

INSURANCE RATE IS LOWERED BY STATE

Fire Eliminated From Builders' Risk in Shipping Industry as Patriotic Step.

OREGON OFFICIAL ANSWERS

Action Taken After Controversy With W. H. LaBoyetaux, Chairman of Insurance Department Emergency Shipping Board.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—As the culmination of spirited communications between the Insurance Commissioner Wells and W. H. LaBoyetaux, of New York, chairman of the insurance committee of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, as to Mr. LaBoyetaux's plan to sell builders' risks on shipbuilding directly to home offices by deducting the agents' commissions, Insurance Commissioner Wells announced today that as a patriotic move he has annulled all fire rates upon builders' risks, giving the companies the privilege of writing business at the lowest rate possible.

He telegraphed Mr. LaBoyetaux as follows: "Telegram you received was sent at request of shipbuilders of this state. They are satisfied with the rate they had before you took charge. Letters received today from 12 authorized companies transacting marine business in this state say that you have made no proposition regarding a lower rate for builders' risks."

Four telegrams plainly show that you resent this office communicating with our Congressional representatives and insurance companies. Your telegram is not clearly understood. If intended for publication as a personal play I am not interested. If intended as far as Oregon is concerned negotiations have been discontinued, but can be continued if I will not enforce the law. May I inquire what authority you have to order negotiations discontinued? I am also advised that you are having the same controversy in other states. As Oregon is first in all patriotic moves, we have this day annulled all fire rates upon builders' risks, giving the companies the privilege of writing this business at the lowest rate possible. Will you kindly co-operate by advising the underwriters of your city that they are at liberty to quote any reasonable rate? If the rate they quote is in excess of the rate I intend to expect your co-operation in securing a like rate."

Mr. Wells said today it was understood the marine rates are made by the Hull Underwriters, of New York, all matters of importance being placed before a committee, and final throughout the United States.

Controversy Has Been Long. The controversy over the marine rates has been raging for some time. Insurance Commissioner Wells protesting against a plan suggested by Mr. LaBoyetaux to go direct to the companies' risk, giving the companies the right to annul the agents of commissions.

Mr. LaBoyetaux sent a strong telegram to the Insurance Commissioner the latter part of the week in which he intimated that the Commissioner was making a point of not allowing the insurance companies to grant a considerable reduction in rates before Mr. Wells interposed.

Mr. Wells had circularized the insurance companies and received replies from 12 of them in which they stated they had never been approached as to the matter by the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the great majority of them declared they were not interested in their insurance was written through the regular resident agents.

BLACKBERRY PRICE RAISED

Appeal Made for Fruit to Make Jam for Soldiers.

SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Canners throughout the valley are making an appeal for evergreen blackberries, which will go into the manufacture of jams for the soldiers.

The appeal has been made locally by Roy Graves, Sheridan manufacturer, for four tons. He has raised the price to 4 cents a pound for all berries f. o. b. Sheridan Fruitgrowers' Cannery.

Failure to get all the berries he wanted has caused him to turn down \$100,000 in orders, he declares. The evergreen blackberry is little cultivated in the valley, but attains a luxuriant growth in the wilds of the hills. It is a native berry. The demand for it is far beyond the supply.

CHILD MOTORCYCLE VICTIM

Eight-Year-Old Isabella Gray Has Skull Fractured.

Isabella Gray, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray, of 787 Holgate street, suffered a fracture of the skull when she was knocked to the pavement by a motorcycle ridden by L. A. Axtel, at East Twenty-sixth and Division streets yesterday.

According to several witnesses who appeared before Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the Safety-First Commission, a short time after the accident, the little girl had been playing on the running-board of an automobile and jumped directly in front of the motorcycle. She is at St. Vincent's Hospital.

WHALE MEAT TO GO EAST

Cold-Storage Plant at Aberdeen Station Will Conserve Product.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—With its new cold storage plant completed the Bay City whaling station is now in a position to vend whale meat to the people of the Atlantic Coast. Every whale produces approximately seven tons of pure meat, in which there is neither bone nor gristle, or an amount of meat equal to that gained from 35 steers.

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DEICH MAJOR OF GUARD

Officers of Battalion, Now Forming, UNANIMOUS IN CHOICE.

Veterans of Spanish-American War Are Rapidly Perfecting Military Organization for Home Service.

Officers of the Oregon Home Guard, of which three companies were recently organized in Portland, met yesterday and unanimously elected Richard Deich Major of the battalion now being formed.

As his staff Major Deich has appointed Dr. H. M. Patton to be Captain and examining surgeon; R. H. Sawyer, Captain and Quartermaster; W. C. North, Captain and Adjutant.

