

CLAIM PROSPERITY FAST RETURNING TO RAILROAD SYSTEM

CHICAGO, March 10.—A compilation asserting that the railroads have been prosperous in the last few years, that the prospect for them and other industries in 1915 is good, and noting a change of sentiment in favor of the railroads, was introduced today at the arbitration for the wage demands of the engineers of western railroads. The last of many of the statistical exhibits analyzed by W. J. Lueck, who was excused from the witness stand, and was the final word of the brotherhoods on the ability of the railroads to pay the increases requested. The end of the arbitration, said to be the most prolonged on record and the most thorough in its investigation of every phase of the railroad business, is believed to be in sight. A few individual witnesses, will be called for the men to rebut testimony by railroad witnesses and surrebutal. If any, will be brief, according to James M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads. Probably all the testimony will be in next week. A week will be given for the filing of briefs and the board of arbitration will render an award April 20. The hearings began November 30, last and have continued for five days a week with the exception of the Christmas holidays.

CARDINAL APPEALS TO WASHINGTON

NEW ORLEANS, March 10.—Cardinal Gibbons was given a personal report on conditions in Mexico as regards the Catholic church, it became known today, when late yesterday he received in conference here Archbishop Mora y Del Rio, head of the church in the southern republic, who recently came to New Orleans from Vera Cruz. The cardinal did not discuss the conference other than to say the archbishop reported all his clergy had been imprisoned and that the situation was deplorable. Cardinal Gibbons today was in correspondence with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan over the situation.

LEGISLATURE AGAIN ABOLISHES LINDSEY

DENVER, March 10.—The Colorado house of representatives passed on third reading three bills to abolish the juvenile court and transfer its work to the district. One effect of the bills, if passed by the senate and signed by the governor, would be to remove from office Judge Ben B. Lindsay. Several members of the republican majority in the house, in voting for the bills, stated that they did so because they felt themselves bound by action of a party caucus.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

- Real Estate Transfers**
- D. A. Boner et ux to Isabella Rowley et vir, 24 acres in D. L. C. 47, twp. 38-2W. \$10,000
 - L. D. Dollard et ux to County of Jackson, right of way in twp. 41-1 and 2E. 1,000
 - R. P. Little to David Hughes, land in sec. 36-37-1W. 1
 - W. H. Singler, sheriff, to O. M. Cornitus, land in D. L. C. 72, twp. 37-2W. 1,874
 - Pearl M. Caldwell et vir to E. M. Case, land in secs. 14 and 23-35-2W. 1
 - M. C. Brossler et ux to Willis Caldwell, land in sec. 11-39-1E; also lots 1, 2 and 3 in blk. 56, Saxman's Penn. Addition to Ashland 1
 - H. J. Van Fossen et ux to Raymond M. Hicks, lots 4 and 5, block 3 of Alfa Add. to Ashland 700

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held March 16th, 1915, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in quantities less than a gallon on its place of business on West Main street, city of Medford for a period of six months. HOTEL MEDFORD. Dated March 4th, 1915.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY EITEL CREW IS RESCUED

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 10.—Captain H. H. Kline of the American sailing ship William P. Frye and his wife are on board the Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The Frye, commanded by Captain Kline, sailed from Seattle November 6 for Queenstown and has not been reported since she passed Tatooish, Wash., the following day. While details are lacking it is said the Frye, which carried grain, was one of the ships sent to the bottom by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich. With Captain Kline and his wife, are other members of the crew. The American setel ship William P. Frye, 3374 gross tons, owned by the Edward Sewall company, Bath, Me., sailed from Seattle November 6 with a cargo of 5200 tons of wheat for Queenstown, and had not been reported since she passed Plattery the next day. Captain R. Kline had his wife and two small sons with him, and a crew of 31. The ship, built at Bath, Me., in 1901, was valued at \$150,000. The cargo was valued at \$282,000.

MEXICAN RED CROSS APPEALS FOR HELP

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The Mexican Red Cross appealed today to the American Red Cross through Secretary Bryan for food for the starving populace in Mexico City. The appeal said the famine in the Mexican capital was rapidly growing worse. Secretary Bryan said the state department would co-operate with the red cross, so far as possible.

GERMAN EDITOR SENT TO PRISON FOR LES MAJESTE

GOTHA, March 10.—Herr Geithner, a socialist member of the Saxe-Coburg diet, and the editor of the Gotha Volksblatt, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for commenting sarcastically upon Emperor William's statement that he no longer knew parties, but only Germans. The Volksblatt had been suspended.

