

MUCH LOST MOTION ON LINES REPORTED

Car Movement on Southern Pacific Criticized.

HANDICAP HELD SERIOUS

Complaint on Service Rendered in Oregon Forwarded to Interstate Commerce Commission.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—That there has been considerable "lost motion" on the part of the railroad companies operating in Oregon with regard to moving cars after they have been loaded, and that the northbound movement of empty cars from California through Ashland has decreased considerably during the past few weeks, are charges made in a letter prepared here today by Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, and sent to Clyde B. Aftonson, chairman of the interstate commerce commission at Washington.

"Recent inspections by this commission in several valley towns," said Mr. Buchtel's letter, "indicate that there is some 'lost motion,' at least along the lines of the Southern Pacific railroad. For instance, after a car is loaded, numbers of trains are permitted to proceed without pick-up and frequently two or three days elapse before the car is moved toward its destination.

Delays in switching cars from the transfer track at Albany have been quite noticeable, and numbers of specific cases might be cited where it appears that the Southern Pacific company has been negligent and has not handled its equipment to the best advantage.

Another source of delay and cause of complaint by shippers is the length of time consumed in shipments from California points to Portland. It appears that where the pre-war schedule ordinarily required four or five days for a shipment of this nature it now requires from seven to ten days.

Oregon's industries have suffered the additional handicap of acute car shortages, particularly on the lines of the Southern Pacific for years, while other states have been able to reap an advantage through our inability to obtain cars for shipments.

If the commission's information is reasonably accurate, California has never been, and is not now, confronted with Oregon's unfortunate situation as regards car supply.

"We note that the northbound movement of empties from California through Ashland has considerably decreased of late although the combined movement, loads and empties, appears to have held about normal. Yet the Southern Pacific reports for September indicating a shortage of some 2000 cars, plus. The northern lines seem not only to have practically overcome their shortage, but to have accumulated a surplus.

"Can you not give us a consideration to the northbound movement over the Southern Pacific through Ashland, and suggest the possibility of augmenting the Southern Pacific supply through the Portland terminal?"

Highway Hearing Set. SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission in an order issued today, set October 5 as the date for hearing the application of the state highway commission for a reduction in the present freight rates affecting road building material. The hearing will be held in Portland. On October 5 the commission will sit at Heppner where it will consider an application for an increase in electrical rates affecting the towns of Heppner, Ione and Lexington. At Creswell, on October 19, the commission will consider a request for an increase in the water and electric rates now in effect there.

Democratic Candidates Tour. CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Judge W. B. Everett, democratic candidate for governor; George Fishburne, candidate for congress from the third district, and Samuel Bostwick, Everett will tour several southwest Washington counties next week. A meeting will be held in Centralia September 29. Other Lewis county towns in which the candidates will speak are Chehalis, Pe Ell, Winlock and Toledo.

Frame-Up on Negro Verdict. THE DALLAS, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The Wasco county grand jury reported this morning that it refused to indict Thomas Clifton, negro, charged with an attempt to attack Winnie Mitsch, white, in her room here at the Glenwood hotel three weeks ago. The negro received his freedom and officials were of the opinion that he was the victim of an attempted "frame-up."

Fair Honors Sherman County. THE DALLAS, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Wednesday, October 6, has been designated by the fair board as Sherman county day at the Wasco fair. On this day it is customary for nearly 100 cars to come over from Sherman county and attend the fair here. In return the people of Wasco county go in a body to the Sherman county fair on Wasco county day.

Butter Output Increased. CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The butter output of the Winlock Co-Operative Creamery this month will exceed that of September, 1919, by 10,000 pounds. The creamery's output in August was 25,700 pounds and in July 29,600 pounds, exceeding the corresponding months of last year by a total of 21,400 pounds.

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U. S. LETS GO RED TRADE

SOVIET TRYING TO GIVE ORDER FOR 2000 LOCOMOTIVES.

Swedish Firms Begin Breaking Contracts; Germany Signs to Build 2000 Rail Engines.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 25.—Professor Lomonosoff, who is in charge of Russian soviet government railway contracts, has told the Associated Press correspondent "that he is disappointed because the United States government has barred him from going to America to arrange business contracts."

The professor showed the correspondent a contract signed by the German locomotive trust comprising all leading German locomotive builders, including the Krupp firm, for the delivery of 2000 German locomotives within 18 months, the amount involved being about \$10,000,000 marks.

