

OUTPUT OF PAPER MILLS MENAGED

Coast Publishers and Manufacturers Say Need of Oil Is Great.

APPEAL MADE TO BARUCH

Government Assurance of Adequate Supply of Fuel to Keep Plants Running Asked; Opening of Reserve Lands Urged.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—A delegation of Pacific Coast publishers and paper manufacturers, at a conference today with Chairman Baruch, of the War Industries Board, asked that the Government assure an adequate supply of fuel oil to keep paper mills running. The Navy's demand for fuel oil has reduced the amount available for paper mills, and the delegation declared drastic steps would be necessary if the paper industry is to be kept going. The delegation also called on Secretary Daniels to learn how much fuel oil the Navy can spare for the paper industry. Secretary Daniels was informed that a careful survey of the situation had led to the conclusion that by next November or December the stock of fuel oil on the Pacific Coast would be so far reduced as to make necessary the discontinuance of large industries. The remedy proposed was the throwing open of naval reserve oil lands, that production might be greatly increased.

Daniels Opposes Suggested Plan.
Mr. Daniels expressed his unalterable opposition to this remedy, but said that his approval had been given to pending legislation, which would put the oil reserves of the Navy under the President's supervision, to be used as he thought best in cases of shortage. Yesterday the delegation conferred with Oil Administrator Requa in New York. At these various conferences the publishers showed that production of oil has slowed down and the development of new fields has been blocked by the Government's policy. Furthermore, the withdrawal of tankers from the Pacific Coast has interfered with shipments of oil.

To add to the uncertainty, Congress has for several years considered, without passing, the oil leasing bill, and this delay in putting into effect a definite policy has but confused the situation.

The newspaper men found that Secretary Lane favors a more liberal policy regarding the opening up of oil lands in California than does Secretary Daniels.

More Conferences to Be Held.
The intention was given that if some policy cannot soon be worked out which will lead to expansion of the oil industry in California and Wyoming, the Government may be forced to commandeer the oil and supervise distribution.

Further conferences will be held next week between attorneys for the litigants and representatives of the fuel administration in an effort to reach an agreement.

Mr. Requa and the attorneys for the claimants were brought together by a delegation of Pacific Coast newspaper publishers, who said their only intent was to stimulate production of fuel oil sufficiently to overcome the shortage which they asserted was rapidly approaching a famine.

Shutdown of Mills Imminent.
Paper mills on the Coast have been threatened with the necessity of closing down because of inability to obtain fuel oil.

F. W. Kellogg, of San Francisco, was spokesman for the publishers. Others in the delegation, included V. S. McClatchy, of Sacramento; W. H. Cowles, of Spokane; S. A. Perkins, Tacoma; Harry Chandler, Los Angeles; H. S. Day, Wallace, Idaho; M. F. Ihmsen, Los Angeles; Joseph Blithen, Seattle; Scott C. Bone, Seattle, and John H. Perry, of San Francisco.

RELIEF WORK PLANNED

DISABLED SOLDIERS RETURNING TO BE CARED FOR.

State Superintendent Will Co-Operate With Red Cross in Looking After Needs.

SALFEM, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—With the report that many American enlisted men from this state have already been returned to their homes from army camps suffering from tuberculosis or kindred diseases, Superintendent Churchill today agreed to join with the home service department of the Red Cross in preparing to take care of such soldiers and their families.

Mr. Churchill is framing a letter which will go to all the teachers of the state asking for surveys in their respective districts of the condition of all families of enlisted men in any branch of the service. This information will be placed at the disposal of the home service department.

The home service department is organized not only to look after soldiers returning from the war wounded or in ill health, but to also provide as far as possible for needy families whose men are at the front.

With the information gathered by the school teachers the department will be able to act in scores of cases which otherwise would not be heard of, says Mr. Churchill.

ELMA GIRL WINS HONORS

Miss Aileen Adams Victor in County Spelling Contest.

MONTESANO, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—In the county spelling contest held here last night, Miss Aileen Adams, of Elma, won first honors in the seventh and eighth grade group and Miss Lena Paul second. Prizes in the junior group were taken by Martha McCleary, of McCleary, and Miss Helen Mumaw, of Aberdeen.

It was nearly midnight when the championship of the senior group was decided. In the first round of the 20 entries five made perfect scores on the first 50 commonly misspelled words.

OAKLAND'S QUOTA HIGH

City of 500 People Called Upon to Lend Nation \$46,500.

