

## MINNESOTA SEEKS INHERITANCE TAX FROM WEYERHAUSER

ST. PAUL, Aug. 27.—The report that the state of Minnesota hopes to collect a large inheritance tax from the estate of the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser, lumber king, was confirmed today by the attorney general's office. It was stated that the amount the state may realize approaches \$900,000, based on an estate of \$30,000,000, instead of \$1,300,000, as reported by executors.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser was reported to be heavily interested in the Great Northern Railroad company, but the inventory submitted by executors showed a stock valuation of only \$6000.

## ARREST CHIEF OF COAST ARSON RING

PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—Sanford Currier, alleged by the police to be the head of an arson ring operating in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland, was arrested here today and held under a \$20,000 bond by the state circuit court.

According to Fire Marshal Jay Stevens, the alleged arson ring is responsible for fire damage amounting to several hundred thousand dollars in Pacific coast cities. The plan of the gang, according to the marshal, was to rent or even to build a house and fill it with costly furniture, all of which would be insured. Then the furniture would be removed, the house destroyed by fire, and the insurance collected on both house and furniture.

Unable to furnish bail, Currier was placed in jail.

Two others, it became known today, are being held in custody. Grant Hawley, one of the alleged gang, was arrested several days ago and it is said to have given officials complete information of the operations of the organization.

## FAMILY PERISHES IN FIRE

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the front of the house, on which most of the bedrooms fronted, they found Mrs. Boswell, her two children and a maid, were on the porch roof. The maid jumped and was caught by the three men.

Mrs. Boswell pounded on the window of Mrs. Pershing's room and called to her at the top of her voice. Then she threw her two children down to the negro cook, William Johnson, a family servant who had been with Mrs. Pershing for many years, who had climbed part of the way up the porch supports.

Mrs. Boswell then jumped from the roof into a flower bed where she fell, wrenching her back badly. She was taken to the presidio hospital.

## Found Dead on Floor

When the rescuers climbed into the burned rooms they found Mrs. Pershing on the floor with her arm about one of the children, still lying on her bed. On another bed in the room was another child, and on the floor between the two beds was the third one.

Mrs. Pershing, and the children, surgeons of the medical corps said, were suffocated. Exposed parts of their bodies, hands, arms, head and feet were burned.

An inspection of the house by the board of inquiry, and statements by Johnson established the fact that there were fires in two open grates last night.

A hole was found burned in the ceiling of the dining room. It was suggested by some that live coals fell from a grate on the second floor, burned through and fell into the dining room. The course of the fire appeared to have been from the dining room into a large hall and up a staircase to the second floor.

## General Overcome

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 27.—News of the death of Mrs. Pershing and her three children reached General J. J. Pershing, commander of the eighth infantry brigade here today through the Associated Press dispatches. General Pershing was overcome by the tragedy. He had been preparing a home for his family, which he expected would leave San Francisco for El Paso this week. He said he would leave immediately for San Francisco.

## BONDHOLDERS OPPOSE PAVING REFUND SCHEME

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even though they thought it would be successful.

### An Unwise Proceedure

"We wish that on receipt of this letter you would send us a night letter at our expense, stating whether or not there is any truth in the news items that we have read, as if there is, we desire to send a representative out to your city with a view of making proper representations to you, as to the attitude of the bondholders concerning such a proceeding, as we believe that after viewing the matter from the standpoint of the bondholder, which, as a matter of fact, should be exactly the viewpoint of the city at large, that no further attempt will be made, if indeed any agitation has already been started towards putting out a bond issue against the entire city, with a view of exchanging long term bonds for the existing Hancock act improvement lien bonds. Even if the city could sell long term bonds for cash, which would mean the taking up of the improvement bonds such as we handled, it would be an unwise proceeding, as it would result in nothing except a big interest charge and the passing on to future generations, the payment of obligations for which they received no benefit."

