

TWO LINES TO RUN RAILROAD JOINTLY

Direct Service From East Via Spokane Assured.

HOWARD ELLIOTT IS VISITOR

Physical Connection Slated to Be Made This Year.

TENTATIVE DETAILS OUT

Chairman of Northern Pacific Board of Directors Says City to Keep Hill Headquarters.

HIGH LIGHTS OF CHAIRMAN ELLIOTT'S VISIT.

Announces tentative details for joint operation by Northern Pacific-Great Northern of Spokane, Portland & Seattle rail way as through line from Spokane and east on same basis as Portland-Seattle roads operate. Says elimination of Spokane, Portland and Seattle will not mean removal of Portland headquarters of Hill lines, but that W. F. Turner, now president, probably will remain here with a strong staff to operate Oregon Electric and perhaps the Oregon Trunk and Astoria-Sea-aside lines. Maintains that proposed absorption of North Bank road will work greatly to improve service and to develop Portland territory, giving in reality two new direct lines from east. Indorses 1925 exposition at Portland and pledges full support of Northern Pacific system in making it success. Optimistically forecasts better times and gradual stabilization of the country's business and financial structure.

Portland will be the direct terminus of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads from the east by way of Spokane, as well as from Puget sound, perhaps in this calendar year, by the joint conduct of the physical properties of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line, but obliteration of the entity of the latter will not deprive this city of a headquarters for so-called Hill roads. For W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, will in all probability be retained here in charge of the Oregon Electric and other properties.

This is the information given out here yesterday by Howard Elliott, ex-president of the Northern Pacific, always a Portland and northwest enthusiast, now chairman of the line's board of directors, with headquarters in New York. Part of his statement was made at a luncheon given in honor of him and his official party by the Chamber of Commerce and the rest direct to The Oregonian following the luncheon.

Development Is Assured.

In his address at the luncheon Mr. Elliott let it be thoroughly understood that the Northern Pacific railway, which he said had been in active partnership with Portland for nearly 40 years, intends to put this city and the Oregon country to the fore more than ever just as rapidly as possible by entering into physical operation with the Great Northern of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line; by doing its full share in the construction of the projected \$2,000,000 freight terminal and passenger station improvements and by advertising to its utmost the advantages of this region throughout its entire system.

"The Northern Pacific has both feet in Portland and here with the best on," said Mr. Elliott. "We are going to keep these bells ringing in every one of our offices from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, telling the people all about Portland and the Pacific northwest."

Support to Fair Pledged.

Mr. Elliott put himself squarely on record as in favor of the exposition, and declared that the Northern Pacific system will co-operate fully with the people of this section in helping to make of the fair a big success.

"As to the details of our exposition, I am not so familiar," said Mr. Elliott, "but of one thing I feel sure—If Portland and the northwest be behind it, success is assured. The Northern Pacific will leave nothing undone to help you so far as it lies within our power."

Mr. Elliott spent an exceedingly busy day here. Arriving at 10:30 A. M. in his special train over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle from Spokane, completing exactly 4000 miles of travel since leaving New York a week ago, he and his party were met by a reception committee consisting of Mayor Baker, H. B. Van Duser, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Julius L. Meier, chairman of the board of directors of the 1925 exposition; J. C. Alsworth and M. H. Houser. Promptly at 12 o'clock the

7-CENT STEAK IS SAID TO COST \$4 IN CAFE

500 PER CENT PROFIT IS CHARGED TO RESTAURANTS.

Government Investigation of Retail Food Prices Demanded by Kansas Commissioner.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 13.—J. H. Mercer, Kansas livestock commissioner, today called upon United States Attorney-General Daugherty to investigate retail prices throughout the country.

"Mr. Daugherty, the beef has been selling for 7 1/2 cents a pound," Mr. Mercer said. "The same beef retails for 30 to 40 cents a pound, while at some of the higher-class restaurants and cafes beefsteak is sold for as high as \$4 a pound. This wide divergence between the prices the producer is obtaining for his products, and the prices to the ultimate consumer demands the action of the government."

Mr. Mercer spent two weeks in Washington last month on official business. He kept an itemized list of food purchased from various eating houses which he is furnishing the attorney-general. These prices, he said, were from 500 to 700 per cent above the retail cost. Food profiteering is more or less general all over the United States, Mercer declared.

