

HARDING SUGGESTS
RATE MEN GET BUSYPresident Prods Interstate
Commerce Commission.

AID FOR SHIPPERS URGED

Subject of Government Debt to
Railroads Also Supposed to
Have Been Discussed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—While railroad executives were pleading before congress today their plea for relief from financial embarrassment, President Harding took action to satisfy himself that a revision of freight rates, particularly on necessities, will be a part of the general railway readjustment.

Walking into the offices of the interstate commerce commission, the president inquired of the commissioners what they were doing toward relief of shippers who had found some of the rates unreasonably burdensome. He was assured that the subject was under investigation, and that the commission hoped soon to effect broad revisions through voluntary action of the roads.

Hauling charges for fruit products over western roads were made a specific example by Mr. Harding. He told the commissioners that he had received many reports of dire distress among western fruit-growers because of the high rates, and asked whether changes might be expected soon. The commissioners replied that the fruit schedules were receiving informal consideration.

Debt Also Is Considered.
Although it was indicated that the question of rates prompted the president's call, it was assumed that during the half-hour conference there also was some mention of the roads' proposal that the government discharge at once the debt to them growing out of federal control. This proposal was renewed before the senate interstate commerce committee today by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania lines, who argued that such action would be no more than keeping the word of the government given when the roads were taken over.

The suggestion is known to have received careful consideration by the president and his advisers, and was the subject of a conference yesterday. In his visit today Mr. Harding technically was dealing with a part of the government outside the executive branch, and he assured the commissioners that he had come simply in the interest of co-operation and general welfare. Since he had the official right to communicate with congress regarding rates, he explained, he felt that he might enjoy the same privilege in regard to the commission set up as the agent of congress in the making of rates.

Rea Prods Government.
Mr. Rea repeated his statement of yesterday that the government was in duty bound to return the roads to their owners in as good condition as when they were taken over, and declared that the president had agreed to carry out the roads' rehabilitation proposal and thus put railway finance once more on a sound foundation. He summed up his remarks by saying that the government's rehabilitation plans in this statement.

"My first suggestion is the release of amounts due to the railroads for federal control but now held by the railroad administration as offsets to capital expenditures made during federal control. To fund all of these capital expenditures would, I estimate, release and pay several hundreds of millions of current cash, due by the government, into the hands of the railroads as working capital, and also to purchase materials and supplies and meet other obligations. The present railroad revenues are not adequate to meet these necessities."

"My second suggestion is that a delay of three and a half years or more in settling under-maintenance questions, for both the federal control and guaranty periods, be eliminated by prompt decisions that would, in effect, redeem the promise of the president, the federal control act and the transportation act, to return the roads in as good condition as when they were taken over, or, as a measure, or else pay the cost of physical repair necessary to put them in that condition."

Credit Improvement Result.
"This means that there would be made available several hundred more millions than the railroads believe are justly due them for under-maintenance and to meet the operating and maintenance deficit in the guaranty period."

"The combined results of prompt payments called for by these suggestions would mean the immediate readjustment of railroad rates."

Signed by the entire California congressional delegation, an appeal for a reduction in transcontinental freight rates was sent today to President Harding.

The petition stated that California fruit cannot be sent to eastern markets without substantial losses to growers and shippers.

"Thousands of growers are facing ruin," the memorial stated. "The entire perishable fruit industry in the state of California is threatened with destruction."

STRIKE DECLARED UNLIKELY

Spokane Labor Leaders Believe
Wage Cut Unjustified.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 1.—No strike or railroad tie-up is anticipated by railroad labor leaders in Spokane because of the wage reduction effective July 1, according to statements made here today.

The railroad men do not believe the wage cut justified at the present time, according to Fred Seiden, secretary of the local brotherhood of railway trainmen, but will abide by the decision of national brotherhood officials scheduled to meet July 1.

GERMANS DEFEAT POLES

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lars. If the British try to push through the new treaty, the Germans will run into opposition which may involve shooting and endless consequences.

It seems to be the German purpose to get the British into trouble with the Poles. This aim may be seen in the German propaganda. The Germans cannot be expected to disarm the irregulars unless and until there are enough British to take over the policing properly with at least 100,000 men.

If the British force were not difficult enough, the Germans have chosen this ill timed moment for renewals of the propaganda for undivided Silesia. This purpose has hardened the German insurgents to persist in the campaign, for if they yield now, much of the coveted territory would be indisputably Polish.

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE SELECTS FOUR CANDIDATES TO RUN
FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

Mrs. Jan. Beggs. Charles R. Moore.



