

LUMBER INDUSTRY ON 8-HOUR BASIS

Colonel Disque Praises Operators for Action Which Is Effective Today.

SPRUCE OUTPUT GROWS

Shipment of Airplane Stock During February Greater Than Ever Before and Increase Is Expected to Be Steady Now.

The basic eight-hour day will go into effect today throughout the lumber industry of the Northwest, in accordance with the decision of logging and mill operators reached in conference in Portland Wednesday night.

Genuine optimism yesterday characterized the utterances of Colonel Bruce P. Disque, commanding the United States Signal Corps spruce production division.

The Northwest has placed itself in position to play the extremely important part assigned to it in the Nation's war programme with gratifying teamwork and efficiency, believes Colonel Disque, whose is the responsibility for success or failure of this programme.

Operators Get Credit. Colonel Disque directly denied the impression naturally following from the fact that he had just returned from Washington, that inauguration of the shorter working day was urged from the National capital. He declared, on the contrary, that he had returned with the expectation that the prevailing working arrangements would be continued, and insisted that the operators themselves have full credit for conceding the change.

The unexpected outcome of the operators' conference was explained in this statement of Colonel Disque: "I wish it thoroughly understood that the action taken at the conference with the lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest in this city yesterday, when the question of a basic eight-hour day was determined, was in no way compulsory but entirely voluntary on the part of the operators."

"Although I have always been a believer in the basic eight-hour day, I did not expect we would come to it in the lumber industry at this time and I did not know until after my return from Washington that such action would be taken."

All-Day Conference Held. "Upon my return yesterday I found assembled in Portland approximately 50 representatives of the lumber industry and I found that they had unanimously placed the matter of hours of work in my hands and after an all-day conference, in which every phase of the question was discussed, I came to the decision that I should immediately adopt the basic eight-hour day."

"When the conference closed last night at midnight I was thoroughly convinced that those lumbermen who have strongly opposed the idea of establishing a basic eight-hour day were prepared to return to their industries and enter into the new arrangement with the heartiest co-operation."

"The entire lumber industry is now thoroughly united in a determined effort to aid the Government in winning the war and the action taken yesterday is a fine and conclusive proof of the high and patriotic attitude of the principals of this great and all-important industry."

Spence Shipments Increase. "The Government is taking over the actual management of the spruce or fir industry and it is not now, and possibly never will be, necessary to take such action. Our shipments of spruce in February were the greatest that have ever been made, with every promise of a rapidly increasing amount during the coming months."

I believe now that there can be no differences between the employers and employees of any importance, and I am confident that the minor differences which will arise from time to time in the industry are going to be met fairly by both sides, and I am satisfied that the lumber industry on this day on will be one which the Government can depend upon for the maximum and uninterrupted production throughout the period of the war."

Another Conference Arranged. For another important conference Monday, which is confidently hoped will align the timber and millmen for fullest co-operation in the war production programme, Colonel Disque has called the secretaries of all local branches of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. There are now about 400

of these locals, and it is expected that a large proportion of the secretaries will appear for the meeting. It will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, this privilege having been extended yesterday by Mayor Baker.

CALIFORNIA FOLLOWS OREGON

Four Thousand Redwood Loggers Go on Eight-Hour Basis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—An eight-hour working day with the same scale of wages as prevailed for 10 hours will become effective tomorrow for more than 4000 employees in the Humboldt County redwood forests through concerted action taken today by the several companies represented in the district.

The decision, reached at a meeting in the office of the Hammond Lumber Company here, was practically unanimous. Only three of the smaller mill-operating companies in the district are to be heard from.

A. B. Hammond, president of the Hammond Lumber Company, said it was practically certain that these companies would agree to the plan.

Hammond said also that the mill operators in Mendocino County were expected to take like action in time to permit the eight-hour working day going into effect there also tomorrow.

Although lumber production will be reduced 20 per cent as the result of the change to shorter working day, Mr. Hammond said clauses in the contract with the Government provided for an increase in the price for lumber when the cost of production was increased, consequently the operators would not suffer financial loss.

HOUSE ADOPTS BILL FOR RAIL CONTROL

Measure, Already Passed by Senate, Will Not Go to Conference.

