

### COPPER OUTPUT FOR UNITED STATES BREAKS RECORDS

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Stimulated by the enormous demand resulting from the war, copper production in the United States reached and passed the two billion pound mark for the first time in the history of the industry last year. In a statement issued today the United States geological survey placed the total production of copper from all sources at 2,026,000,000 pounds. Smelter production of primary copper was 1,388,000,000 pounds, a record quantity.

That was 238,000,000 pounds more than produced in 1914, or an increase of 21 per cent.

The total value of the 1915 smelter output of primary copper, at an average price of 17.5 cents a pound, was \$242,000,000, an increase of \$90,000,000 over 1914.

Production of primary and secondary copper by regular refining plants amounted to 1,693,779,138 pounds, including 246,498,925 pounds of foreign origin and 59,574,690 pounds from the secondary material treated. Plants treating secondary material exclusively produced 332,700,000 pounds in addition.

Stocks of refined copper at the beginning of 1915 amounted to 173,640,541 pounds, and at the close of the year 82,429,666 pounds, a decrease during the year of 91,210,935 pounds. In addition to the stocks at the close of 1915, there were at smelters, in transit and at refineries 274,000,000 pounds. Consumption of copper in the United States was the greatest ever recorded in any year. Refined new copper showed an apparent consumption of about 1,043,000,000 pounds, an increase of 423,000,000 pounds over the 1914 consumption. Adding the 392,274,600 pounds of secondary copper and copper in alloys produced during the year brings up the total of new and old copper available for domestic consumption to about 1,435,000,000 pounds, the exports of refined copper during the year having been 681,953,301 pounds.

**Says the Girl on the Film.**  
Every woman is eager to take up a new fad, but not a new wrinkle.

### FEDERAL BANKS, CLEARING HOUSE TO BE ESTABLISHED

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The federal reserve board announced today that it would put into effect June 15 its new plan for country-wide check clearing and collection. Under the plan the actual cost of clearing and collection of checks will be assessed against member banks in proportion to their use of the system.

A circular announcing its decision was mailed today by the board to 7600 member banks. The important features of the plan, the announcement says, are as follows:

The federal reserve banks will accept at par all checks from member banks whether drawn against other member banks, non-member banks or private banks. An exception is made at the outset in the case of checks drawn against non-member banks which cannot be collected at par.

### SUFFRAGISTS PASS THROUGH MEDFORD

The Women's Congressional union's special car passed through Medford between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, carrying Miss Ella Riegel, who represents the union in its Susan B. Anthony suffrage constitutional amendment campaign throughout the country. Miss Riegel, accompanied by assistants, is en route to Salem, this state, where she will hold a public meeting for discussion of the amendment.

It was intended that Miss Riegel should address the local people in a few words from the platform of the train at the station this morning, but previous notice of her coming had not been given. However, Mrs. C. L. Schieffelin of this city and Mrs. Madge Buchanan of Roseburg met Miss Riegel and enjoyed a few moments' chat with the distinguished young woman.

Miss Riegel appreciated a bunch of Medford roses presented her while here and expressed regret that she could not have arranged for a public meeting at this point in her tour of the coast states.

### AUTO STRIKES BOY; IS BADLY BRUISED

Dr. R. W. Clancy, who was summoned to attend the case of Joseph Burrows, a lad 7 years old, who ran in front of County School Superintendent J. Percy Wells' automobile late yesterday afternoon and was seriously bruised, reports the little patient as resting more comfortably this afternoon, though yet he is unable to determine how serious the injuries may be. The child is bruised about the hips and suffered a severe gash on the head. The latter is the worst injury he received.

The boy stepped from the curb in front of the Royal bakery as Professor Wells drove by in his big car. Neither saw the other in time to avert the accident. Superintendent Wells helped to care for the boy, taking him to the home of his grandfather, Thomas McAndrews, where the lad lives. Dr. Clancy believes that the boy will escape serious results from the injuries received.

### SURRENDERS TO BESIEGERS

(Continued from page one)

Kut-el-Amara. Besieged by a large army of Turks the British defended themselves so successfully that the Turks at length decided to starve them out.

