

FEDERAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY DEFIED

Public Service Commission Will Resist Imposition of \$5 Weighing Tariff.

PLAIN CHALLENGE ISSUED

Restoration of Former Charge, It Is Said, Would Make Railway Shipping Costs in This District Almost Prohibitive.

The Federal Railroad Administration will have a bitter legal battle on its hands if it attempts to force shippers of Oregon to pay a \$5 weighing tariff on every carload shipment, either inter-state or intra-state, according to a statement issued yesterday by Chairman Miller of the Oregon Public Service Commission.

The statement was issued as an answer to Blaine Halleck, counsel for the Union Pacific system, who appeared before the Commission and gave formal notice that the railroad would offer no contest to the Commission's recent order temporarily suspending this tariff because the railroad, now being under Federal supervision, would not recognize the right of the Oregon Commission to suspend tariffs. The chairman's assertion to Mr. Halleck and his challenge to the Federal Railroad Administration were supported by Commissioners Corey and Buchtel.

Commission Takes No Orders. "This Commission will not take orders from either Director Chambers of the Railroad Administration or its Portland traffic committee," Mr. Halleck was told, "and if they attempt to put this tariff over on the people of Oregon they are going to have a fight on their hands."

The Public Service Commission last March suspended the \$5 weighing tariff which had been exacted by the railroad companies. This suspension stands until September 7. Yesterday was the day for hearing arguments concerning the permanent tariff suspension, but Mr. Halleck, assuring the Commission that he was under instructions from the Federal Railroad Administration, declined to present any formal argument against the suspension.

"We will not resist the suspension, as the railroad does not intend to recognize it," he told the Commission. It was then that Chairman Miller issued his deft to the Railroad Administration and insisted that the tariff suspension be observed.

Charges Already High. According to members of the commission continuance of the \$5 weighing tariff would make shipping charges almost prohibitive. Commissioner Corey called attention to the fact that the general 25 per cent increase ordered by the Government, together with another Government order for a \$15 minimum on carload shipments, with very few exceptions would make freight rates practically prohibitive with the \$5 weighing tariff.

The three Commissioners agreed that, inasmuch as the order temporarily suspending this tariff is to be ignored, they will make the suspension permanent on and after September 7, and then, if the railroad refuses to accept the Commission's edict, the matter can be tested in the Federal courts.

In explaining their determination to resist the Federal Administration in this instance the Commissioners called attention to the fact that the tariff was presented to their body before the railroad was under control of the Government. They also cite the fact that there has never been an authoritative determination of the question of the commission's authority in intra-state traffic.

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at the corner of Fifth and Yamhill, in the building formerly occupied by the Portland Gas & Coke company. Several weeks have been spent in putting the building into condition and in rearranging it for the various departments which are now housed under its roof.

The work has been completed, the 10 stores, representing practically every line of merchandise the housewife needs, have been installed with clean, fresh stocks of goods, and the formal opening is to take place today.

In addition to the usual lines of market booths, the Liberty Temple has under its roof a lunch counter opened by "Mother" Radcliffe, and a flower shop, where Henry Pfeiffer will have on sale products of his greenhouses at Sellwood. A. E. Peters is opening a confectionery and soft-drink establishment under the big roof. A dairy and poultry products booth is under the direction of J. Harding. There will be found by shoppers today an excellent grocery stock, in charge of John Dahm, and a meat and poultry department under the direction of William Constantine. Local and tropical fruits of all sorts will be offered in abundance by Mayo & Hasson, and a coffee booth, where the freshly roasted and ground product may be obtained, has been arranged by the Castle Coffee Company.

SALEM TO OPEN BRIDGE

DEDICATORY EXERCISES WILL BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY.

Programme Will Include Addresses, Parade, Cafeteria Lunch and Dancing.

SALEM, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—George H. Burnett, Justice of the Supreme Court, will deliver the dedicatory address and Dr. Esther Lovjoy, of Portland, will give the Red Cross address at the dedication ceremonies for the new inter-county bridge across the Willamette here next Tuesday.

The celebration will open at 7 o'clock in the morning when mounted heralds will ride through the city proclaiming the day. At 8 o'clock people will assemble at the bridge and at 8:30 o'clock a public auction will be held, selling the privilege of the first crossing over the structure. At that time the addresses will be given by the speakers mentioned, as well as a patriotic address by Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette University. A cafeteria lunch will be served in Marion Square.

