

U. S. PROMISES FUEL INQUIRY IN OREGON

Oregon and Washington, However, Must Name Accountants to Assist.

THREE EXPERTS MAY COME

Senator McNary, After Conference, Requests Governors to Co-operate With Federal Authorities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 18.—If the state of Oregon will co-operate with the Federal Trade Commission, and if like co-operation can be obtained from the state of Washington, a prompt and thorough Federal investigation will be made of the fuel situation in the Northwest to ascertain the causes for prevailing high prices and for existing or threatened shortages. Information will be gathered at the same time to enable Congress or the Federal Government to deal with the situation.

This assurance was received by Senator McNary today from the Trade Commission in reply to his recent recommendation that the Commission extend its coal and oil investigation into the Northwest, where the fuel situation is critical and growing worse.

Commission is Overburdened. Because of the President's orders to investigate food prices, and on account of the other investigations already ordered into the cost of government supplies, the Commission says it is overburdened with work and short of men, but it is ready and willing to send three of its fuel specialists to the Northwest to work with and direct the activities of state experts if the Governors of Oregon and Washington will detail a sufficient number of competent men to conduct the inquiry.

This plan recently was followed in Indiana with good results. That state detailed 18 accountants from the State Board, paying their salaries, while they received a status as Federal agents by being carried on the Trade Commission roll at \$1 per year.

Complete Data Gathered. In their temporary capacity as Federal investigators they had the same right to examine books, etc., as do the regular experts of the Trade Commission in the gathering of such information. They gathered complete data on the cost of production and distribution of coal from the mine to the consumer. Senator McNary today telegraphed Governor Withycombe inquiring if he can detail state accountants or other experts to co-operate with the representatives of the Trade Commission in making a thorough investigation of the Oregon fuel situation, and has asked Senators Jones and Poinsett to make a similar request of the Governor of Washington.

Investigation May Extend. If favorable replies are received Senator McNary will advise the Trade Commission and ask that three Federal experts be sent at once to the Northwest.

It is possible the investigation may have to be extended into California and Wyoming, as these states furnish much of the oil and coal entering the markets of the Northwest.

Captain Robert M. Bramlett, under orders of today, is relieved from duty as assistant to the depot quartermaster at Portland and ordered to American Lake as assistant to the constructing quartermaster. He will be succeeded at Portland by Captain Charles Steinhauer, whom he relieves at American Lake.

I. W. W. TROUBLE QUIETED

Governor Reports Situation All Over Oregon Clearer.

SALEM, Or., July 18.—(Special).—"The I. W. W. situation is quieting down nicely over the state and we hope that we are about to see the end of the trouble," stated Governor Withycombe today after hearing reports from a number of storm centers where that organization has been menacing peaceful conditions.

"Things are lined up well in Klamath County and I believe they are now in hand so that further trouble can be suppressed with the regular machinery of the law. The whole situation in all sections is much more favorable."

FLAGS TO BE GIVEN TROOP

Presentation to Be Made to New Unit Tonight at Armory.

A complete set of beautiful new flags will be presented to Troop B, the newly formed local military unit, at a patriotic rally to be held at the Armory tonight. These flags have been furnished by the fathers of the troop members and the formal ceremony will take place at 9 P. M.

All parents and relatives of the officers and enlisted men of the troop cordially invited to attend the presentation.

Troop B has been recruited to full war footing and is ready for service immediately.

SHIP PLANT SPLIT YET ON

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formation regarding his plans for requisitioning shipbuilding and sought fuller information concerning his proposal to build two shipyards for fabricating steel vessels. At tomorrow's conference the board is expected to try to ascertain General Goethals' attitude toward wooden ships, particularly those of a quick construction design of which General Goethals has disapproved.

Differences over the commandeering programme are confined largely, it is said, to the price to be paid for the ships and the amount of money to be used in speeding up their construction. General Goethals is understood to be willing to concede to Chairman Denman that British ships building in the United States would be taken over by the United States. The General's plan for building the Government ship plants probably will meet with little opposition from the board.

DIVISION OF COSTS OPPOSED

Denman Expects Wooden Ships to Pay for Construction.

NEW YORK, July 18.—In reply to a suggestion that the nations allied with the United States in the war assume a share in paying for wooden ships that will be virtually useless in trade service after the conclusion of peace, William Denman, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, expressed the opinion that the freight earnings of the wooden ships during the war would more than pay for their construction, according to correspondence made public here today.

The suggestion was made in a telegram sent to Mr. Denman by P. H. W. Ross, president of the National Marine League, an organization seeking to extend American commerce. If the United States builds wooden ships that will be useless to this country, solely to aid its allies, Mr. Ross said, "it is a fair proposition that our allies should relieve us of their pro-rata of the wooden ship wastage after the war."