BOY URGES NATURE FUND

Congressional Committee Is Told of Benefits of Research.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Congressmen, deep in discussion in the District of Columbia heard 13-year-old Jimmie Bradley of Washington tell why the children wanted appropriations to continue nature study in the schools.

Armed with letters of approval from President Harding, General Pershing and many other notables, Jimmie, who was foreman of the John Burroughs club jury which recently decided the White House ought to live, told the congressional committee the study of birds and trees and animals filled "any regular fellow with a sense of justice."

It was the first time so far as the oldest old-timer could remember that a congressional committee.

TROOPS OFF FOR ISLANDS

Transport Sherman Leaves Tacoma With Artillery Regiment.

TACOMA, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—With 350 members of the 59th United States army transport Sherman left Tacoma today for the Hawaiian islands and the Philippines. The artillerymen are to be stationed at fortresses on the latter islands for the next two years.

The regiment started boarding the transport at 3 o'clock this morning and by noon all of the supplies and men were on the vessel and she left on her monthly trip across the Pacific under command of Captain E. S. McClelland, veteran of the army transport service.

None of the guns or tractor equipment was taken overseas, the regiment being equipped with guns and tractors already at the fortresses which the artillerymen will man.

Brigadier-General Harry D. Todd Jr., who commanded the 51st coast artillery brigade until it was demobilized, June 30, sailed for the Philippines with the Sherman to command all coast artillery organizations on the islands.

OBSERVER IS DECEIVED

Airplane Reported Fallen When It Goes Behind Mountain.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—A telephone report from the Black Rock ranger station in the Umpqua national forest caused excitement in the local forestry office today until it was learned that the report was unfounded. According to word from the base at Eugene the aviators were flying low in the Balm mountain district. The fact that they were so much lower than usual, together with the "jumpy" appearance of the machine at such a low level, caused the Black Rock observer watching the machine, when it dropped behind the mountain, to believe that the ship had been forced down and had chosen the big snow field on which to light.

The observer reported to Forest Supervisor Hamdell, who immediately got in touch with the officials at Eugene. The plane landed safely at the base, however, a few minutes after the report came in.

STORM STRIKES MONTANA

Hail 15 Feet in Gulches Reported; 1000 Acres of Wheat Destroyed.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 13.—Hail 15 feet deep in gulches and one to four feet deep elsewhere was reported today, following a storm that was declared to have covered a path from one to six miles wide in this vicinity. Its course was through a section largely unimproved, but about 1000 acres of wheat was declared to have been destroyed.

Many windows were broken and cellars were flooded here and in Black Eagle.

WAR CRAFT SUNK BY ARMY PLANES

Air Defense of Coast Against Fleet Shown.

TEST IS 85 MILES OFFSHORE

Hits Scored 50 Minutes After Beginning of Attack.

20 BOMBS STRIKE TARGET

Former German Destroyer Plunges Beneath Waves From Onslaught of 55 Machines, 3 Blimps.

ON BOARD U. S. S. DELAWARE, OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES, July 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Army airmen accounted today for the former German destroyer G-102, in what was regarded by army and navy officers as one of the greatest spectacles in the history of American air service.

Thirty-five army planes and three blimps came 80 miles to sea to participate in the operations, demonstrating the ability of this arm of the national defense forces to go out and meet an enemy fleet approaching the coast. All but two of the aircraft returned safely and the crews of those two were rescued by naval vessels after the planes had been forced down to the water.

20 Bombs Find Target.

Twenty-four of the aircraft that put out from shore took direct part in the attack, launching 24 bombs, 20 of which found the target. Seventeen hits were made with 25-pound bombs dropped by ten pursuit planes, but did little damage. The other three hits were scored with 200-pounders and they sent the destroyer down to join the former German submarine, U-117, sunk by naval aviators three weeks ago.

The first of the bombs to find the mark struck the G-102's bridge, carrying part of it away and blowing out the forward smokestack. The second—dropped by the same plane, the 13th of the Martin bombers in the second attacking squadron of 14—struck the starboard side of the destroyer near the water line and tore away part of her shell plating above and below the water.

The hits were scored 50 minutes after the first attack was started.

Craft Begins to Settle.

The former enemy craft immediately began to settle by the bow and in five minutes her fo'castle deck was nearly awash. It was apparent, however, to navy and army officers on the

RUM RUNNERS ACTIVE ALONG JERSEY COAST

MYSTERY SHIP PARENT CRAFT OF SWIFT WHISKY FLEET.

