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RAIL TRAVEL BY JAN. 1 1916

Engineer Fountaine Thinks Coos Bay Will Connect With Eugene By That Time

FERRY UMPQUA

This Plan Passengers Could Be Taken Through Until Bridge is Finished

WORKING LAYING OF RAILS

From Here North to Ten Mile Gardiner Will Continue and Rails are Laid to Acme Ready for Train Service

Coos Bay to Portland by rail early 1916, is more than a probability and now becomes a probability, according to statements this morning by W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer of the Pacific, who stated that laying and trestle building is rushed to its limit.

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Work North of Here. The laying of rails north from Bay to Lakeside and the Umpqua will not be stopped, as had been stated, said the engineer.

Between Smith River and Lake Umpqua heavy steel is now being laid, said Mr. Fontaine, though to standard width, this being made in a short time.

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Rails to Acme. The rails are being laid down to Acme. With train service there from Coos Bay will be cut from the present stage run to the railroad.

For a time limit in the laying of the road Mr. Fontaine could state nothing definite. There are liable to be unforeseen circumstances," he said.

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Following were the passengers: M. McCollister, A. J. Drews, Mesko, A. Denzer, C. F. Lea, Krama, Mrs. Ida Haveman, Z. Man, Clinton Hurd, D. Dakor, Jas. Athanson, G. Wallen, Mrs. Wallen, Mrs. G. E. Blakely, I. D. Lewis, Mrs. Dye, Fred W. H. H. Hull, E. Hany, R. Buckett, Mrs. Blanche Dennis, Lulu Dennis, Thayer Grimes, Peter, Jim Popas, A. J. L. P. Sullivan, E. O. Secord, E. F. Ferris, Myrtle B. Her, Dan Martin, Geo. Tallia, Mrs. Steve Mitsanis, John Stene, Stenquist, Andrew Anderson, Anderson, H. H. Dennis, Miss E. Taylor, C. Dingman.

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ASK NEW SERVICE

PETITION WOULD TAKE S. P. CAR FROM NORTH BEND RUN

Business Men to Ask Council to Allow Change That Motor Car Can Be Used on Valley Schedule

Relinquishments of the Southern Pacific from their franchise which requires an hourly service between Marshfield and North Bend and the use of the gasoline motor car for several daily trips between Coquille Valley Points and Coos Bay is sought in a petition generally circulated among the business men today.

The petition reads: "Believing better mail and passenger service into Marshfield to be essential to its prosperity and of vastly more value to the city than the hourly service between Marshfield and North Bend, therefore we, business men and tax payers of Marshfield, favor the release of the Southern Pacific from said hourly service, contingent upon said company's furnishing adequate passenger and mail service into Marshfield, the same to consist of not less than four trains into this city from the south each day."

About 100 names have been signed. Very few have objected, say those who have been circulating the petition.

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U. S. FLEET IS GREAT ARMADA

Sixty-four Ships of Different Kinds Lined up Today for Big Review

NEW YORK, May 17. A mighty armada of battleships, destroyers, submarines and auxiliary craft, the nation's bulwark in case of war, swung at anchor in the Hudson River today, groomed for review by the President of the United States.

The most powerful array of fighting ships ever assembled in an American port, 64 in all, the fleet stretched for four miles in double line of solemn gray, but touched with gay colors where pennants and ensigns streamed from fighting top and masthead.

Convoyed by the cruiser Baltimore, the Mayflower bringing the President from Washington, reached the harbor last night.

Police on Guard. A squad of policemen and a patrol guard from Secretary Daniels' Dolphin remained on guard throughout the night at the Forty First street landing, off which the Mayflower was anchored.

Sharp Rain Comes. A sharp rain spattered the natty uniforms of the American sailors as they swung into parade formation and headed north into Fifth avenue for the reviewing stand.

The Presidential party was trailed by three automobiles of secret service men and detectives. Seldom are such precautions taken. Detectives were stationed even on the house tops.

A few minutes after the Presidential reached the reviewing stand the parade came into view. Throughout the parade, the President stood, serious of face except when the passing mascots from the warships drew laughter from the crowd.

Talks On Flag. President Wilson delivered a patriotic address on the American flag and the protection it carries for Americans, at a luncheon today given in his honor by the New York citizen's committee for the reception of the Atlantic fleet.

