

101,100,000 LIVE UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

ONLY HOOK AND LINE IN ROGUE NOW

Law Closing Stream to Commercial Fishing Goes into Effect—Master Fish Warden Says Law Will Be Strictly Enforced—Expect Trouble at Mouth.

The Rogue river fish bill passed by the people of Oregon at the last general election has gone into effect and from this time on commercial fishing is barred on the stream.

"We have already taken steps to see that the law is enforced," stated State Fish Warden Ed Clanton, who was in Medford Friday.

The law assures the perpetuation of Rogue river, as the finest fly-fishing stream in the United States.

20 WITNESSES IN SMUGGLING CHINESE CASE

Police Take Into Custody Paul Schultz, Stevedore, Who Was Wounded in Affray at Docks During Raid on Smugglers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—Twenty Chinese slavers brought into the United States through the agency of a slave ring operating in the Pacific coast ports and at Honolulu from Hongkong, will be the principal witness in criminal prosecutions that it is predicted will follow complete exposure of the operations of the gang.

Federal investigation has continued for some weeks into the management of both the emigration and immigration services on the Pacific coast, and it is reported that upon the return of Commissioner-General Keel from Honolulu a startling disclosure will be made.

Federal officers this afternoon took into custody Paul Schultz, formerly a stevedore at the Pacific Mail docks. Schultz entered a local hospital last night to have a thigh wound dressed and is said to have admitted that he was shot by customs men while slavers girls and coolies were being taken from the laer Manchuria.

Chinese merchants here declare that the market prices for the slaves range from \$500 to \$3000, and that the men bring profits estimated at \$500 each. The coolies are bound over to employers until they have worked out their passage and the slaves' fees.

ELECTION RIOTS NEAR BELFAST

BELFAST, Dec. 10.—It was feared that election riots resulted in the damage to property amounting to thousands of dollars. The disturbances occurred when several Orangemen tried for several national candidates and were accused of being traitors.

TWENTY FIVE MINERS LOSE LIVES IN DEATH-DEALING MINE; 21 BODIES FOUND

Several Members of Rescue Party Overcome by Fire Damp—Explosion of Gas Wrecks Interior of Mine Near Frank, Alberta, Canada—Most of Dead Men Were Slavs—Dead Laid Out on Tables Arranged at Mouth of Mine—Heartrending Scene When Wives and Sweethearts Hear the News.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 10.—Reports this afternoon from Frank, Alberta, say that 25 miners are known to be dead, with the probability that several more are dead whose bodies have not yet been found in the depths of the Bellevue coal mine, which was the scene of a disastrous gas explosion last night.

According to the dispatches received here, 21 bodies have already been recovered. Four of the 18 men who were rescued alive died today from burns received. The dead are laid out on tables near the mouth of the mine and along the railroad tracks. It is reported that several members of the rescue party have been overcome by afterdamp while working in the mine.

FIGHT TO SAVE CHARLTON FROM ITALIAN JUSTICE IS RENEWED IN COURTS OF NEW JERSEY

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 10.—The fight to prevent the extradition of Porter Charlton, wanted in Italy for the murder of his wife, was renewed today in the court of appeals when Charlton's father, with Attorney William Edwards, asked for a writ of habeas corpus for his release. They also asked that writs of certiorari be issued, instructing the state department and the New Jersey authorities to bring into court the entire records of the case since Charlton's arrest. Judge Rellstab, to whom the application was made, allowed both writs and set the date for their hearing as December 19 at the state house.

Not Surrendered. Judge Rellstab's action makes it certain that Charlton will not be surrendered to the Italian authorities until after the final determination of the writs. Notice of the hearing was given to the Italian minister, to Attorney Freeland, special Italian counsel, and to Prosecutor Garvin of Hudson county.

UNCLE SAM TO OFFER LOCAL TIMBER FOR SALE AT ONCE

The local forestry office has completed its reports on the burned-over areas within the Crater national forest and will immediately advertise for bids on the timber left standing thereon. The timber advertised as "dead" is being sold at a great sacrifice, although it will within the next three years it will be as good as green timber.