Seizure of Foreign Liquors Valued at \$18,000 Develops Clue to Illicit Traffic.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13.—Whisky smugglers once more have the revenue men on the jump along the Jersey coast.

The "mystery ship" that for the last week has been prowling around off these beaches now believed to be the parent ship following a flotilla of fleet motorboats, disguised as fishing smacks, employed in landing illicit liquor at isolated points within a hundred-mile radius of this resort.

Capture yesterday of \$18,000 worth of fine whiskies of foreign manufacture aboard a four-ton truck as it pulled through Ocean City en route for Atlantic City, after having picked up the contraband stuff from a landing wharf at Wildwood bears out suspicions of coast guards and revenue officials who have been on the alert for such smuggling for the last ten days. A tip from Baltimore that the liquor runners were headed this way from an island off Florida caused a doubling of the guards at points where the runners have been making their landings.

The liquor seized was in charge of John G. Leflar, a Wildwood expressman, and his son, W. H. Leflar. There were 150 cases, all of foreign make, aboard their truck. The haulers declared ignorance of contents of the cases, asserting they had been asked to pick it up from the fisheries landing near Wildwood and convey it to this city. The man who hired them was a stranger, they said.

A suspicious steamer twice has been sighted off this city during the last week, both times at night. The craft did not carry the usual lights prescribed in the maritime regulations and refused to "speak" when signals were flashed by vessels she circled.

Her speed was sufficient to swing around the fastest ships that sighted her, which led the revenue men to believe the mystery ship was the one to which their tip related.

After an investigation at Wildwood today the revenue men came to this city following a clue. Later they boarded a cutter and started toward Cape May on the lookout for several of the auxiliary boats believed to be hovering between this city and the cape awaiting favorable opportunity to land their cargoes of wet goods.

The federal men were convinced the hooch runners are directed by the same gang that for a time used the Atlantic City inlet as a landing point, and were tripped up when \$50,000 worth of English liquors were seized in a bathhouse in the inlet district.

Within the last week there has been more "good liquor" on tap around town than at any time for the last six weeks. Profits to the smugglers have not been so large because buyers were wary of the stuff, following the swindle put over by other runners who dumped job lots of "terrible stuff" as victims term it, about the city.

Good liquor now is back to \$12 a quart, a drop of \$4 on the price prevailing for the last month and there are not near so many takers.

CLACKAMAS HEALTH OFFICE IN TANGLE

TWO DOCTORS CLAIM POSITION AND EACH INSISTS.

Court Names Physician, but One on Job Refuses to Give Up, as No Charges Are Filed.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Clackamas county isn't quite sure whether it has two county health officers, one, or none at all.

The county court appointed one doctor to the position already filled, which can only be declared vacant by the state board of health. The county judge says that his candidate is the incumbent. The state board of health says that the man who has held the office is still retaining his position, and cites the law on the case.

Meanwhile two doctors are proceeding to conduct the business of the county health officer.

On June 21 the county court issued an order appointing Dr. W. E. Hempstead to the position of county health officer, at a salary of \$1050 a year. Dr. O. A. Welch, who holds the office, refused to turn over the records to Dr. Hempstead, saying that he had received no notice of his dismissal.

The commission of Dr. Hempstead, according to Judge H. E. Cross, was confirmed by the board. This, however, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health at Portland, has denied.

Dr. Welch states that he has received no notice of charges being filed against him, as the law requires, and no mention in the telegram from the secretary of the state board of health is made of any such charges being filed. Under the provisions of the law he then still remains in office.

According to Dr. Hempstead, a letter was received from the state board of health to the effect that his appointment would be recognized as soon as official information of his appointment was received from the county court. This information was sent to the state board immediately after Dr. Hempstead was to take office under the order by the court. This letter is said to be in the possession of Judge Cross.

PRESS RATE RISE SLATED

Western Union Proposes 25 Per Cent Increase in Washington.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 13.—(Special.)—Press rates over Western Union wires will be raised about 25 per cent in the state of Washington, if the tariff filed with the department of public works by E. C. Coles, district commercial superintendent of the company, with offices in Seattle, are allowed to stand.

The new tariff is filed on the same basis as that which has been in operation by the Postal company for some time and provides that the night press rate shall be one-sixth of the rate charged for commercial messages. The press rate over the Western Union, according to the department of public works, will be about 20 per cent higher than the Postal rate.

MORE PLEDGES OF GO-OPERATION IN

Britain and Italy Act on U. S. Invitation.

