

COMPANY IS DOING ITS BEST-GRIFFITH

Every Effort Made to Meet Traffic Requirements, Executive Says.

COMMISSION IS ASSURED

Street Railway Conditions in Portland Materially Different From Those of Year Ago, Due Mainly to War Industries.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, today assured the Public Service Commission that his company is making every effort to meet complaints regarding service and that the company is conducting investigations with a view to improving service on its own account.

"Under normal conditions we have always experienced a falling off in traffic immediately following the Christmas holidays, and as has been our usual experience we are finding that in January and February of this year we are transporting a less number of passengers on our cars than were being transported in December last."

"The acute congestion occurs during the hour immediately preceding the usual time for beginning work in the yards and factories and during the hour immediately following quitting time. If the investigation now being made by your examiners verifies the statements here we should greatly appreciate it if in the interest of service and the convenience of our passengers you would exert such influence as you may to aid us in securing a better distribution of rush hour loads by inducing employers and employees in the larger industries to slightly change their working hours."

Date Set for Hearing. A statement accompanying the letter shows that the number of passengers carried daily for the week ending January 12, 1918, and the week ending February 9, 1918, shows that a greater number was carried in the first period than in the latter period, notwithstanding the fact that during the latter period the company was operating a materially increased service.

Camp Lewis Notes. CAMP LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 15.—The censorship lid was clamped down tight at Camp Lewis today by Brigadier-General Frederick S. Foltz, commanding the Ninety-first Division. Newspaper correspondents making their customary call at the public office and divisional headquarters were informed that they were exceeding their privileges in calling in these offices.

TUSCANIA LIST CHANGED. NAMES OF 52 KNOWN DEAD REACH WASHINGTON. Dispatch Gives Additional Data Relative to Victims That Were Buried on Scottish Coast. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Eighty-two names of known dead among the American soldiers who were on board the torpedoed liner Tuscania were received cable tonight at the War Department.

Based on Cost Per Tablet. It Saves 9 1/2c. HILLS QUININE CASCARA TABLETS. No advance in price for this 25-year-old remedy—25c for 24 tablets—Some cold tablets now for 11 tablets only. Figured on proportionate cost per tablet, you save 9 1/2c when you buy Hills' Quinine Tablets.

WHEN CHILDREN CRY OUT. And are feverish and don't sleep well, are constipated and have symptoms of worms, mothers will find quick relief in children's Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. The standard remedy for 30 years. They are easy to give and children like them. Cleanse the stomach, act gently on the bowels and break up indigestion, headaches and teething disorders. We have 10,000 testimonials. Ask your druggist and be sure to get Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, 25c.—Adv.

BEAT BELIEU SHOT BY POSTMISTRESS

Mrs. Mona Parr Fires Weapon When House Is Stormed With Bottles.

WOUND IS NOT SERIOUS

Woman Official Declares Rifle Was Discharged Accidentally and Not With Intention of Injuring Belieu or Associates.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special).—A bullet fired from a 22-caliber rifle by Mrs. Mona M. Parr, postmistress at Crabtree, wounded Bert O. Belieu, of Lebanon, at Crabtree, shortly before 12 o'clock last night. The bullet struck Belieu in the right knee and lodged in his leg.

Belieu had driven a jitney bus load of persons to a dance at Crabtree and was standing beside his car in front of the postoffice at the time. Mrs. Parr says that earlier in the evening some young men had been annoying her by throwing rocks against the house and carousing on the porch of the postoffice building in which she and her husband, E. E. Parr, reside.

When she heard some persons on the porch she went to the door, rifle in hand, to order them away. Some one threw a bottle against the house and she discharged the rifle accidentally and did not see Belieu, who had taken no part in the disturbance.

Mrs. Parr declares she had been bothered by persons on similar occasions. The bottle thrown against the house had contained vanilla extract. Empty bottles of the same kind found in Crabtree this morning indicate that some of the young men there had been drinking.

Mrs. Parr will present the case to the grand jury. They are satisfied Mrs. Parr will be here if an investigation warrants her prosecution and no arrest has been made.

AUTO SPEEDER IS FINED

W. H. Dempster Pays Out \$15 as Result of Reckless Driving.

When W. H. Dempster, an employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, dashed up Fourth street in his automobile at a speed estimated at 28 miles an hour and attempted to turn the corner into Washington street, Thursday, his car almost overturned, according to a report of Police Ertz, who witnessed the act. As a result, in Municipal Court yesterday he was fined \$15.

HURLEY DEFIES STRIKERS

Hutchinson Cites Agreement. Hutchison, in declining to ask the strikers to return to work, called Chairman Hurley's attention to a proposed agreement he submitted February 7 for an adjustment of the situation and declared he had done his utmost to prevent the men from quitting work.

DATE SET FOR HEARING

Shipping Board officials said tonight the agreement was not accepted because it did not provide for settlement of difficulties by the adjustment board and because it contemplated a closed shop agreement.

SETTLEMENTS PROVIDED FOR

"On August 29 last a board was established composed of a representative of the Navy Department and emergency fleet corporation, a representative of organized labor appointed by Samuel Gompers and the chairman of the board appointed by the President of the United States, to which all disputes as to wages, hours and conditions of employment should be submitted for settlement.