At the time of his election the new commander was Captain of Company B. He is temporarily succeeded by First Lieutenant R. M. Doherty. Captain L. E. Beach commands Company A, and Captain M. H. Dukes Company C.

Members of the Oregon Home Guard are veterans of the Spanish-American war, and their extensive service will result in a perfect military organization almost from the beginning of the war. The blue uniform has been adopted.

Major Deich served in the United States regular Army in Alaska, and was with the Second Oregon Infantry in the Philippines campaign, where he received mention for conspicuous bravery. At the close of the war he was for 10 years an officer of the Oregon National Guard.

LEAUG FIRE IS FOUGHT

FORCE OF 50 BUSHY IN BOOTH-KELLY HOLDINGS.

No Damage Done So Far and Unless Wind Rises Control Is Expected by Today.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—A fire which swept over 200 acres of old cuttings and burns at a point about three-fourths of a mile above Leaug on the south side of the McKean River today was vigorously combated by a force of 50 men in the employ of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company.

M. Skinner, fire warden for the Booth-Kelly Company, announced that a few trees had been destroyed, but that the men so far had succeeded in keeping the fire away from the green timber. Unless the wind comes up, the chances are good to have the fire under control by tomorrow, he reported.

Ten fires in the Upper McKenzie region have been discovered within the last three days. The Leaug fire is the only one of these of serious concern. It borders on an immense acreage of timber.

R. S. LOVETT IS APPOINTED

Head of Union Pacific to Settle Priority of Shipments.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Appointment of Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific, to administer the priority transportation law, was announced late today at the White House.

Judge Lovett's first official act was to order that all the coal, Erie ports, serving bituminous mines and lake-shiping companies, give preference to shipments of coal.

FIGHTING MEN RELEASED

England Trains Women and Old Men for "Indispensable" Places.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Utilization of men too old for military service and the training of women to be efficient have enabled the British government to release for enlistment in the ranks vast numbers of men formerly thought industrially indispensable, according to Brigadier-General William A. White, head of the British recruiting in the United States, who spoke today at a Commercial Club luncheon here.

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LONDON, Aug. 20.—Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade and Under-Secretary for foreign affairs, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the entente allied Governments would confer before replying to the Pope's peace proposals.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Lord Cecil's statement in the British parliament today that the entente government would hold a conference before replying to Pope Benedict's peace proposals is understood at the State Department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premiers or foreign ministers for a formal conference.

So far there has been no occasion for the State Department to join in any of the several conferences which have been held in the capitals of the entente nations during the war. This attitude is understood to have been due to the conviction that so far these conferences have had to do with strictly European issues.

No such limitation applies to the Pope's peace proposals, of course, as these touch interests vital to the United States. It is believed, however, that the necessary measure of co-operation between the nations at war with Germany can be secured through cable exchanges and conferences between the diplomatic representatives and foreign secretaries at the different capitals.

It was said today that these exchanges would begin very soon. Strong objection is made at present by officials of the Administration to attempts on the part of the press to forecast the nature of reply that will be made by President Wilson. But it is not denied that nothing has been presented to the Pope to warrant the expectation that there will be any change in the attitude taken by the President in his previous utterances on the subject of peace and the conditions that must be met to secure it.

SALEM TAKEN BY STORM

SEVENTY-FIVE MOTOR DEALERS OF PORTLAND SEE CAPITAL.

Big Feature of Day Is Banquet at Hotel Marion—Hearts of Salemites Are Captured by Yell.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—About 75 members of the Motor Dealers' Association of Portland took Salem by storm today and Salem enjoyed every minute of the time as much as did the visitors, who left at 4 o'clock this afternoon to receive another royal greeting at Albany tonight.

The big feature of the day was a banquet at the Hotel Marion, at which F. G. Deckebach, of Salem, was toastmaster. G. E. Halvorson, of Burns & Halvorson, Salem, welcomed the visitors, and A. H. Averill, of Portland, responded. Addresses were made briefly by Howard Covey and Dr. Alan Welch Smith, of Portland.

Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, of Salem, and Albert S. Brown, of the Royal Rosarian quartet, sang, each responding to a number of encores. "Visits to the State Capitol and state institutions were the part of the day's programme. The visitors captured the hearts of Salemites with the following improvised yell:

Do we like Salem? You bet we do. Did she show us a good time? You bet she did. Do we like Marion County dust? No! No! Will motor dealers help her out? You bet why? Because we like Salem.

