

# BRISBANE

## THIS WEEK

Find Comfort in Greece  
The British Wake Up  
New Civilization?  
Fremont Older

Americans, with comparatively small troubles, may find comfort in reading about Greece, where government airplanes are bombing government battleships, seized by rebels. From the Averoff, pride of the Greek navy, "flames rose high" when a 250-pound baby bomb struck her deck. What would happen if a 5,000-pound bomb struck a ship?



Arthur Brisbane

Ancient names taking you back to school days are scattered through Greek civil war reports. Venizelos, a true Greek patriot, supporting the revolution, dwells on the little island of Crete, where the Minotaur, half human, half bull, used to live and devour youths and maidens from Athens.

In this world of trouble, something must explode somewhere.

Ramsay MacDonald tells the common sense that Germany's military activity compels Britain to extend the boundaries of "imperial air protection" to the banks of the Rhine. Armies of men mean nothing. Floating ships mean little. A while ago Lord Rothermere, warning his country usefully, as his brother, Lord Northcliffe, did in the big war, was telling the British that they must have at least 5,000 fighting planes. His advice, at first ridiculed, is now taken seriously and Britain will have the planes.

Old American methods that have built up this country, such as its courts, are called out of date by leading minds in Washington.

Mr. Richberg, supposed to be closest to the President in thought, tells a Miami audience "the World War marked the passing of a civilization." What kind of civilization will take its place?

With all possible respect for professors and reformers, you wonder if they can, offhand, manufacture a better one.

The death at seventy-eight of Fremont Older, for more than fifty years a courageous fighting newspaper man in California, recalls Victor Hugo's words: "The death of the just man is like the end of a beautiful day."

Fremont Older's life, character and work were worthy of his impressive stature and benign expression. It may be said of him, as was said of Gladstone, that "his heart was ever with the weak and miserable poor." Every good cause found a defender in him; the most miserable convict, released from prison, might find a friend in him. There is a heaven, of course, and Fremont Older is there. If there were no heaven, his character and merit would "make it necessary to invent one."

Chancellor Hittler orders every man in Germany, young or old, to take physical training and be ready for fight. The Spartans trained men early, even taught the young to murder working slaves for practice. They did not last long.

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## LOCKS MENTORS RECEIVE NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

All Cascade Locks high and grade school teachers will be offered contracts for the school year 1935-1936, it was learned Friday, after L. B. Gibson, county superintendent, had issued preliminary notices to members of the staffs. No raises will be given, it was declared, as Hood River apple growers who pay a majority of the school taxes, have been unable to get their money for crops sold.

Contracts will be extended under the same terms as the previous ones, which call for no definite salary nor time expiration. They do, however, say that the contracts will be valid during all times Hood River schools are open.

Accordingly, it may be assumed that teachers will not be dropped without formal notice, as their contracts would imply, unless all Hood River instructors are treated likewise.

Notices were issued to Vern Henderson, principal of the high school, and Miss Kathryn Walker, teacher. At the grade school Frank Autrieth, principal, and teachers Margaret Lacy, Wilma Eddy and Averill Stewart, received the informal notes.

Contracts to the principals, it is understood, differ from the others in that the salary is stated. Miss Walker was particularly commended for her fine work in the high school, as were Autrieth and Miss Lacy in the grade school.

The usual number of protests against instructors were investigated by the board and declared insufficient.

## Fishway Money At Dam Is Safe

PWA Administrator Ickes has tagged \$3,200,000 in federal funds for fishways at the dam. This is the sum originally asked for the job by army engineers. It will permit construction of the fishway on the Washington side, which was abandoned two weeks ago after the government reduced the first appropriation to slightly more than \$2,000,000. Fishery interests are still holding out for \$4,000,000, with little prospect of realizing their ambition.

## SALMON RUN ON

Chinook salmon are beginning to run in the Columbia, but no catches have been reported in the district as yet. With the opening of the trout season in April some good fishing may be expected in the creeks between the toll bridge and Dodson and in the mountains up the Herman creek and the Eagle creek trails. Water remains sufficiently low in the river to allow of good salmon fishing at the rapids, opposite the locks, after the run begins. Commercial fishermen are getting their gear in shape to take to the water after having knocked off a month ago.

## LARGE SAWMILL MAY BE BUILT IN CASCADE LOCKS

Reports are current that three or four lumber companies are dickering for property on the river in the Cascade Locks district with a view to building a large mill.

It has been repeatedly rumored that the lumber companies have an eye on timber up Herman creek but since there is no commercial timber of consequence in that territory it is obvious that the story is without foundation of fact.

One group is endeavoring to establish a mill on the old mill site, back of Moore's garage, and another crowd is after the Hawk property at the mouth of Herman creek.