E. C. Sammons. E. C. Sammons.

FOUR ARE UP FOR BOARD

CITY CLUB COMMITTEE RE-
PORTS ITS SELECTIONS.Mrs. James Beggs, Judge E. V.
Littlefield, E. C. Sammons and
C. B. Moore Named.

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sent change in the state law provisions, however, for a board of seven instead of five, so four members must be elected to the board at the election.

Three on Committee.
Selection of the candidates for endorsement was undertaken by the subcommittee of three members, including Marshall N. Dana, chairman, Dr. W. G. Elliot, Dr. W. T. McIlwain, Hugh Hume, Edgar B. Pifer, Dr. George Rebec, Ben Selling, W. B. Ayer and J. E. Wheeler.

On learning yesterday that the citizens' committee had decided to favor the election of Mrs. Beggs, Mrs. G. L. Buland, who had been announced as a candidate for school director, was known that she will not run. Mrs. Buland explained her withdrawal from the race as due to her desire to insure election of one woman to the board. To remain in the contest herself, she explained, would endanger chances of election for both women candidates. Rather than do this she said she preferred to withdraw and give all her support to Mrs. Beggs.

Women's organizations of the city had been instrumental in protecting both Mrs. Beggs and Mrs. Buland into the race for the school director and they had jointly received many such endorsements.

INITIATION TO BE PUBLIC

Orange Owl Club to Establish Custom at Corvallis.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 1.—(Special.) A public initiation in a Corvallis theater will be given the "Orange Owl" pledges, those who have been elected to the club, and three women have been elected to associate membership.

Newly elected members are Phil Gilbert of Long Beach, Cal., Howard Lewis of Marshfield, Claude Palmer of Portland; James Ladd of Glendale.

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK.

Senate.
Passed the naval supply bill without material decreases and with but 17 opposing votes.

Nomination of Jacob Gould Schurman as minister to the Philippines approved by foreign relations committee without delay or antagonism.

Deficiency appropriation bill taken up and made the unfinished business.

William J. Bryan hobnobbed with many senators and inspected the new outdoor dining room on the senate porch.

House.
Passed Graham bill permitting consolidation of independent telephone companies.

Volstead anti-beer bill completed by judiciary committee and ordered reported.

Chairman Porter of foreign affairs committee announced that Porter peace resolution would be substituted for new resolution and taken up in house probably next Tuesday.

FRED KELLY OF PORTLAND, AUDMERE R.

Playle of La Grande, Alfred Koepfen of Pendleton and J. J. Lynch of Salem.

The three women elected associate members are Grace Maxwell of Weiser, Idaho, Edessa Campton of Portland and Florence Laird of North Bend, Or.

U. S. LIMITS BENEFICIARIES

Only Original Purchasers to Get
Land Grant Refund.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C.—Only the original purchasers of land within the Northern Pacific railroad land grant extending from Wallula, Wash., to Portland, Or., can receive the \$125 refund on each acre which the government is now paying. This ruling was made by the interior department in a letter to Representative Sinnott of Oregon.

It appears that on the prospects of the construction of a railroad which was never built, the government charged the original settlers \$250 an acre, which was twice the standard government price.

As the Northern Pacific failed to construct the road under that grant, made more than 50 years ago, a refund of half the original price was ordered. Numerous persons who purchased the land from the original owners have been seeking to collect the refund, but today's ruling ends such hopes. Legal representatives or executors of the estates of original purchasers may collect, however.

CAR DIVES INTO POND

Harry Wooster Nearly Drowned by
Plunge Into Water.

ESTACADA, Or., June 1.—(Special.)—Two women were hurt badly and a boy nearly drowned when a car bearing Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Krigbaum, Bulger Krigbaum, Mrs. H. Tracy and little grandson, Harry Wooster, all of Gresham, plunged into the Pacific highway near Fairview into a pond 15 feet below, yesterday.

A pond and Mrs. Tracy were bruised severely. Harry Wooster was resuscitated by a physician from Gresham after several hours of effort.

PORTLAND-SAN FRANCISCO

Steamer Service Resumed.

Steamer "Alaska" will leave San Francisco for Portland Saturday, June 4th, and leave Portland 10 A. M. Thursday, June 9th, for San Francisco. Future schedule, steamers "Rose City" and "Alaska" will be announced later.—Adv.

MILITARY OFFICERS ELECTED.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 1.—(Special.)—Linus C. Pauling of Portland was elected captain of the Scabbard and Blade, national military fraternity, for next school year. M. R. Good of Gresham is first lieutenant, Walter Olson of Portland second lieutenant and Ralph Goodale of Anaheim, Cal., first sergeant. Helping officers were Grady Kipp of Hinton, Okla., captain; G. A. Powell of Portland, first lieutenant, and Ralph Campbell of Amity, first sergeant.

