

WOOL MEN PROTEST HIGHER FREIGHT RATE

Producers of Northwest Hold Advance Unjustified.

PORLAND IS INTERESTED

Get Seagoing Vessels to Run to Atlantic Coast Ports; Is Suggestion of R. N. Stanfield.

Wool growers of the Pacific northwest and representatives of wool warehouse interests appeared yesterday before the Portland district freight traffic committee of the railroad administration to protest the proposed increase in freight rates on wool from the Pacific coast to Atlantic seaboard points. On the claim that the existing rates on wool from Portland to Boston is in violation of section 4 of the interstate commerce act, it was proposed to increase the rate from \$1.26 per 100 pounds to \$1.39 $\frac{1}{2}$. The section of the law referred to is what is known as "the long and short haul clause."

In 1918 Portland was the second largest primary wool market in the United States, second only to Boston. During that year wool storage here amounted to 18,900,000 pounds. The freight rates from Portland to Boston were based upon a lower computation than the railroad, which the railroad administration contends does not now exist, holding that potential water service does not justify maintaining the existing rates. This is mainly because the industries and markets have been established under the existing rates, and that the absence of carriers due to wartime conditions should not be utilized by the railroads to abolish the old rates.

Time for Adjustment Asked.

The plan of the wool growers and shippers yesterday before the freight traffic committee was that time be allowed to enable the industry to readjust itself, even if the change in rates is to be ordered effective at a future date. The peak rate of \$2.39 $\frac{1}{2}$ occurs on the Pacific coast, on the Wyoming line, and at corresponding points on the other transcontinental railroads. As the railroad administration holds this rate is as low as it should be, the production center continues to increase rates to meet level from coast points, thereby making the long haul rate correspond to the short haul rate, with which the coast rate is in conflict.

In the contention of the wool men that the change in rates should not be made effective in less than 24 months, and that to do so at an earlier time would seriously hamper established woolen mill industries, as well as make it difficult for the railroads to handle the wool clip of the great producing region west of the Rocky mountains. Woolen mills have been founded in the Pacific northwest upon the basis of Portland as a primary market, affording an opportunity for selecting their stock from the high quality products of tributary producing territory. To deprive them of this market, it is said, would place a serious handicap on the manufacturers.

Stanfield Suggests Ships.

Monte R. Evelyn of Boise appeared as representative of the Idaho Woolgrowers' association; Jay Dobbins and Fred C. Faulkner for the Walla Walla county woolgrowers; J. G. Adrian, assisted by P. J. Gallagher, on behalf of the Malheur County woolgrowers; P. J. Mahoney, manager of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company, and Jake Creath of the Portland Wool Warehouse company, for the warehousemen; and R. N. Stanfield for the Union Pacific woolgrowers.

Whatever action is taken by the Portland district freight traffic committee will be submitted to the officials of the railroad administration through the regular channels and will not be binding here.

"It looks like there is only one thing for Portland to do is to insist its position as a wool market," said R. N. Stanfield last night, "and that is to get seagoing vessels running between this port and the Atlantic coast ports. The railroad administration does not recognize potential competition of water lines, and the establishment of a line of ships in regular service would make the actual competition that insurance against the advantages of transcontinental rates to enable this market to continue in the position it has gained. If the higher rate is established it will compel warehousing wool at points in the interior, where it can be stored for further distribution to east coast markets. That would take a great deal of time and involve heavy expense. It would destroy the wool market of Portland and put a serious handicap on all woolen industries of the northwest."

BUILDING OF DAM FOUGHT

INJUNCTION ASKED BY LANDOWNERS

Near Klamath Lake.

An injunction suit to restrain the California-Oregon Power company from constructing a dam at the head of Lake Klamath to regulate the flow of water, started at upper Klamath lake, was filed in federal court yesterday in behalf of land owners in the vicinity of the lake. It is alleged riparian rights of property owners are being violated by the construction of the dam already under way without due process of law.

Under the terms of a contract entered into between the power company and the government of the interior, the company agrees to regulate the waters of the lake after arranging with land owners for protection of water rights." This clause of the contract is expected to be the basis of the complaint.