"If an attempt should be made to exchange long term bonds for the existing improvement lien bonds, it would be seriously combatted by the bondholders, resulting, first of all in a default by the city, which would be published in all of the bond journals and cause an absolute shattering of your city's credit, as the bondholders would naturally fight to protect their rights."

### Prudential Insurance Company

The Prudential Insurance company writes: "It seems best to us for the city of Medford to go ahead and pay off the ten-year improvement bonds from local assessments as originally provided and not attempt to refund the debt by the long time bonds at a slightly lower rate of interest. The net loss to the city would be very considerable and we think very poor financing. As to the issue of bonds for the purpose of reimbursing the property owners for paying assessments and interest already paid, this idea cannot be too strongly condemned, although it certainly would be very popular with those taxpayers who would have their burden shifted from their shoulders to the city at large, and in addition, would have their assessments returned with interest. Indeed there is nothing intrinsically wrong with the established custom of making the property most benefitted assume the responsibility for the large part of the cost of any municipal improvements."

### Carstens and Earles

Carstens and Earles, Inc., investment bankers of Seattle, write: "Just what unprecedented situation confronts your city? Why is it necessary to refund these Hancock bonds? Why, if this is done, would the city contemplate refunding approximately \$448,000 old paving assessments and interest to property owners?"

Under date of August 25, in reply to further facts submitted, Carstens & Earles write:

"I am sorry to advise you that in my opinion, the bonds which your city proposes to issue in an amount of \$1,020,000 to provide funds for rebating approximately one-half this amount to property owners who have been affected by the issuance of Hancock bonds and the balance to provide for the refunding of the present outstanding amount of said Hancock bonds, will not be saleable at a price which your city officials would consider practicable; in fact from the data submitted, it is my opinion that we would not be interested in the purchase of this proposed issue."

### Western Bond & Mortgage Co.

The Western Bond & Mortgage Co. of Portland writes:

"At first glance it would seem impossible to sell an issue of \$1,000,000 in refunding bonds, when the assessed valuation is \$4,000,000. In some cases bonds in the proportion of 25 per cent of the assessed valuation have been issued and sold for the purpose of building water works systems, but the best authorities generally think that this indebtedness should not be more than 10 per cent of the assessed valuation."

### Koeler Brothers

Koeler Brothers of Denver write: "We doubt very much if five per cent bonds could be placed at par. We would not care to purchase unless they could be secured at a substantial discount. We anticipate that there would be a favorable report made by one of our representatives, that our company might be willing to make the loan to the city at

## IRON CROSS FOR BOY-ED BEFORE LUSITANIA'S LOSS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The Providence (R. I.) Journal has turned over to President Wilson all of the messages received and sent from the Sayville wireless station the week before the Lusitania was sunk. In them are code messages supposed to have been sent by Captain Boy-Ed giving the course and position of the Lusitania.

### Iron cross for Captain Boy-Ed

On May 4 a wireless message arrived at Sayville signed "Ernestine" and addressed to "Nordmann, room 809, No. 11 Broadway." This message said: "Has father received letter seventeen?" The "Nordmann" referred to is the name Captain Boy-Ed uses in New York, and the address given is his secret room in that city.

On May 5 the German admiralty sent a wireless message to the German embassy as follows: "Boy-Ed and Moller awarded iron crosses of second class. Inform Moller."

Why the government decorated Captain Boy-Ed with the iron cross two days before the sinking of the Lusitania is not known.

### Code Messages

On May 6 a mass of wireless material addressed to the German embassy from the foreign office transmitted what purported to be several news messages with regard to the progress of the war. None of these were ever given to the newspapers and the government believes that all of them were code messages.

At 2:10 o'clock on the morning of May 7, the day the Lusitania was sunk, Sayville, for some unknown reason, sent over the entire program of the day before, but in doing so mixed up its messages in a most mysterious way.

On May 10 Captain Boy-Ed sent the following dispatch to the chief of the admiral staff of Berlin:

"The Lusitania has 5400 cases of ammunition on board."

