

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR FISHERMEN AT MOUTH OF ROGUE

"It has been a prosperous year for the fishermen at the mouth of Rogue river," states George Putnam, who has returned from a trip to Gold Beach and Wedderburn. "The Macleay cannery has packed 8000 and the Seaborg cannery, 3000 cases of salmon. The pack is not yet complete and indications promise the largest pack since the days when Hume operated the cannery when the pack used to reach 18,000 cases.

"It was closed season while I was at Gold Beach and I had a good chance to talk over the fishermen's war with members of both factions, as well as Game Warden Jewell and Mr. Smith of Oregon City, the governor's special agent. The clash originated between the Macleay interests, owning the large cannery and the Seaborg cannery, to establish itself. To this is added the rivalry between the gill-netters, who seek the abolition of seining so that they may have a monopoly of fishing, and the seiners, who take the fish cheaper.

Price Paid for Fish.
 "The cannery is paying \$1.50 for salmon as against 25 cents paid by Hume, who made a fancy profit. In years gone by, and during the present season but 25 per cent of the pack has been taken by the seiners. Were it not for the cheaper cost of taking the fish by seining, states Mr. Macleay, the cannery could not sell its output in competition with Alaska packers, where the cost of a fish taken by mechanical contrivance barred in the Rogue is but a few cents, or with the Columbia canneries, where traps, fish wheels and other cheap methods of taking fish are permitted. The gill-netters impede seining operations wherever possible, but have been permanently enjoined from further trespass.

"The fishermen have all made good money this season, many of them will receive over \$1000 for their three or four months work. Among the fishermen is Claude Ponting of Medford, who had a successful season, and has taken up a homestead in the vicinity.

Law-Breakers Non-Residents.
 "The lawlessness is due principally, according to the governor's special agent, to the non-resident fisherman who flock in for the season. Many of these have records as poachers, both on the upper Rogue and at Oregon City.

"Sentiment at Gold Beach is favorable to the gill-netters who make their headquarters there rather than those who reside at the rival settlement of Wedderburn across the river. Because of this, conviction in the justice's court for illegal fishing is impossible, the justice openly espousing the cause of the poachers. Hence the governor's special agent brought his cases before the grand jury and secured eleven indictments for violations during his brief inspection, which indicates whether or not the laws are enforced.

"During the closed season, the Macleay cannery is closed, but the Seaborg cannery operated on "fish caught trolling," though there were not more than a half a dozen salmon caught in any one day by trolling during my visit. The inference is, that the fish are being illegally taken. The law should be amended to compel canneries to close during the closed season to destroy the incentive for law violations.

River Mouth Narrow.
 "The mouth of the Rogue is very narrow, for probably 200 yards not over 100 yards wide at low tide. Through this narrow channel the current is very swift. The river then widens out in the form of a bay. One of the seining grounds is near the river's mouth and gill-netters have been fishing across it and into the surf. These operations have kept many of the fish from entering the stream; seining the nets, caused the fish to turn back. The establishment of the dead line, 1700 feet from the mouth, will eliminate this source of friction and benefit upper river fishing. This dead line is to be established by the close of this month. It will eliminate one seining ground, two set net locations and many gill-netters.

"Across the mouth of the stream all day long while I was there, was a veritable bridge of fishing boats, anchored so closely together that they touched each other. Each boat had out trolling lines and spoons, which the current kept turning, while a boat from the Seaborg cannery made trips to take the fish caught. Few of the fishermen had any tackle at all, just a heavy line and spoon, and when a salmon was hooked, just pulled him in to the gaff. There was no sport about it, the fish never had a chance. It was hook and line fishing commercialized. The dead line will stop all

RURAL DISTRICTS MOST NEGLECTED MISSIONARY FIELD

The missionary with the American Sunday School union, Wesley E. Smith, is quite busy, as usual. He reports some of his work done during the month of August.

He organized three Sunday schools, visited to aid five other schools, held ten services resulting in ten hopeful conversions (all young people). Distributed ten bibles, twelve Testaments, besides numerous tracts and good literature. Made 110 pastoral calls at country homes. To do this work he has traveled 410 miles, was away from home twenty-one days and eighteen nights.

It is a great work, with not enough workers. The work of this faithful missionary is as a drop in the bucket in comparison to the work done and the needs of our "great rural America," and the future of America depends on the moral and religious care of the rural districts, for 75 per cent of our successful business men, 85 per cent of our college professors, 69 per cent of our teachers (male), 45 per cent of our teachers (female), 85 per cent of our ministers, 65 per cent of our town and city church members, 50 per cent of our town and city school membership, 50 per cent of the students of Kansas university, 60 per cent of the students of Whitman college, 65 per cent of the students of the Marietta college, 70 per cent of the students of the Stanford university, 95 per cent of the students of the Pacific university, etc., come from the farm. The rural districts, in which this leadership is being reared, are religiously the most neglected sections of America. Ten thousand abandoned rural churches are in America, and 60 per cent of the rural school districts in the Pacific northwest are without gospel care. The lack of organized religious life means, for the most part, moral as well as spiritual deterioration. And one of the results—75 per cent of the unfortunate girls of America are from the rural districts.

