

Shippers May Be Paying Higher Freight Rates

CHICAGO — Shippers in wide areas of the country may pay motor freight rate boosts of about 15 per cent in the near future, it was indicated Friday.

Three groups representing interstate truckers in the Midwest and East are proposing across-the-board increases. Railroads are seeking a raise of 10 to 17 per cent from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Truckers can put higher rates into effect before a final ICC decision. The ICC can order a seven-month suspension if it wishes.

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Fireworks Pop And Sizzle At Several Key Points On Nation's Business Scene

By WALTER BREEDER Jr.
NEW YORK — Fireworks popped and sizzled at several key points on the nation's business scene this week.

Most spectacular display of pyrotechnics was on Wall Street. The stock market staged a pre-Fourth of July rally that sent some market averages bursting through 1957 highs. When trading resumed after Independence Day the market was still climbing.

Biggest explosion, though, was the rise in steel prices. The echoes were still booming across the economy a few days after the steel-makers boosted prices by an av-

erage of \$8 a ton, increases were announced by manufacturers of transformers and roller bearings. Producers of many other steel-containing products were expected to take similar action soon.

The steel price detonation reverberated loudly in the legislative halls of Washington. Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, a former steel executive who will return to the industry soon, told a congressional committee that the steel boost should "contribute to an increase in costs over a large area of the economy."

Rep. Arends (R-Ill.) denounced the steel companies as "not big enough to forego immediate profits for future gains." Asked about the steel price boost at his weekly news conference, President Eisenhower renewed his plea for statesmanlike action by business and labor. The alternative, he said, would be government price and wage controls in time of peace, and that would mean the beginning of the end.

There was one ray of hope for consumers this week: Catalogs published by the big mail order houses for the coming fall and winter showed prices of most items at or slightly below the levels of last spring. Sears, Roebuck said prices in its new book, biggest put out by the company in 36 years, averaged one per cent lower than those of the spring and summer catalog. The Montgomery Ward catalog disclosed price cuts ranging from 4 to 12 per cent on washing machines and dryers.

Inflationary trends were apparent, though, in the long-depressed housing industry. In a pamphlet report to its members, the Housing Institute warned that there is no basis for the belief that home prices are coming down. For the year as a whole prices will average three per cent higher than in 1956, it said, and next year they'll be higher still.

Spending on new factories and power plants continued at a fast pace. The Pennsylvania Railroad reported its freight carloadings in the June 29 week hit a total of 108,106 cars, the best for 1957. William O'Neil, president of General Tire and Rubber Co., predicted the company is headed for a record sales year.

Less favorable was a report from the American Collectors Assn. Based on the growing number of accounts being referred to member agencies for collection, Americans are paying their bills less promptly than they were two months ago. Chief reasons cited by the association for the rise in delinquent accounts: "Over-buying" on easy credit terms, flood conditions in the West and South, and scattered unemployment in some industrial districts.

HEAT KILLS 10

ROME — Italy counted at least 10 dead Saturday from a week-long heat wave. Temperatures reached 105 degrees Friday near Bologna.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pickens, formerly of Roseburg and recently of Whittier, Calif., have returned to Roseburg to make their home.

Mrs. Meta Long and daughter, Irah, are vacationing in Portland where they are the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith and sons, Chuck and Don, of this city are presently visiting relatives in Wyoming.

Joe Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Todd, has left for Ft. Ord, Calif., where he will enter recruit training for the six-months U.S. Army program.

Miss LaVaughn Stone returned Sunday from Medford where she has been visiting for a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien.

Mrs. C. E. (Margaret) Reese is working in the society department for the next two weeks, substituting for Mrs. John (Beverly) Brooke, who is on vacation.

Among those from Roseburg who enjoyed an outing July Fourth at coastal points were Darrell Maddox and Miss Charlotte Huff. They made stops at Empire, Charleston and Sunset Beach.

Miss Janice Ospald of Eugene returned home Sunday following a four-day visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ospald. The former attends beauty school in Eugene.

Barney McCarger, recently graduated from Roseburg High School, left last week for Ft. Ord, Calif., to enter recruit training for a six-months enlistment in the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen and son Roger, of Cottage Grove, spent July Fourth visiting here with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Shoemaker, and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fox and family visited here Sunday with relatives and friends. Accompanying them was Miss Barbara Nelson, of Roseburg who has been visiting with the family. The Foxes, who now make their home in Eugene, are former residents of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Todd, Pat, Robert, Bill and Jim visited in Medford over the weekend with Mrs. Todd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson. Sandra Todd, another of the Todd children, is spending part of the summer with her grandparents.

Karen Alley, 10 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alley of Roseburg, returned recently from a three week visit with her cousins at Orangevale, Calif. Among places she visited were the California state capitol and Sutter's Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larsen of Peoria, Ill., stopped by briefly here July Fourth to visit Mr. and Mrs. Parks Schneider of this city and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dryden of Peoria who are visiting at the Schneider home. The Larsens were en route to California following a tour of the Northwest.

No Safety Belt Satisfactory, Tests Reveal

LOS ANGELES — A seat belt that would save lives in high-speed head-on automobile collisions is yet to be devised, an accident research engineer said today.

That was his conclusion after a spectacular test in which a strong new type of restraining device was tried out.

The Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering of the University of California staged a head-on collision of two automobiles traveling 50 miles an hour yesterday at Terminal Island, Los Angeles Harbor.

The seat belt test was one of a number of experiments carried out as the 1956 model sedans — one a Nash, the other a Pontiac — smashed into each other in a jangle of grinding metal and shattering glass. Each car was occupied by a dummy driver and a dummy backseat passenger.

Derwyn M. Severy, project engineer, said the seat belts used were made to withstand 16,000 pounds of pressure.

After a quick examination of the battered interiors of the wrecked cars, Severy said: "There would have been no survivors in this accident."

AIRCRAFT PIONEER DIES

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Winfield Bertrum Kinner, pioneer aircraft designer and manufacturer, is dead at 74.

Kinner, who designed, built and learned to fly his own plane in 1919, died in a hospital Thursday. He established Kinner Aircraft Co., Glendale, in the 1920s and manufactured engines and small private planes of his own design. The first two planes used by Amelia Earhart, aviatrix lost in the Pacific, were built by Kinner.

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