THREE ESCAPE AT KALAMA

Lock of Jail Door Is Filed and Way to Freedom Opened.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Emmit Erway, of LaDu; John Hudson, of Carrolls, and Dean Stock, who were confined in the county jail at Kalama, broke out some time early this morning and are still at large. The men obtained a caseknife and

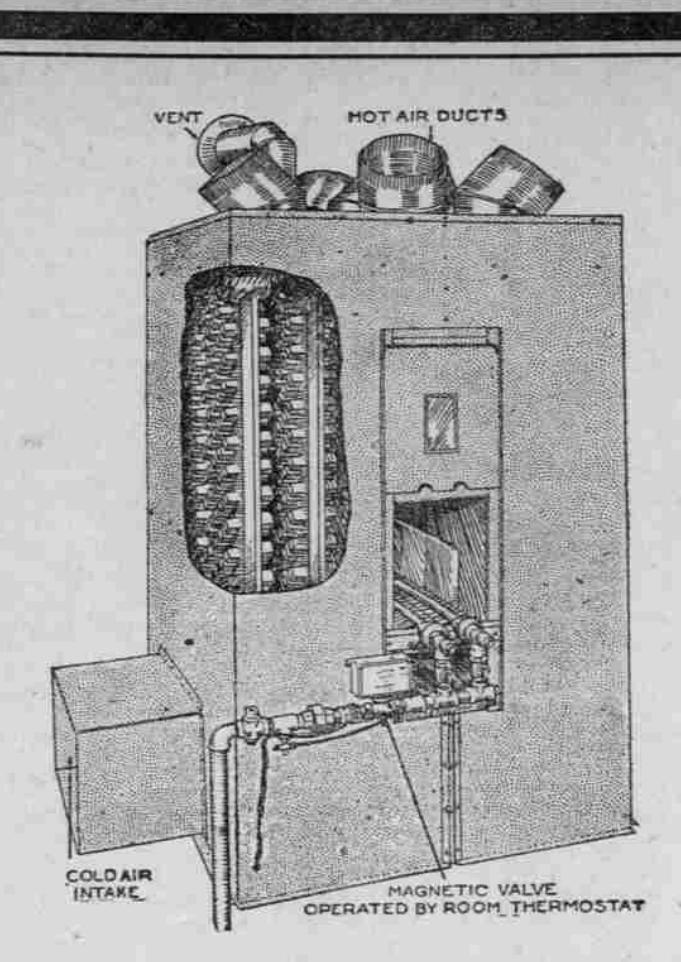
Ban Asked on German Insurance.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Richard M. Hurd, chairman of the board of trustees of the American Defense Society, has written President Wilson asking him to extend the terms of his proclamation barring Germans from the

EXPLOSIONS KILL FOUR

Blasting Powder "Lets Go" in Plant Near Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20.—Three explosions along what is called the "powder line," a series of small detached buildings at a powder plant at King Mills, today caused four deaths and injured two workmen. The main buildings of the plant were not harmed. A large amount of blasting powder let go.



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8-HOUR DAY IS URGED

WASHINGTON DEFENSE COUNCIL PETITIONS CONGRESS.

General Law Asked on Ground That Industry Would Suffer if One State Took Stand.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—The State Council of Defense, at a meeting here today presided over by Dr. Henry Suzzallo, adopted a resolution calling upon Congress to establish a national eight-hour day in the lumber industry. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, The lumber industry of the state of Washington is tied up, strikes of labor demanding an eight-hour day as the standard of labor in this industry; and

"Whereas, The lumber operators maintain and at a recent hearing have offered strong evidence to the council to prove that it would be impossible for this state to go upon this basis while other parts of the country, particularly the Southern pine industry, with which the lumber of this district has to compete, is working upon a 10 or 11-hour standard, without the permanent paralysis of this most important industry in our state.

"Resolved, That this council urges upon Congress of the United States that it enact a law providing for a universal eight-hour standard of labor in

Belgians Visit Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Members of the Belgian mission, headed by Baron Moncheur, were guests of the city today for several hours. They planned to leave for New York tonight.

New Hair Remover in Demand, Say Druggists

Since the virtues of plectaline as a hair remover became generally known, druggists in this country have been having a really extraordinary demand for this remarkable product. The fact that it actually removes the roots—before one's very eyes—as well as the surface hairs, is of course mainly responsible for its large and increasing sale. The new method is not to be compared at all with the usual depilatory, electrical or other processes. It is entirely safe, non-irritating, non-painful, odorless—and instantaneous! A stick of plectaline, used in accordance with the simple instructions which accompany it, can be purchased anywhere on a money-back basis, so certain is it to satisfy and delight the user.—Adv.

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