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SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

Somebody's mother was Somebody's love,
Slender and graceful—
Soft as a dove—
Gracious and tender—
Spirited—pure—
All womanly—loving—wise to allure
To ways of God's blessing
Through life to endure.

Somebody's mother—Somebody's love—
Somebody needs you!
Will Heaven above

Open its gates that token may speed
For Somebody's mother
For Somebody's need?

While Somebody's mother grew old, frail and gray,
Still gentle and sweet
As her days passed away
She twined in the heart-chorus of Somebody then
And crowned that dear Somebody
King among men.

Somebody's mother—Somebody's love—
Somebody needs you!
Ah, Heaven above,
Open your gates that a message may speed
From Somebody's mother
For Somebody's need.

—A. H. McQuilkin in Inland Printer.

THE ROANOKE DISASTER

A little over two weeks ago, the good steamer Roanoke foundered off the California coast and 47 lives paid the toll of greed. What brings it nearer to home was the fact that First Officer Green, son of Capt. Chas. Green, well known here, and a young man just in his prime, was among the lost. The owners of the Roanoke, Chas. Doe & Company, chartered the vessel to the South Seas Navigation Company at a very profitable rate. It was necessary, therefore, for the latter company, in order to make a large profit, to pile on all the freight under which the Roanoke could possibly stagger. They did this without regard to the safety of those on board the steamer. When the Roanoke left San Francisco on Monday night, May 8, those who loaded her knew she carried more cargo than it was safe to carry. Cargo was loaded everywhere, in the hold, between decks, on deck, and even in the staterooms and saloon. The vessel was top heavy with this great load and capsized, snuffing out the lives of forty-seven souls. Quite a price to pay for the greed of the South Seas Navigation Company. The inspectors in San Francisco are now making a rigid investigation. Is this investigation opportune? Ask Captain Green if it will bring back to him his son; ask the Oakland banker if it will bring back his son; ask Mrs. Dennis if it will bring back to her her husband. Ask all the other bereaved ones if it will bring back father, son, husband or brother. The South Seas Navigation Company is morally guilty of manslaughter. The federal inspectors at San Francisco, while now conducting an investigation, might have done this before the vessel sailed. If not equally guilty, they were certainly derelict in their duty. The men lost on the Roanoke were sacrificed to greed. The Mist has a few more details of this matter gained from personal interviews, which, if necessary, will be gladly given.

FIGHTING FOR THE SENATE

We may discount the speculations of political writers as to the machinations of Republican leaders, in so far as they are supposed to be prompted by personal considerations. The main objective of Republican leaders is to elect a Republican president and a Republican senate. Most of them feel that the election of a president will be comparatively easy. That will carry with it the election of a Republican house, for it is almost inconceivable that a president and a house of different political complexion should be chosen at the same election. But Republican control of the senate is another matter, attended with unusual difficulties. There are now fifty-six Democratic senators to forty Republicans, and the expirations are against the Republicans. There are fifteen Republican expirations and only seventeen Democratic. Expressed in percentages the Democrats have 30.35 per cent to elect, while the Republicans have 37.5 per cent. The Republicans must make a net gain of nine senators. Two of these may come from Indiana and one each from Maine, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and West Virginia. This will leave two more to be gained. Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, Montana, Missouri, Arizona and Tennessee are the only states it is possible to consider as senatorial battle grounds. It is fortunate for the Republicans that they do not have to overcome legislative gerrymanders, owing to the new method of electing by a popular statewide vote. The task would be insuperable if the legislatures controlled.

The Republicans are confident of electing successors to all Republicans who retire. They are also sure of recapturing seven seats from Democrats. But it will require a victory of landslide proportions to get the other two, although Missouri may be reasonably expect-

ed to furnish one. This will necessitate the nomination of the most popular candidate. Justice Hughes, in the opinion of most observers, is the man. The Republican leaders recognize this and the theory that they are seeking to substitute some candidate of doubtful popularity is absurd. It is more likely that the leaders are trying to ascertain the sentiment in the doubtful states as to issue. The states with retiring Democratic senators will be very potent in the Chicago convention.

