

MARTIN TO LEAD LOWER RATES FIGHT

Congressional Delegation to Present Demands.

STEEL CHARGES OPPOSED

Western Shipyards Willing to Pay \$1 1/4 Cents Per Hundred; Future of Industry Considered.

(Charles C. Hart is in charge of the Oregonian News Bureau at Washington. His address is at 522 Biard building.) OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 22.—Representative McArthur of Oregon was chosen today at a meeting of the Pacific coast congressional delegation as a member of a committee which will call on Traffic Director Chambers of the railroad administration Friday morning to urge a reduction in freight rates on steel from the Pittsburgh district to the shippers of the Pacific coast. Other members of the committee are Representatives Miller of Washington and Eiston and Nolan of California. Representatives of the Pacific coast shippers attending today's conference said that while the rate on steel had increased from 85 cents, the rate before the war, to \$1.25 a hundred pounds, the west coast yards were willing to pay a rate of \$1.40 a hundred pounds and this is the rate which will be asked of the railroad administration. The present rate of \$1.25 a hundred pounds, it was declared, is prohibitive and will crush the shipbuilding industry on the Pacific coast. It was said, however, that the reduction asked would amount to a saving of \$2.48 cents a ton on every ship constructed on the west coast.

It was decided also that the Pacific coast delegation could organize to oppose the provision in the Esch railroad bill, giving the interstate commerce commission power to fix rates on water-borne commerce between ports, and a committee composed entirely of California members of congress was appointed to lead this fight.

Eastern Oregon's lumber business has gone up with the rest of the world in the last few months as to catch the railroad administration unawares, it was admitted today when Representative Emmott presented a petition from Charles T. Early of Portland for more cars. Such an active movement never has been known before, the railroad administration said, which accounts for the unpreparedness for the heavy shipments. It was said, however, that cars will be provided immediately. Cars will be rushed to Oregon from all directions and the empty coal cars will be turned over to the lumber shippers at an early date for shipping lumber.

Reduced rates on stock feed from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma to all points in the Oregon Short line have been ordered by the railroad administration, Senator McNary telegraphs to R. N. Stanfield today. Eastern Oregon's farmers had asked for some concessions in rates on feed to help carry their stock over the winter.

Appointment of a postmaster at Bend, Or., within a short time is promised by the post office department, the explanation being that action awaits the report on a personal investigation just recently made.

Major Frederick W. Rose of Portland, has been retained in the service and ordered to Fort Benning, Ga., for duty.

Herman Clutchie of Kelo, Wash., disappeared after his discharge from company G, 20th Infantry, at Camp Dodge, Ia., April 18, this year, and the war department is unable to locate his whereabouts, according to a communication from the adjutant-general to Representative Albert Johnson. On his discharge the soldier gave Kelo as his future address, but his mother writes that she has not heard from him since last March.

MEDFORD REQUEST DENIED

Army Planes Unavailable for Liberty Celebration.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 22.—Medford, Or., was denied a squadron of airplanes for the liberty celebration which opens there on November 11, by the war department today.

Senator McNary asked that six planes be sent to Medford. The planes were refused under an order issued in September that no more machines shall be detailed on exhibition trips on account of the curtailment in the service made necessary by the decreased army appropriations and the need for all available airplanes on the Mexican border.

MEN HELD AS ROBBERS

Iowa Bank Looted, but Police Recover \$8000.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Oct. 22.—A band of men alleged to have robbed the bank at Westfield, Ia., this morning, was captured here today by Sioux City police. The men had \$8000 loot in an automobile, the police said.

The officers were coming toward the city when they saw a motor car containing the alleged robbers. The police stopped their car on a bridge, blocking the right of way, and leveled rifles at the approaching party, members of which brought their machine to a stop and surrendered without resistance.

ARIZONA WON'T CONVENE

Governor Declines to Call Suffrage Ratification Session.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 22.—Governor Campbell announced today he had telegraphed Governor Stephens of California he would not call a special session of the legislature this fall to consider ratification of the federal constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women.

SALEM SEES FIRE FILM

Address by State Officials Feature Prevention Campaign.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Addressed by J. H. Shivesly, ex-in-

urance commissioner of the state of Washington; Jay Stevens, in charge of the fire prevention bureau of the Pacific, and Horace Sykes, special investigator for the state fire marshal's office, and showing picture films depicting fire hazards and their costly results, featured the fire-prevention campaign in Salem today.

PACKERS' HEARING TODAY

UNFAIR CONTROL OF OTHER FOODSTUFFS CHARGED.

