

WILL JUNK WARSHIPS

Twelve Vessels Have Outlived Usefulness as Fighters.

Historic Oregon Among Craft That Will Be Relieved From Active Duty.

Washington. — Twelve pre-dread-nought battleships will be relieved of active duty with the fleet, placed out of commission and eventually broken up for junk or used for targets by more modern vessels...

Four of the battleships, the historic squadron comprising the Oregon, Indiana, Iowa and Massachusetts, have already been relegated to the scrap heap.

The twelve vessels, built between 1893 and 1901, represent a total expenditure for hulls and machinery alone of more than \$100,000,000.

The ships long ago outlived their usefulness as combatant units in a fighting fleet, although when they were built they were among the most formidable war vessels afloat.

The question of what to do with so many practically useless battleships after they have been placed out of commission is before the department at this time.

Her Stocking Ticked Her Into Police Cell

Milwaukee. — Alice Hawkins has a penchant for the unusual in jewelry. Patrolman Huettl had occasion recently to question Miss Hawkins. As he escorted her to the patrol box he heard a faint tick-ticking. The noise apparently came from beneath a very tight skirt.

HUBBY CAN'T HELP HIS FACE

Judge Tells Wife Her Husband Is Not to Blame for What Nature Did.

New York. — After Kolrons Polius drew back the gauze curtains that veiled his broken jaw his bride of seventeen forgot all her love for him, and straightway made for court. She charged her husband with disorderly conduct.

SENT TWELVE MEN TO WAR

Six of the Ross Family, Living Near Grass Valley, Cal., Are on Gold Star Roll.

Grass Valley, Cal. — Two sons, two sons-in-law, two brothers and five nephews was the contribution of El. Ross, a farmer living near Grass Valley, to the allied fighting forces in the world war.

Richest Colored Woman Dies

Irrington-on-Hudson, N. Y. — "Madam Walker," reputed to have been the wealthiest colored woman in the United States, if not the world, and credited with having amassed a fortune of more than \$1,000,000 through the sale of a "hair restorer," is dead at her country home here after a long illness.

YANKS SALVAGE IMMENSE BOOTY

German Guns Worth Many Millions Are Found in Ardenne Forest.

WEAPONS ABANDONED BY FOE

Teutons Left Artillery and Shells in Mad Flight When Americans Advanced—Forest Cleaned by Doughboys.

Paris. — War booty valued at more than \$5,000,000, left by the Germans in their flight from the Ardenne forest, the scene of America's greatest battle in the world war, has been collected by a force of negro soldiers who have been cleaning up the famous battlefield.

Orders were issued to squads of American salvage engineers to pick up every gun they found, broken or in serviceable condition, as well as all war material, and place the supplies along the nearest road for collection in army trucks.

The doughboys soon made the discovery that the Germans in their flight abandoned hundreds of machine guns and even large pieces of artillery which the Yankees, in their hurry to advance, had failed to see.

Loaded in Box Cars. One of the discoveries made by the Americans who have completed the task of cleaning up the battlefield was the unusually large number of machine guns the Germans had installed in the Ardenne forest.

In one town located in the rear of the battlefield there is a pile of brass shell cases, abandoned by the Germans, that would more than fill the hold of a large ocean freighter.

Salvage Work Expensive. Experts with the American expeditionary forces have estimated that the Yankees had captured 200 per cent more war booty in the Ardenne forest than their records will show.

The work of cleaning up the Ardenne battlefield, however, has been an expensive one, although vast quantities of copper, brass and steel have been salvaged.

SOLDIERS LAUGH AT DEATH

Pair Stricken With Influenza on Board Ship Use Prize Ring Count.

San Francisco. — A tragic story of how two British soldiers laughed at death is told in a letter received by Harry Annan, assistant manager of the Palace hotel, from a friend in Auckland, New Zealand.

