

Aid for Miners Is Promised by Bill in Senate

Nearly \$5,000,000 May Be Available to Reimburse the Miners Who Lost Money Through Aiding Government During the War.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(Telegram Washington Bureau.)—Senator Shortridge has forced through the senate a bill, which, if it becomes a law, and it has good prospects of passing the house, will relieve thousands of miners in California, Oregon and Washington who developed tungsten, molybdenite and other minerals needed during the war. Many of the miners who developed these metals at the urgent request of the government lost a good deal of money and some of them filed petitions in bankruptcy.

After the armistice there was no demand for the metals needed for the prosecution of the war and expensive machinery and equipment were utterly of no value. Following the war, congress appropriated \$5,000,000 to reimburse the patriotic men for their losses. A commission was appointed to pass on the claims and a total of \$3,664,000 of claims were turned down by this commission because, under a narrow and technical ruling the claims did not comply with the regulations laid down by the commission. In brief, the commission refused all claims unless the claimant had been personally urged by an officer or bureau of the government to personally produce the metal on which the claims were made. Many of the patriotic miners got their information from the press, which was urged to get up the production of war needed metals, but under the rule the commission barred all such cases. In some instances miners delegated one of their number to investigate and he reported the needs of the government and the group of miners who sent him went to work producing the kinds of ore wanted. The man sent to get the information got his claim allowed under this ruling, but all the others were disbarred. This is but one of a number of similar cases and Senator Shortridge's bill cures the difficulty by compelling the payment of legitimate claims, no matter how they received the notice to produce the war materials and minerals. There still remains in the original fund of \$5,000,000, \$1,900,000 unexpended, and all the disallowed claims now on file can be paid and a large balance will then remain to be turned back to the treasury.

Chairman Slinott, of the house committee on public lands introduced the

Small Wisconsin City to be Scene of Great Elks Gathering June 28 to July 4



Left: William F. Kirk, R. B. Clark

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CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., June 21.—This small town is going to tackle a big proposition and its citizens will tell you now that what they are going to put over will be a howling success. Chippewa Falls is to be the scene of the Elks' Mardi Gras and Historical Pageant, scheduled for the week of June 28-July 4.

There was some trepidation when the Elks of Chippewa Falls embarked on this undertaking, for never before did a small city tackle anything of such major-league proportions. Chippewa Falls was admonished that it was an undertaking commensurate only with the facilities to be afforded by such cities as Milwaukee and Chicago. But the little municipality on

same bill in the house and expects early passage. Several hundred claimants in California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona will benefit by this measure.

the banks of the Chippewa river had made up its mind, and the delegates brought home the favorable decision. The river town has been preparing for the festival of the Elks for many months, and everything is reported in readiness. Facilities have been found to make comfortable the Elk who travels hither from the furthestmost point on the map.

A. L. Putnam, R. B. Clark and W. P. Cruise are members of the executive committee which will have the Mardi Gras and Historical Pageant under its direction. William F. Kirk, noted writer and Elk, is also an official of the Wisconsin gathering of his tribesmen. Miss Vera Barrington, a beautiful Chippewa Falls girl, is a candidate for Queen of the Elks' Carnival.

WAR EXPLOSIVES TO BE USED FOR FARM PURPOSES

WASHINGTON, June 21.—More than 12,000,000 pounds of picric acid, one of highest known explosives, accumulated for war purposes and made useless to the war department by the armistice, will be distributed to farmers for agricultural purposes.

When the war ended the army had on hand this immense stock of picric acid and in addition more than 25,000,000 pounds of T. N. T. The latter was distributed to various governmental agencies for use in railroad construction in Alaska, public roads in the national parks and various projects on Indian reservations. None of the T. N. T. was distributed to individuals and thus far not a single accident has marked the use or transportation of the millions of pounds of the high explosive, according to officials of the bureau of mines.

The question of what to do with the 12,000,000 pounds of picric acid puzzled government officers for some time and the war department had almost decided to tow the explosive out to sea and dump it overboard in the interests of the public safety when it was decided to institute a series of experiments in an effort to find some safe commercial use for it. The experiments were conducted by the bureau of mines and disclosed many ways in which picric acid could be used safely and profitably on farms, such as in blasting out stumps and rocks and breaking up land. It was accordingly decided to distribute the explosive, practically free of charge, to farmers.