After it became evident that the army at Kut-el-Amara would be unable to fight its way out, a relief expedition was dispatched. As it drew near Kut-el-Amara it was opposed by formidable bodies of Turks and its advance was stopped. The Turks, taking the offensive, pushed back the British and inflicted large losses on them.

Throughout the Mesopotamian campaign the fighting has been heavy and the losses severe. On April 14 it was admitted the British army up to that time had lost 8100 men. In one engagement alone at Beitsea, on the right bank of the Tigris, a few miles below Kut-el-Amara, the British lost 4000, according to an announcement from the Turkish war office last week.

### Grizzlies

The Grizzlies will leave the P. & E. station on the east side tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock sharp. The train will leave for Butte Falls at that moment. The trip to Camp Nick will be made. A great day in the jungles of the foothills is scheduled.

### WOMEN'S CLUBS FEDERATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

ASHLAND, April 29.—Women's Federation sessions incident to the third annual meeting of the Southern Oregon district, closed auspiciously on Friday afternoon. Officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. W. W. Canby, Grants Pass; first vice president, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, Ashland; second vice president, Miss Marian Towne, Phoenix; recording secretary, Mrs. C. D. Hoon, Medford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. O. Clements, Grants Pass; treasurer, Mrs. Madge Buchanan, Roseburg; auditor, Mrs. F. C. Smith, Jacksonville; district organizer, Mrs. J. F. Mundy, Medford. About seventy-five delegates were in attendance.

The gathering was a representative one and vital topics were handled in a vigorous manner. A favorable circumstance was the fact that practically everyone scheduled on the official program was present, necessitating no substitutions, consequently the wide range of business was transacted expeditiously. The social feature was not overlooked, and on Friday noon a picnic lunch was served in the dining annex to Chautauqua park hall, in which building the convention was held.

The next place of meeting was not definitely fixed, although Roseburg extended an invitation to entertain the fourth annual convention, and it goes without saying that the tender will be accepted.

Mrs. Canby, the president-elect, was for four years secretary of the national convention, and for two years was president of the same organization.

### CAN WRITE NAMES IN UPON BALLOT

There has been some inquiry as to whether or not names for nomination may be written in on the primary ballot. The law in this respect is unchanged, and candidates may be placed in nomination by writing the name on the ballot.

E. E. KELLY,  
District Attorney.

### GERMANY SUPPLIED MUNITIONS IN PLENTY FOR IRISH REBELS

LONDON, April 29.—"The thing that surprises me the most about the uprising in Dublin is the supply of munitions in the hands of the rebels," said an arrival from Ireland today. He spent ten hours in Dublin on Tuesday and, departing that evening, remained until last night in Kings-town. "There is little doubt in the popular mind that Germans have been landing arms from submarines for months," he continued, "and it is even said—though I don't believe it—that a few Germans also landed and organized."

"I learn that the rebels made prisoners of a large number of policemen and a few stray soldiers at the royal Irish constabulary depot and at Phoenix park."

"My walk through the center of the city Tuesday afternoon was very eventful and I was glad finally to reach Kingstown. I was challenged many times by both rebel and loyal sentries. The rebel sentries were threatening, but allowed me to pass after searching for arms."

"I heard that the Countess Markievicz, the sister of an Irish baron, who was prominent in the Larkin strike and a leading figure in the present movement, shot dead a guard in front of Dublin castle, in an effort to capture the castle. This effort proved abortive."

This informant, who is an engineer of the war department and a strong royalist, says a great majority of the people of Ireland are without sympathy for the rebels, whom they regard as a small and irresponsible minority.

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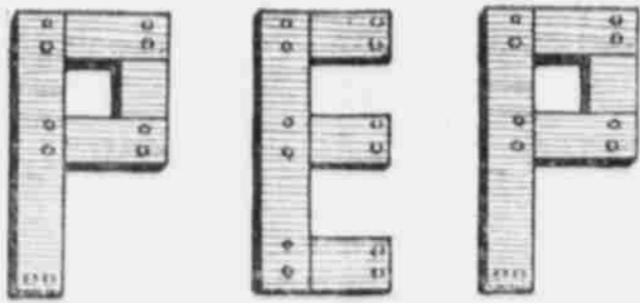
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