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FINE SHOWING OF SPRUCE DIVISION MADE BY DISQUE

PORTLAND, Mar. 31.—A statement covering operations and costs of the Spruce Production division was made public today by General Bruce P. Disque, just prior to his relinquishment of the division and resigning as president of the Spruce Production corporation.

Objects Sought: First: About 65 per cent of the production of aircraft lumber was allocated to Great Britain, France and Italy and it seemed only equitable that they should bear that part of the expense necessary to build the mills and railroads required.

Second: We were actually carrying on a great industrial enterprise and required the freedom of action usually found in a business concern and almost impossible under war department regulations.

We provided in this way for our allies to assist in the capital expenditures before they were made rather than doing it after development, thru paying for lumber, the sales price of which included amortization of capital expenditures on a basis of complete amortization in ten months after completion.

Criticism Due to Ignorance: Because of the importance of the lumber industry in the Pacific northwest there has been a great volume of discussion regarding the operations and costs of this organization.

It is appropriate, therefore, to refer to the quantity of production and cost of same in this summary. The accountants of this organization have had instructions from the beginning to include in their cost accounting every legitimate item and that meant rent, stationary, telephone, officers and soldiers pay and subsistence, as well as transportation and purchase of all stumps, materials, equipment and rights of way, and hire of labor.

The entire expenditures of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army, Spruce Production division and the U. S. Spruce Production corporation, from the beginning of operations to, and including April 1st, will not exceed \$45,000,000. The total footage of aircraft lumber produced, shipped and paid for by the Signal Corps, Spruce Production division and U. S. Spruce Production corporation was 143,000,000 feet.

Tangible Assets: Therefore if we assume that the corporation has no assets whatever, the 143,000,000 feet of aircraft lumber cost \$318.00 per M, and such a price contemplates a complete amortization of every capital expenditure and expense item involved in our operations.

However, the corporation has on hand today tangible and salable assets which, estimated at approximately 40 per cent of their cost, are worth \$8,000,000. Deducting this \$8,000,000 from the total expenditure of 45,500,000, we have an expenditure of \$37,500,000 for the 143,000,000 feet, at a resulting cost per thousand of \$262.00.

To date the corporation has sold approximately \$2,000,000 of these assets and has averaged near 80 per cent of their cost price. Therefore, it would appear that my estimate of \$8,000,000 worth of assets which is approximately 40 per cent of the cost price, would be very conservative.

With Medford trade is Medford made

BURLESON, THE AUTOCRAT.

IF POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON was deliberately trying to discredit government ownership of telegraph, telephone and cable lines, he could not improve upon the course he is pursuing. He has arrogated to himself dictatorial powers and without notice to the public arbitrarily raised rates to suit himself, refuses to consider protest or demonstrate the existence of conditions justifying higher rates.

Burleson's arrogance to the public is matched by his arrogance to employees and to owners of the systems he waited until the war was over to seize as a war necessity. He has decreased the efficiency of the service along with his increased prices, and has refused to recognize employee organizations.

Shortly after seizing the wires, he ordered a flat increase in telephone charges. Now on 48 hours' notice, he orders a 20 per cent increase in telegraph tolls, which with the war taxes, puts a heavy burden upon business done by telegraph.

Telegraph and telephone systems are public service corporations—and under federal and state supervision. Until Burleson seized control, no rates could be increased until the companies had a public hearing before federal or state commission along with the people, to submit evidence proving the necessity of the increased rates.

Burleson's treatment of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company has been entirely in the interest of its only competitor, the Western Union, to whom Burleson has turned over the control and operation of the Postal. Consolidation of offices and elimination of competition has not, under Burleson, benefitted the public, which must pay more and receive less.

Burleson is out of place in a democratic cabinet for he is a survival of the business feudalism of several decades ago whose only consideration was the dollars and whose motto was "the public be damned."

THE SAARE VALLEY.

FRANCE has demanded the Saare Valley from the Peace conference and the conference is reported to have decided that the French shall hold this coal mining district until the Germans have completed the payment of their war indemnity. The Saare is claimed by Germans as integral part of Germany with a majority of the population Germans.

The Saare Valley was an integral part of Lorraine during the middle ages, and Lorraine has always been linguistically French. Saare was never German in any sense until its seizure by Prussia in 1815, when it underwent the same colonization process by the Germans that Alsace and Lorraine suffered under since 1871.

Saare, prior to 1761, when it became by treaty and inheritance French, had been ruled by its own rulers—the dukes of Lorraine. These dukes had for some centuries been held by a loose tie of vassalage to that conglomeration of states known as the Holy Roman Empire—which was also called German—and neither holy, Roman nor German. But these dukes of Lorraine were also vassals of the dukes of Champagne, who were in turn vassals of the king of France.

That part of Lorraine including Verdun, Toul and Metz became part of France proper in 1557. The rest of Lorraine, including the Saare valley, united with France in 1761—among the last of the French speaking provinces redeemed from foreign or local rule to create the French state.

The Saare valley has been in German possession for 104 years—but Prussian Poland, which the Germans have held for 140 years is to be restored—why should not the Saare valley be also? The Germans systematically and wantonly destroyed the coal mines of France—and the restitution and reparation won by war, entitle France to the Saare.

EASTER HAT'S HATCHED



The first—the very, very first Easter hat has hopped out of the milliner's box to get itself photographed on the pretty head of Miss Evelyn Greely, film star—and then hustled back to wait in seclusion the call of the Easter Sunday Fashion Parade down Fifth—

The Screen

AT THE RIALTO TONIGHT LAST TIME



FATTY ARBUCKLE AT LIBERTY TONIGHT

While she appears in a considerable portion of her new Paramount picture, "Quicksand," as a cabaret singer, Dorothy Dalton, the beautiful Thomas H. Ince star, is in reality cast for the role of a devoted wife, who only adopts this character in order to support herself and to strive for some means of learning the truth concerning her husband who is falsely accused of crime.