Praises Daniels. Speaking of the flag, the President asserted that it typified all that was best in the world. "The mission of America," he went on, "is what her soldiers and sailors should think of. They have nothing to do

A. E. TOWER DIES

GIVES UP ONLY AFTER STRENUOUS BATTLE FOR LIFE

Was Oldest Rural Mail Carrier in State—Leaves Wife and Six Children—Funeral Today

Andrew Eugene Tower, of Catching Inlet, aged 63 years, died at the Mercy hospital late Saturday afternoon from inflammation of the bladder. Five weeks ago he underwent an operation but gradually his strength failed him.

The funeral was held this afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. of which he was a member. The sermon was given by Rev. Robert Browning, of the Masonic lodge, as the deceased was also a Mason.

A. E. Tower was born in Michigan, October 9, 1852, and graduated from Hillsdale College. He taught school and in 1879 married Miss Helen Robertson in Minnesota and bought and cruised timber then for several years, later engaging in the mercantile business in Washington.

He was a rural mail carrier at Junction City before coming to Coos Bay two years ago where he bought a fruit farm on Catching Inlet.

The deceased leaves besides his wife, three daughters, Mrs. S. C. Kichtlinger, of Salem; Miss Ruth Tower, of Salem; and Mrs. M. Millern, of North Bend, and three sons, Charles Tower and Leverage, of this city and John D. Tower, of Cooston.

OLD SETTLER DIES

O. A. R. PETERSON PASSES AWAY IN THIS CITY

Life-Long Friendship and Association of Two Men is Broken By The Death.

Otto A. R. Peterson, an old resident of Coos County, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night at the home of L. A. Hagglund in West Marshfield, aged 70 years.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden, came to America together and both homesteaded in Minnesota at the same time. Since residing in Coos County they had lived together.

Mr. Peterson was born in Osceola, Sweden, December 22, 1845 and came to Minnesota in 1870 and moved to Oregon in 1888. In Sweden he was a prosperous merchant and a member of the band in the city in which he resided.

He had prospered as a farmer in Coos County but when his health failed he took up his residence in the city. He was ill about two weeks.

Mr. Peterson has no relatives in this country. He has brothers and sisters in Sweden, but has not heard from them in years. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stone were neighbors and old friends and looked after Mr. Peterson during his illness.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Wilson chapel at the Wilson Undertaking Parlor.

VILLA MEN KILLED

BROTHER OF MEXICAN LEADER IS BADLY WOUNDED

EL PASO, Tex., May 17.—General Antonio Villa, brother of the Northern leader, was shot through the head and probably fatally injured, and seven others killed among them some of Villa's officers, as the result of a political dispute in a public house at Chihuahua last night.

with the slaying of police. Sometimes persons who run the United States forget the principle it was founded on, but people themselves never forget."

Secretary Daniels was warmly praised. Under him the navy had become more and more efficient, and the Secretary, the President declared, had his entire support.

At the conclusion of the address, the President left the hotel to inspect the fleet lying at anchor in the Hudson River.

TURKS SLAYING THE AMERICANS

Report States Six Thousand Have Been Massacred in Attacks in Asiatic Turkey

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This message was dated May 15. It adds that the Armenians are defending themselves to the utmost against the Turks and Kurds arrayed against them, but help is urgently needed.

ATTEMPT DEFENSE

But Help is Urgently Needed to Fight Back Turks and Kurd Murderers

MESSAGE CAME TO LONDON

Dispatch is Sent to the English Official Quarters Today by the Russian Consul at Urumiah

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CALAIS IS RAIDED

ZEPPELIN DROPS BOMBS ON THE CITY LAST NIGHT

Two Children Killed and Woman Wounded, but Property Damage is Slight.

CALAIS, May 17.—A Zeppelin coming from the Channel flew over Calais last night. Bombs were dropped on various quarters of the city, killing two children and wounding one woman. The property damage was slight. After the raid the Zeppelin sailed away in the direction of the sea.

