

USES PILLOW WORTH RANSOM

Yankee Miner Slips \$2,000,000 in Platinum Past the Russ Perils.

IS NEEDED BY UNCLE SAM

American Pluck Provides Government With Precious Metal Required for Making Explosives—Express Companies Refuse Job.

San Francisco.—A fortune, for which kings of crookdom would have cheerfully risked their necks, has just been delivered to the government, after having been carried half way around the world like so much junk.

Sheer Yankee pluck turned the trick.

It was transported from the Ural mountains, in Russia, to the United States by F. W. Draper, an American mining engineer, who turned 21,000 ounces over to the department of commerce.

The rare metal was carried in boxes, as Draper's luggage—a king's ransom at the mercy of every porter, baggage-man and longshoreman in Russia and Japan.

He did the incredible. "I got it safely through," explained the engineer, "because I did the incredible. No one would believe a man had so little sense as to lug a few million around like that. To have treated those boxes as precious would have meant to lose them—and probably my life as well.

"It was just an interesting bit of practical psychology."

His wife and four-year-old son accompanied him.

On the railroads across lawless Russia and Siberia, under the nose of the irresponsible bolshevik, and past thousands who would have cracked his head for a fraction of that wealth, Draper smuggled the precious dust.

Express companies had refused to take the risk at any premium.

"You'll never get it out of the country," they said. "Not with platinum worth almost its weight in diamonds."

"Well, there it is," he said, kicking some old boxes on the San Francisco pier.

"I've slept and eaten on those boxes for over a month. And when I wasn't sitting on 'em, my wife was. I've become quite accustomed to sleeping on a \$2,000,000 pillow. And I want to say it was deucedly hard on my head.

"But while Mrs. Draper and I guarded the shipment carefully, we did it in a casual fashion that didn't arouse suspicion.

Wants Softest Bed in Town. "Say," he added, "do you know where I can find the nicest, softest feather bed in town?"

The 21,000 ounces of platinum, badly needed in the manufacture of explosives and for scientific and surgical purposes, was consigned to the secretary of commerce, who will supervise its distribution.

Draper, whose home is in Boston, has spent the last six years as consulting engineer to a number of the largest Russian mining companies in the Ural mountains.

He has been specially commended by the United States government for his courageous and highly valuable service to the nation.

LOST FOR NINETEEN YEARS

Box of First-Aid Material Made for Use in Spanish War Just Turns Up.

Burr Oak, Mich.—After being on the way 19 years, a box was received by Capt. Charles P. Wheeler sent him by express by his mother.

Captain Wheeler led a company of volunteers in the Spanish-American war in 1898, and while at Camp Alger, Don Loring, Va., his mother sent him a box weighing 70 pounds, containing first-aid material and medicine. Before the box arrived the company had moved to Cuba, and as the company moved so rapidly the box never caught up. On his return he tried to trace the box without success.

Last week the box arrived from Philadelphia, being sent by Col. R. H. Rolfe of the Quartermaster corps, it being presumably laid aside with other war material and finally brought to light.

The contents of the box were in good condition, and Captain Wheeler has turned over the box to the Three Rivers camp of the Spanish-American Veterans to be disposed of for the benefit of the Red Cross.

WILD ANIMALS LIVE ON HAY

Large Herds of Game in the Colorado Forests Are Becoming Domesticated.

Ouray, Colo.—The efficient protection given them by the state game commission and the United States forest service, in their efforts to preserve the deer, elk, antelope and mountain sheep that roam the Colorado forests has resulted in large herds of the animals becoming domesticated. It is no unusual sight in the towns bordering the Uncompahgre National forest to see many of these wild animals grazing in the village streets or approaching the inviting haystacks of some ranch for a feast.

MADAME DE MENOCAL



This photograph of the beautiful wife of the president of Cuba was taken a few days after she had completed the task of raising a cash fund of \$1,000,000 for the equipment and maintenance in France of a hospital to be manned exclusively by Cuban physicians and nurses.

DECALOGUE OF WAR

Dr. Anna Shaw Announces One for Every Woman.

War-time Commandments Arranged by the Professor of the University of Turin.

