard white, \$1.60; soft white, \$1.55; white club, \$1.58; hard winter and northern spring, \$1.52; red Walla Walla, \$1.50.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$2.4.

Corn—Whole, \$4.4; cracked, \$4.7.

Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$27 @ 28 per ton, alfalfa, \$20 @ 21.

Butter—Fat—44 @ 46c.

Eggs—Ranch, 45c.

Cattle—Best steers, \$8.50 @ 9.25; good to choice, \$7.50 @ 8.00; medium to good \$7.50 @ 8.00.

Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$9.50 @ 10.25; Willamette valley lambs, \$9 @ 9.50.

Hogs—Prime mixed \$12 @ 12.25; smooth heavy, \$11.50 @ 12.

Seattle.

Wheat—Hard white, soft white and white club, \$1.60; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring and eastern red Walla, \$1.57; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.69.

Hay—Eastern Washington mixed, \$29 per ton, alfalfa, \$30.

Butter—Fat—46 @ 49c.

Eggs—Ranch, 46 @ 49c.

Poultry—Hens, dressed 30 @ 40c; alive, 25 @ 35c.

Hogs—Prime, \$12 @ 12.50; smooth heavies, \$11 @ 12.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.75 @ 9.25; medium to choice, \$7 @ 8.25.

Sugar From Palm Sap.

In the East Indies a sugar known as jaggeery is made from the sap of the coconut palm. The sap is obtained by cutting the flower spathe and the juice yields about 15 per cent of sugar. It is consumed locally and is very pure, essentially, much of it is identical with cane and beet sugar.

So Runs the World Over.

Some get rich quick, some get rich slowly, some must stay poor.—Baltimore American.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Benton county farm bureau is planning a big drive for membership this month.

A civil service examination will be held at Rainier to select a postmaster at a salary of \$1900.

The Commercial club at Agness, in Curry county, has filed articles of incorporation with the state.

The American Legion organized a post at Banks last week, and 29 ex-service men were enrolled.

Stamp sales at the Eugene postoffice amounted to \$72,250 during 1920, an increase of nearly \$17,000 over 1919.

A machine-gun company is being organized in Corvallis and already 125 men have signed up for membership.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Caldwell, who crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1848, is dead at Yoncalla, aged 83 years.

The body of Claude Perin, first of the Company K boys who lost their lives overseas, has arrived at Corvallis for burial.

There were 313 accidents, none fatal, reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending January 6.

Deschutes county alfalfa growers are seeking a lower freight rate on hay that will enable them to market their product.

The new mill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company at Dallas commenced work last week with a full crew of men.

Hillsboro is starting the new year with an epidemic of smallpox and measles, many cases of both diseases being reported.

The Union county court has let the contract for the grading of approximately 10 miles of road from Lyon's hill to Medical Springs.

Train service on the Albany-Yaquina branch of the Southern Pacific, which was interrupted several days by big slides, has been restored.

Fire at Klamath Falls destroyed the Klamath Auto company's garage, together with 13 cars, tires and accessories, valued at \$12,000.

Clackamas county will spend \$443,673 this year for the construction of the Pacific highway from the Multnomah to the Marion county line.

The Drain Water Power company, owned by the Bank of Cottage Grove, has been granted a raise in rates by the public service commission.

Hillsboro grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is making great preparations for the celebration of its forty-seventh anniversary on Friday, January 14.

Lake county farmers last year constructed eight silos and filled them with sunflowers. In every case the builders pronounced them a success.

Total estimated cost of new buildings and repairs in Eugene during 1920 is \$726,491, nearly three times greater than during the preceding year.

There are 475 more manufacturing plants in Oregon than there were two years ago. New plants total 598, but 423 were destroyed by fire or are out of operation.

The Graves cannery at Brownsville, destroyed by fire, will be replaced at once, plans having been prepared for a fine fireproof structure on the site of the old building.

The Klamath county court has included in its budget \$50,000 for completion of the Hot Springs courthouse, ignoring an injunction issued by Judge Calkins of Medford.

Dairymen and business men at Astoria have been holding conferences with representatives of the Oregon Cooperative Dairy league for the purpose of starting a cheese factory.

The Linn county court is making plans to sell another block of the Linn county road bond issue in order to grade the Pacific highway southward from Tangent to Harrisburg.

After 26 years of service, A. M. Clough has surrendered the office of coroner of Marion county. During that time he has handled 1245 cases of suicides, murders and accidental deaths.

A barge loaded with lumber and a pile-driving outfit towed by the gasoline schooner E. L. Smith was cut loose during a recent storm and has gone ashore at Lower Nautuca, near Haystack rock.

The Hammond Lumber company is preparing to construct 15 miles of railroad in the Crabtree vicinity to tap the company's holdings there. There is sufficient timber to keep a force busy for one year.

Officers charged with employing third-degree methods to extort confessions from three of the five convicted slayers of Sheriff T. H. Taylor in a jail break at Pendleton July 25 last, following their subsequent capture, were cleared of all charges Saturday by a grand jury investigating the prisoners' treatment.

Heavy rains of the last few days have cost the state highway department between \$75,000 and \$100,000 as a result of damage to roads and bridges, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Investigations of estates during the past two years, with relation to inheritance taxes, netted the state approximately \$36,098.14 in excess of amounts originally agreed upon by the executors, according to a report prepared by James Crawford, d. p. state treasurer.

W. B. Barratt, prominent farmer and sheep grower of Heppner, Morrow county, was appointed by Governor Olcott to serve as a member of the state highway commission. He will succeed E. E. Kiddle, who died recently at Island City.

Yeggmen blew open two doors on the vault of the First National bank of Molalla in an attempt to rob the safe. The noise of the explosions attracted neighbors, and the robbers were frightened away before they had obtained anything.

Requests for copies of the Oregon Irrigation laws received from many states throughout the country indicate that the successful operation of the local system of financing and handling its irrigation development is attracting wide attention.

O. L. Gash, living near Grand, in Harney county, has recently sunk a well to a depth of 108 feet that has developed a flow of 500 inches of water per minute with a five-inch centrifugal pump. This adds another irrigation plant to that neighborhood.

Forest supervisors from Oregon and Washington will gather in Portland for the first time since 1917 for a week's conference February 14 to 21. Plans for the meeting, which will be attended by 24 supervisors, are now being completed by George H. Cecil, district forester, who will preside. The conference will be a round table discussion of all the various divisions of work carried on in forests and for an interchange of ideas among the supervisors.



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