OPERATING COST LOWER

EXPENSE OF CORPORATION BUREAU 7.7 PER CENT OF REVENUE.

Receipts for Fiscal Year Ended June 30 Are \$203,318, Showing Gain of \$14,212 Over Last Year.

SALEM, Or., July 18.—(Special).—Corporation Commissioner Schuiderman, in a statement issued yesterday, gave to the business of the corporation department, shows that for the year ended June 30 the operating expense of that department has been 7.7 per cent of the revenue received, which sets a new record in the cost of the administration of any department, the report declares.

"During the fiscal year July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915," says the report, "operating expenses of the corporation department amounted to \$19,961.77. The expenses for the following year, the first year of the present administration, were \$16,120.86, a saving of \$3,840.91. The expenses of the department for the year just ended, July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917, shows a further reduction to \$16,608.95, a saving of \$432.82 as compared with two years ago."

"During the first year, from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, the receipts were \$189,105.61; for the fiscal year July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916, the receipts amounted to \$193,306.76; and during the fiscal year of July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917, the receipts of the department were \$203,318.30. This comparison shows that the business of the department has increased \$14,212.69 during the past year over the same period two years ago."

CENT CARRIES MAGAZINE

EASY AND CHEAP WAY TO SEND READING MATTER TO FRONT.

Unwrapped and Unaddressed, Uncle Sam Will Carry Literature to Soldiers and Sailors.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Magazines and newspapers bearing 1-cent stamps hereafter may be posted, unwrapped and unaddressed by persons other than publishers and will be forwarded by postal authorities to American soldiers and sailors in Europe.

In announcing today plans for gathering reading matter conveying home news and fiction to the boys abroad, Postmaster-General Burleson suggested that magazines printed the following in the upper right-hand corner of their front covers:

"Notice to the reader: When you have finished reading this magazine, place a one-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employee and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers and sailors at the front. No wrapping—no address."

The publications will be carried under parcel post classification at one cent each, regardless of weight. A concentration station has been designated in each state for assembling of the reading matter.

STAGE DRIVER IS KILLED

Lee Damewood Thrown 30 Feet, Striking on His Head.

EUGENE, Or., July 18.—(Special).—Lee Damewood, stage driver, was instantly killed while on his run between Red Bridge and Bohemia, in Southern Lane County, Tuesday, according to word received in Eugene. His horses were frightened by a motorcycle which suddenly appeared from around a curve in the road and ran away. The stage struck a stump and Damewood was thrown about 30 feet, striking on his head.

He was 63 years of age and is survived by four children. The family resides with Mr. Damewood's brother, Joseph Damewood, at Red Bridge.

VROOMAN DUE TOMORROW

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture to Speak on Food.

Carl S. Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning at 8:40, and will be in the city throughout the day.

He will be in conference with the state agricultural agents from the various counties on the war plans for food conservation at 3 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock he will be the guest of the Chamber of Commerce at a dinner with representatives of the growers, packers, canners and other food handlers of the city.

The people of Portland will be addressed at a mass meeting at the Washington High School at 8 o'clock.

LABOREE HERD IS SOLD

Purchaser is Frank H. McCormack & Son, of Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 18.—(Special).—A livestock deal of more than ordinary importance was consummated here last Saturday, when the herd of thoroughbred Shorthorns owned by O. G. Laboree, of the Big country, were taken over by Frank H. McCormack and son, Eugene, of this city. Sixteen cows and six calves are in the herd.

The deal was made through J. B. Cornett, of Shedd, Or., who first purchased the herd and then sought a Klamath County buyer.

Mr. Laboree disposed of his herd on account of ill health.

New Minister of Marine Named.

ROME, July 18.—Vice-Admiral Delbono has been appointed Minister of the navy to succeed Vice-Admiral Arturo Triangi.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

DR. DALLAS will fit you with becoming eye glasses. No need to dread wearing glasses, for the proper eye glasses will improve your appearance as well as your sight! —Optical Department, Second Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

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INNOVATION trunks and worlds of other good luggage make their Portland home in the Sub-Basement. You'll find regulation United States Government trunks here marked just \$10. —Sub-Basement, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

From our 3d floor stocks we have gathered many Silk frocks specially priced at \$14.50



For quick disposal we have priced an exceptional lot of

HATS

For street or sports wear at

\$1.95

—The least expensive of them all was priced double \$1.95; others were priced three times and more! —Some are made all of ribbon, some of straw and others of satin, in black, colors and two-toned effects.

—Many women will buy two or three of them, so you will find it wise to come early for yours!