FULL APPROVAL EXPRESSED

No Opposition to Disarmament Conference Noted.

OUTSIDE POWERS CONTENT

Japan Only One of Five Yet to Be Heard From and Acceptance Confidently Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Additional pledges of co-operation reached Washington from several quarters today in response to President Harding's proposal for an international conference on limitation of armaments and other world problems.

Definite acceptances of the president's invitation were received today from Great Britain and Italy, while informal advices came that a favorable reply from China might be expected soon.

France having previously expressed her willingness to take part, the only invited power from which no sort of an expression had been received tonight was Japan. Administration officials were confident of acceptance from the Tokio government, however, and in Japanese quarters here it was indicated that the delay undoubtedly was due to the formalities of consultation among various branches of the Japanese government, which are necessary in the decision of an important public question.

No Outsiders Object.

It is understood that no advice of an adverse nature has reached the state department from powers not asked to participate. Sentiment abroad seems content with the president's decision to have the membership of the conference limited to the big five powers and China.

Press dispatches indicating that some British statesmen desired to have the preliminaries of the conference held in London were not taken seriously, either in British quarters here or by officials of the administration. It was pointed out that the British government had accepted definitely the president's proposal for holding the meeting here.

Among high American officials there was manifested a strong sentiment that the whole conference should be held here, both on account of the facility of business such a plan would make possible and because of a feeling that America was entitled to be host since she had initiated the movement and issued the invitations.

Public Opinion Factor.

It was apparent also that convening of the meeting on American soil would be reckoned here as giving the administration an opportunity better to keep in touch with the pulse of American public opinion and more easily to marshal public sympathy and support for the efforts of the negotiators.

The declared limitation of armaments or the Pacific situation had also taken up first, will rest with the delegates themselves, it was emphasized.

VATICAN VOICES APPROVAL

President Congratulated on Initiative He Has Taken.

ROME, July 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, today prints a semi-official note warmly congratulating President Harding on the initiative he has taken for an international conference on the limitation of armaments.

The newspaper passage says: "It is not the first time the reduction of armaments has been talked of, but each time heretofore armaments were increased. President Harding's proposition is certainly made in perfect good faith."

JAPAN'S ACCEPTANCE LIKELY

London Confident Nippon Will Figure in Conference.

LONDON, July 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Word has not reached London whether Japan has accepted President Harding's invitation to a conference for the limitation of armaments, but there is little doubt here that acceptance will be forthcoming. The view of the Japanese embassy officials is that necessary formalities at Tokio with reference to the invitation have delayed the reply.

The personal attacks which have been made in some quarters on Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon in connection with their possible visit to Washington are generally deprecated but they have given rise to a discussion as to whether on general grounds it would be advisable for the prime minister to represent Great Britain.

The idea is that if the armaments conference materializes its sessions

HEAVY GOLD STRIKES ARE MADE IN ALASKA

PROSPECTORS RUSH TO AREA OF RICH DISCOVERIES.

Dozen Quartz-Bearing Fissures Are Uncovered Near Anchorage. Run \$100 Per Ton.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 13.—Strikes of gold quartz apparently bearing more than \$100 to the ton, in a district 20 miles south of here, were reported today. The news no sooner had reached here than prospectors flocked to the area of the discovery.

Men returning from there said a dozen big fissures of quartz heavy in gold had been uncovered within a region 12 by 7 miles. The first strikes occurred at Girwood, on the government railroad. According to messages received here, the original find was followed by numerous others of equal importance. The quartz was described to have been found largely in porphyry rock formations.

Mining men here who have made a preliminary investigation of the discovery predicted it would prove epochal. Some of the strikes, they said, developed on railroad cuts along Turnagain Arm.

YUKON WETS' JOY DITCHED

Hopes for Liquor Importation Is Dashed by U. S. Embargo.

DAWSON, Y. T., July 13.—The enthusiasm in the Yukon over the big vote Monday in favor of importation of liquor was dampened today when it was learned the United States already had placed an embargo on all liquor shipments through its territory. All transportation routes into the Yukon cross American territory in Alaska.

Canadian Pacific railway officials at Skagway, Alaska, notified George F. McKenzie, chief executive of the Yukon territory, that only shipments which arrived on the steamer at Skagway today would be allowed to go forward.

Mr. McKenzie said that unless permission from the United States authorities could be obtained, the Yukon would be cut off from its liquor supply.