On the south fork of Rogue river 120,000,000 feet of timber is offered, 45 per cent of which is dead. The minimum price placed on it is 10 cents a thousand for "dead," \$2.75 per thousand for yellow pine and \$2 for fir.

In the Clover creek district 20,000,000 feet is offered. Of this 72 per cent is dead.

On Elk creek 150,000,000 feet is offered, of which 65 per cent is dead.

CHOLERA DEALS DEVASTATION

Russo-Manchuria Frontier Is Ravaged by Disease and Hundreds Have Fallen Victims—Much Trouble Is Experienced by Physicians in Caring for Stricken.

HONGKONG, Dec. 10.—Spreading from Mongolia, the plague and cholera are ravaging the Russo-Manchuria frontier and scores have fallen victims to the disease. All Russian towns have been ticketed by soldiers and the Chinese quarter at Harbin has been isolated since November 12.

WITHOUT ISLANDS 91,972,266

Increase in Population for Continental Portion Is 21 Per Cent—Great Increase Is Also Made in Territorial Possessions—Hawaii Gains Over 24 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The grand total population of the United States is 101,100,000. These figures represent the United States and all its possessions. The United States proper has 91,972,266.

The population of the United States, with specified dependencies, including Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and military and naval persons abroad, is 93,492,152.

Taking the population of the Philippines given in 1903, which was 7,635,420, and adding estimates for the islands of Guam and Samoa and for the canal zone, the grand total population of the United States and its possessions is over 101,000,000.

The increase in population for the continental portion of the United States is 15,977,691, or 21 per cent. The increase in population of the territorial possessions is 16,145,521, or 20.9 per cent.

BRAZIL SUFFERS SECOND REVOLT IN TWO WEEKS

Five Hours' Bombardment Is Found Necessary to Quell Outbreak—Great Excitement Reigns—Thousands of Citizens Witness Fight.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 10.—Five hours' bombardment of the naval barracks at Cambira island by loyal Brazilian ships and shore batteries in Rio Janeiro harbor ended a second revolt in the Brazilian navy today. At noon the quinquers surrendered after several of the gun-ship and crew of the scout ship Rio de Sul, which supported the mutiny, had been killed.

The greatest excitement reigned during the bombardment. Thousands of citizens of Rio Janeiro lined the shore and hills, watching the conflict and cheering the display of firmness by the government. The red flag which the mutineers hoisted at dusk yesterday was shot away twice during the firing, but each time was replaced. Orders were issued for a general bombardment, but before the vessel could clear for action the red flag was run down and a white one took its place on the barracks flag-staff.

The surrender was unconditional and the entire garrison was marched out under arrest. The ringleaders were confined in the federal prison under heavy guard and it is considered probable that they will be executed.

HOUSE PASSES HARBOR BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The house this afternoon passed the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, curtailing approximately \$31,000,000. Debate on the measure was very brief and only one amendment was adopted. The house then adjourned until Monday.

GIGANTIC TIMBERSALE IN CRATER NATIONAL FOREST MADE BY UNCLE SAM

One Hundred and Forty-six Million Feet of Timber Sold to the Pelican Bay Lumber Company, the Consideration Being \$365,460—Jackson County Will Receive \$73,108 of This Amount—Is Largest Sale Ever Made by the Government of Standing Timber, Excepting One Made Recently in Montana.

The largest timber sale ever made by Uncle Sam, with the exception of one in Montana, has just been closed. The timber standing in the Crater national forest. The deal provides for the transfer of 146,000,000 feet of timber to the Pelican Bay Lumber company at a consideration of \$365,460. The local office handled all of the details of the affair.

Under the present law the counties in which a reserve is located receive 25 per cent of the amount of the receipts from timber sales. This 25 per cent is divided among the counties according to their area within the forest. In this manner Jackson county receives 80 per cent of the 25 per cent of sales in the Crater forest. Thus Jackson county's share is \$73,108. Klamath county receives \$18,277. This sum goes into the road and school fund of the county.