OAKLAND, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Great credit is due Oakland in this

liberty loan drive, for it has contributed practically \$100 for every man, woman and child in the community. This is fully set forth in the letter of Mayor Bridges to Governor Withycombe, which says:

Dear Governor—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 23d inst., in which you convey to the city of Oakland the official thanks of the state for putting Oakland over the top. In reply I beg to thank you for the kind sentiment expressed in your letter; at the same time I wish to say that personally I do not feel that any congratulations are really due any city, or community for responding to the call of the Government with its full quota, but the people of this community felt that the opportunity was placed too high, and in this regard I am sure they were correct. Oakland's amount was placed at \$46,000, about equal to that of all of Douglas County outside of Roseburg, and I am sure that you will agree with me that to ask a city of 500 people for this amount is out of proportion and unfair. I therefore feel that the telegrams and the newspaper articles concerning this matter were very unjust to a patriotic community, and unjustly criticized the committee in charge of the work. Very sincerely yours,

J. T. BRIDGES, Mayor.

WOMEN'S BONES SOUGHT

BLUEBEARD SECRET SCENTED IN DEAD GERMAN'S SUICIDE.

Two Wives and Housekeeper of Helmut Schmidt Are Missing and Fiance Is Slain, Say Authorities.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., April 27.—County Prosecutor Plumer began today a search which it is believed may disclose the bodies of three women who disappeared while living at the house in the outskirts of Lakewood that was once occupied by Helmut Schmidt, who committed suicide at Detroit, after he had been arrested on the charge of murdering a New York girl that he had met by means of a matrimonial advertisement.

Anita Schmidt, the first wife, disappeared soon after she came here with her husband. His explanation was that she had been called to Germany. When she did not return, he declared she had died while abroad.

Later another woman, known as Margaret Darsch, joined Schmidt and soon she, too, disappeared. The explanation in her case was that she had gone to Denmark. Finally Irma Pallatius disappeared while serving as Schmidt's housekeeper.

DETROIT, Mich., April 27.—One woman known to be dead, three missing more than a year, a fifth seeking to recover \$1500 alleged to have been stolen from her, and others, widow and daughter of the dead man, being questioned in connection with the case, was the way the prosecutor's office tonight tabulated developments in the mystery surrounding Helmut Schmidt.

Schmidt, who took his own life after his arrest in connection with the death of Augusta Steinbach, of New York, left an estate valued at approximately \$20,000. It was stated today.

In searching for the three women, authorities at Lakewood, N. J., and Detroit were excavating the premises of Schmidt's former homes, in the belief that they may have met with foul play.

CENTRAL OFFICE PLAN

RAILROADS TO CURTAIL EXPENSE IN NORTHWEST CITIES.

Reduction of Seattle-Portland Passenger Service to Six Trains Daily Up for Official Approval.

Agreement on the plan for unified central ticket offices in Pacific Northwest cities has been reached by passenger officials of the various lines, in conference at Seattle for several days, it was announced yesterday.

Under the plan, which was ordered by Director-General McAdoo, each city will have but one central ticket office. Details of the plan agreed upon have not been given, but will be set out in a report submitted by J. H. O'Neill, chairman for the North Pacific Coast committee, to Regional Director Alesha.

Local officials say that it will be impossible to complete arrangements and open the new office in Portland before May 1.

It is announced that plans for the reduction of passenger service between Portland and Seattle, from nine to six trains daily, have been submitted to the regional director and will go into effect as soon as approval is given.

John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, and H. A. Hinchaw, general freight agent, leave today for San Francisco, where they will confer with company executives on economy measures and reporting of freight on the company's lines.

Guy Hill, chief rate clerk of the Southern Pacific passenger office, leaves today for Washington, D. C., where he has been ordered to attend the conference respecting rate complications.

BELGIAN OUTRAGES ROIL

Huns Sending Thousands of Persons Into Battle Zone in France.

AMSTERDAM, April 27.—The Telegraf publishes a letter sent to General von Falkenhayn, Governor-General of Belgium, by a number of Belgian Senators protesting against the deportation of Belgian people. The letter in part follows:

"Thousands of Belgians, many of them under 16 and over 50 years of age, have been and are being taken from their homes and forced to labor in Northern France at points very near the front, where they are repeatedly exposed to shells."

German Paper to End Existence.

BALTIMORE, April 27.—Announcement was made tonight by the management of the German Correspondent that tomorrow's issue would be the last of this publication. The correspondent was founded 77 years ago by the late Frederick Rahne, who was Consul-General at Berlin under President Cleveland.

PROPAGANDA

A Big, True-Blue, Distinctly American Sermon by Portland's Well-Known Evangelist

PHIL. C. HAYWARD

Of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The true relationship of Christian institutions to the Federal Government in its time of crisis will be clearly set forth in a sermon that will answer every question, and rebuke every anti-American propaganda.

Sunday Night, April 28
THIRTEENTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS.
ARCANUM HALL

WASHINGTON COURT ORDERS 5c FARE

Public Service Commission Cannot Change Franchises of City, Is Decision.

TACOMA ISSUE TEST CASE

Ruling Construed to Mean That Company Is Held to Furnish Adequate Service Without Failing to Comply With Franchise.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Washington's Public Service Commission can neither modify nor abrogate conditions in city franchises granted streetcar companies, nor can the commission authorize an increase of fare above 5 cents within city limits.