FOUR ACCIDENTS FATAL

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Four fatal accidents out of a total of 488 were reported to the Industrial Accident Commission for the week ending February 14, inclusive. The fatal accidents were Carl Bruhas, Portland, steel worker; Frank Webster, Enterprise, sawmill worker; M. S. Ross, Portland, Portland, conductor.

SEATTLE MINISTER DIES AT 67

J. MacMurray, 67, pastor of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church of Seattle, died last night. Rev. Mr. MacMurray was the author of several books of poems and essays.

ment officials, returned tonight and attempted to address a meeting of the striking shipyard workers they refused to listen and forcibly ejected him. Mr. Ferguson, although having no direct connection with the ship carpenters' and joiners' union, expressed the belief tonight that the strike would be terminated by Monday and that the men would yield to the Government appeals.

Leaders Well Disposed. It was apparent tonight that leaders of other labor unions were trying to placate the radical element among the strikers and induce them to return to work and trust the Government to do the fair thing by them.

In all about 1100 men are out in the carpenters', joiners' and calkers' branches of the industry. William L. Hutchison was expected from Washington during the day. The men seemed anxious to hear directly from the head of their union. While some of the strikers were in a defiant mood, others, including several of the local leaders, seemed hopeful that the trouble will be satisfactorily adjusted by the Government.

Permission to address the striking ship carpenters was refused by the men this morning to Rev. Charles A. Eaton, of New York, who is touring the shipyards of the East in behalf of the Shipping Board, making patriotic addresses to the workers. Dr. Eaton was told that if he wanted to make a speech, "to go to Washington and make it."

HENS WORK DOUBLE SHIFT

Peirce's Record-Breaking Orpingtons Lay Day and Night.

Hens that lay two eggs a day, or rather one egg at night and one during the day, have been "invented," or bred, by Fred Peirce, of 535 Cora street, license collector for the city. He was awakened a couple of nights ago by hens cackling, and suspecting intruders, rushed out and found that two hens had laid eggs, which were still warm, and the hens were still cackling. It was 1:30 A. M. Between 2:30 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the same day the hens each laid again. They are White Orpingtons.

ACTION ON BILL WITHHELD

Coos Bay Wagon Grant Bill to Wait Until State Makes Showing.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Further word as to the progress of the Coos Bay wagon grant bill in Congress was received by Attorney-General Brown today in a letter from Representative Hawley, who stated that the sub-committee has agreed to withhold further action on the bill until the state makes its showing.

Mr. Hawley writes that, all told, the state and counties will receive about \$500,000 from the measure if it goes through in its original form. A representative of the Department of Justice is coming West to confer with the Governor and Attorney-General on the matter, and Mr. Hawley is confident, if a proper showing is made, all of the money may be saved for the state.

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Put Your Boys in These Norfolk Suits for \$5 with extra "knicks"

—Really good suits are these, at a mighty low price—just the clothes for the boys to wear through the remainder of the school year, and then during vacation. There are a number of patterns from which you can choose.

—You will see here many other lines of Norfolk suits for boys, ranging in price from \$6.50 to \$20—tweed, cheviot and novelty weaves in attractive patterns.

—For the smaller boys there are novelty and military suits in a most pleasing array of styles and patterns; they are priced quite moderately at \$5 to \$12.50.

Overcoats! Overcoats!

Boys' Overcoats \$6.50 to \$15 Children's Overcoats \$5 to \$15

Caps, Hats, Sweaters, Underwear and Furnishings for Boys.

Second Floor—Elevator

Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth



At the Lincoln Club banquet Tuesday night a letter from the late Senator Charles Fulton was read accepting an invitation to speak at the banquet if a motion that the club send a letter of condolence to the Fulton family and the press of the state. This was carried unanimously.

President Wilson's Words Awakening Teuton Masses

Countless scraps of paper, bearing in German, Polish, Czech, and Slav the words of the far-off American President, are being furtively passed from hand to hand along the German and Austrian battle-lines and through the mines and factories of the Central Empires. The despised and ridiculed Bolsheviks, according to U. S. Senator Stone, are printing and sending into Mitteleuropa these American messages of sympathy for the Teutonic peoples under the autocratic yoke, and the circulation of these tracts may have had its part in rousing the Austrian and German peoples to the brief protest of the strikes of a few days ago.

Other topics of wide public interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

- Germany's Under-Sea "Frightfulness" a Failure
A Careful Summing-up of von Tirpitz's Submarine Campaign During the Year 1917
Canada's New Naturalization Law
Workers to Rule the World
German Idea of President Wilson's "Infamous Designs"
How to Test Your Intelligence
The Briquet As a Coal Saver
Cook Your Bananas
Raising Crops to Win the War
Where Our Rare Books Come From
Adult and Juvenile Delinquency
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Every day that passes discloses more and more clearly the fact that the war in which the democracies of the world are engaged is a peoples' war, that it is being fought out not for the benefit of the classes but of the masses, that a new birth of freedom may come to the world with its ending. For this reason it is absolutely obligatory for every thinking man and woman, upon whom in the aggregate the destinies of this nation depend, to make certain of accurate and unbiased knowledge of what is being done, at the front and in the thousand coordinated energies now set on foot at home.

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