New York.—Here is the new "Decalogue of War," as announced by Dr. Anna Shaw:

1. Do not chatter. Keep to yourself the news you hear, your own impressions and your apprehensions.
 2. Do not listen to alarmists, to slanders, or those who would spread discouragement. Silence them.
 3. Be moderate in your spending. neither lavish in gifts nor sordid in your economies. Let everything in your life, even your daily expenses, take on at this moment its true national importance.
 4. Encourage national industries, avoiding imported goods, even though they may seem better and less costly, than those made at home.
 5. Do not look upon the departure to the front of those dear to you as an abandonment. Be with them constantly in thought, as they are with you, particularly in the hour of danger.
 6. Do not complain of the difficulties, annoyances and privations caused by the war. Think of those who are dying for their country, and complaint will halt upon your lips.
 7. Multiply your activities, in your home as well as outside, thereby rendering yourself useful to your country by the work of your hands, the warmth of your heart and the charity of your intelligence.
 8. Exhibit day by day and hour by hour the same courage a man shows upon the field of battle. Instruct the ignorant, uphold the feeble, console those who are stricken; transmit your own confidence to others.
 9. No matter how long the struggle may last, await victory with strength and patience.
 10. If you are stricken in your dearest affections, bear your sorrow nobly, that your tears may be worthy of the hero whose death you mourn.
- These war-time commandments were arranged by the professors of the University of Turin.

SUGAR BOWL LOOTING NOW POPULAR FAD

Cleveland, O.—"Madam, kindly remove your hat from that sugar bowl."

It is perfectly permissible for waiters to so address women patrons found looting the sugar bowls, County Food Administrator North assured them.

Complaints have been numerous the past few days that women dropped into downtown lunch-rooms, ordered a cup of coffee and a piece of pie (check, 15 cents) and then walked out with their muffs full of sugar cubes. It has become almost an epidemic and the restaurant men, not wishing to offend, applied to North for a remedy. But North did not recommend subtle diplomacy on the part of the waiters.

SNOW HELPS IN THE SOUTH

Planters Will Reap Benefit of Extension of Snow Line in South This Winter.

Memphis, Tenn.—Planters will benefit to the extent of many thousands of dollars as a result of the snow line extending far into the South this winter. Agricultural experts contend that where land is covered with snow during the winter months it is more productive the following summer. Freezing weather has extended to the Gulf coast and snow has fallen to the depth of several inches over most of the southern states.

City Council Holds Regular Meeting

Night Watchman's Clock To Be Discontinued; Chickens, Dogs Cows Must Be Kept Up

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Monday evening, at the city hall. The mayor and all the councilmen were present.

The finance committee reported favorably on the following bills: R. F. Sidwell, for labor, \$22.30; Oregon Power, for light and water, \$239.22; M. C. Bressler & Son, supplies, \$11.47; Springfield News, for printing, \$5.50; M. J. McKlin, for nails, \$1.00; Fischer Boutin Lumber company for lumber, \$4.23; Wm. Donaldson, for labor, \$13.00; Cement company for cement blocks, \$3.00.

New and unfinished business was then taken up. J. F. Smith appeared and presented the matter of diverting the flood waters from East Main street. This matter secured the cooperation of the council to contrive some means by which they could divert this flood water through the Skinner lane to the large canal. This would turn the water north instead of sending it through the town, along Main street, as it now goes. The council pledged their help and decided to take the matter up later.

The matter of the night watchman's clock was then taken up. Councilman Bressler presented a petition liberly signed by the business men of Springfield, in favor of the clock. After a general discussion the matter was put to a vote. It was voted to dispense with the clock.

By motion the night police was held responsible for the city gun now in use by him.

The question of the chickens, dogs, and cows running at large inside the city limits was then taken up. After some discussion the chief of police was instructed to notify all owners of chickens, dogs, or cows to keep them on their own premises.

At this time Mayor Morrison appointed, for city attorney of Springfield, Potter and Immel of Eugene. This appointment was confirmed by the council.

There being no further business to transact on motion the council adjourned.

Second State Drive Income Tax Ready

Collector Miller Perfects Plans for Representatives to Visit All Sections of Oregon

Plans for a second income tax and excess profits tax drive in the state of Oregon have been completed by Collector of Internal Revenue Milton A. Miller.

Numerous forms, not heretofore in use, are required for complying with the provisions of the act of October 3, 1917, and the tax inspectors who will be detailed to canvass the state this time will be supplied with these forms so that every taxpayer may be in position to meet the requirements of the act. During January and February deputy collectors and tax inspectors who canvassed the state were not able to give full information to the taxpayers because of the non-arrival of certain forms and blanks.