SHIPYARD OFFICE FURNITURE

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NAVY BILL PASSES
SENATE WITH RISEBitter Fight From House Is
Forecast Over Action.

BOOST IS \$98,000,000

Three Weeks of Contest Required
to Get Measure Through and
Cost Loses Basis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—Passage of the naval appropriation bill by the senate late today paved the way for what promises to be a sharp contest in conference between the senate and house over senate increases of \$98,000,000 and the Borah amendment authorizing and requesting the president to call a naval disarmament conference of the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

House sentiment is understood to be against the increase and its leaders have indicated a desire to broaden the Borah plan to include military as well as naval disarmament in a conference of many nations.

Vote Is 54 to 17.
As passed by the senate the bill carries \$98,000,000 as compared with \$396,000,000 voted by the house. The senate vote was 54 to 17, the latter including five republicans and 12 democrats. Sixteen democrats joined with 38 republicans in voting for passage.

Almost three weeks of contest were required in the senate to dispose of the bill. The economy drive waged against it netted a reduction of but \$2,500,000—\$1,500,000 additional to start the committee amendment to start a new Pacific coast naval base at Alameda, Cal., and \$1,000,000 topped from transportation and recruiting funds.

Economy Plan Is Rejected.
Today a motion by Senator King, democrat, Utah, to recommit the bill to committee with instructions to cut out \$100,000,000 was defeated 45 to 25, the affirmative including 10 republicans. Other amendments by Senator King to suspend work on new battle cruisers and superdreadnoughts of the 1916 building programme were rejected.

The senate retained by 38 to 24 the committee amendment providing about \$40,000,000 additional to maintain an enlisted personnel of 120,000. The house fixed the personnel at 100,000. The republicans prominent in the economy campaign voted for the reduction.

Another amendment previously adopted and finally eliminated was that authorizing reappointment to the Annapolis academy of 110 midshipmen who were forced to resign last term because of scholastic deficiencies.

BORAH AMENDMENT STAYS.

The Borah disarmament amendment, adopted recently, 74 to 0, was retained intact. Because of its inclusion Senator Borah, its author, voted for the bill.

"I have great hope in that (disarmament plan)," he said. "But I know there still is much opposition to the amendment and to the cause." The senate conferees will insist upon inclusion of the amendment, Senator Forrester said tonight.

Senator Borah said the appropriation could not be "justified" to the taxpayers. Similar sentiments were expressed by others, including Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska, in explanation of their votes against the bill.

NOTED RADICAL IN PRISON

A. S. Embree Begins Term at Idaho
State Penitentiary.

BOISE, Idaho, June 1.—(Special.)—A. S. Embree, sentenced at Wallace to serve one to ten years in the state penitentiary for criminal syndicalism, arrived here today to begin his term.

Embree came to this state following the troubles at Butte several years ago and had been watched since then by officials. He was at one time the secretary of the L. W. W.

Much credit for his conviction at Wallace is given by Robert O. Jones, commissioner of law enforcement, to Jack Foster, deputy of the department for the northern part of the state.

BURNED OUT TO REBUILD

Undertaking Company and Church
Plan Edifice at Once.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 1.—(Special.)—C. L. Sticklin announced today that plans were being drawn for a new building for the Sticklin Undertaking company to replace the structure destroyed by fire Saturday. The new building will be two stories, of colonial design and brick construction. Its erection will begin as soon as the ruins of the fire are cleared away.

At a meeting held last night by the congregation of the Baptist church, plans were started for the immediate

MILTON POSTMASTER NAMED.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,
Washington, D. C., June 1.—Victor N. Cockburn has been appointed acting postmaster of Milton, Umatilla county, Or., upon the recommendation of Representative Sinnott, the postmaster having resigned. A civil service

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construction of a new church on the site of the edifice destroyed Saturday. An invitation for the Baptists to the Episcopal church until their new building is completed was accepted.

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Toiletware—Imitation Ivory	1/2 Off	All Gold-Filled Jewelry—Closing out at	1/2 Price and Less
Sterling Toiletware	1/3 to 1/2 Off	Clocks, including all makes	20% to 1/2 Off
Vanity Cases	1/3 Off	Pearl Necklaces (Imitation) La Tausca and Richelieu	1/4 Off
Cigarette Cases	1/3 Off	Diamonds, Single Stones	10% Off
Mesh Bags	1/2 Off	Diamonds, Clusters	15% Off
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