By the construction of a temporary crib dam last April, the complainant says, the company caused 50,000 acres to be flooded and this resulted in protests that eventually caused the company to lower its claim on the lake. "With construction of a permanent dam under way, property owners allege their rights will be interfered with."

MORE FERTILIZER URGED

Expert Tells Linn County Farmers of Results of Tests.

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 6.—(Special)—"Drain the wet spots, lime the sour ones, rotate crops, plant grass and plant clover and the agricultural productivity of Linn county will be increased 100 per cent," said County Agent Smith today, after his return from a five days' trip to Lyons and vicinity.

Commercial fertilizer trials in Fox valley the past year have proved that fall grain benefit most from fertilizers in amount of the great majority of time that time of year. Only one farmer visited by Mr. Smith believed that his investment in commercial fertilizer paid.

COMEDY STAR WRITES INCIDENTAL MUSIC FOR HER OWN PLAY.



RUTH CHATTERTON, IN "THE MERRIE MONTH OF MAY."

It is rather unusual to introduce music in a modern comedy, but this happens to be the case in "The Merrie Month of May," in which Henry Miller presents Ruth Chatterton at the Helling theater tonight for the remainder of the week. The entire act and incidental music have been composed especially for the play, and the composer of one of the numbers is Miss Chatterton. The music will be arranged by Guillermo Paredes, formerly director of the Banda Paralelo of the City of Mexico. He is the composer of many songs which are Mexican in character. Several of the important characters in "The Merrie Month of May" are from Arizona, although the scenes are laid at the present day in Washington, D. C. Although but one scene is shown in the course of the three acts of the play, it is the most costly that Mr. Miller has ever produced. The scene shows the drawing-room in the old-fashioned Washington home of Senator Baldwin in Washington.

THIEVES RETURN FOR LOOT

BURGLARS INTERRUPTED LOCK INTRUDER IN CLOSET.

Prisoner Escapes; but Armed Pair Come Back True to Promise and Clean Out House.

"We'll be back again," said a pair of burglars yesterday morning as they relieved George Donnerburg of his watch and cash and left him locked in an attic. True to their promise, the robbers returned in the afternoon when no one was at home, and rifled the house from top to bottom, not even overlooking collars and ties in a bureau drawer.

In the judgment of those whose business it is to face the problem in all aspects, one of the most alarming possibilities in the outbreak, in epidemic form, of diseases of the worst kind. The war cabinet is now considering a plan which, if estimated, would serve at the beginning to house about 100,000 of those who need homes most urgently.

WAR'S HANDICAP REMOVED

Passing the Good Word Along Job of Disabled Men Who Are Retraining.

WASHINGTON.—Men with a handicap are turning into men with a future. "Find out what Uncle Sam will do for you" is what one of the men who lost a leg in France is finding a valuable home written to his fellow wounded.

All over the country in colleges, trade schools and short disabled men are learning to be self-reliant supporting men. The heads of the institutions write that the men are making great progress, and that they enter into the work with a vigor and eagerness which is a cheer to everyone.

Whatever the training, men are helping the others or the house in teaching them in other ways, they are certainly getting news of their right to re-education, an 85¢ a day are wanting commercial, agricultural and trade courses, which are being offered into colleges from California to Maine.

Whatever advice is given to the men, the burglar then locked him in a line closet. Later they mercifully led him to the attic, which was more roomy, and locked him in there. They then renewed their taunting promise to return and departed.

Mr. Donnerburg made his escape from the attic by climbing out upon the roof of the porch and sliding down a pipe. Two motor cars which responded to his call searched the house and found nothing missing. The policemen boarded up a rear window which offered a means of access to the house.

A young Andrew Harris came home from work last night he found a pile of loose boards lying under the rear window, which was open. The interior of the house looked like a Bolshevik clubroom. Evidently not an article of value had been overlooked by the robbers.

COLONEL WHITCOMB HOME

Portland Attorney Visits England, Belgium and Germany.

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter D. Whitcomb, of the firm of Whitcomb, Whitcomb & Co., attorney for the state, was released from a hospital, later made part of the sanitary train of the 1st division, with service in every intervening rank save that of second Lieutenant. He went to France as adjutant of the Finance department, and was promoted to first Lieutenant. He had just received his commission as first Lieutenant shortly after arrival in France he was given command of the outfit.