SCHOONER GOES ON ROCKS

General Pershing Reported Breaking Up Fast; Crew Is Removed.

TURKS ISLAND, Bahamas, July 13.—The General Pershing, an American five-masted schooner, which left Norfolk June 29 with a cargo of coal for Bremerton, went ashore on Endymion rock, July 11. The vessel was reported to be breaking up fast, but the crew has been taken off and some materials and stores saved.

The General Pershing was built at Olympia, Wash., in 1913. The vessel had a gross tonnage of 2466.

JAILERS CRUEL, IS CHARGE

Deportations on Seattle Conditions Laid Before Mayor.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 13.—Arrests charging cruelty on the part of jailers in the city jail here were laid before Mayor Caldwell today. The mayor said the matter would be investigated. Two men who were prisoners on the night of July 4 charged with minor offenses, signed the deportations.

The charged they saw prisoners beaten with blackjacks and complained of insanitary conditions at the jail.

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PARKING CURBED IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

New Traffic Law Passed by City Council.

ALL PROTESTS OVERRULED

Suit to Block Ordinance to Be Instituted Today.

RULES TO PREVAIL SOON

Left-Hand Turns in Downtown District to Be Barred—Signs Are to Be Posted.

By unanimous vote of the city council the ordinance prohibiting all-day parking of automobiles and limiting the parking time in various sections of the business district was passed yesterday.

Announcement that suit for an injunction against the city to prevent application of the new ordinance would be instituted this morning, was made last night by F. M. Leeston-Smith, who represents the automobile trade on lower Broadway.

The automobile dealers north of Couch street are opposed to the 20-minute parking restriction applied in the ordinance to their street. These dealers filed a petition with the city council protesting, but their protest was overruled.

Signs Will Be Posted.

The ordinance carried an emergency clause which under ordinary circumstances would make it effective from the time of passage. However, members of the council announced that the provisions of the new ordinance would not be put into effect until signs necessary to inform the public of the new regulations had been prepared.

This means that the new regulations will not be enforced for two or three weeks. Announcement will be made when the ordinance is to go into effect.

For a time yesterday it seemed as if the passage of the ordinance would be delayed. Commissioner Mann threatened to vote against the emergency clause because of the insertion of limitations which had not been agreed to yesterday. The ordinance was considered last Friday.

Left-Hand Turns Barred.

At that time it was agreed that left-hand turns would be eliminated in the district bounded by Third, Broadway, Stark and Yamhill streets.

When the ordinance appeared before the council yesterday Park and West Park streets had been included in the district in which left-hand turns will be prohibited.

Commissioner Mann was not in favor of the elimination of left-hand turns in so large a district and said that inasmuch as the two new streets had not been considered by the council when an agreement had been reached, he was not in favor of the eleventh-hour change.

"I object to the emergency clause," announced Commissioner Mann. "I object to the removal of the emergency clause," said Commissioner Barber, chairman of the traffic committee. "We must start sometime and I think we have had this matter under consideration long enough."

Mayor Baker then intervened by declaring that the members of the council should be willing to give and take, and that in view of the fact that Park and West Park streets had not been agreed upon, he would be willing to eliminate those two streets from the district in which left-hand turns are to be prohibited.

Protests were made against the 20-minute limitation on parking on lower Broadway streets by Ralph J. Staahl and F. M. Leeston-Smith, representing the Automobile Dealers' association. Members of the council took the position that no special privileges could be given and overruled the protests.

No other opposition developed and when the objection of Commissioner Mann was met the ordinance was adopted.

Parking Limits Stated.

Under the new ordinance parking will be prohibited unless a person competent to operate the machine remains in the car and then not longer than 20 minutes on the following thoroughfares:

Washington street from Tenth to First streets; Alder street from Tenth to Front streets; Morrison street from Front to Front and on the Morrison bridge and its approaches to East Water; Madison street from Second street to East First street; Ankeny street from Front street to East Third street; the Steel bridge and its approaches and Broadway street from Oak street to Larabee street. The ordinance provides for a limit of two hours in parking in the following areas: From Oak to Couch, Tenth and the river; from Oak to Madison street; Washington, Alder and Morrison streets, from Second street to the river; from Tenth to Thirteenth street; Burnside to Taylor streets, and from Tenth to Second, Taylor to Madison streets. Minute parking will be permitted in the area bounded by Oak to Taylor, Tenth to Third street, with the exception of Washington, Alder