2d floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



Decorated china BERRY SETS

79c

—Consisting of a deep eight-inch bowl and six saucers. There are a number of good designs to choose from in the lot. Of course, they're specially priced, too.

Sixth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



Hand-engraved glass WATER SETS

95c

—They've been specially priced for just such warm days as these! The pitcher is tankard style, three-pint size, and there are six thin blown tumblers to match.

Sixth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

—There are models for street and for afternoon wear; fashioned of soft shimmery taffetas, crepe de chine, pongees, and, too, there are many lovely combinations of Georgette and taffeta and of crepe de chine and Georgette. All of the season's best color tones are shown in all sizes!

Third floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

A timely offering! SILK SKIRTS

\$5.95

—If you haven't a silk skirt, your Summer wardrobe is not complete these days! Such skirts as these could scarcely be duplicated for so little as \$5.95, even if you counted only the cost of the silk and left out the making of them. And if you'll notice their shirings, pockets and belts, you'll agree that there's no small degree of art in the way they're made! They're of novelty silks and black taffetas.

Third floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Lace and embroidery flounced Muslin PETTICOATS, special \$1.49

—They're of fine, snow-white muslins, all cut generously wide, as Fashion demands, and there are eight different kinds of flounces, lace and embroidery bedecked, and all have under ruffles.

Fourth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Today only! A sensational sale of NIGHT DRESSES AT 69c

—We've given them this low price because many of them have become soiled from handling and from being on display, but one trip to the laundry will make them fresh and crisp and new as can be.

—They're of long-cloths and dimities; many pretty lace and embroidery trimmed styles. All sizes.

—They're not apt to last all day at 69c!

Fourth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Sale today only! An extraordinary lot of House dresses to sell for 98c

—They're far and away the best house dress values we've seen in many a long day! They're fashioned of splendid, washable ginghams and percales and chambrays in many attractive stripes and plaids, and plain colors, too.

—Many neat, homey styles that you'll like. Sizes 36 to 46.

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One day sale of pretty Colonial RAG RUGS

\$1.29

—They lend several degrees of coolness to the looks of a room, these charmingly bordered rugs in yellow, pink, blue or green. Size 30x60 inches and size 24x54 inches, and you save largely by buying them at today's special price—\$1.29.

Fifth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

One to each customer Carpet Sweepers 98c

—They're so very special at 98c that we've decided to sell only one to each customer so they'll last as long as possible. They sweep as well as many an expensive sweeper! No phone orders!

Fifth floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

TOWELS

—Thousands of them have been assembled for a big Thursday event!

—They've been priced so low that many women will deem it wise economy to supply the household's needs for months and months to come!

—At the prices we've given them these towels are less than we could buy them for today! All sizes, all kinds, grouped into price lots as follows:

18c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 75c and more.

Second floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

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'DEATH' IS REQUEST

Fickert Makes Dramatic Plea Against Mrs. Mooney.

PROSECUTION IS BITTER

Maxwell McNutt to Deliver Opening Address for Defense and Case Is Expected to Go to Jury by Saturday.

SAFETY VALVE. In a plea characterizing Mrs. Mooney as a "mad woman," Fickert declared Mrs. Mooney gave orders to Warren K. Billings, now under sentence of life imprisonment for one of the bomb murders, to proceed to the scene of the explosion and "kill women and children first."

Billings was alleged to have placed the bomb which the state contended was contained in a suitcase.

Fickert asked the jury to "cast away all the maudlin sentimentalities that have been indulged in because the defendant is a woman."

"It is important that the death penalty of anarchy be issued out of this court," said Fickert. "The defendant is not only condemned by the testimony of scores of disinterested witnesses, but she is damned by the writings of the conspirators found in her possession."

Fickert said he would conclude his opening address in an hour tomorrow morning.

Maxwell McNutt will deliver the

opening address for the defense, it was announced today. It was expected the case would go to the jury by Saturday.

Death Sentences Commuted.

HAVANA, July 18.—President Menocal has signed a decree commuting to life imprisonment the death sentences passed by a military tribunal on Colonel Quinones, Captain Izquierdo and Lieutenants Calzadilla and Roldos. The men were convicted of sedition and rebellion in connection with the recent uprising in Cuba.

Moros to Form Full Regiment.

MANILA, July 18.—Plans are under way for the formation of a full regiment of Moros in the hope that eventually it will be attached to the American expeditionary force in France.

Dried Fruit in Prize Court.

LONDON, July 18.—In the prize court today the Attorney-General asked for the condemnation of some 1300 tons of dried fruits from New York and San Francisco, seized on the steamers San Francisco and Pacific, consigned to the Swedish Viceroying Commission, a government department, but alleged to be intended for export to Germany.

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