In the afternoon a military and Red Cross parade will be held, amusements will be furnished and at 5:30 another cafeteria lunch given. In the evening at 7 o'clock a community sing will be held. Jitney dances in charge of the Cherrians also will be given in the afternoon. The proceeds of the day will go for the benefit of the Red Cross.

As a feature of the dedication flowers will be scattered over the bridge. Judges Bushey, of Marion County, and Kirkpatrick, of Polk County, will stand at the respective ends of the bridge in the afternoon and they represent and give the signal allowing the first automobile to pass over the structure.

WORK RESUMPTION URGED

War Labor Board Appeals to Oregon Paper Mill Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—(Special.)—After a hearing today, the War Labor Board declined to render final decision in the matter of labor difficulties in the paper mills at Oregon City, Camas and Lebanon, but telegraphed the employer's organization saying that the Board is convinced that the employers are sincere in their effort to adjust differences, and asking the employees to call off the strike and resume negotiations for an amicable settlement.

The war labor board also intimated that no decisions will be reached in the 31 street railway cases, in which Portland lines are included, until about August 1.

Reedsport Sawmill Is Old.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—The Reedsport sawmill, owned by R. W. Morrow, A. B. Loud and E. Omer, of Marshfield, was purchased today by L. I. Jones, of Cottage Grove, and R. A. Annin, of Myrtle Point. The mill has been involved in a controversy between the Marshfield owners, but differences were settled before the sale was made. The mill has a capacity of 50,000 feet daily and was started during the Spring of 1918.

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TRAFFIC HEADS TO MEET COUNCILMEN

Better Transportation Facilities for Shipbuilders Object of Conference.

SPECIAL TRAIN IS NEEDED

Steam Cars Skirting East River Front Would Accommodate Many Workers—Meeting to Be Held Monday Morning.

A conference of representatives of the United States Railroad Administration, the United States Shipping Board, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the Southern Pacific and O. W. R. & N. companies with the City Council has been called by Mayor Baker to meet Monday morning in the Council Chambers to work out a definite plan for improved transportation facilities for shipbuilders.

At a conference yesterday reports from Edward M. Cousin, city traffic expert, were heard, but Mayor Baker held that the reports were not definite and were not in proper shape to present to the head officials of the Railroad Administration.

Mayor Baker told the Council that he had conferred with Director-General McAdoo on the subject and had received a promise that any feasible plan presented by the City Council would be put into immediate operation.

Special Train Is Needed. The plan of the City Council is to secure the operation of a steam train of ten or more coaches to skirt the river front on the East Side from St. Johns to Madison street. The men employed in the shipbuilding plants of the East Side could use this train, transferring to crostown lines upon reaching East Portland.

Vice-President Fuller, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at the conference yesterday, said his company would be willing to enter into any agreement relative to the operation of such a train that would not involve loss to his company. A steam train, he said, would relieve the company of operation of some trains and the saving thus effected could be applied to the cost of operating the steam train.

Service to the shipyards in the southern part of the city, he maintained, was adequate, although Traffic Examiner Cousin held that it was not. Mayor Baker said he would obtain definite information in the form of letters from managers of South Portland shipyards relative to present streetcar service.

Kellaher Resolution Falls. City Commissioner Kellaher's resolution addressed to officials of the United States Shipping Board and the Railroad Administration asking that the cars which the Government has expressed willingness to loan to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company be of broad gauge, failed of adoption.

Mayor Baker objected to it because he held that it covered points already determined. City Commissioner Bigelow insisted that a conference would accomplish the desired result.

The 25 cars which Mr. Kellaher insists are being loaned to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company are being purchased by the railway company, according to Vice-President Fuller, the Government financing the purchase, while the company is paying for them on the installment plan, with interest.

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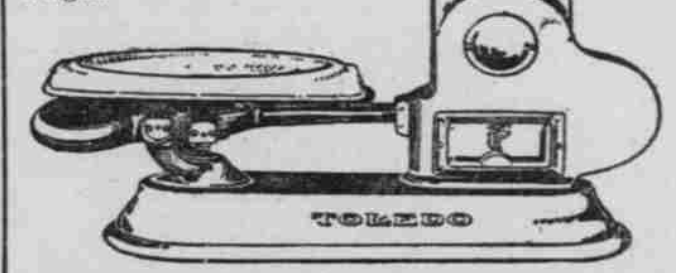


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