Clarke Commissioners Vote to Uphold Attorney-General and Refuse to Intercede in Behalf of Fighting Men.

From the office of Colonel Disque, of the Spruce Production Division, there was dispatched yesterday a telegram to the Secretary of War requesting the head of the Nation's Army forces to direct the Interstate Bridge Commission to issue free tells to men in Government uniform and all Government transports across the Interstate bridge.

This action, which is essentially commandeering of the bridge so far as the Army service is concerned, was made necessary by a deadlock which developed early in the meeting of the Interstate Bridge Commission yesterday afternoon. The telegram was dictated by Major Stearns, representing Colonel Disque.

Disque.

In view of a recent opinion issued from the office of the Attorney-General of the state of Washington, the three Clarke County members of the Commission refused to support any measure which would lead to the reduction of tolls for officers and men of the Army. The Clarke County Commissioners even refused to subscribe to a statement of facts relative to the toll dispute, which, it was suggested, should be forwarded to the Secretary of War.

Commissioners in Deadlock.

In view of this deadlock, which could not possibly be broken, Major Stearns took the initiative and framed a telegram to the Secretary of War which he said would be sent at once. If the Secretary of War directs the discontinuance of tolls for the Army and naval forces, it was agreed by the commission that such reduction would be made at once without further parley.

The telegram reads:

"To the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. Request instructions be sent Interstate Bridge Commission, Multinomth County Courthouse, Portland, Or., that you direct free tolls for men in Government uniform and Government transportation over Interstate bridge between Fortland, Or., and Vancouver Barracks. This matter held up Commissioners in Dendlock.

couver Barracks. This matter held up by County Commissioners of Clarke County, Washington, for reason that Attorney-General of Washington has asserted that they have no authority to remove tolls. Commissioners from both counties agree that order from you will be all sufficient for them to comply with our request for free tolls."

Bitter feeling developed at the meeting of the commission yesterday between Commissioner Muck, of Multnomah, and the three Clarke County members. Commissioner Muck insisted that the Oregon law gave Multnomah County full authority to regulate tolks rethe Oregon law gave Multnoman County full authority to regulate toils, regardless of the desires of the Clarke County members, and he suggested that Governor Withycombe, seventh member of the board, be urged to attend a meeting in order that the toils might be eliminated for soldiers, regardless of the protest of the Clarke County members.

This suggestion drew forth tart replies from Commissioner Carson and District Attorney Blair of Clarke Counwho told Muck he was attempting take their part of the bridge from

"That's all right," retorted the Multnomah commisioner. "You Clarks County people have already taken from \$40,000 to \$50,000 in tolls which do not belong to you. We spent five-sevenths of the money to build the bridge and only get three-fifths of the profits." The three Clarke County members then announced that they would take no action of any kind toward eliminating tolls for soldiers. They quoted the opinion of their Attorney-General showing that they had no authority to take any action whatever.

Clarke Commissioners Defiant. "We have gone as far as we possibly could to eliminate these tolls, but have reached our limit," asserted Commis-

Major Stearns then suggested that the Commission Substitute of War, ment of facts to the Secretary of War, stating that it was on record as favoring free tolis, but could take no definite action because of the opinion of the Washington Attorney-General. of the Washington Attorney-General.
Commissioner Carson objected to
taking any such step or subscribing his name to any statement to the Sec-retary of War, and his two fellow-commissioners agreed with him.

"It seems to me that this request for overnmental intervention should me from the office of Colonel Disque. Governmental intervention should come from the office of Colonel Disque, who is seeking to have these tolis eliminated," he said.

District Attorney Evans suggested that the Multnomah commissioners have Governor Withycombe vote with them to eliminate tolls for soldiers and then have Clarke County file in-junction proceedings in the Federal Court. This suggestion was frowned upon by the Clarke County members, who said, though, that if such action should be taken by the Multnomah board, they would give positive assurance that injunction proceedings would be started at once be started at once.

Telegram May Bring Relief.

Major Stearns called upon the commission to do everything within its power to eliminate tolls from a pa-triotic standpoint. He said it was costing the Government in excess of \$50 a day for bridge tolls between Port-land and Vancouver. All members as-sured the Major that they desired to do everything within their power to assist the Government, but insisted that they would be compelled to fol-

low the law in every respect.

Major Stearns said the spruce production division had been making every effort to reach an amicable adjust-ment of the controversy without being compelled to carry the matter to the Secretary of War, but inasmuch as there was no other alternative, he agreed to have a telegram asking for proper authority dispatched to the Sec-retary of War at once.