"Very much regret having been unable to place this order in America," the soviet emissary said, "I have lived there for years; I was always a firm believer in the mutual interests of the two countries and had hoped to initiate business relations between them. The United States government has forbidden the export to Russia of American locomotives on the plea that they are war material. I have orders for 2000 more locomotives which I want to place in America. If only America will take the business."

Answering question whether the delivery of the German locomotives would not mean an invasion of Russia by a small army of German technicians, Lomonosoff said: "No. Russia is fully capable of supplying her own needs in that respect. We have all kinds of technical experts. Since the Polish invasion the whole of Russia's intelligence has wholeheartedly joined the soviet government forces."

Professor Lomonosoff said he was going to Stockholm to inspect a number of Swedish locomotives which are ready for delivery.

Since the signing of the Russo-Swedish contract for the delivery of 1000 locomotives to Russia, practically no Scandinavian firm has done any business with Russia. Several firms have even cancelled their contracts on some plea or other. The Scandinavian attitude is strengthened by the recent decision of a large American banking firm which, first apparently eager to enter the Russian field, has now finally decided to have no transactions whatever with soviet Russia.

Restrictions which had been imposed upon trade between the United States and Russia, after the bolsheviks obtained control of the latter country, were removed by the American state department July 7 last. Exception was made, however, in the case of shipment of materials susceptible of immediate use for war purposes. The state department announced that individual licenses would have to be obtained before locomotives, railroad material, rolling stock and motor cars could be exported from the United States to Russia.

FATHER IS FOUND DEAD

LAD, 12, DISCOVERS BODY WITH RIFLE ALONGSIDE.

Charles Edwards Rents Cottage at Monticello, N. Y., After Separating From Wife.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Sept. 25.—The body of Charles Edwards, with a rifle by its side, was found in a Klemesha lake cottage by Edwards' 12-year-old son yesterday. The man had been dead for several hours. But one bullet had entered the body, tearing through the chest near the heart, cutting away a part of one arm and going out of the side of the cottage.

Edwards rented the cottage two weeks ago and he and his son lived there, some trouble having separated him and his wife. It is reported that Edwards had considerable money in his possession and that fact leads to the belief that he was murdered. Nothing had been disturbed in the room to indicate a struggle or hurried search for money or valuables. Young Edwards slept in the room adjoining his father's and was not awakened by the shot. The authorities are of the opinion that it is a case of suicide, but will make a thorough investigation.

AIR MOTOR HAS NEW HEAD

C. M. Keys Acquires Control of Curtiss Airplane Corporation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Acquisition of control of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor corporation by C. M. Keys, vice-president and chairman of the financial committee of that company, was announced today. Mr. Keys said that he would assume control of the voting trust and the financial and manufacturing policies of the corporation.

"I have bought a substantial block of the stock of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor corporation," said Mr. Keys, "for the Willis-Overland and the J. N. Whitty interests and will take control of the voting trust. Glenn H. Curtiss will continue to be head of the engineering division and closely associated with me in the management."

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CARLYON BILL EXPLAINED

Good Roads Association Urges Support of Measure.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—At the monthly dinner last night of the chamber of commerce C. H. Shields of Seattle, chairman of the executive committee of the Washington Good Roads Association, explained the merits of the Carlyon road bill, to be voted on at the November election, and urged support of the measure.

He pointed out the immense advantage derived by the state of California from a similar road building programme.

Albert Smith, local banker, gave a review of building activities in Centralia this year, structures completed, under way and in immediate prospect representing an investment of approximately \$750,000.

Following the dinner members of the chamber inspected the new Oliver apartments, just completed at a cost of \$75,000.