Ordinarily the returns should be filed on or before March 1, but an extension has been granted this year to April 1, and the returns must be filed on or before that date. The only exception is in the case of corporations which have established a fiscal year ending on some other day than December 31 of each year.

Miller issues an earnest appeal to all who are subject to the tax to submit their returns before April 1, if possible, as the collection of the tax is going to be a big undertaking and there should be no delay, the government's need of the money being urgent.

Income Tax officer Jack Littell will be stationed at the Court House at Eugene, from and including March 22 to and including March 26, 1918. Said officer will have all forms required for making the returns.

After April 1st an extensive "drive" will be made, taking in the entire state, and heavy penalties will attach where persons liable to the tax have failed to disclose their liability and to make return on or before April 1, 1918.

22 Million Families in the United States

If EACH FAMILY saved one cup of wheat flour it would amount to 5,500,000 pounds, or more than 28,000 barrels. If this saving was made three times a week, it would amount to 858,000,000 pounds, or 4,377,000 barrels in a year. You can do your share in effecting this saving and really help to win the war by omitting white bread from one meal today and baking in its place muffins or corn bread made according to this recipe:

Corn Meal Muffins

- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- No eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons shortening

Sift dry ingredients together into bowl; add milk and melted shortening and beat well. Bake in greased muffin tins in hot oven about 20 minutes. Same batter may be baked as corn bread in greased shallow pan.

Our new Red, White and Blue booklet, "Best War Time Recipes," containing many other recipes for making delicious and wholesome wheat saving foods mailed free—address

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

MOVES HIS HARNESS SHOP

Will Occupy Half of Room Used by Wolf & Miller

George Settle, local harness maker, is moving from his former place of business on Fifth street, to the east half of the room used by Wolf and Miller, on Main street.

Mr. Settle, who has been in the harness business for 50 years, came here two years ago from Veneta, Oregon where he was in the harness business. Mr. Settle then had a shop on lower Main, but in a few months he moved to the building on fifth street which

he occupied until Monday of this week when he began moving into his present place of business in the building owned by the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Settle plans to have a strictly harness business, but intends to have his stock include everything necessary to a modern harness shop.

Visits Parents Here

Sergeant R. W. Coffin and H. S. Coffin have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coffin of this city. Sergeant Coffin who is a member of company B, 316 Field battalion, signal corps, at Camp Lewis, arrived in this city Saturday evening and left for Camp Lewis Sunday afternoon. H. S.

Coffin, who is living in Portland, arrived here Sunday to visit with his brother and parents here. He left Monday morning.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of Tillie E. Luther Michael, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. Now therefore, all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at the Commercial State Bank, in Springfield, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated this February 11th, 1918. O. B. KESSEY, Administrator. POTTER & IMMEL, Attorneys for Estate. Feb. 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11.



BEN. F. WEST

Candidate for the Republican Nomination for State Treasurer.

Have lived in Salem nearly 27 years. Was originally from Iowa. On account of my long residence in the Capital City I am familiar with the different State Institutions and as a member of the State Board of Control can render valuable service to the State.

Also the State Treasurer is a member of the State Tax Commission where I claim I will be a valuable member on account of my experience as County Assessor of Marion County. I would like to have the taxpayers of this locality think this matter over very carefully before casting their vote of the primaries on May 17. (pd. adv.)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Commercial State Bank OF SPRINGFIELD

at Springfield, in the State of Oregon at the close of business March 4th, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$71,963.14
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	46.27
Bonds and warrants	13,520.77
Banking house	14,950.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,300.00
Other real estate owned	None
Due from approved reserve banks	26,520.86
Exchanges for clearing house	732.23
Cash on hand	4,892.59
Total	\$137,925.88

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	801.99
Individual deposits subject to check	89,984.58
Demand certificates of deposit	1,892.10
Bills payable for money borrowed	None
Time and savings Deposits	12,747.21
Total	\$137,925.88

STATE OF OREGON, County of Lane, ss: I, O. B. Kessey, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. B. KESSEY Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1918. CORRECT—Attest: A. P. M'KINZEY, Notary Public. M. M. PEERY, WELBY STEVENS, Directors.

This bank is making a steady constant growth and its usefulness to this community is increasing each year as is shown by the following:

TOTAL RESOURCES	
March 5, 1916	\$85,778.81
March 5, 1917	114,129.00
November 20, 1917	133,909.25
March 4, 1918	137,925.88

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