FEW POINTS UNSETTLED

Time of Return of Roads to Owners and Final Authority to Fix Rates Remain Subject for Joint Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The bill to govern Federal operation of railroads was passed by the House tonight by a vote of 337 to 6.

Two Democrats and four Republicans voted against the measure when the final test came. They were Thomas, Kentucky, and Gordon, Ohio, Democrats; and Chandler, Oklahoma; Denison, Illinois; Haugen, Iowa, and Ramsey, Iowa, Republicans.

The Senate previously had passed the bill, which now goes to conference for settlement of differences between the two houses.

The House bill provides for the return of the roads to their owners two years after the war ends instead of in 18 months as the Senate draft proposed, and the House measure vests final rate-fixing authority on the President, while the Senate would leave this power to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

These two sections of the bill caused spirited contests in the House today. Opponents of these features won momentary victories when the bill was discussed in the committee of the whole, but on final vote proponents marshaled their forces, mostly on the Democratic side, and succeeded in putting through the bill with these features intact as framed by the committee.

Sweet Amendment Defeated. An amendment by Representative Sweet of Iowa, giving the rate-making power to the Interstate Commerce Commission, was adopted in committee of the whole, but when the amendment came to the full strength for the amendment, it was defeated, 165 to 211.

In the committee of the whole an amendment by Representative Egan of Wisconsin, to limit tenure after the war to one year was adopted, 246 to 166, but the amendment was thrown out on final passage, 205 to 166.

The Senate and House leaders believe the conference will be able to reach a speedy agreement on the disputed sections.

Administration officials have urged prompt action on this bill, saying the finance corporation bill so the way may be cleared for the third liberty loan, and it was expected efforts for quick action would not cease until final passage in both houses.

House Provision More Elastic. The Senate bill definitely provides that the basic rate of compensation shall be a just return on the average net operating income for the three-year period ending June 30, 1917, but the House bill is a little more elastic.

The House adopted an amendment which would give the President discretionary power to take into consideration money spent for improvements by the roads between June 30 and September 30, 1917, the day they were taken over.

The Senate defeated an amendment specifically excluding such expenditures should be included.

Many House members view their amendment as a compromise and think it will be adopted by the conference.

FINANCE BILL DEBATE ENDS

Senate Gives President Wilson Power to Name Corporation Directors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senate debate on the Administration bill to establish a war finance corporation with resources of \$4,500,000,000 to aid war industries and power to veto non-essential financing virtually was concluded today and consideration of the finance committee's amendments begun.

Without discussion, the Senate adopted an amendment giving President Wilson instead of Secretary McAdoo power to appoint the four directors of the corporation.

Tomorrow several contested amendments are to be considered, but leaders were confident the bill would be passed before adjournment.

Scholars Thomas of Colorado and Hollis of New Hampshire, Democrats, criticized the measure, but, conceding its necessity during the war, promised to vote for it.

Senator Hollis said the measure is both "highly socialist" and a capitalist measure and he proposed amendments prohibiting bankers from being directors of the corporation and also to eliminate the clause giving the corporation power to issue \$4,000,000,000 in bonds. They went over until tomorrow.

Warning against inflation was given by Senator Thomas, who is a member of the finance committee. In the course of his remarks he criticized the new war tax bill and announced his opposition to higher taxation during the war.

food from December 15, 1917, to January 15, 1918, made a total of 25 per cent which the cost of living advanced in the year ended on the later date.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics today announced that the 11 of 15 standard articles increased in price from December to January, the greatest advance being 8 per cent in hens. Flour decreased 2 per cent and lard, bacon and cornmeal 1 per cent each.

In the 12 months from January, 1917, to January, 1918, potatoes alone registered a decline in price, being 18 per cent cheaper. Cornmeal advanced 77 per cent, bacon 64, lard 53, milk 35, hens 29, butter 25, eggs 23, sugar 15 and flour 17.

George W. Lawrence, president of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, was put in charge by the Post Administration today of the distribution of all coffee in the United States. He will see that imports are apportioned properly among the traders.

Porkless Saturdays are effecting vast savings of pork. Pork holdings of all classes increased during January, the department of justice has reported. Large stocks increased about 10 per cent. Frozen beef in storage and cured beef holdings also increased.