The Supreme Court held unanimously today in disposing of a test, culminating from long conflict between city officials generally, the Public Service Commission and Stone-Webster streetcar interests on Puget Sound.

In the same ruling the public utilities statutory guarantee of being permitted to earn a reasonable return upon value of property devoted to public use is preserved. The commission must show due regard to the company's right to an earning in requiring adequate service within the limitations imposed upon fare to be charged and compliance with franchise requirements.

Company Must Comply.

This is construed to mean that the company is held to furnish such adequate service as it can, and still earn reasonable return, without failing to meet its franchise obligation or charging more than 5 cents fare. The commission is now confronted with the task of deciding what is adequate service and reasonable return to the company within the limitations fixed upon revenue and with free rein given to established franchise requirements. These latter include payment by the company to the city of gross earnings tax, proportionate paving and bridge construction charges and free transportation for various city employees.

The Supreme Court holds that if, as found by the commission, streetcar revenue based upon a 5-cent fare is not sufficient to provide adequate service and at the same time afford a reasonable income to the company, the remedy is in the Legislature and not the court.

Judge Main Writes Decision.

To hold otherwise, the court declares, would be to write provisions into the statute where the Legislature has placed none, and to write out of the act a section which the Legislature has placed there. Judge John F. Main wrote the decision.

Whether the Legislature has power to invade the commission with authority to abrogate conditions imposed in franchises granted prior to passage of the public service law is a question upon which the Supreme Court expressly reserves any opinion.

Essentially the ruling upholds the enabling act, under which cities are empowered to grant franchises to streetcar companies and to impose terms of operation, against the contention that this right was later superseded by an extension of state police power through the act creating a public service commission.

Five Cents Set as Limit.

The 5-cent fare limitation is sustained as a mandatory declaration of legislative intent that no greater sum should be charged, against streetcar company argument that this limitation is inferior to later commission authority to compel adequate service when it has been demonstrated that such service cannot be furnished on the income received and leave the company an adequate return on its investment.

The issue is finally tested on a Tacoma complaint of inadequate car service and its outcome leaves the Public Service Commission in a curious position. The Tacoma Railway & Power Company admitted inadequacy of service, but pleaded inability to improve under the 5-cent fare restriction and franchise payments required.

Commissioners A. A. Lewis and F. R. Spinning rendered a majority ruling in which they refused to attempt to assume jurisdiction over the franchise or power to increase fares. At the same time they declined to order service improvement petitioned for, because of the company's showing of insufficient revenue.

Commission's Right Upheld.

On the other hand, Chairman E. F. Blaine took the position that the commission had legal power to make franchise modifications or fare increases necessary to justify compelling the company to furnish adequate service. The company thereupon came into the Supreme Court on petition for a writ of mandate directing the commission to compel adequate service on a basis of a reasonable return, regardless of franchise or fare restrictions. Chairman Blaine supported this contention through a private attorney and the other two commissioners stood a responsive position through representation by Attorney-General Tanner.

Just before the opening of argument Tanner arose and informed the Supreme Court that he was unable to appear for the commission majority because they had just refused to verify his answer to the company's petition. He asked and was granted permission to appear for the state-at-large, instead, and presented his case in association with various city attorneys. Spinning and Lewis remaining unrepresented by counsel. They claim to have refused their endorsement to technical defense when what they desired was a decisive ruling on points involved. The final decision overthrows both Blaine and the company and leaves Lewis and Spinning supporters.

LIBERTY

BROADWAY AT STARK—CONTINUOUS 11 TO 11

Here's Another Comedy "Knockout"

FOUR DAYS



A PAIR OF SIXES

ADDED PEP: "THE SPIRIT OF THE RED CROSS" By James Montgomery Flagg

tained in their main contention, but largely out of court.

the aggregate was 12,368 and the week previous 8129.

BRITISH LOSSES NOT BIG

Total Casualties for Week Fall to Reach Figures for Year Ago.

LONDON, April 27.—British casualties reported this week totaled 12,368. The losses were divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 465; men, 2661.

Wounded or missing—Officers, 2071; men, 13,229.

Despite the heavy fighting for more than a month past, the British casualties reported are only now beginning to approach the higher figures for week after week last year, when the British were on the offensive on the western front. The increase recently has been on the average of 50 per cent each week over the week preceding. Last week

DEAD AVIATOR PORTLANDER

Donald R. Frazier Joined Oregon Naval Militia at Age of 15.

Donald R. Frazier, who lost his life in France in an airplane accident a few days ago, was a former Portland resident and lived with his mother, Mrs. F. A. Frazier, now a resident of Berkeley, Cal., at 833 East Sixth street North. According to the records of the Oregon Naval Militia in charge of Lieutenant H. C. Jones, executive officer, young Frazier joined that organization in November, 1913, when less than 18 years of age. He was honorably discharged from the Naval Militia in August, 1914, on account of his removal from the city. He was born at Seattle.

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