Picric acid, a highly crystalline powder having a lemon yellow color is 18 per cent stronger than 40 per cent straight nitro-glycerin dynamite, according to the bureau of mines. It should never be used in bulk, officials say, and its use should be restricted to re-dipped paraffined paper cartridges. The 12,000,000 surplus stock, located at Sparta, Wis., and Wingate, N. C., will be distributed to farmers through the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture. The only cost to the farmer, it is announced, will be freight charges and a charge of six cents a pound for placing the powder in the necessary cartridges. It will be ready for distribution about July 1.

SALEM, Ore., June 20.—With only Curry and Harney counties missing from the official complete election returns for the special election of June 7, the women's juror bill has a lead of 637 votes. The totals in the secretary of state's office with the two counties missing, show 59,213 votes for the bill and 58,576 against it.

The Tartars since ancient times have prepared a beverage called koumiss by fermenting mare's milk.

FARM PROBLEMS TOPIC AT FORUM

The marketing of wheat, wool, dairy products as well as all commodities which the farmer raises is the most important topic before the general public today. To see that the farmer gets a larger share of the consumers' dollar is most important to every agricultural section.

Greater advancement has been made by the farmer within the past six months to get his just proportion for the commodities he produces and no man has been closer to this movement than George A. Mansfield, president of the State Federation of Farm Bureaus, and therefore it places him in position to give the members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce first hand information on this subject, which he will do at the forum tomorrow noon at the Medford hotel.

SPORT FLASHES

NEW YORK—Joe Lynch of New York will defend his world's bantam weight championship title in a ten round open air bout here tonight against Sammy Sandow, of Cincinnati. Other ten round contests will bring together Leach Cross, veteran New York lightweight, and Gene Belmont, Memphis; Jack Sharkey, New York bantamweight and Joe Burman of Chicago; and Eddie O'Flawd and Joe Dillon, flyweights.

NEW YORK—Georges Carpentier's sparring partners were so severely punished in Brooklyn bouts last night that the referee stopped both contests. Paul Journee lost in the fifth round of a 15 round bout to Charles Weinert, Newark heavyweight, and Italian Joe Gans lost to Augie Ratner of New York in the tenth round of a 12-round bout.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Louis Bogach of Bridgeport scored a technical knockout over Soldier Bartfield of Brooklyn in the third round of a scheduled 15-round bout last night.

PITTSBURG—Frank J. Shea closed his career as a University of Pittsburg athlete last Saturday when he won the quarter mile event at the National Collegiate A. A. meet at Chicago. He contemplates participating in the national amateur athletic union championships at Paddock Field, Pasadena, Cal., beginning July 25.

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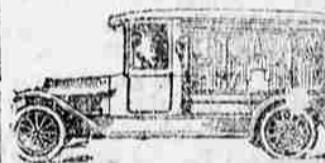
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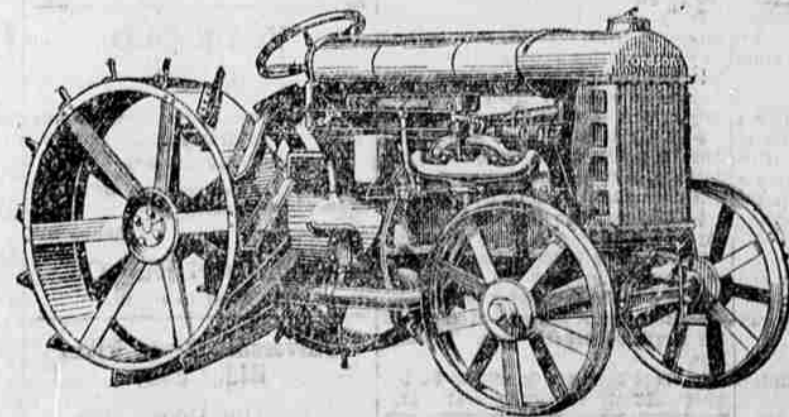
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