Two days later the German foreign office sent an order to the German embassy in Berlin over the Sayville wireless:

"Please communicate with the state department that German government knew that on present voyage Lusitania carried 5400 cases of ammunition."

As a matter of fact, these wireless messages prove that the German government did not know of this item of the Lusitania's cargo until it was notified of the fact by Captain Boy-Ed three days after the Lusitania was sunk.

### As to Strikes

With regard to the Journal's story of Sunday in connection with the German plot to finance a strike of longshoremen, it is learned that the government has in its possession all the facts concerning this propaganda.

The sums to be paid by the German embassy for the creation of this strike was \$1,700,000, and arrangements were made with the leaders of the Longshoremen's union pledging to every striper \$10 per week as long as the strike lasted.

This attempt to tie up all freight work on the docks of New York, Boston, Galveston, New Orleans and other eastern ports and the ports of the Great Lakes and the Pacific coast was part of the propaganda.

approximately six per cent, but five or even 5 1/2 per cent would be out of the question. Indeed even at six per cent, our company might require the city to allow them sufficient to pay for the cost of attorneys' fees."

### James N. Wright & Co.

James N. Wright & Co., bond buyers of Denver, Colo., write: This is a new method of financing to us, and one which we do not entirely understand. At the outset, however, there are two questions that present themselves; one is the reason for this method of financing, and the other is the question of the city's authority to make a bond issue of this kind. Have you ever had any legal advice to this end, and if so, do you think that the bonds could be issued in a form satisfactory to some of the leading eastern bond attorneys?"

### Wm. R. Compton Co.

Wm. R. Compton Co., of St. Louis, write:

"We ourselves hardly believe that we would be interested in the purchase of the bonds for the reason of the assessed valuation and this issue in itself would constitute an indebtedness of over 20 per cent, which we believe would be so large that it would prevent our being able to distribute the securities to our clients who are very prejudicial against a city having an indebtedness of over ten per cent."

Clackamas county abandons macadam roads and will build hard-surfaced hereafter.

## LEWIS WITHDRAWS FROM ROAD WORK

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 27.—State Engineer Lewis has offered to withdraw from all connection with highway work if the state highway commission would enter an order relieving him of all duties and responsibilities in connection with highway work, and direct the governor to return the bond for \$10,000 heretofore tied with him and not yet approved.

In a letter to the commission, Lewis deplored the fact that Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay had seen fit to construe his letter of dismissal to Deputy Cantine as a breach of faith.

He pointed out that the continual turmoil in which the road department has been involved seemed to render his course in following the law as interpreted by the attorney general detrimental to the best interests of road work in Oregon.

The acceptance of Lewis' proposition will mark the close of the long fight waged on Lewis by Withycombe and Kay.

## UNCLE SAM LEADS WORLD IN EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The United States, for the first time in its history, now leads the world as an exporter.

Figures made public today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show that American exports in the fiscal year ended June 30 last, totalled \$2,768,600,000 compared with \$2,170,100,000 for the United Kingdom, the next largest exporter. This was an increase of 17 per cent in the case of the United States when compared with last year and a decrease of 30 per cent for the United Kingdom.

American exports included domestic products valued at \$2,716,200,000 against \$2,239,700,000 in 1914; and foreign products \$52,400,000 against \$34,900,000 in the preceding year. British exports included British and Irish products \$1,734,100,000 against \$2,557,200,000 in 1914; and foreign and colonial products, \$426,000,000 compared with \$526,600,000 in 1914.

## FIRST CARLOAD OF 1916 MAXWELLS HERE

The Powell Auto company has received the first car of the celebrated 1916 Maxwells and will unload them today. They are strictly up to date, have many new improvements, are almost a hundred dollars cheaper than last year. Two of the cars have already been sold.

F. G. Boylan of the Portland service branch is in the city today.

## TURKS REPORT REPULSE OF WEAK ATTACK

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 27.—An official statement issued here says:

"Weak hostile forces which attacked our left wing at Seddul Bahr were repulsed. Otherwise there is no change."