SNOW AND COLD RESTRICT BATTLE ON WESTERN LINE

BERLIN, March 10.—German army headquarters today gave out a report dated March 10 on the progress of the war as follows: "In the western arena: The military activity has been restricted generally by snow and cold weather and in the Vosges it had to be almost entirely discontinued. Only in the Champagne region has the fighting continued. At Souain, after protracted fighting at close quarters, the Bavarian troops were victorious. "To the east of Le Mesnil the enemy at certain points temporarily penetrated our lines. After a determined night engagement with French reserves which had been hurried up in support and which were prevented from attacking by our counter-attacks, we finally dislodged the enemy from his positions. "In the eastern arena: A renewed attempt on the part of the Russians to advance on Augustow resulted in failure. The fighting to the northwest of Ostrolenko continues. The fighting to the northwest and to the west of Przasnysza is assuming an aspect favorable to us and our attack to the northwest of Nowominsto is progressing."

GERMANY'S PROPOSAL OF LAND TO ITALY

ROME, March 10.—Although declaring that it considers such an agreement impossible, the Italian National assembly discussed a report that Germany has agreed with Italy that if Austria refuses territorial concessions desired by Italy no objections would be offered by Germany to an attack upon her present ally, provided Italy did not enter into an alliance with the triple entente powers. The newspaper calls such a plan "folly" and says it would mean a betrayal of Italy.

O. W. R. & N and Union Pacific is placing orders for lumber.

FISH POND TO DISPLAY NATIVE TROUT AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, March 10.—Among notable improvements contemplated incident to installation of the auxiliary mineral springs system, is a reservoir to display fish, fine specimens of which are available all through this territory. It is planned to duplicate the showing made by Superintendent Metcalf of the Southern Pacific at Dunsmuir, only upon a much larger scale. Such a display would prove to be a star attraction in the park and would be in line with the other improvements contemplated there. A good-sized reservoir is already on the grounds, which could be deepened and made a model receptacle for displaying the finny tribe. Moreover, the reservoir is located in the midst of a typical sylvan environment of sunshine and shadow. Local sportsmen are dated over the idea of installing this valuable asset to the park system and will do all in their power to encourage the project. Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Myer of San Francisco are making a brief visit this week at the home of Cedric's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer. C. W. De Carlow of Pinehurst, accompanied by his family, has been in the city of late on business matters, extending his trip as far as Jacksonville. In talking over road matters, Mr. De Carlow emphatically is of the opinion that the improvement of the Green Springs highway means the logical thing to do in creating a permanent thoroughfare between Jackson and Klamath counties, whether the same is used for either tourist or commercial purposes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT VISITING MEDFORD

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, will arrive in Medford Wednesday evening and will spend the next two days with County Superintendent J. Percy Wells, visiting the Jackson county high schools. Mr. Churchill has spent the last few days visiting schools in Josephine county.

TREE CURIOSITY LOCATED ON NEW ASHLAND DRIVE

ASHLAND, March 10.—While working on one of the trails leading to the new Glen View drive, Jim Crowson and Ed Hart ran across a curiosity in the shape of a tree, or rather three trees. The boys called it a "phenomenon," but Ed Farlow, whose knowledge of forestry is second only to that possessed by Job Tozer, calls it a "trinity" tree. This curious growth is located about half a mile from the Plaza, in the park domain. Literally it is "three trees in one," as Ed says, and is not indigenous to Trinity county, California, but is to be found right here. The freak is two well-defined growths, five feet apart at the base, joined together about twelve feet above the ground into a substantial tree approximately fifty feet high. Between these two growths is a smaller one also joining the main trunk. The two larger of the three growths are about twelve inches in diameter. Where the various growths join, the union is as complete as though the job had been done by a neat graft. The trees are of the common red fir species, or devoid of technicalities, belong to the genus Abies grandis of the coniferace family, a group whose habitat is throughout the Siskiyou and Cascade mountain ranges. By squaring the root of the three trees and by taking soil and elevation above the canyon into consideration, Ed draws the deduction that the main growths are about seventy-five years old. This being the case, either the freak is a natural one or else the artificial graft was the work of aborigines long before the white man first put in an appearance on Farlow trail in the new park system. The curiosity has been photographed and is being visited by scores daily. No deputy game warden has yet been appointed for the Ashland district, in spite of the fact that a dozen applications have been filed for the position. It is taken for granted that the matter is being held up pending assignments to places higher in the service. La Grande—Mar. 5.—Made-in-Union county banquet attended by 500.

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