The transport I came home on carried two soldier pals, both of whom had influenza. After the doctor had given them up as hopeless they entertained themselves and their neighbors by counting one another out. It would have been humorous but for the awful tragedy of it; alternately, 'One-two . . . eight-nine —out—you dead yet?' till one of them failed to answer. I don't know quite how I felt about it; pity and admiration were strangely mixed.

Soldier Beats Train

Junction City, Kan. — Trains were too slow for a certain Kansas soldier who has been away from his home at Salina for two years. When he returned to Camp Funston the other day he received a pass to spend Sunday at Salina. Instead of waiting several hours for the next train to his home town, he hit the highway and was fortunate in catching an automobile ride to Abilene.

They Didn't Stay

Clinton, Ill. — Robbers forced an entrance into Gowdy's grocery. They didn't stay to look around. The Gowdy bulldog has his sleeping quarters in the store.

MILLION "DRUG FIENDS" IN U. S.

Congress Gets Report of Investigation Conducted by Committee.

PROMPT ACTION IS URGED

Strict Enforcement of Law and Stopping of Smuggling From Canada and Mexico Is Recommended—Lack of Adequate Laws.

Washington. — The alarming spread of the narcotic drug habit in the United States is about to be called to the attention of congress in the report of an investigation conducted by a committee appointed by the secretary of the treasury.

The number of persons in the United States addicted to the use of drugs exceeds 1,000,000 at the present time.

Increase of the drug habit in the dry South leads many authorities to the conclusion that national prohibition will decrease the number of victims of narcotics.

Summary of Recommendations. The committee's recommendations include strict enforcement of the present federal anti-narcotic act; additional federal legislation; enforcement of state laws; concerted action on the part of state and municipal governments to suppress the illicit traffic; stopping smuggling of dope from Canada and Mexico.

It is also recommended that educational campaigns be instituted in all parts of the United States for the purpose of informing the people of this country including the medical profession, of the seriousness of drug addiction and its extent in the United States.

The number of individuals addicted to the use of opium, its preparations or alkaloids, and coca leaves, their preparations or alkaloids, in the United States at various times has been estimated to be from 200,000 to 4,000,000, says the committee.

Causes of Drug Addiction. The causes of drug addiction in the order of frequency were given by police authorities as follows: Use of physicians' prescriptions; association with other addicts; prohibition, use of narcotic drugs for chronic diseases; curiosity to learn the effect of the drug; prostitution; use of patent or proprietary medicines; use of certain narcotic drugs as a stimulant, lullaby, and use by dentists.

What effect, if any, nationwide prohibition will have on the situation could not be definitely determined by the committee, the report says.

FINDS CLUE TO BURIED GOLD

Custodian of Ruins of Jesuit Mission in Arizona on Track of Ancient Treasure.

Tucson, Ariz. — What is believed to be the first clue to the reputed buried treasures of the padres of the Tumacacori mission, built by Spanish Jesuits high up in the Tumacacori mountains, less than three hours' journey from Tucson, has been discovered by Frank Pinckley, custodian of the ruins. It is the gateway to the mission cemetery. From this gateway, it is said, the plans and maps left by the padres start to outline the way to the buried gold and silver.

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Records of the Washington Park fishery show that the highest number of shad ever caught in one haul was about 6,000, fourteen years ago. The run of shad started to fall off in 1900, when the United States fish commission discontinued its steamer, the Fish Hawk, coming up the Delaware because insufficient spawn was to be had to propagate young shad.

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Strange Indian Names

Rapid City, S. D. — A recent issue of the Ogala Light, the monthly magazine of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation school near here, gives some peculiar names among those listed as students. Lizzie Shot to Pieces is at the end of the list. Other names include Victoria Holy Rock, Julia A. Fraid and Hawk Mary Brown East, Julia Crazy Ghost, Mercy Yellow Shirt, Emma No Fat, Ella Red Eyes, Martin Chase Alone, Noah Horse, John Left Hand and Julia Stands Up. Out of 93 students attending the school only four have French names and seven names of English origin.