Logs for the mill must come from the Washington side of the river and be towed across to the Oregon shore. There is sufficient timber in sight to keep a mill operating for years.

## New Runabout Ready For Use

The government's new 32-foot runabout was completed at the Rainier factory of Erickson and Klepp last week and brought to the dam by Glen Ferrington.

The speedy new craft will be powered with two 75-horsepower gasoline motors and will seat 12 passengers, running at a top speed of 20 miles an hour. Contract price, which was for the hull alone was approximately \$1,000. The U. S. E. D., installed the motor and other necessities.

## TUNNEL WORK

Pushing steadily back under the famous Ruckel slide, engineers reached the 1170-foot mark on tunnel one last week in their attempt to drain the huge lake known to be impounded far back under the mountain. Work was also continued on tunnel four.

Although a large flow was picked up in two earthen pits, the sudden stream as suddenly expired. Geologists are finding little change as yet in the formations of the main shaft, which is being continued at a cost of approximately ten dollars a foot.

## Payrolls And Apples

More money will be paid out in wages at Bonneville Dam this year than apple growers of Hood River valley will receive for their entire apple crop in 1935. The payroll will exceed the total value of farm crops in Yamhill county. Lumber alone used in construction of the dam would keep one sawmill with a daily capacity of 100,000 board feet busy on the one contract for a year.

These facts and many others will be contained in the Progress Number which The Chronicle is preparing to bring out in April. Every reader is going to want to send extra copies of the edition to friends and relatives at a distance. Watch for it. Every subscriber will receive a free copy.

## Business In Locks Gives Promise Of Hitting New High Mark This Spring

### ODD FELLOWS GET INTO ACTION ON THEIR NEW HOME

After repeated delays and numerous false starts the Odd Fellows set to work in earnest Wednesday on their new building at the corner of Fifth and Main in Cascade Locks.

A contract for the job has been awarded to W. M. Sundsten, who is employing a crew of men and proposes to make the first floor of the building ready for occupancy by May 1. The second floor will be ready for use by May 15.

Specifications provide for a building with a frontage of 64 feet on Main street, will contain three store rooms on the ground floor and lodge rooms upstairs.

The Cascade Drug company will occupy the corner store room; and the postoffice will be located in the east room, next door to the Perras meat market.

The lodge had expected to get started last autumn on the building but were held up first by inability to procure the type of a loan that was sought from bankers.

Money has been obtained through a loan and is now in the bank. This money, coupled with the returns from the insurance policy, gives the lodge the necessary funds to drive forward with its original plans.

## Aerie To Dance Saturday Night

The dam district Eagles lodge, opening its drive to obtain money for uniforms for its new drill team, will hold what promises to be an unusually fine dance Saturday night in Merrill's Pavilion at the Locks.

The famous Fernettes orchestra, composed entirely of women, will be imported for the entertainment, which is open to the public as well as Eagle members. Door prizes for the women will be given.

With the state preparing to begin grading and surfacing the Columbia River highway through town, building becoming more active daily, the Odd Fellows at work, and lumbermen seeking a site for a mill, business promises to gain increased momentum in Cascade Locks as spring advances.

A crew of engineers has been busy this week preparing estimates on the yardage of material to be moved by the successful bidder who gets the contract for grading and paving Main street.

Immediately after the contract is awarded the telephone and power company will send crews into town to change over the pole lines which parallel the street.

In April the United States engineers expect to award a contract for relocating the Union Pacific tracks between Eagle creek and the toll bridge. This contract will run to more than \$1,700,000.

Hope is daily expressed that the state will get in action by mid-summer on rebuilding of the Columbia Highway between Cascade Locks and the dam.

The fishing season opens in April, providing employment for a considerable number of men on the river; the power company is preparing to lay an underground conduit between Eagle Creek and the dam; one, and probably two, oil stations will be under construction within the next month; the tourist season promises to be the heaviest in several years; and the CCC camp at Wyeth will be reopened within another 30 day.

Building throughout the district continues, with an unexpected large number of people preparing to put up new homes. Houses will be larger and of better quality than those erected last season.

## CONDITION OF CRIBS PRAISED BY ENGINEERS

Pumping the water from Columbia's huge cofferdam slowly but surely engineers expressed their satisfaction of the way the huge cribs had been laid in place and sealed in no uncertain terms last week.

By Tuesday morning the water had been lowered to the minus 12-foot level. The deepest portions of the dam are nearly minus 25, but it will be another three days or more before it is completely drained.

In order to closely examine the cribs, only three and sometimes four of the six pumps, which are capable of ejecting 50,000 gallons a minute, have been used. Pumping has gone ahead without a hitch, and the cribs, to quote a ranking engineer, "are in very good shape, a tribute to Columbia's officials and men."