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COLONEL HOFER SEES

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terate commerce commission has proven a failure in preventing the worst ear shortage and coal famine in the history of the country. The people are paying about forty millions a year for governmental supervision and what does it amount to? The railroads cannot get capital to build tracks and cars needed, while the business of the country has grown by leaps and bounds. Coal is up to fabulous prices in many parts of the country, potatoes are two dollars a bushel in the big cities, and in the Yakima valley I ran across one man who got an \$18,000 check for his fifty acre potato crop in the field. It looks to me that even Oregon potatoes will bring a big price if the growers can hang onto them until they can be moved.

it he thought Germany was sincere in her peace proposals or was just playing politics. His answer, that Germany was absolutely sincere in desiring the end of the war was met by unanimous applause of that vast assemblage made up of all nationalities, with a preponderance of Americans. President Wilson has also met universal approval by his effort to get both sides to consider peace. Whether peace can come through arbitration or not is a question open to grave doubts. All effort to end the civil war by peace conferences failed in our own country. If both sides would agree to leave it to a square contest between twenty of the best warships of the allies and twenty of the best warships of the central powers in open sea with all crowned heads on board, and no submarines or zeppelins allowed, that would settle the question of naval supremacy, or who is mistress of the seas. But the same number of vessels to have the moving picture rights on that kind of a matinee. It would pay off the whole European war debt.

THE JURY DISAGREED

El Centro, Cal., Dec. 25.—After 36 hours' deliberation, the jury hearing the evidence in the trial of B. C. Lytle, charged with throwing acid in the face of Thomas Potts of Holtville, was discharged this morning, divided 10 to 2 for conviction. This is the longest a jury has ever been out in Imperial county.

TO HOLD EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS IN JUNE

This Will Be for Special Branches Only Says Supt. Churchill

Just as the December teachers' examinations are over comes the announcement by the state board of education of the examination for special certificates which will be held in June from the 27th to the 30th inclusive. This announcement is made by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

An applicant who makes an average grade of 85 per cent and who does not fall below 75 per cent in any subject will be granted a three-year non-renewable special certificate. This will entitle the holder to teach only the special subject named in the certificate in any school in the state. Persons who have been graduated from standard vocational schools may, upon making proper application and furnishing proof of their qualifications and fitness, be granted special certificates without examination to teach the subject in which they have specialized.

Subjects for examination: Bookkeeping: Arithmetic, composition, penmanship, theory and practice and bookkeeping. Domestic Art: American literature, course of study, geography, theory and practice and domestic art.

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MINE INSPECTION IS BADLY NEEDED

Labor Commissioner Calls Attention to Conditions in Coal Mines

The need of an inspector of mines in Oregon for the protection of the lives and limbs of those engaged in this industry, says Labor Commissioner Hoff, "as well as the properties of the employees, was emphasized on the 31st of last October, when three miners lost their lives and two others barely escaped with theirs, as the result of an explosion of gas in the Beaver Hill coal mines, near Marshfield, in Coos county.

Under present conditions of lax or careless methods of operating mines, such disasters are likely to occur at any time and they never fail to take their frightful toll. The whole mining industry is under the jurisdiction of this department, by implication under the employers' liability law, and their machinery is subject to inspection by the field deputies. The most dangerous element with which the workmen have to cope is the generation of combustible and poisonous gases, the discovery of the source of which and means of avoiding of same, requires expert inspectors who are equipped for the work.

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COMMITTEE WANTED LAWSON TO TESTIFY

If the Plunger Knows of "Leaks" Will Be Asked to Tell of Them

Washington, Dec. 26.—If Thomas W. Lawson can prove "there is always a leak" on important government moves in Washington, especially in connection with European matters, he will be given an opportunity to deliver such proof to congress in person. Lawson may even be called to give such testimony as he claims to have, whether he wants to or not.

Chairman Henry of the house rules committee to which Representative Wood's investigation was referred today, extended an invitation to Lawson to tell that committee all he knows. "If Mr. Lawson has information about a 'leak' he ought to come before the rules committee and furnish us with the facts," said Henry. "We will be glad to have them. If he has any to give, his testimony would result in a favorable report on the Wood resolution, and a subsequent congressional investigation.

GERARD HANDED (Continued from page one.) only to be read and forwarded to Germany's enemies of the entente in case those powers, answering Germany's protests, actually requested terms. Otherwise it was to be returned unopened.

Will Not Suit Allies By Robert J. Bender (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, Dec. 26.—Hasty examination of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace suggestions, as contained in dispatches from Berlin led one of the foremost administration officials today to state his belief that the entente allies' reaction would be to meet the German proposals.

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U BOAT ACTIVITIES IMPERIL TRANSPORT OF SOLDIERS BY SEA



The peril attending the transport of allied soldiers by sea was illustrated by the sinking by a German submarine of a 6,800 ton French transport filled with troops, announced by the German admiralty. The announcement follows: "A German submarine on November 27, near Malta, sank the French transport steamer Karnak, 6,800 tons. The Karnak was crowded with troops destined for Saloniki."

privately expressed the hope that perhaps the official text, on its way here through Ambassador Gerard, may be supplemented with confidential information that might clear up these points.

TWO BOYS DROWNED Snohomish, Wash., Dec. 26.—Bodies of two boys, Paul Grenier, age 11, and Walter Jensen, 15, were found in a slough near here yesterday. They had gone canoeing Sunday and their craft had evidently overturned.

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