LOW SALARIED SUFFER MOST

Labor Department Completes Statistics in Cities That Show Expenditures.

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The Lower Your Salary the Greater Proportion of It You Spend for Food and Shelter, Say Investigators.

Washington. — The lower your salary, the greater percentage of it you spend for food and shelter, according to the latest government cost of living investigation.

Tables compiled by labor department experts after study of hundreds of family budgets show the actual cash outlay for food and rent is greater in families with the higher incomes, but the average family the expenditures for these necessities does not increase as fast as the income.

In Baltimore, for instance, 13 families with incomes under \$900 averaged expenditures of \$32.95 for food and \$120.44 for rent. The average was 36.5 per cent of the total income for food and 14.0 for rent. The families whose incomes were \$2,500 or more, however, averaged 13.5 per cent less for food in comparison with total income and 11.5 per cent for rent.

Showing how much more cheaply the higher salaried families get off in other cities are these differences: Pittsburgh, food 15 per cent, rent 7.5 per cent; New York, food 6.7 per cent, rent 7.7 per cent; Boston, food 4.9 per cent, rent 5.2 per cent; Syracuse, food 4.3 per cent, rent 1.9 per cent; Scranton, food 3.7 per cent, rent 6.4 per cent.

South Sea Beauties Use Chalk on Complexion

Philadelphia. — Paint and powder on the faces of "women the world over" were condemned by Rev. Dr. A. Pohlmann at the Presbyterian ministerial conference in the Witherspoon building. Doctor Pohlmann, who was formerly an African missionary, said:

"In their desire to make their faces attractive by paint and powder women are the same the world over. In Liberia they use white chalk on their black faces. Here they use red and pink. What is the difference?"

JENNY LIND'S PIANO IS SOLD

White and Gold Instrument That Cost P. T. Barnum \$5,000 Is Treated as Junk.

Middletown, Conn. — On a big platform truck, with its legs in the air, the white and gold Crystal Palace piano specially built by P. T. Barnum for the concerts of Jennie Lind in 1859 was carted off a few days ago by a New Haven collector who had purchased it from Thomas E. Smith, a local dealer in antiques.

DESERTER IS FOUND IN CAVE

Navy Man Living in Blue Ridge Mountains Escapes From Police.

Reading, Pa. — Berks county was thrilled recently by the discovery that Charles Strausser, former Hamburg soldier and navy deserter, was living as a "cave dweller" deep in the Blue mountains north of Hamburg. He was trapped in his cave high in the virgin timberland by state police, but escaped after an exchange of shots.

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Atlantic City Widow Goes Up 3,000 Feet as Aviator Does Stunt.

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RED ORGY OF MURDER

City, Freed of Bolshevist Rule, Reveals Terrible Story.

Men, Women and Children Killed Without Trial, Many After Horrible Torture.

London. — Paris, the first city of any size retaken by Admiral Kolchak's All-Russian army from the bolsheviks, offers a great study in "red" atrocities. Paris is virtually a slaughter house. Hundreds of bodies of bolshevik victims already have been recovered, and more are being found every day.

In the garden of a seminary, where bolshevist chieftains were wont to hold their revels, the bodies of two dozen schoolgirls already have been recovered. These girls, ranging in age from twelve to sixteen, were first attacked by "red" officers, then when the fiends had tired of their orgy the victims were killed by being tapped on the head with a wooden mallet.

This seminary garden is one continuous grave of naked bodies and skeletons. Identification of the victims is impossible. A Russian countess and her daughter were tied to posts in this garden, stripped of their clothes, then killed by a succession of dagger pricks all over their bodies. A dozen priests were crucified head downward; two others were boiled in oil.

Hundreds of the upper classes of the city, men, women and children, sentenced to death without trial, were taken to the edge of a swamp outside the city and given their choice of fleeing into the swamp or being shot down where they stood. Many dashed into the swamp, only to be engulfed in the quicksands. The others were shot down at the edge of a ditch, into which their bodies fell, and left uncovered during the entire winter.

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