MARION IS PREPARING

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE LINES UP FORCE FOR DRIVE.

Chairman Deckebach Names Lieutenants in Cities Throughout County to Prosecute Campaign.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—F. G. Deckebach, chairman of the next liberty loan drive for Marion County, is getting his forces aligned so that when the gong sounds he will be ready to enter the race and bring Marion County out to a splendid finish.

The sub-committees, so far as selected for the county, are as follows: Astoria—C. E. Darcy, chairman; balance of the committee to be named; Aurora—Guy Hickok, chairman; N. C. Weston and C. F. Glover, John Murray and M. G. Smith.

Donald—Henry Zorn, chairman; F. E. Yergon, Mrs. J. H. Miller, J. C. Moore, B. E. Quinn, Hubbard—L. A. Beckman, chairman; balance of committee to be named; Jefferson—Edward Smith, chairman; Robert L. Tucker, John T. Jones, M. D. Ambler and A. L. Broucher, Scotts Mills—Mill City—J. R. Shaw, chairman; George H. Letellier, C. H. McKnight, W. C. Burroughs and H. Rice.

Monitor—C. W. Coyne, chairman; A. W. Giles, W. A. Wood, Martin Rostved and N. E. Erwin; Mount Angel—Joseph J. Keiser, chairman; A. O. Rice, Henry Butsch, G. D. Ebnert, T. L. Ambler and A. L. Broucher, Scotts Mills—Salem—Ivan McDaniels, chairman; John H. Berli, D. W. Elys, A. Bush and S. B. Elliott; Silverton—F. E. Callister, chairman; T. P. Whisenand, George Simmons, George W. Hubbs and E. S. Porter.

Stayton—J. W. Mayo, chairman; George Keesh, Glen Munkers, George Belt, Sublimity, H. A. Beauchamp, O. M. Baker, Kingston, and George Smith; Tualuma—J. M. Kelly, chairman; James E. Smith, William M. Murphy, B. L. Vandevale and S. J. Smith; Tualuma—J. M. Kelly, chairman; James E. Smith, William M. Murphy, B. L. Vandevale and S. J. Smith.

Woodsboro—J. M. Kelly, chairman; N. A. Hoffman, J. P. Steelhammer, Joseph F. Nathan and H. M. Austin.

EARL WITHYCOMBE BETTER

Telegram to Governor Says Son Is Resting Easily in Hospital.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe received a telegram today from his son, Robert, at Washington, D. C., that his other son, Earl Withycombe, is resting comfortably in a military hospital there and that his sister, Miss Mabel Withycombe, has arrived.

As a result, Robert Withycombe is starting for his home in Union. The news came as a great relief, as a letter was received only yesterday to the effect that a consultation of six army surgeons had been held over the sick soldier and had determined that an X-ray had indicated a serious condition.

He had twice been lanced for pleurisy and the physicians were of the opinion the lungs were again filling up. The news was received today, however, of the gloomy communication received yesterday.

RELIEF WORK IS THEME

Salem Public to Be Informed of Red Cross Home Service Section.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Frederic J. Russell, 646 North Center street, this city, secretary of the home service section of the civilian relief department of the Red Cross, has announced that she will soon hold a series of educational meetings in Salem to awaken public interest in that branch of the work.

The home service work ministers to needs of soldiers' families and dependents at home, and much work has already been accomplished, along that line. She expects also to place the matter before the Salem Ministerial Association soon with the purpose of working through that organization in promoting the work.

BOYS UNCOVER DYNAMITE

Lot of Explosive Found in Forest Grove Lumber Yard.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Nineteen sticks of 40 per cent dynamite were uncovered here yesterday by boys playing at the abandoned McFarlane lumber yard, a block from the Southern Pacific depot, a few hundred feet from the Forest Grove Cannery and on the same block with the Forest Grove Evaporating plant.

The dynamite was in a case of an old overalls and had an old newspaper wrapped around it. How it came there is a mystery, but it was manufactured

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as late as May of last year. The explosive was taken in charge by Chief of Police Watkins. There was enough of the explosive to blow up the whole town and it is surmised that it was to have been used by German spies.