Mr. Whitcomb failed in his attempt to enter the aviation branch of the service, and was instead joined in the Portland field hospital, later made part of the sanitary train of the 1st division. He was promoted soon after and three months later received his commission and was called to Washington. In this capacity he was in charge of the supply division Mr. Whitcomb visited England three times and also went into Germany and Belgium.

BULGARIAN PEACE NEAR

Paris Reports Negotiations Will Conclude in Eight Days.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—(Havas)—Negotiations between the allied powers and Bulgaria probably will be concluded within the next eight days, according to the Echo de Paris.

NEVADA TOWN IS AFIRE

Hotels and Warehouses Reported Burned at Winnemucca.

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RENO, Nev., Aug. 6.—An entire block, including the Lafayette and Martin hotels, the Hoskins warehouse and other warehouses across the street, were destroyed in a fire at Winnemucca tonight.

All wires were down, but the last information received here stated that the fire was still burning and that the Southern Pacific freight and passenger depots were threatened.

HOMES NEEDED IN BRITAIN

Grave Fears Entertained Regarding

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LONDON, Aug. 6.—(Special Cable).—Grave fears are entertained in responsible quarters as to the housing situation in this country next winter.

It is estimated by government officials that by the beginning of winter there will be an excess of population over housing accommodation, even at the

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ARGENTINE BONDS ON SALE

LUMBERMEN'S TRUST CO. HAS UNUSUAL OFFERING.

Capital to Be Provided for Sanitary Works and Improving Buenos Aires' Water Supply.

An unusual purchase and offering to the public is that of the Lumbermen's Trust company of 15,000 pounds sterling of 6 per cent treasury gold bonds of the government of Argentina, due May 15, 1924. This short-term loan issued by the South American government for the purpose of providing capital for sanitary works and improving the water supply of Buenos Aires, the capital city. Sterling and dollar bonds are interchangeable in London and New York. The fixed rate of 6.56 per pound sterling. The bonds are issued in the denomination of 200 pounds, or \$972. Interest is payable November 15 and May 15, and the price at which the bonds are offered is 99.66, to yield 6.58 per cent.

As a result of the shortage of servant labor, higher rentals and the increasing cost of all household supplies, a distinctively new tendency has developed in the building industry which is manifested in the increasing demand for larger apartment houses of the residential hotel type. Modern ingenuity has created this form of construction to the end that many of the objectionable features and inconveniences of the individual home are eliminated, says W. Strauss, commenting on the building industry.

The board of directors of the Continental Guaranty corporation on July 21, 1919, declared a dividend of 2 per cent ending June 30, 1919, of 2 per cent on the capital stock of the corporation payable August 1, 1919, to stockholders of record at the close of business on July 31, 1919. The transfer books of the corporation will be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of July 31, 1919, and reopened on the morning of July 31, 1919.

United States bondholders will receive \$26,393,521, as compared with \$21,657,569 for the corresponding week last year. For January clearing balances \$4,421,479, balances \$609,752, compared with \$1,193,887 and balances of \$380,958 for the corresponding day of last year.

Continued exports in huge quantities from the United States to Europe are forecast in the flotation of additional bonds of the government of Argentina.

Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. are offering investors 6 per cent cumulative preferred stock of the Quaker Oats company, payable annually, at a price of \$99 and accrued dividend per share. The company is offering among a number of new securities the 5½ per cent gold bonds of Switzerland, at a price to yield 6 per cent.

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Man, Suspected, Is Shot.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 6.—Frank Eli,

an Italian welder, tonight shot and

perhaps fatally wounded D. Miller,

Tacoma groceryman, and when arrested said he did it to protect his wife

and children, who he alleged had been paying attentions to his wife.

Miller was removed to a local hos-

pital.

Warm Weather Breeds Disease Germs

Deadly disease germs breed, thrive, and spread by the thousands in warm weather. A serious epidemic spreading throughout your entire organization could easily start from a cuspidor, toilet-room, or some dark corner not properly disinfected. Take precautions against this constant, invisible menace now, and continue to do so all through the summer. Prevent a big sick-list. Protect yourself and your associates from serious contagious illness.

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