Last year Oregon's entire share in sales made by the government only amounted to \$39,000, so the increase this year will be large.

The Pelican Bay Lumber company will start work at once in milling the lumber. The payments are distributed over a period of five years. For several months the local office has been engaged in preparing reports on the timber just changing hands.

GRAND JURY FILES ITS REPORT AND IS DISCHARGED; DEALS WITH ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

After returning sixteen true bills, two pot true bills, and filing a lengthy report covering the result of their investigation of alleged election irregularities, the grand jury, which has been in session for the past ten days, was discharged by Judge Calkins Saturday afternoon.

The report filed by the grand jury is one of the most lengthy documents of its kind on record in the local court. It is devoted almost exclusively to the matter of irregularities in the recent state election. While fraud was not charged, the grand jury cited a number of instances where carelessness had obtained on election day in swearing in voters, and it recommended that the various city attorneys and the district attorneys previous to the next election inform election judges of their duty.

The grand jury has been investigating the matter for several days, summoning many witnesses and carefully examining many matters in connection with it.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO CARRY ON WORK OF CLUB ARE NAMED

The first meeting of the new board of directors of the Medford Commercial club was held on Friday evening, 18 of the 21 members being present. The session was held in order to perfect the organization which the club expects to do its effective work during the coming season. Much work was accomplished.

The object of the reorganization was briefly explained by President Cutvig and Manager Malbon, who outlined their views as to the most comprehensive plan of concerted and intelligent policy which the club should follow to further the interests of Medford and the Rogue River valley. The most important feature taken was the appointing of the good roads committee, consisting of S. Vilas Beckwith, chairman; G. Putnam, J. E. Reddy, Professor

which generates power for the motor of the Crumpets. The accident occurred just after the Crumpets had concluded a practice run, and Lecky was thrown up against the wall of the engine room with great force.

Two other men, J. B. Cooke and P. M. Moul, were shaken up. That Electrician Lecky was not killed is considered a miracle. Tribune ads bring results.

BROOKS SENT TO ASYLUM

Man Who "Confessed" to Murder of Belle Ellis Committed by County Court to Insane Asylum—Brooks Is Not His True Name, Says One Who Knows Him.

E. L. Brooks, the paranoiac who confessed to the murder of Belle Ellis, but whose story failed to convince, was committed to the insane asylum by Judge Neil of the county court Saturday, following an examination by Dr. Hester. No longer is it believed that Brooks committed the crime, although he swears that he did.

Brooks was taken before the grand jury Friday afternoon and was turned over to the county court by that body.

It develops that E. L. Brooks is only one of the man's many assumed names. A workman by the name of John Johnson, who tells a straightforward story, declares that he worked for four months with Brooks on the railroad between

JACK LONDON, AS CITIZEN OF THE WORLD, PROTESTS

Wires Japanese Embassy in Washington Protests Against Execution of 26 Japanese Socialists Who Conspired Against Mikado.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—Among scores of telegrams arriving in the Japanese embassy in Washington today from Americans protesting against the proposed execution of 26 Japanese socialists in Tokyo, is the following message from Jack London, self-styled "citizen of the world":

"As a lover of liberty and as a citizen of the world, I do most earnestly protest to you and through you to your country, against the unjust contemplated execution of Dr. Kotoku, his wife and their 24 comrades. I sign myself one of the great army of international freedom."

In addition to this message, local labor organizations are adopting resolutions protesting against the proposed plan to punish the Japanese socialists for what they term a trumped-up charge. The accused men and the woman have been active organizers of the trades union movement in Japan, and the resolutions allege that their activities in this line caused the government to resolve upon drastic measures to prevent the spread of the unionist idea in Nippon.

E. E. Watts, an attorney from Astoria, was transacting business in Medford Saturday.

NOTHING GAINED BY ELECTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—With only 177 more constituencies still to be heard from each side in the parliamentary voting at this stage has exactly the same number of seats that it had in the last parliament. The unionists have 263, a majority of 39.