Members of the board expressed the belief that a reply could be expected from Washington within a few days. If the Secretary of War takes no step to eliminate the tolks it is understood that plans will be completed to carry the question into the Federal courts for final adjudication.

Gasoline Up One-Half Cent.

WASHINGTON, July 22.-To meet WASHINGTON, July 22.—To meet the increased freight rates, the Fuel Administration has announced that it the smaller jitney buses, which, he dewould permit an advance of one-half cent a gallon on the whole tank gallon market price of gasoline naptha and refined oil. The retail price shall not be advanced more than the wholesale price.

Mr. Kapture said that he could not operate with profit competing against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture operate with profit competing against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture operate with profit competing against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture said that he could not operate with profit competing against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture said that he could not operate with profit competing against the smaller jitney buses, which, he declares, fail to attempt to follow any uniform scale of prices. Mr. Kapture said that he could not operate with profit competing against a nickel."

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Read and Profit by This Shopping News



Women in Quest of a Crisp, New Summer Frock at a Good Saving Will Appreciate This Sale of

New Midsummer **Dresses \$12.50**

This large new shipment of mid-Summer dresses has just come to hand and we have marked the garments at a price that will insure an immediate outclearing. The materials, the styles, the workmanship—all are of a much higher standard than one usually associates with dresses selling at this or even an appreciably higher price.

Voile, organdy, batiste and lawn dresses in white, plain shades and plaid effects. A fine selection of models-straight line, deep tunic and overskirt styles.

Discriminating women will take immediate advantage of the values offered in this sale of new Summer dresses at \$12.50. -Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor

Good News for

MEN! "As Is" Sale of

This sale brings, at a fraction of the original price, silk hose that have accumulated through several months of busy selling, some having been bought to sell for as high as a dollar a pair. Included are "mill runs" and imperfect hose, hose that were returned to us for one reason or another, some after being laundered.

Wool, cashmere and cotton hose, some bought to sell for as much as 75c, also included at this price-10c.

All sizes and a good assortment of colors to begin with, but the number is limited—better come early. -Meier & Frank's: Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Fl.

Second Day of Our Great Sale

Wm. Rogers Silverware

Less Than 1/2 The Prevailing Prices

The first day's selling has fully borne out our prognostication that this would be the greatest silverware sale on record. There are three excellent patterns in this great disposal and we wish to emphasize the fact that they have NOT been discontinued by the factory. They are the Champlain, Carrollton and Garrick, as pictured from left to right.

Wm. Rogers SECTIONAL PLATE silverware (heavily plated on parts most ex-posed to wear)—the kind in this sale—is, above all, noted for its service qualities. It is especially desirable for beach and country cottage, hotels and rooming-houses or

IN SETS OF SIX Tea spoons 98c. Dessert | forks \$1.98. Medium knives spoons \$1.89. Table spoons \$2.49. Individual butter

\$1.98. Soup spoons \$1.98. spreaders \$1.98. Dessert forks \$1.89. Medium salad forks \$1.98. spreaders \$1.98. Individual

Fancy Pieces Each Sugar shells 39c. Butter knives 39c. Gream ladles 59c. Gravy ladles,

quired. Guaranteed to give 25 years of satisfactory family service. Still a good assortment left-but do not put off purchasing another day. A few items and prices:

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79c. Berry spoons 98c. Silverware Shop, Main Floor

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Flags!

Show your patriotism by displaying a flag. Private homes and office buildings should all fly a flag.

We have a large assortment of U. S. flags in wool, silk, cotton and muslin. Also silk flags of our allies. All styles and sizes at moderate

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TERMS IN REASON On Acorn gas ranges, as on all ranges we carry, you can, if desired, take advantage of our most liberal credit offer-make your own terms in reason.

-Meier & Frank's: Sixth Floor, Fifth Street,

A Sale of 5000 Sample Pieces Muslin Underwear



An immense special purchase at a tremendous price concession enables us to offer 5000 SAMPLES of women's muslin undergarments at unprecedented savings.

Included are nightgowns, chemise, skirts, combinations, corset covers, etc. Each garment is cut full and the best of laces, embroideries and insertions are used as trimmings. Good quality nainsook, longcloth and muslin materials.