MUST GIVE UP LAND

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT AGAINST BOOTH COMPANY

Five Land Patents Cancelled on the Grounds That They Were Fraudulently Obtained by Relatives

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The Supreme Court today affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the cancelling of five patents to Oregon lands held by the Booth Kelley Lumber company because of fraud in entry. Four of the patents were obtained by relatives of R. A. Booth, who ran for United States senator at the last election on the republican ticket, and the case was given much campaign publicity. The grants were voided to the lumber company after the individuals had obtained the patents.

BRITISH ADVANCING

CLAIM TO HAVE REACHED INTO GERMAN LINES

LONDON, May 17.—The British army north of Labasse has advanced nearly a mile into the German line, according to an announcement from Field Marshal French, while Paris claims the French troops continue to make successful thrusts north of Ypres and south west of Labasse.

These claims are confirmed in part by Berlin which tells of the withdrawal east of the canal near Street-recte. Unofficial reports from West Galicia confirm the report that the Russians suffered heavy losses during the retreat.

Berlin says the forty-eighth Russian division was totally defeated and the Russian commander and staff captured. The Teutonic advance still continues and the River San has been crossed. Fighting is going on around Przemysl.

REVOLT AT TRIEST

WOMEN IN RIOT CRY "DOWN WITH AUSTRIA"

Report is 47 Were Killed and 400 Wounded in Clash With Officers

ROME, May 17.—A revolution has broken out at Triest, according to a message to the Idea Nazionale. The crowd was composed chiefly of women who demonstrated before the governor's palace, crying "Down with Austria." The dispatch alleges that 47 women were killed and 400 wounded.

ITALY WILL DECIDE

Crisis at Hand.

ROME, May 17.—Developments of importance are expected today in the affairs of Italy. Premier Salandra called the first formal meeting of the cabinet since the passing of the ministerial crisis which resulted in his remaining in power. It is considered highly probable a definite decision for peace or war may be reached.

LISBON NOW QUIET

PARIS REPORTS SO BUT OTHER STORIES DIFFER

From Madrid Dispatches Say Trouble Has Broken Out Again—New Men in Power

MORE TROUBLE. MADRID, May 17.—Official dispatches from Lisbon today announce that disturbances similar to those which occurred last night broke out again today. Details are lacking.

PARIS, May 17.—Absolute calm is restored in Lisbon. Some of the best known monarchists are leaving the city. The movement is said to have been directed by victorious revolutionists solely to strengthen the republic which they believed was threatened by the policy of Pi-monta Castro as premier. The new government which will be proclaimed over by Jose Chagas, was proclaimed Friday. Delayed reports say when cruiser Almirante Rein caught fire and began to sink the crew escaped to shore Friday night and sent an ultimatum to the government giving it until 11 o'clock that night to resign.

Austria Takes Hand. Austrian Ambassador Duma had long conference with Secretary Bryan and other State Department officials today. While the ambassador would not discuss the subject of his call, the impression prevailed in well informed circles that he endeavored to sound out the feeling with a view toward assisting in a peaceful settlement of the situation with Germany. It is known the German and Austrian ambassadors have been in close communication for several days.

STRIKE IN ENGLAND

THOUSANDS OF MINERS HAVE QUIT WORK TODAY

Trouble Arose Over a Dispute Over the Question of War Bonus in "Black Country"

LONDON, May 17.—Some thousands of miners in the "black country" went on a strike today in consequence of a dispute over the question of war bonus, according to the Evening News. The "black country" is the name applied to the district between Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

REPORT A SEA FIRE

MESSAGE COMES THAT LINER CHYO MARU BURNING

TOKIO, May 17.—A wireless message was received from the steamship Mongolia that a fire occurred on the steamer Chyo Maru Sunday night, according to Asahi Shimbun. There are no details. The vessel is due to arrive in Yokohama tomorrow. The owners denied the report of fire on board.

SHIPPING LOSS HEAVY. LONDON, May 17.—Thomas J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, announced in reply to a question in the house of commons today that 460,606 tons of British shipping other than warships was sunk or captured by the German navy since the outbreak of the war.

U. S. AWAITING GERMAN REPLY

Ambassador Gerard Sends Formal Notice of Delivery of Note to Foreign Office

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Not to Recede. An official declared that the United States will not recede from the rights under international law, but intimated that if Germany acquiesces in the American position, the United States probably will press the contention of the right to ship foodstuffs to Germany.

Nothing is known. Diplomats make many speculations as to what will likely happen, creating interest.

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