Complaint of Grocers on Advantage Held by Use of Refrigerator Cars to Be Heard.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The complaint of the National Wholesale Grocers' association against Walter D. Hines, director-general of railroads and each of the railroad systems individually, hearings on which are to begin here today, before Chairman Clyde B. Atchison of the interstate commerce commission, is a case in which every important wholesale grocery concern, packing company and railroad in the United States appears either as a plaintiff, defendant or intervenor.

The basis of the complaint is a charge that the packers, through their control of the refrigerator cars and other equipment, have been able to obtain rate discrimination and traffic favors from the railroad companies and a consequent unfair advantage in the marketing of foodstuffs.

The grocers do not ask the interstate commerce commission to deprive the packers of their refrigerator cars but demand the abolition of all alleged discrimination in service and rates to the packers.

It is alleged the packers already exercise a dominating influence over the butter, egg and cheese markets, and are rapidly acquiring a large share of the general wholesale grocery business.

EXPORT COMPANY FORMED

Articles of Incorporation of Astoria Concern Filed.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Connecting wholesale and retail grocery business, trading exports and imports, engaging in packing fish and meats and operating wharves, warehouses and elevators, are the purposes of the Rose, Higgins, Mason, Ehrman company, which filed articles of incorporation here today. The capital stock of the corporation is \$300,000 and head offices will be maintained at Astoria. The incorporators are J. J. William Heller Ehrman and E. Ehrman.

Wakefield Music company, of Portland, has filed application with the state corporation commissioner to change the name of the concern to the "Cromona Phonograph company."

Supplementary articles have been filed with the state corporation commissioner asking permission to change the name of Earle F. Heym, Inc., of Portland, to the Lester-Heym company.

LLEWELLYN GETS MEDAL

Former Washington Adjutant-General Decorated at Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 22.—Surrounded by army officers on duty at headquarters, Lieutenant-Colonel Fred Llewellyn yesterday was presented with a distinguished service medal at Camp Lewis.

Colonel Llewellyn was recently discharged from the national army upon return from overseas. He is now a member of the state industrial insurance commission at Olympia, Wash., and is former adjutant-general of the national guard of Washington.

The presentation at his own request was an informal one, but the medal was presented by Major-General John F. Morrison, commanding general of the camp.

APPLES PLEASE MARINES

Hood River Man Back From Guam Says Mates Are Appreciative.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Joe Wheeler Winchell, son of V. Winchell, east side orchardist, has arrived from Guam, where he has been stationed for nearly two years with the United States marines. The young man is now at Mare Island, Cal.

In a letter to his father Mr. Winchell states that the routine of island life was broken on receipt of apples sent out at intervals from home. "My comrades," he says, "declare that those fine apples will cause them ever to hold Hood River in fond remembrance."

PASTOR BUILDS OWN HOME

Hood River Man Solves Labor Problem by Using His Hands.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—J. B. Lister, former pastor of the Valley Christian church, has taken heroic but certain methods to solve the local housing problem. Called on to leave the home he and his wife are now occupying and with no other available dwellings in sight, Mr. Lister purchased a lot. Thereon he is now building a two-room cottage.

Scarcity and high wages of carpenters is not worrying Mr. Lister any. Armed with handsaw, square and hammer, he is raising the new home himself.

UMATILLA FARMER DIES

C. H. Rosenberg Settler in Oregon for 40 Years.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Claud Henry Rosenberg, 61, one of the county's wealthiest wheat farmers, died at his home here last night. He had been ill but a week.

Mr. Rosenberg came to Umatilla county in 1878 and began farming near Fulton station, where the home ranch is now located. At his death his possessions in wheat land aggregated 1300 acres, most of it in this county. Mrs. Rosenberg and five children survive him.

As Influenza is an exaggerated form of Grip, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets should be taken in larger doses than is prescribed for ordinary Grip. A good plan is not to wait until you are sick, but PREVENT IT by taking LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets in time. Adv.

EMPLOYEES FIRM FOR HIGHER RAIL WAGES

Men Serve Notice Fight to Finish Is Programme.

FIREMEN STATE TERMS

Washington Fears Repetition of Summer Crisis—Hines Silent on Official Attitude.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Railroad employees are prepared for a finish fight with the railroad administration for increased wages, time and a half overtime and improved working conditions before the government surrenders the roads to private control. "Unmistakable notice to this effect has been served by Timothy Shea of the firemen, appearing before the board of railway wage and working conditions."

"If our demands for a living wage should not be met when the time approaches for turning back the railroads to their private owners," Mr. Shea said in testimony which became public tonight, "we shall demand as a condition precedent to the change, the realization of the fundamental rights of labor, the living wage, the eight-hour day on all federal-controlled roads, time and one-half for overtime and other principles to which the government pledged itself during the war, which now have been made a part of the treaty of peace and which so far the railroad administration has never fulfilled."