The prices in this sale are about today's wholesale cost for garments of like quality. We've divided the entire assortment of 5000 pieces into six great groups as follows:

> 98c-\$1.29-\$1.49 \$1.98-\$2.39-\$2.98

Here Is a Timely and Very Special Sale of 85c Wire Fruit Jar Holders for 63c

These convenient fruit jar holders, one as illustrated, are very special values at this low price

Wire fruit jar holders for use when boiling fruit jar contents in a boiler. Each rack will hold eight fruit jars. Made with handles on sides for convenience in lifting out of the boiler. Regular 85c values on special sale today at only 63c.

-Meier & Frank's: Basement, Fifth Street.

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Underwear Shop, Main Floor.

Lecture-Demonstration

"The Uses of Cottage Cheese'

will be given at this store by Mrs. Hallie K. Davis, of Washington, D. C., tomorrow, beginning promptly at 3. P. M.

This lecture-demonstration "The Uses of Cottage on The Uses of Cottage Cheese" with special reference to the milk situation and the saving of waste skim milk will prove of great interest at this time. It will be given in our Sixth Floor Auditorium tomorrow under the auspices of the O. A. C. Extension Service in co-operation with U. S. Department of Agriculture and U. S. Food Administration.

The public is invited. Printed

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-Meier & Frank's: Phonograph Shop, Sixth Floor.

L. H. KAPTURE ASSERTS JITNEYS PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS.

Motor Bus Operator Declares That Light Cars Are Running Without Time or Fare Schedule.

Confronted with the problem of competing with members of the United Mo-tor Bus Company, who, he asserts, are operating without schedule of either time or prices, L. H. Kapture, who recently was granted a special permit by the City Council to operate a large mo-tor bus on the Linnton line, yesterday notified the Council that he planned to

Mr. Kapture said that he could not

he told the Council, he was barely mak-ing living expenses, without allowance for depreciation.

When granted a special permit to operate his motor bus, Mr. Kapture posted a personal bond of \$1000, as required by ordinance, and he asked the Council to return this bond. He was Council to return this bond. He was told that this would be impossible and that he would be forced to allow the bond to remain on deposit to protect the city against any claims that might be filed.

"I managed to make a living with my large truck," said Mr. Kapture to the Council, "but that was before the fitneys began operation. Now it is impossible to make money enough to pay for the gasoline used."

"What do the jitneys charge?" in-

quired City Commissisoner Barbur. "Anything they can get," answered Mr. Kapture. "They have no regular price for the trip. Sometimes they se-cues as much as 25 cents per passen-ger and on other trips they only charge

BRISTOL CONFLAGRATION CAUSES LOSS OF ABOUT \$20,000.

Sixty Roomers Flee From Building in Nightelothes When Smoke Pours Up From Basement.

Fire in the basement and first floor of he Hotel Bristol building, at Twelfth and Stark streetts, early yesterday caused an estimated damage of \$20,000. About half of the loss was in contents About half of the loss was in contents and half in the building. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

About 60 roomers fled the hotel in their nightclothes when the smoke began coming up the flues from the basement about 4:30. The fire is believed to have started near the furnace, spreading rapidly around the basement through the excelsior and other inflammable material.

Candy Company, West Side Disinfect-ing Company and Charles Fritsch, up-holsterer. A. M. Dyer is owner of the

"Speed" Prichard on Furlough. "Speed" Prichard, former second in Portland Sunday and yesterday on a short furlough. Prichard is stationed at Camp Lewis with the 36th Depot Brigade, being recently drafted into the service. While playing for St. Johns, he proved to be one of the cleverest second sackers in the Columbia-Willamette Shipbuilders' League and at one time starred on an inter-city league team. Prichard was at Sunday's game rooting for his former team-mates, but went home disappointed, for Smith-Porter lost to Peninsula after 11 hard funings of playing, 5-4.

Peach Pits Are Bought.

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The Shamrock restaurant, occupying the corner location, was practically wiped out by smoke and water. Other

were the W. C. Allen Wholesale BORTZMEYER GETS 19 MEN Recruits for Police and Fire De-

O. C. Bortzmeyer, secretary of the

partments Secured.

Municipal Civil Service Board, returned yesterday after a tour of Southern Oregon, where he secured 18 men for the Portland police bureau and one for service in the fire department. service in the fire department.

Mr. Bortzmeyer visited Ashland, Medford, Eugene, Roseburg and Grants
Pass on his trip, and in addition to
securing 15 men has the promise of a
number of others to take the examination for positions in the police or fire department as soon as the fruit harvest in the southern part of the state is

Lane Grants 27 Divorces.

EUGENE, July 22 .- (Special.) -Twen ty-seven divorces were granted in Lane County during the last three months

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