OUR BASEBALL CLUB

Baseball throughout the whole United States is considered a clean and gentlemanly sport. In fact, it is called the "National Game." St. Helens, a member of the Inter-City League, has a good ball club; it is managed by a gentleman, its players are gentlemen, and the club certainly deserves the support of the town. For lack of attendance and interest, the financial matters of the club are at "low water mark," and it will be impossible to keep St. Helens in the league unless some financial assistance is given. In another column a way is given in which our baseball club can be maintained. Let us all read it and contribute so far as we are able.

A DIVISION OF THE COUNTY

In its last issue, our esteemed contemporary the Rainier Review advocated a division of Columbia county as the only way in which harmony and good feeling can be restored. The Mist will not set up a great protest on such division, but it feels that it would be unwise and impracticable, moreover impossible on account of the area of the county. If such bitterness exists as the Review claims, it was started by the first recall, which it championed, and no doubt this second recall has done much to fan the flames. Still the Mist believes there is a better way out of this dilemma. We believe that if all of the papers of the county will try to get together and work for harmony in the county, more will be accomplished than by agitating a division. The Mist is proud of the fact that it is a Columbia county institution and it hopes to occupy a sphere of usefulness in the county, and with this idea in view invites the other county papers and all good citizens of the county to participate in any work for the good of the whole county. Let us try to get together.

SEVEN HUNDRED VESSELS SUNK

British estimates of the European war toll of merchant ships, given in figures today by the department of commerce put the number at 736 with a tonnage of more than 2,000,000. Allied vessels lost number 538 and neutral 198. The estimates made by a British admiral, give British losses as 410 ships; French, 53; Russian, 35; Italian, 27; Belgian, 10, and Japanese 3. This does not include the loss of 237 trawlers by the British, 7 by the French and 2 by the Belgians. Norway, with 81 vessels destroyed leads the neutral nations in losses. Sweden with 40 is second, and Denmark with 28 third. Holland has lost 24 and the United States 7. British losses amount to 4 per cent of the total number in service and 6 per cent of the tonnage. French losses are 4 per cent in number and 7 per cent in tonnage. Despite these losses, it is declared, the aggregate of ships owned by the allies is being steadily increased through building.

LUMBER TRADE

The weekly trade barometer of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association shows a continuance of very heavy shipping from already depleted mill stocks. The barometer reveals shipments exceeding production by 9.43 per cent. Production, however, is exceeding orders by slightly more than 2 per cent, a condition which also was reflected in the previous week's report. Shipments have been exceeding orders by close to 12 per cent. These facts are obtained from reports made by sixty-eight representative mills having a combined six-day capacity of about 58,000,000 feet of lumber.

JUSTICE HUGHES

Close upon the heels of the Literary Digest poll of Republican state legislators, showing a large majority favorable to the nomination of Justice Hughes for president, a poll confirmatory of those taken of Republican editors and readers of high-class journals. America's foremost political prophet, Col. George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, predicts the nomination of Justice Hughes and his acceptance of the call of his country. He says: "Never since this republic demanded that George Washington become its first president has there appeared so striking an instance of the office seeking the man."

AUTOS IN EUROPE

Russia, with a population of over 180,000,000, has only about 15,000 automobiles, while Italy, with a population of less than 40,000,000, has 13,000 automobiles. There are eleven automobiles in Iceland, and five in British North Borneo. There are 15,000 cars owned in Providence, R. I., which has a population of 225,000. Los Angeles, with a population of 450,000, has over 40,000 cars.

The value of the Carranza dollar fell to 2 cents in American money on the San Antonio (Tex.) market Thursday. This is the lowest price quoted since the money became recognized by local banks. The highest price paid was 10 cents, immediately after the Carranza government was recognized by the United States.

