

Staggered Work Hours at Plants Urged by Copco

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supplies 25 plants, with an increase of 288.9 per cent in power requirements. The mill load alone, he said, is equal to Copco's entire consumer load prior to the war. In addition to an increase in the number of customers, the average residential consumer is using 36 per cent more electrical energy than in 1940.

Speaking of local conditions, Wells presented charts showing that in the Umpqua area power demand is from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. with a drop during the noon hour. There is ample capacity at all except peak hours, principally from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, he said. If the load could be spread out over more hours, Copco could supply service to all, and could even take on new industry. At present, he said, new industrial loads are being accepted only for service at night between the hours of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. By staggering hours to eliminate high peaks, much better service can be given, he said.

New Line Partly Built

As rapidly as equipment can be obtained, he reported, Copco is building a line between Roseburg and Grants Pass. The service already is complete between Roseburg and Riddle. This line when completed in the near future will permit quick restoration of service should a break

occur in the main transmission lines from Prospect, as circuits will be in operation by way of Grants Pass and Glendale into the central valley.

Prior to the war, Wells said, Copco could secure power from three directions, north, south and west. Because of the load north and west no surplus is available at present, except in extreme emergency, so the only other source is from the south.

It had been expected that increased production at Grand Coulee early this year would furnish some relief, but already demands for service in the Pacific Northwest will absorb virtually all the new capacity.

Toketee Project Succeeded

Little relief is in prospect locally, Wells said, until the Toketee Falls unit can be brought into production. That installation is being crowded, and is ahead of schedule, but is not expected to be in service until at least mid-year 1949.

Service for local needs is expected to receive priority when Toketee project comes into operation, it was stated, and already many new applications for power are being received and it is indicated the installation will furnish but little relief to adjacent areas, although it will solve the problem in the Umpqua Basin.

Pleased by the "cooperative attitude" of mill operators after receiving an explanation of the power situation, Copco officials

said tentative plans for spreading the power demand will be prepared immediately and will be submitted for further discussion and adjustment.

Douglas Fir Brings Record Price at Auction Here

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Umpqua Forest offices, by Tom Mehl, Jr., for the Robert Dollar Co., and Clark Van Fleet, manager of the Fir Manufacturing Co.

In addition to the price to be paid for the timber, the Robert Dollar Co. will pay \$4,569.50 for reforestation and stand improvement and \$2,812 for cooperative slash disposal, Nelson said. Twenty per cent of the timber will be cut by selective methods, 80 per cent by clear cut methods. The sale will be supervised by Ranger Milton Andrews.

About 20 persons in the lumber industry attended the auction which was the second to be held in Roseburg by the Umpqua Forest.

Congress Eyes Changes in European Aid Plans

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rather than the State Department.

Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said in a Lancaster, Pa., speech last night that "we can accomplish as much with half the sum proposed" if the administrator is authorized to control the spending of the aid money.

Engineer Gives Idea

The plan to make European aid easier on the United States by setting up a barter system with Latin America was suggested yesterday by C. A. Barrett of Pittsburgh.

Barrett, an industrial engineer and American Legion director, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that under his proposal—

"We keep our dollars at home, we provide jobs at home, and we get the food we need to send to Europe without straining our own economy."

Members of the committee listened with frank approval.

Commitments to Mental Hospitals to be Probed

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A Portland citizens' committee has opened an investigation into "state mental hospitals and procedures for committing inmates."

The group heard one woman tell that she was arrested twice last year while trying to collect unemployment checks and finally won dismissal of insanity charges after gaining a court hearing.

The committee's avowed purpose is to obtain a law or constitutional amendment guaranteeing every person the right of trial by jury when threatened with confinement for any reason, including mental illness.

Tax Collectors Have Tough Task in Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Allied occupation officials are putting indirect pressure on Japanese to fork over some 88,000,000,000 yen in taxes.

That's \$1,760,000,000 at the official 50 to 1 exchange rate.

Headquarters reported more than 50 military government teams throughout Japan are being reinforced and ordered to protect Japanese tax collectors, some of whom have been handled roughly in their attempts to collect.

Meat Rationing Talk Stirs Up Black Market

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would be up to Congress to decide whether to put the program into effect later.

"Meat rationing will not work, but would only create black markets and discourage production so that the supply of meat into 1949 would be even shorter," Eggert said.

As an alternative, he suggested that consumers "be more moderate in their demands and exercise restraints," he added.

"If all of us do this, there will be enough meat at prices most people consider reasonable."

The Flanders bill appears to have little chance in Congress.

Orville Wright, Airplane Inventor, Taken by Death

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came an airplane. At Kitty Hawk Orville Wright took his place in a flimsy looking, box-kite affair of wood, wire and cloth. A sputtering motor spun two crude propellers.

Wilbur steered the machine as it moved down a mono-rail track and then for 12 seconds Orville skimmed the dunes traveling 120 feet in the first sustained hu-

man flight in a power-propelled, heavier-than-air device.

Four flights were made that day. Orville made the first. Then he and Wilbur alternated in the others. On one of the attempts Wilbur stayed up 29 seconds and swooped 852 feet across the dunes. The only witnesses were five persons — life guards and curious villagers.

Body of Gandhi Given to Fire as Thousands Chant

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crowds searched for anyone possibly connected with the assassin. Bombay police arrested five persons suspected of being implicated.

New Delhi police disclosed that Gandhi's accused assassin had been arraigned secretly and held without bail for investigation of murder. He was arraigned under the name of Narayan Gadge of Poona. The 25-year-old assassin had pumped bullets into Gandhi's chest and leg at close range.

The procession to the Jurna river was tumultuous all the way. At one point, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was reported to have rescued a woman endangered by the crush.

Women fainted in the tremendous crush of people. Children collapsed under foot. Men leaped from wounds inflicted by the flailing sticks of those fighting for a view of the procession.

Hour by hour the crowd grew along the five-mile route from Birla House to the river, until tens of thousands of Indians milled about in turmoil, ceaselessly shouting the name of the Mahatma. The cry "victory to Gandhi!" rang out frequently above the clamor.

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