In the very quicksand of disaster, when life seems its blackest, the truth becomes known and at last the woman who has stood by her husband valiantly in the darkest days is able to give the proofs that will free him from prison and redeem him in the eyes of the world.

Fatty Arbuckle's latest comedy, "The Sheriff," which is shown for the first time in Medford, is a scream from start to finish.

THE BETTER OLE COMING TO PAGE

"The Better Ole," which will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Coburn in this city in the near future, is by Captain Bruce Bainsfather and Captain Arthur Elliot, based on Captain Bainsfather's war cartoons, "Fragments from France." The musical numbers were composed, selected and arranged by Herman Darowski and Percival Knilit.

CENTRAL POINT

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grieve and son Helton, of Prospect, spent Sunday with Mrs. Grieve's sister, Mrs. Gray Tex and Mr. Tex.

Most of our returned soldier boys and sailors with their ladies attended the big reception tendered them by the Mothers and Next of Kin association of Medford, at the Elks club building Friday evening and all report a most enjoyable time.

Many of our citizens attended the exhibit of war trophies on the Victory train Monday morning.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. B. Stearns Wednesday afternoon, April 2nd. Mrs. Maria Purkeyville will assist Mrs. Stearns in entertaining.

Mrs. Ed Eldred of Grants Pass visited her mother, Mrs. McJinney, between trains during the week.

The Central Point ice plant has been sold to the Scotts Valley Packing company of Fort Jones, Calif., and the outfit was packed and shipped to the new owners last week.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Wallace last Wednesday afternoon.

Russell Thornbrue, has received his discharge from the United States army and arrived from Camp Meade the middle of last week and is now at home with his parents.

H. H. Moore made a business trip north on last Friday.

Miss Hillis, one of our grade teachers, has resigned on account of ill health and Miss Ethel Dean of Willow Springs will teach in Miss Hillis' room.

Mrs. Oscar Williams, who has been living in the north, has joined her husband in this city.

Len Williams of Butte Falls spent several days here last week, returning home Saturday morning.

J. C. Robinson now has a brand new Buick Six car and W. C. Leever has a new Mitchell car.

The special service in honor of the returned soldiers and sailors

MUTT AND JEFF AGAIN IN A NEW PLAY



Laughter as a tonic beats all the best patent medicines. It drives away dull care, chases away the blues and makes despondence look like "thirty cents." Laughter in large chunks will be on tap at the Page April 5th, when Mutt and Jeff in "The Wooley West" will be the caper. The piece is successful by its rapid continuity of amusing scenes and laughable situations, to say nothing of the splendid list of specialties and pretty music with its catchy songs, big choruses of vivacious maidens, comedians, dancers and singers who know how to entertain.

lected and arranged by Herman Darowski and Percival Knilit. The New York critics unanimously declared this unique comedy with music and entertainment no wise playgoer can afford to miss. Coming to the Page soon.

BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION

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MEDFORD VULCANIZING WORKS

FLU FATALITY AMONG YANKS IN ENGLAND HIGH

LONDON. — (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—More than half the deaths among the American soldiers in Great Britain were due to influenza. The total number of cases of the disease in the three months of the epidemic among the Americans here reached 7,512. In that period deaths from pneumonia, developing in most cases from influenza, numbered 1717. Of 6,000 troops brought on one trip by the steamer Olympic, 2,000 contracted the disease and, as about one-third of these cases developed pneumonia, the proportion of fatalities was very large.

These figures are contained in an elaborate report being prepared by the American Red Cross covering the work of the organization in Great Britain up to the beginning of this year.

When the Olympic docked at Southampton there were about 400 influenza cases on board. But before the troops could be debarked the number of cases had increased five fold. The weather was at its worst, cold, wet and misty.

From 76 cases of influenza among American soldiers in Great Britain during the week ending September 9, the number jumped to 2330 on September 30. That was the highwater mark and from then on there was a sharp and steady decline, the number dwindling to eight cases by December 8.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

DRINK HOT WATER IF YOU DESIRE A ROSY COMPLEXION

Says we can't help but look better and feel better after an inside bath.

To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning. To flush from the system the previous day's waste, acid fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incalculable material in the form of ash, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, forms toxins and poisons which are then raked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you wish to see the glow of healthy blood in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing away the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Men and women with sallow skins, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, who have those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation should begin this phosphate hot water drinking and are assured of very pronounced results in one or two weeks.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, purifies and freshens the skin on the outside, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs. We must always consider that internal sanitation is vastly more important than outside cleanliness, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the sweat pores do.



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"But I feel now like I am good for many years yet, for Taniae has fixed me up so I can eat any and everything without any bad after effects and since gas has stopped forming in my stomach I am not troubled with palpitations or shortness of breath. I have gained six pounds already and am working hard on my farm every day now and am glad to recommend Taniae for the wonderful way it has helped me."

Taniae is sold in Medford by West Side Pharmacy, in Gold Hill by M. D. Bowers, in Central Point by Miss M. A. Mee, in Ashland by J. J. McNair, in Eagle Point by Von der Helten.

GIM CHUNG China Herb Store

Herb cure for scurvy, headache, catarrh, diphtheria, sore throat, lung trouble, kidney trouble, stomach trouble, heart trouble, chills and fever, cramps, coughs, poor circulation, carbuncles, tumors, cracked breast, cures all kinds of colic. NO OPERATIONS.

Medford, Oregon, Jan 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 214 South Front street, Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford; S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point; Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point; W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point; C. E. Moore, Eagle Point; J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point; Geo. B. Von der Helten, Eagle Point; Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

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