T. B. Wilcox will spend between \$100,000 and \$150,000 on a country home in Portland.

## ST HELEN'S HALL, PORTLAND, OREGON

Diocesan Boarding and Day School for girls under the care of The Sisters of St. John Baptist. Forty-Seventh year begins Sept. 15. For catalogue address, The Sister Superior.

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W. T. REED, Head Master, Box 8, Belmont, Cal.

## CALIFORNIA IS LABRATORY FOR EXPERIMENTS-TAFT

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 27.—William Howard Taft termed California "a clinical laboratory" for "political experiments" in an address delivered today at the University of California.

"We of the east are quite willing that you should maintain a clinical laboratory here for political experiments," Mr. Taft said, "if you are willing to pay the bills, and you may be sure you will have to pay."

"Out here you are more receptive to ideas than we. This state is a laboratory and the results of its experiments may be good, for they may awaken the east and keep it moving."

Mr. Taft praised universities because of their influence in welding people together.

"Universities bring the solidarity and ideals necessary to promote governmental efficiency," he said. "The faculty and students when they leave will influence public opinion. Institutions, such as these, are one great basis of successful popular government."

## DOUBLE PROGRAM AT PAGE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Anita Stewart, the beautiful and popular Vitaphone star appears in a thrilling three part drama "Four Thirteen." This is an intensely interesting story of a train wreck wherein the engineer is thrown from the cab with the train going 60 miles an hour, and the train plunges over a 50 foot embankment. This unusual feature is good enough for a full program, but in addition Charlie Chaplin, the funniest comedian on stage or screen appears in one of his greatest and latest successes, "The Woman." A Selig Jungle-Zoo wild animal picture completes an excellent program.

## Rheumatism Easily Relieved By Cleansing the Blood

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will always summon on time and to a good meal if the groceries come from here. The meal need never be late with a supply of our canned and bottled foods, relishes and desserts in the house. The repast can be made ready in a jiffy. Its enjoyment is assured by the quality of our food specialties.

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## WAISTS

100 fine Lingerie Waists, up to \$2.50 values, Saturday, ea.,

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## WOMEN'S SUMMER DRESSES MUST GO—JUST 50 LEFT—SELLING

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\$5.00 Dresses \$1.98

All this season's styles, good colors and sizes, up to \$5 values, Saturday.....

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Beautiful styles and materials, fast colors, up to \$8 values, now.....

\$2.98

\$10 Dresses \$3.98

New this season, but must be sold, up to \$10 values, Saturday, each.....

\$3.98

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Children's Gingham Dresses, fast colors, ages 6 to 14, values up to \$1.00, sale price, each.....

48c

Children's Dresses, all this season's styles, ages 6 to 14, values up to \$1.25, this sale, each, at.....

69c

Children's School Dresses, all good styles, fast colors, up to \$1.50 values, this sale, each, at.....

98c

## NOTION BARGAINS

Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton.....

25c

Snap Fasteners, all sizes, doz.....

3c

Darning Cotton, all colors, ball.....

2c

Crochet Cotton, all sizes and colors, ball.....

9c

Luster Cotton, all colors, ball.....

4c

Sanitol Talcum, 25c cans, each.....

9c

Colgate's 10c Soap, now, bar.....

6c

## DOMESTIC BARGAINS

Best Dress Prints, Saturday, yard.....

5c

36-inch Fine Cambric, special, yd.....

9c

Fruit of the Loom Muslin, yd.....

10c

Best Colored Oilcloth, yd.....

19c

Good Bleached Sheets, each.....

39c

Good Bleached Pillow Slips, each.....

12 1/2c

## HOSIERY BARGAINS

Boys' Heavy School Hose, pr.....

15c

Women's White Silk Hose, pair.....

25c

Women's Black Hose, 25c values, per pair, at.....

25c

## UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

Women's 75c Union Suits, special at.....

69c

Women's 15c Vests, special ea.

11c

Women's Vests, 20c quality, each.....

14c