

OREGON RAILROADS HELD IN FINE SHAPE

Southern Pacific Officials Make Inspection.

PRESIDENT SPROULE HERE

Vice-President Shoup Also Renews Acquaintances—Branches Also Declared Excellent.

The Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific are in a very satisfactory condition, according to the report of the high officials of the company, who have been making inspection trips over the Tillamook branch, west side lines and properties of the system on both sides and across the Willamette valley for several days and spent yesterday in Portland inspecting terminals and calling at Portland general offices of the company.

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board, expressed his satisfaction with the favorable business conditions in Oregon. He declared that the property has been found in just as excellent condition on the branches as on the main line and that with increasing equipment under construction it is the expectation of the management to take care of traffic efficiently.

Personal Calls Are Made.

The officials made a number of personal calls during the day. In company with John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Oregon lines, to renew old acquaintances and meet shippers and business men. President Sproule and vice-president Shoup called at the Chamber of Commerce. "While as a railroad official I am not interested in shipping development, it is a big question of importance to the country," said President Sproule. "Ships are competitors of the railroads in the carrying of goods, but a broad policy should be pursued by the government in sales of the ships to the American people, for the private ownership of the vessels is the correct method, in my opinion, to bring about the establishment of a strong merchant marine. It is my conviction that the government should sell the vessels under contract by which the difference in cost as the price of tonnage declines might be absorbed by the government."

Plan Is Declared Logical.

"It is good business and logical that this should be done. If the government holds the ships at prices so high that the operators cannot buy them, the prices will eventually have to be reduced in order to dispose of them; so why should the buyers not be given protection? The purchaser who pays \$150 a ton for ships and finds within a few months that he must compete with vessels costing half or two-thirds as much would be at a decided disadvantage."

"The nation must have a great merchant marine, ample to meet possible contingencies of the future. While we hope there may be no future wars, it must be realized that if war comes this country should have for its protection a merchant marine strong enough to serve the navy in carrying supplies and fuel. It is therefore essential that a broad policy be adopted and permanently established by the government."

Old Friends Greet Shoup.

Paul Shoup, vice-president of the Southern Pacific company, who was formerly assistant general freight agent of the Harriman system lines at Portland, was greeted by many old friends. He became president of the Pacific Electric company, operating the electric lines covering the territory tributary to Los Angeles with a network of suburban lines and was located there for several years.

During the war period he was transferred to San Francisco as executive official of the company in charge of the corporate interests. He was highly complimentary of the growth and business development in Portland during the time in which he had no opportunity to keep in touch with affairs in this city.

The special train bearing the official party departed for San Francisco last night.

MACSWINEY IS FEVERISH

LOYD GEORGE'S SUGGESTION NOT THOUGHT PRACTICAL.

Lord Mayor's Friends Say He Cannot Give Guarantee for Cessation of Murders.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork passed a rather restless and feverish evening in Brixton jail, but otherwise his condition, due to his prolonged hunger strike, was unchanged.

Premier Lloyd George's suggestion for the release of Mr. MacSwiney or other hunger strikers, conditional on a guarantee of the cessation of murders of policemen in Ireland, seems not to be regarded either here or in Dublin as providing any practical issue for the breaking of the deadlock between the government and dissident Irishmen. Lord Mayor MacSwiney's friends declare that it would be impossible for MacSwiney to give such a guarantee.

Art O'Brien, president of the Gaelic league in London, says no authoritative communication has been received from the premier by any relative of Lord Mayor MacSwiney or anyone entitled to speak in his behalf.

NAUGHTY DANCES BRANDED

MASTERS DECRY ANIMAL NAMES FOR DANCE STEPS.

Portland Is 1921 Convention City. Normal School Will Be Conducted for 4 Weeks.

Shades of animal dances last night shrank behind coffee cups at a banquet tendered visiting delegates of the American National Association of Masters of Dancing, held in the Benson hotel. The cat-step, the camel-walk and the cat-clutch were condemned unhesitatingly.

Here is the tenor of a resolution adopted at the banquet, which was part of the closing programme of the dancing convention:

Whereas, considerable publicity has been given certain movements being used on the stage under the name of the "cat step" and the "camel walk," and whereas, in-

quiry is being made of our members by the public concerning such so-called dances, therefore, be it resolved, that the American National Association of Masters of Dancing, in session at their western convention in Portland, Or., decry the application of such names to any dances or movements for use in ballroom dancing and do denounce the use of animal names for dances at all times.

The masters of dancing yesterday also voted to name Portland as the convention city of 1921 in face of the opposition offered by Salt Lake City. The convention, which also carries with it a normal school of dancing, will be held, starting during the middle of August. It is planned to be open four weeks in the 1921 convention.

President Penton Bott, Mose Christensen, Senator Stefano Mascagno and others gave brief talks. The convention closes today. The normal school remains open another week.

SERVICE LEAGUE TO MEET

OFFICERS CALLED TO GOTHAM SEPTEMBER 17.

Mayor Baker Sets Meeting Date at Request of Organization's Executive Secretary.

Placement of the Portland Service League on a firm basis, through the appointment of necessary officers, will be made at a meeting to be held in the public auditorium September 17. All colonels, majors, majors' adjutants and captains will be urged to attend.

The plan of the organization meeting was made by Mayor Baker following receipt of a letter from Henry W. Kent, executive secretary of the organization, who several days ago wrote to the mayor and outlined the plans of the organization and requested aid from the city's chief executive.

