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THE SQUEAL OF THE RATE HOG

LOUD and inglorious is the wail of Portland over the decision of the interstate commerce commission giving Astoria terminal rates and placing the Columbia river basin on a parity with Puget sound.

The result of this policy was to direct commerce to Puget Sound from its logical distributing channel—the Columbia river. The reaction following has made Portland the laggard among coast cities.

Portland lacks enterprise, lacks originality, lacks initiative. She fails to take advantage of her opportunities. She waits for others to do what she should herself accomplish and then blames others for not doing it.

President Louis Hill told the Portland business men some unpalatable truths. He said they were asleep at the switch and the Hill interests had ceased railroad building in Oregon because Portland capital failed to take advantage of opportunity offered to develop the state.

When President Hill states these facts in the vain hope of arousing the metropolis from its lethargy, they are received with due respect by the press, but when the country press calls attention to the same facts they are accused of "fomenting discord."

ASSERT GERMANS REALIZE CONFLICT NEARING AN END

PARIS, July 27.—Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, in an interview today with a representative of the Havas News agency, declared that the Germans were beginning to realize that the war is practically finished.

Before leaving for the front he was asked by President Poincare and Premier Briand to express to his countrymen in the trenches France's admiration and appreciation of their splendid services.

"The war is virtually finished and the Germans are beginning to realize it. The battle of Verdun, the greatest battle in history, is a victory for France. It is the finest of all her glorious exploits and gives a new impulse to the whole nation."

"German prisoners with whom I talked, officers wearing the iron cross, told me that the emperor and his staff seem to fear that Germany has lost the game. The collapse of Germany is only a question of time. When that day arrives we must see that the victory won by our arms is not lost by diplomatic negotiations."

NATURAL GAS WELL UNCOVERED, TUNNEL BLOWN-UP

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—Indications that a well of natural gas was uncovered by the tunnel explosion here last Monday were reported by L. M. Jones, the government mining expert sent here from Pittsburgh.

The flow of gas not only made recovery of the bodies in the wreck impossible, but may prevent completion of the tunnel itself, Mr. Jones said.

Despite this development preparations for further exploration were made today. The bodies lie behind a cave-in nearly 300 feet long.

Waterworks officials said today they believed there are only nine bodies in the tunnel instead of eleven as previously estimated. Patrick Kearns, supposed to be entombed, turned up alive today. He had over-stayed shore leave Monday and missed death by a close margin.



KU KLUX KLAN OPERATIONS SHOWN AT PAGE TONIGHT

The Ku Klux Klan's warning to intended victims was three dried peas, singular, but the order itself was singular and did nothing after conventional lines. These would be sent the marked man at intervals and no word to accompany them.

One dared not breathe the name of the organization for fear his nearest neighbor might belong to it, and many a man suddenly disappeared because of unguardedly making a careless remark about the Ku Klux Klan.

When first hastily gotten together, it is said, these modern knights enrolled the best and noblest blood in the old south, but after their specific mission was completed and a stable law regulated the rights of the southern people, their services were no longer required and they disbanded.

The rides and rescues of the Ku Klux so graphically, dramatically set forth in "The Birth of a Nation" are those of the original, right-enforcing organization of true sons of the old south.

PAULINE FREDERICK IN AUDREY AT THE STAR

Pauline Frederick, whose marvelous character impersonations in the Famous Players Film company's productions of "Zaza" and "Bella Donna" have indisputably placed her in the position of the screen's foremost emotional artist, departs from her customary roles in this company's picturization of the celebrated novel and play, "Audrey," considered one of the most popular books which Mary Johnson ever wrote, appears at the Star today.

Medford Boosters Smoke The Medford and Mt. Pitt Cigars.

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LITTLE CHANCE OF ATTACKING SALONIKI

ATHENS, Greece, July 27.—Following lengthy conferences between General Moschopoulos, commander of the Greek forces at Saloniki, and King Constantine and the Greek general staff, the impression is general in military circles at Athens today that a resumption of hostilities in Macedonia between the entente and central powers is not imminent.

There are no indications that Saloniki will be attacked. The Austro-Germans have fewer than a brigade of troops and the Bulgars have only ten divisions on the Saloniki front and consequently, military observers point out, they are not in a position to undertake an assault on the formidable Macedonian stronghold.

Every Woman Thinks seriously over the question of motherhood—it used to mean such agony and sacrifice, that one could easily overlook the pleasure and honor of children in the home—but "Mother's Friend" has changed the views of thousands of women from that of distress to a pleasant anticipation of the happiness of being a mother.

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