"I've allus notficed great success
Is mixed with troubles more or less,
And it's the man who does his best
That gets more kicks than all the rest."

—James Whitcomb Riley.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Marshfield—Much street, sewer and sidewalk work is being done.

Bandon—\$66,000 to be expended in repairing north jetty.

Bandon—L. D. Slavens refuses \$10,000 for a new lead block which he has patented to use in logging operation.

Grants Pass—Construction started on new planing mill.

Drain—Leon Mills Lumber Co. is making many improvements and is building neat bungalows for employees.

Eugene—Chamber of Commerce arranges for location on which to erect flax mill.

Grants Pass—Rich copper ore has been uncovered in Waldo mine and will greatly increase output of Illinois Valley district.

The big Columbia River highway bridge will be completed before July 1.

Portland's municipal woodpile continues to be an expense. It is now found that bills are being paid twice.

Denver firm buys Part of Umpqua \$200,000 bond issue.

Medford will vote on bond issue in the near future for \$8000 for heating system and enlargement of the Washington school.

Portland—Oak timbers cut from trees on lower Columbia will be utilized in building ships at Portland and other coast points.

Grants Pass—Million feet of lumber ordered for construction of beet sheds and silos at sugar beet factory.

Canyon City—Asbestos mines operating on Beech Creek near Mt. Vernon will soon ship first carload of asbestos to Portland market. This is said to be the only asbestos mine working in the United States.

Riddle—Material is on ground for enlarging and improving old nickel mine to ship ore to Pittsburg smelter.

Hood River—Stanley Smith Lumber Co. will start Green Point plant with 175 men.

Dufur—Contract let for \$11,297 school building.

Roseburg—Local druggist is experimenting to make perfume distinctive of this vicinity.

Dufur Lumber Co. making arrangements to start operations soon.

Portland—East side business men's club will try to float \$100,000 bonds to help start new industries.

North Bend company formed of Coos Bay capital has leased for a term of years the old mill of the Simpson Lumber Co. and will operate same.

Maplewood—Factory opening to turn out 250 trunks a month.

Hood River strawberry industry will employ 2000 outside pickers.

Condon—Contract let for building 50,000-bushel concrete grain elevator.

Northwest prune crop estimated at 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 pounds.

Logansberry industry boosted by adoption of jules on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Puget Sound gets direct sleeping car service to connect with Hill steamer at Elavel for San Francisco.

St. Johns has secured a factory for refining oil.

Coos Bay leads all other Pacific Coast ports for lumber shipments last half of April.

St. Johns—Work has started on \$200,000 shipbuilding plant here.

Portland will expend \$235,000 rebuilding parts of the Tanner Creek sewer that caved in owing to bad construction.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES

Mary Drake vs. S. P. S. Ry. Motion for default overruled. Defendant allowed to file answer.

Al Pomeroy vs. W. H. Moore. Demurrer overruled.

Mary Smith vs. W. T. Smith. Default and reference.

C. R. McCormick & Co. vs. Str. Whilavia. Order of sale.

Portland Mer. Union vs. A. P. Beaseel. Motion allowed.

P. & L. Felton vs. Jan. Kennedy Con Co. Motion to strike.

W. L. Hutchinson vs. Mrs. F. D. McDonald. Motion to appeal taken under advisement. Appeal dismissed.

I. & C. C. Shumway vs. E. O. Brooks et al. Judgment \$851.55.

R. F. Barker vs. Beaver Lumber Co. Dismissed on stipulation.

Portland Mer. Union vs. A. P. Beaseel. Order modifying decree.

D. Kern, F. L. Stewart, W. P. Fuller & Co., Kelson State Bank, Lumbermen's National Bank vs. City of Rainier. Order substituting F. W. Herman for defendant.

Hex Caples vs. Wm. Anderson et al. Order extending time.

M. F. Truex vs. May Truex. Order continuing to June 17.

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