RE-ELECTION NOT SOUGHT

Change in Lane County Clerkship Stirs Political Circles.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The announcement that Stacy M. Russell will not seek re-election as Clerk of Lane County and the filing for the Republican nomination for that office by R. S. Bryson, Recorder of Eugene, caused a stir in political circles today.

Russell at the close of his present term will have served eight years. He was elected four times by large majorities and has been a popular official.

Bryson has served eight years as City Recorder and at the last municipal election received the largest majority ever polled for City Recorder.

Anniversary Service Held Today. The 49th anniversary of St. David's Parish will be celebrated today. The special preacher at the anniversary service will be the Rev. Edmund T. Simpson, rector of the parish at Corvallis. The service will be at 7:45 in the evening. Special and appropriate music will be sung by the choir. The offering will be for the endorsement of the parish. Early services of the day will be at 7 A. M. and 8:30 A. M.

The SPOTLIGHT REVEALS Another Phase of the Clothing Situation

Nearly Thirteen Million Woolen Shirts and Over Fifteen Million Woolen Drawers Had Been Purchased by the Quartermaster Department of the United States up to December 1st.

—From a Leading Trade Journal.

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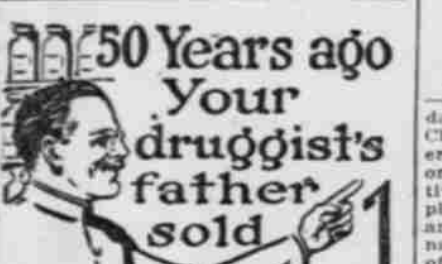
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NEW SCHEDULE LIKELY

TRANSCONTINENTAL ROADS MAY CURTAIL FAST TRAINS.

One 72-Hour Train Daily for Each Line Between Seattle and Chicago Contemplated.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—One through transcontinental train a day for each line between Seattle and Chicago, on a 72-hour schedule, all others to consume 72 hours on the trip in order to release rolling stock and motive power for freight service, is the plan now being discussed by operating and traffic officials of the lines terminating in Seattle, and in the general offices in Chicago. H. B. Barlow, vice president of the Milwaukee, who returned on Thursday from the East, said that he expected this schedule would soon go into effect.

Orders have come to speed up repairs of motive power in the East, and Mr. Barlow said that these instructions were being repeated to the shop workmen at Tacoma.

"Eastern lines are discussing the project of designating one line to do all the passenger business, turning the others over for freight," said Mr. Barlow.

Effective Friday, March 1, all persons who reserve sleeping car berths must accompany the order with cash or check in order that the berth may be held.

SALE IS UNSATISFACTORY

G. R. Watt Sues Arthur Laidlaw to Set Aside Trade in Property.

Although he thought he was purchasing an apricot orchard, G. R. Watt found he had secured a "lemon." He said yesterday in starting suit against Arthur Laidlaw for an alleged fraudulent transaction of property between them. The plaintiff asserts he exchanged property owned by him at Salem for some Washington apricot orchard land and a Portland lot, upon the representations that the apricot land was worth at least \$200 an acre. He says he gave Laidlaw \$1000 in cash.

He asserts in his complaint that Laidlaw had a "reckless disregard for truth" in advancing the merits of the orchard land. He also alleges the defendant acted deceitfully, and he asks for the property transfer to be set aside and wants Laidlaw compelled to pay back the \$1000 which was paid when the transfer was made last May.

FOOD GOING TO WASTE

CARS URGENTLY NEEDED IN NORTHWEST TO MARKET CROP.

Thousands of Carloads of Potatoes and Apples Liable to Be Lost, Says Senator Borah.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Great quantities of foodstuffs will go to waste in Northwestern states unless immediate steps are taken by the Railroad Administration to furnish cars so they can be transported to markets, according to a telegram read in the Senate today from producers in Idaho and Washington.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, said he had received a large number of telegrams declaring it is impossible to transport thousands of carloads of apples and potatoes to markets.

Sensors Poindexter and Jones, of Washington, said that they also had received many similar telegrams from the Yakima Valley.

The Senators declared they had taken the question up with Railroad Director McAdoo and with Food Administrator Hoover, both of whom had promised to see that immediate relief was furnished.

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