The great work of this society, the American Sunday School union, is carried on by personal gifts.

this, too, and give the fish a show in the closed season.

No Fly Fishing.

"For the week before the closed season went into effect, August 25, there was only a small run of salmon, though a good run of steelhead. The salmon run is now increasing, but comparatively few take the spoon, and these mostly at the turn of the tide. There is no fly fishing at the mouth of the stream. I tried it for salmon at the mouth and in the surf. The steelhead do not rise to a fly until some distance above tide water. I am satisfied, however, that if a systematic trial of the various parts of the river are made, steelhead could be located in their loafing places and taken with the fly. Also I believe that later in the season the silverside salmon could be taken at the mouth and in the surf with the fly.

"The Macleay estate which purchased the Hume interests, is doing much more for the development of the country than the Hume interests ever did. They own a large acreage of land, but nine-tenths of it is worthless, bare hillsides or brush and scrub timber. They operate two first class general merchandise stores, one at Wedderburn and one at Gold Beach. They sell at reasonable prices, and purchase the farm and stock products of the country, thus giving the farmer a market which he has never had before. They operate an up-to-date creamery and turn out a fine grade of cheese. They buy the livestock and poultry of the surrounding country and conduct a small packing house. They have introduced fine breeds of cattle, sheep and goats. They are endeavoring to colonize that portion of the land worth while, and sell on easy terms to settlers. But fishing is and always will be, the main dependence of the population, for most of the land is worthless for cultivation, and the farmer supplements his income by fishing during the season.

Beautiful Scenery.

"The lower Rogue seconds the upper Rogue in its offerings of scenic beauty, for the Rogue is the most beautiful stream in the world. Winding between verdure clad and precipitous hills, it is a succession of placid lakes between shallow riffles, and a trip up it to Agnes, 30 miles by motor boat, is well worth while. The road from Crescent City to Wedderburn has been rebuilt and is a very good country road and easy for the auto. Those who want to see the scenic grandeur of America, should make the trip, through the giant forests of redwood and fir, along the picturesque coast of the Pacific and up the beautiful river."

JAPAN REFUSES INFORMATION ON CHINESE DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Japan will not inform the United States of her new demands on China unless information is specifically requested.

Japanese officials here said today it was their belief that American rights neither were violated nor concerned and that Japan was under no more obligation to discuss the negotiations with this government than the United States was under obligation with Japan. It was intimated, however, that information would be forthcoming, if requested, at Tokio.

State department officials say their information still is too incomplete to allow them to form any decision. The demands as published are thought to admit of wide variance of interpretation.

Reports today tell of more disturbances in inner Mongolia, caused by a recrudescence of banditry, together with an imperialist movement in conjunction with the unsuccessful southern republic revolution.

MAHAFFIE APPOINTED INTERIOR SOLICITOR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Charles D. Mahaffie of Portland, Or., was nominated by President Wilson as solicitor of the department of the interior.

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SUBMARINE'S VALUE MUCH EXAGGERATED SAYS CHANCELLOR

LONDON, Sept. 7.—According to definite information reaching Bern, Switzerland, from Germany, says a dispatch to the Wireless Press, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, upon being questioned at the August meeting of the federal council as to why he yielded to the demands of the United States regarding the unrestricted torpedoing of ships on the high seas, replied emphatically that the value of the submarine was exaggerated by adherents of wholesale torpedoing.

The chancellor said that insistence on an unrestricted submarine warfare would cause war between Germany and the United States and that the results of unlimited torpedoing would not justify such a policy.

Elaborating on this point the chancellor is quoted as saying that Germany could not effectively blockade England, nor cut off England's food supply.

DISCUS THROWER HELD IMMORAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The picture of the "Greek discus thrower," deleted from a new school reader at Santa Monica, Cal., by Horace M. Rebok, superintendent of schools, will remain as the frontispiece of the school books received at the San Francisco and Oakland schools, where officials held today the picture was not objectionable.

Rebok cut the picture from the Santa Monica school books, stating he believed it an improper one for children to see.

MAHON ADDRESSES BRITISH WORKMEN

BIRMINGHAM, England, Sept. 7.—American and other foreign delegates today addressed the forty-eighth trades union congress, representing nearly 2,000,000 working men now in session here. William D. Mahon of Detroit, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, a delegate of the American Federation of Labor, presented the American standpoint regarding the proposed labor and peace congress after the war. He said:

"The American labor leaders asked only for a call to be sent out to the workers of the nations. They did not say that they would participate unless both the Germans and their allies were present."

The American labor presented an enthusiastic reception to the declaration of the American delegate that the workers in America generally sympathized with the cause of the entente allies because they thought it represented right and liberty.

TISZA PREPARED TO END PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Sept. 7.—A Zurich dispatch says that on account of the violent opposition with which the Hungarian government is meeting in parliament, measures have been taken to end the session if the situation becomes more aggravated. Premier Tisza, the dispatch says, informed the leaders of the opposition parties that he had procured from Emperor Francis Joseph a decree proroguing parliament and that he would take the decree with him to every sitting and promulgate it if the attacks of the opposition should become too violent.

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