In this letter Mr. Kent informed the mayor that the purpose of the league is general was to assist the mayor and city commissioners, as well as all civic organizations, to make Portland a bigger, better, busier and more beautiful city. The specific purpose which the league hopes to accomplish immediately is to aid the Portland Rose society in expanding and making Portland the greatest rose center of the world.

HARRY HOGUE ARRESTED

EX-MUNICIPAL JUDGE IS HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE.

Mrs. Hogue, Proprietor of Nortonia, Complains of Party With Other Women.

Harry Hogue, formerly municipal judge, was arrested last night in his office in the Sherlock building, and held in the city jail on a technical charge of violating the prohibition law. Patrolman Simpkins, who made the arrest, said he found Judge Hogue with another man and two women in the office; where a quart bottle of moonshine whiskey, three-quarters empty, stood on a table.

The arrest was made by request of Mrs. Hogue, owner of the Nortonia hotel. Mrs. Hogue went to police headquarters and demanded that the police raid the office.

The four persons in the office were taken to police headquarters, where all underwent a rigid cross-examination. Mrs. Hogue sat in the captain's office while the questioning went on in another room. She later left it was decided to lock up Judge Hogue on a charge of having liquor in his possession. The two women and the other man were released.

POLICEMAN WINS BY K. O.

Harold Shields Orders Reserves, but Simpkins Is Enough.

Harold M. Shields, 26, was arrested last night near the Multnomah club and charged with being drunk and disorderly after a fight in which Patrolman Simpkins dislocated his thumb. The man's wife had complained that he had beaten and choked her. Shields had left his home at 167 Stout street when the policeman arrived. The patrolman gave chase and overtook the prisoner.

CHILD IS HELD MURDERER

Boy of 10 Years Is Accused of Killing Playmate, Aged 11.

MODESTO, Cal., Sept. 7.—Gerald de Witte, 10 years old, is a prisoner in the Stanislaus county jail here tonight, charged with murder in connection with the shooting and death of Louis Cooper Jr., an 11-year-old playmate, near Turlock, where both resided.

4 Die From Drinking Alcohol.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7.—Four civilian employees of Edgewood Arsenal, near here, are dead and four more desperately ill as a result of drinking some form of poisonous alcohol. Military authorities said they did not know whether the men brought their liquor in with them, or drank some of the alcohol stored at the post for military purposes.

They admitted, had been rendered ready to deter soldiers from eating and drinking it.

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nothing but good quality because they know it is economy. When they couldn't get enough fine goods, they turned down sales rather than sell "cheap" stuff.

Something ought to be said, however, for the merchants who have been taking only a fair profit; merchants who have tried to help their customers meet high costs.

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POLES PROTEST ATTACK

NOTE SENT LEAGUE OF NATIONS SEEKS PROMPT ACTION.

Collision With Bolsheviki Charged by Polish Government in Complaint Filed.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The Polish note to the league of nations asking it to mediate in the Polish-Lithuanian controversy says that while the Polish armies were retreating before the Russian soviet forces, the Lithuanian

government concluded an agreement with the soviet government at Moscow authorizing the soviet army to make use of Lithuanian territory for its passage and the establishment of a military base. This, the note points out, was a breach of neutrality. The note continues: "Later when the Polish armies were forced to withdraw from ethnographic Polish territory as awarded Poland by the supreme council December 8, 1918, Lithuanian troops occupied the evacuated territory and committed excesses toward the population remaining faithful to Poland. When the bolshevik invasion was repulsed the Polish army reoccupied Suwalki and the Lithuanian government sent a note to the Polish government declaring it did not recognize the frontier, as fixed by the supreme council, and asking the Poles

to retire behind the line of Grajevo-Augustowo. "The Polish troops have tried throughout to avoid shedding blood but on September 2 a detachment of Polish cavalry occupying Selny was attacked by Lithuanian troops and forced to evacuate the town. The Lithuanian army then occupied Suwalki and advanced upon Augustowo without declaring war. It was ascertained the bolshevik troops cooperated with the Lithuanians. "The Polish government was thus faced with open and direct aggression from Lithuania. There is no doubt possible that the armies of Lithuania are allied with the red army, and that the Lithuanian government has become the ally of the soviet government. "Owing to the fraternal relations which during several centuries have existed between the Polish and

Lithuanian peoples the Polish government would have recourse to force of arms only with great reluctance. "The Polish government has taken all measures to prevent any contact between its troops and Lithuanian forces. It will avoid battle as long as the strategic situation permits. "Owing to the danger to Poland created by the concentration of bolshevik troops, which is now in progress, the Polish government shall consider itself entirely free to proceed with necessary military operations to free Polish territory. "The Polish government submits the above facts to the league of nations and requests the league to use all the means at its disposal in order to prevent the Lithuanian government from continuing to cooperate with the soviet and cause Lithuania to abandon its strange enterprise,

thus preventing the Polish nation from being under the painful necessity of waging war against a sister nation." MARIAN LEWTHWAITE IS DEAD. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Miss Marian Lewthwaite of this city died at St. Vincent's hospital last night after an illness of a year. Miss Lewthwaite is survived by her sister, Mrs. Effie Johnson of Gladstone; two brothers, Clifford Lewthwaite of Powell River, B. C., and Alex Lewthwaite of Portland, manager of the Crown-Willamette Paper company. Two Civilians Killed Near Belfast. BELFAST, Sept. 7.—A military lorry containing an armed escort broke down today near Ballymakera,

county Cork, and was attacked by a large body of civilians. The escort drove off the assailants, two of whom were killed and three wounded.

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