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At the hearings held before the Senate and House committees it was made very plain that the greatest hold-up that is encountered by shippers on American railroads is the private-car man, the man who virtually controls the shipment of all perishable articles. His charges were shown to have been more unreasonable than any others, and it was pretty clearly established that this particular hold-up artist was not only dictating to the shippers, but to the railroads as well.

But these private-car people are wise. They realized the trend of public sentiment; they saw that they were "up against it" pretty hard, and they began to look around for a way out. As an instance, a case may be cited which was brought to notice by a press bureau article.

The Armourers, who were controlling the shipment of fruit from the South this season started an enormous quantity of ice for the South, shipping it in box cars, for want of refrigerators. Before the ice reached its destination, the point where it was to be used in icing the fruit, the crop gave out, and the company had several thousands of tons of ice on its hands, and nothing to do with it.

Being in box cars the ice could not be transhipped to some other point with profit; it could not be dumped on the local ice market, for at points where the cars happened to be, for those markets were already supplied, so the private-car people generously gave the ice to charitable institutions and to the Salvation Army, for distribution to the poor.

Of course it was a nice thing for the institutions and for the poor people; the incident sounds very charitable, but the ice had either to give it away or let it melt before they could get it to a point where they could use it in large quantities. In other words, they had to give what they could not possibly use. And yet, says the press bureau, "counting the freight, this ice was worth \$5 a ton, so the distribution cost the Armour Company about \$100,000."

If this were a pure act of charity, performed for charity's sake, the Armour Company would have remained silent; they would not have rushed to the press bureau to have the story given circulation. But they need sympathy; they need to break down public sentiment which is today very bitter against them, and they take this means.

There are many men in Congress determined to pass some sort of a rate bill which will put a check on the outrageous hold-ups of the Armour and other similar companies, even if they cannot pass a general rate bill. The railroads would be glad to see legislation of this sort, the public certainly does, since the Armour rates have a great influence on the price of many of the necessities, as well as the luxuries of life.

It is these rates which have been shown to affect nearly every man; these rates which contribute to the high cost of living that prevails today, and the Armour, hoping to smooth down public sentiment by nice little stories, are keeping their press bureau working overtime. But very little circulation is being given this matter.

GETS BULL RUN WATER

It Will Be Pumped Into the Mount Tabor Mains Today.

Mount Tabor and Montavilla people will get Bull Run water some time today, enough to relieve the intolerable situation the residents have been enduring for the past four weeks. J. M. Arthur, owner of the Mount Tabor water plant, after securing permission to take 50,000 gallons a day from the Mount Tabor reservoir, lost no time in starting work on a connecting pipe line, and his men were at work yesterday in order to expedite the connection.

The water taken from the Mount Tabor reservoir will be conducted by the main now being laid to the pumping station of the water company at Paradise Springs, on Hawthorne avenue, and from there pumped into the Mount Tabor water mains and reservoirs. Permission to take this water comes in the very nick of time to prevent a complete water famine affecting the entire district dependent on the Mount Tabor water works. The Paradise Springs are not throwing more than one-half as much water as in former years, for some reason, and last week were alarmingly low. The flow was so small that the pumps running at full capacity would suck the spring dry in a short time, and consequently had to be operated slowly. It was only by representing this situation to members of the water committee that the members consented to furnish this relief to the suffering people at Mount Tabor, as the committee heretofore steadily declined to allow Mr. Arthur to have water for his customers. However, this supply, 50,000 gallons a day, does not mean that people will be allowed water for irrigation, as there will not be enough for that, but there will be water for domestic uses in the homes of that district.

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Owners of the watercraft and houseboats along the Willamette River are decidedly opposed to bills being poured upon the waters of the stream, whether they are treated as ferries or as houseboats, for a good reason. The great company comes in for a good scoring in this connection, and to cap the climax, it is alleged that the Fulton shipyard recently had a bargain on the ways that burst its sides, permitted its cargo to saturate everything along the front, with the result that there are numerous prospects of litigation, not only on account of the amount of damage done to the craft, but one boatowner was required to pay for the dresses of two women, by reason of the garments coming into contact with the obnoxious fluid covering the surface of the water, and the proprietors are going to hold the boat-building corporation legally responsible for the disaster.

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PARTNER'S SON IS DYING

Crimes Are Committed After a Quarrel, in Which the Murderer Threatened to Leave the Tailoring Firm.

Marine Notes.

Launch Has Trial Trip.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

DEBT LEADS TO SHOOTING

CHARLES HANLIN KILLED BY TOM LITTLE IN IDAHO.

Creditor Presses His Claim With a Rifle and Is Shot in the Heart.

END OF MESSHOUSE SYSTEM

Gray's Harbor Company Employees Board at Hotel.

COSMOPOLIS, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The Gray's Harbor Commercial Company has generally become tired of the close town, to which the present administration is pledged and the granting of a renewal of a license to the proprietor of the dance hall is being considered.

HOQUIAM CITY COUNCIL GRANTS LICENSE TO FORMER PROPRIETOR.

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY LEVELS SHOW CALIFORNIA PEAK IS 14,502 FEET IN AIR.

has given new life and impetus to this town. The electric road company has the roadbed in shape for the ties and rails and the work of laying the iron will be started this week. About four miles of track will be built between Cosmopolis and Aberdeen and the roadbed will be the best so far constructed.

NEW WATER PLANT FOR COSMOPOLIS.

COSMOPOLIS, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Work has been started on a new system of waterworks by the Gray's Harbor Commercial Company by which the city will be supplied with good water. The old wooden pipes are to be taken up and replaced by iron pipe.

STEPS IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Joseph Bogdanovich, aged 35, unmarried, an employee of the Union Mill, was struck by a Northern Pacific passenger train this afternoon while he was walking on the tracks on the south side of the city, and fatally injured.

UNION FORESTS AFLAME

EVERY AVAILABLE MAN IN THE COUNTRY FIGHTING FIRE.

Greatest Damage Is Threatened in the Neighborhood of Elgin, Where Mills Are in Danger.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Word comes from Elgin that forest fires are raging in that vicinity, and that a large force of men is at work trying to check the fire and to protect and save property.

The most damaging fires are in the neighborhood north of Elgin. The sawmills belonging to the First National Bank, Galoway Bros. and the Elgin Lumber Company are in danger and the mill hands are working night and day to protect the mills and to arrest the progress of the flames.

Every available man in the county has been pressed into service. Thousands of acres of the best timber in this section are in danger.

There is no clue to the origin of the fires. Some think they are of incendiary origin, while others hold the theory that lightning was the cause.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The Salem grain company lost 100 bushels of grain in a threshing machine fire at the Penitentiary Farm last evening.

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