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HARD TIMES FOR NEWSPAPERS

NEWSPAPERS of the country face a serious situation. Everything used in the making of a newspaper has increased enormously in cost.

The increased cost of paper is due to two causes—the war and the paper trust, which has taken advantage of the cessation of paper and pulp imports.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war the mills made long-time contracts with many of the larger papers and refused contracts with the smaller ones.

The high price of printing supplies will continue as long as the war lasts, though congress may be able to force something of a reduction.

The newspaper is forced to meet the situation in a business-like manner or go out of business.

A CLEAN SLATE

THE decision rendered by Judge Hamilton at Roseburg overruling the demurrer filed by the city attorney against the injunction restraining the city from issuing \$300,000 bonds for the construction of the Blue Ledge railroad is a sweeping one.

The position completely sustains the position taken at the time by the Mail Tribune—that the city was not sufficiently safeguarded and the proceedings were invalid.

It will be remembered that the contract in question was never submitted to the Commercial club's special railroad committee for approval.

As Mr. Bullis has already declared his willingness to surrender the contract if deemed advisable to help straighten out the tangled finances of the city.

PROOF OF U-BOATS SINKING SHIPS WITHOUT NOTICE

TO STOP BAD COUGH Sough Dry, Irritated Throat With Parvint Syrup—Says This Old Fashioned Cough Medicine Is the Best.

It is on sale by Heath's drug store, Strang's drug store, Medford Pharmacy, West Side Pharmacy and Harkin's drug store.

BRITISH IN MUD HAMMER AWAY AT GERMAN LINE

WITH BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Jan. 12.—Through rain, mist, fog and deep mud the British army is continuing, day by day, to pound the German line.

The last week has witnessed some typical so-called minor operations, culminating with an attack before dawn today north of Beaumont-Hamel.

640-ACRE TRACTS CAN BE ENTERED FOR HOMESTEADS

The United States land office at Roseburg has issued the following circular regarding the 640-acre homestead act:

"On December 29, 1916, the president approved what is known as the 640-acre homestead act.

"This act provides that any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws may enter such lands as have been designated 'stock-raising lands,' not exceeding 640 acres, of unreserved public land, in a reasonably compact form.

"When an applicant applies to enter land that has not been previously designated as stock-raising land, his application must be accompanied by corroborated affidavit, in duplicate, showing that the land applied for is of the character contemplated by the act.

"A former homestead entry of land of the character described in this act, will not prevent a person taking up land under this act within the radius of twenty miles from the former entry, but the total amount of land entered may not exceed 640 acres.

"In lieu of the area of cultivation required by the homestead law, persons entering land under the 640-acre act will be required to show improvements to the extent of \$1.25 per acre at the time of final proof, which may be within three to five years from date of allowance of entry.

"It is probable that considerable amount of the vacant unappropriated land of this district could come under the classification of grazing land.

"This office will furnish on application a list, by township and range, of the vacant lands within any particular county or counties within this district.

"The 640-acre homestead law will not apply to the railroad lands when they may become open.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—John McCormack, the singer, applied to the federal court here yesterday for American citizenship.

had grown particularly severe in the last forty-eight hours.

Red Rockets Flash. Red rockets from the German trenches flashed signals for aid to the defending guns in the rear, but the counter-barrage failed to check the advance.

With Medford trade in Medford made

PNEUMATIC TUBES CLASH WITH AUTOS FOR MAIL CONTRACTS

By GILSON GARDNER. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Some ten millions of dollars in stock value tied up in the pneumatic tube equipment used by the postoffice department in a number of the large cities accounts for the howl against Postmaster General Barleson's order to discontinue in large part the use of this device in favor of carriage by automobiles.

The private companies owning tube patents and tubes have enjoyed profitable contracts for carrying mails in New York, Boston, Chicago and other large cities, and the loss of the government's patronage will mean serious loss to them.

It is a clash of interests, with a marked divergence of views as to the usefulness of the tube device.

The government has been paying in the neighborhood of \$750,000 a year for the use of the tubes.

On the other hand, graft is charged in the promotion of the automobile contracts.

The P. M. G. says he is equally indifferent to charges of influence on either side of this controversy; that he is aiming at one object—efficiency and economy—and intends to pursue it, regardless of consequences.

REED PRESIDENT OF MANILA RAILROAD

MANHA, Jan. 12.—Eugene E. Reed of New Hampshire, who was nominated a member of the Philadelphia commission last year, has been chosen to be president of the Manila railroad, which recently was purchased by the government.

"TIZ" FIXES ACHING, SWOLLEN, SORE FEET

How "Tiz" does comfort tired, burning, calloused feet and corns.

Good-bye, sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, tender feet, tired feet.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

FRENCH PAPERS GREATLY PLEASSED BY ALLIES' REPLY

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The morning papers are unanimous in their approval of the reply of the allies to President Wilson's note, the only difference being in the terms of expression.

"The general status of the note is the clear and solemn declaration of the allies as to their objects in pursuing the war.

"Germany refuses to reveal her aims, except in conference. The allies state clearly the objects they desire to obtain in the United States they will distinguish between the two and President Wilson, jurist, but also advocate of humane ideas, will have no difficulty in making up his mind."

"We have spoken for the world," says the Petit Parisien. "President Wilson, whose fine sense of justice is known, cannot fail to be struck by our eagerness to meet his views.

The Matin calls the note a "new charter whereby the allies seek to create a stable and definite regime under which all people, great and small, can prosper in peace."

C. K. Gadsden of Sacramento, Cal., is spending a few days in Medford on business.

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IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if Kidneys feel like lead or Bladder bothers you—Meat forms uric acid.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

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