Shea Serves Notice. While Mr. Shea was appearing on behalf of the firemen only, it has been recognized generally that wage increases for any one class of railroad employees meant an advance for all to maintain equality between the wage-making necessary advances in pay for November 1 the wage board would be forced to consider "further requests for general increases" from railroad employees.

It is the view here that the government will be face with in a few weeks with virtually the same labor crisis which arose during the summer. In consequence, it denied the request of the shopmen for a general increase in pay on the ground that the "vicious circle" of rising wages and mounting prices had to come to an end and that the country should be given a fair chance at reconstruction after the war.

Hines Silent on Situation. How Director-General Hines proposes to meet the situation has not been divulged. It is considered certain, however, that if any wage increases are given, President Wilson first will be consulted.

Railroad administration officials declare the relations with the union men have never been so good as at present and in pointing to the last report of the labor department, showing a decrease of 15 per cent in living costs in August, intimate that the pending crisis will be solved in part by natural economic forces, plus Attorney-General Palmer's efforts to take the inflation out of prices.

HUN CLAIMS IMMUNITY

Werner Horn Calls Wrecking of Bridge Act of War.

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 22.—Werner Horn claimed immunity before a magistrate today from punishment by Canada for dynamiting the international bridge at St. Croix, N. B. Horn served a sentence in the United States for illegally transporting dynamite. He asserted that the blowing up of the bridge was an act of war for which the German government was responsible, as he was an officer of the German army.

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\$12,353 ALL WANCE ASKED

NEEDS OF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION URGED.

Council Opposition to Payment of \$500 Month to Consultant Said to Be Developing.

Request for an allowance in the city budget for \$12,353.52 was made yesterday for continuation of the work of the city planning commission. The request was made by J. P. Newell, president of the commission. The request was referred to City Commissioner Pier for investigation and report at the annual budget meeting.

The request includes an appropriation of \$500 for the salary of Charles H. Cheney, consultant to the commission. For the salary of an assistant city planner \$2700 a year is requested and the council also is asked to provide \$1380 as salary for a stenographer. The remainder of the estimated expenses of conducting the work of the commission would be for supplies, \$273.52 being requested for this item.

Hints that opposition in the council is developing against the payment of \$500 a month to the consultant have been heard in the city hall. Mr. Cheney is under contract to the city until January 1. Under this contract he is required to give two weeks of his time each month to the work of the commission. The balance of his time is spent in other cities where he is engaged in similar work.

"The request of the city planning commission," said Mayor Baker, "will be handled in the usual manner. No action will be taken on the subject until the budget and the request are considered on their merits."

"As far as I am personally concerned, and I believe each member of the council concurs, I will not vote for an appropriation of any kind, unless I feel confident that the city is getting its money's worth and the project is necessary. Because we may have the money to spend will not influence me. It would not be

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fair to condemn the work of the planning commission or its consultant until the full report has been made. To my personal knowledge the planning commission has obtained some excellent results in its first year of existence.

Engineers of the planning commission now are completing the preliminary report on some of the city, which was the principal work of the commission this year. This report is to be filed next week, after which public hearings will be held.

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88 CARS HELD AT DOCK

Release of Carriers Advised as Move to Relieve Shortage.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The release of 88 cars, held up for more than a week at St. Johns terminal in Portland, would do much toward relieving the present shortage of rail carriers in Oregon, according to information given out at the offices of the public service commission today.

The cars contained export shipments, according to the commission. They arrived in Portland from the east but the boat which was to carry the cargo abroad had not yet reached port. This condition caused a delay in unloading and releasing the cars.

Corn Show Committee Named.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The western Oregon corn show will be held in Eugene again this year, according to a decision of promoters of the exhibition, and E. C. Simmons, president of the Eugene chamber of

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The Shell company of California paid to the secretary of state a total of \$176.93 for gasoline and distillate sold in Oregon during the month of September, according to a report filed today. The company sold in the state

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A telegram has been received by Sheriff Nelson from Sheriff Charles of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, stating that requisition papers are being procured and an officer will be here in about a week after Olaf Anderson and Walter Phillips, who were arrested at Seaside a few days ago on charges of grand larceny.

In the meantime the two men are in jail in default of \$1000 bail. They are accused of taking mortgaged automobiles out of the state of Idaho without permission.

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Cottage Grove Child Burned.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hatfield was seriously burned Tuesday, when her clothing caught fire from a blaze the children had started. The child's face and a major part of its body were affected. The mother and father suffered seriously from burned hands in attempting to save their little tot. The father was home on account of illness.

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