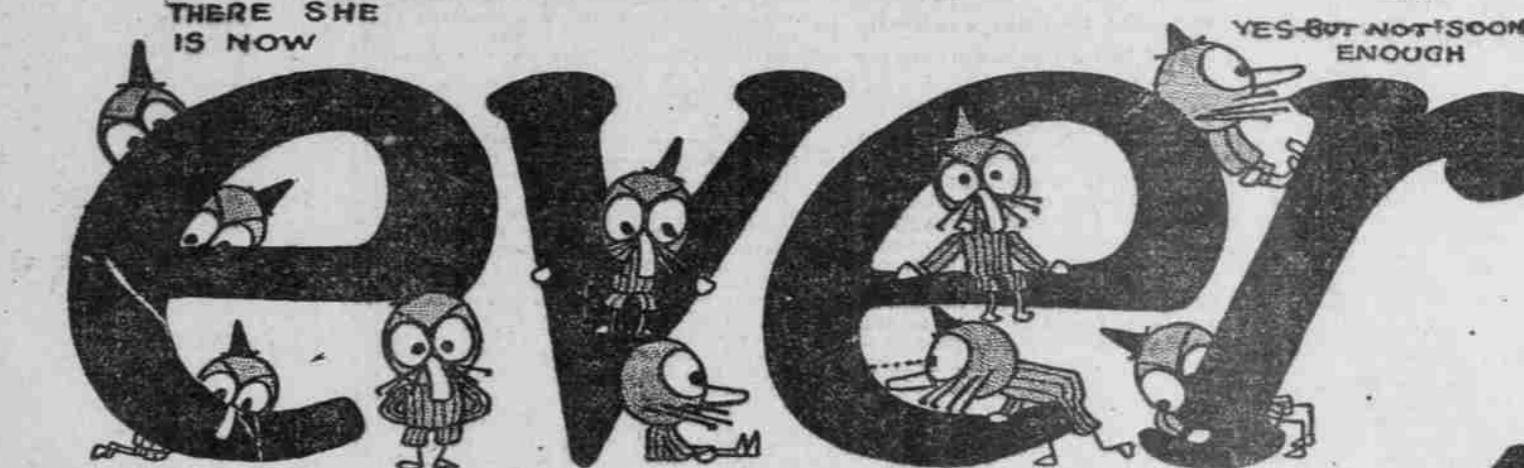
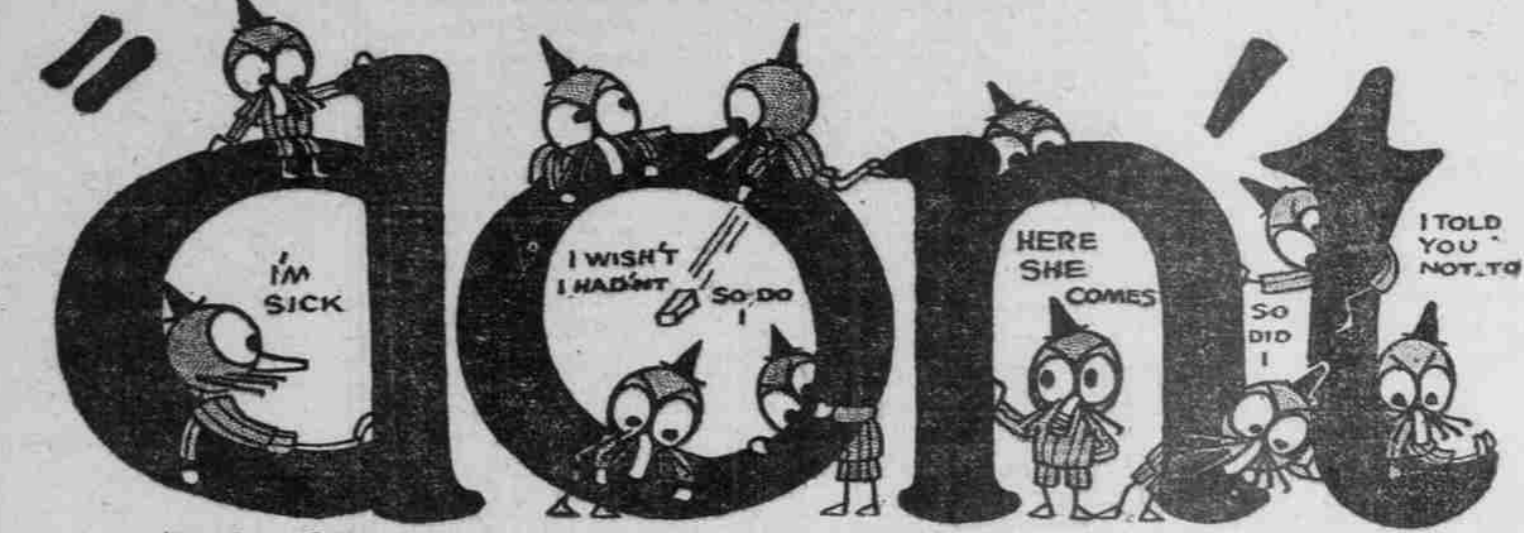
RECORD ROLL EXPECTED

University of Montana to Open Tuesday, September 28.

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 25.—The fall term of the University of Montana will begin Tuesday, September 28, and a record-breaking attendance of both sexes is expected.

Among the new faculty members is Miss Virginia Weaver, from the Washington state college, in the department of home economics; Miss Gladys Bice of the University of Wisconsin, department of business administration.

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