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CONTRACTS ARE AWAITED

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and Tells Gathering Fuel Admin.
istrator Had Fixed Coal Price.

Though subjected to considerable hectoring on the part of a group of fuel dealers at the Saturday noon public forum of the Oregon Civic League at the Multnomah hotel, City Commissioner Daniel Kellaher declined to disclose the price at which the city expects to sell wood and coal.

"Let me assure you that the amount of prices we will have made our commissioners," suggested the commissioner, who at the same time laudably affirmed that he was specifically aware the adroit questions of the dealers were intended to bring the commissioners into the city council.

Postmaster Frank S. Myers, who reported by telegraph to the federal government a few days ago on the fuel situation in Portland and Oregon, declared that under Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield, the price of coal at the mine already has been fixed at \$1.50 per ton.

"If the city is going into the fuel business and wants to buy coal," said the postmaster, "it doesn't have to trouble itself with dealers. It can buy direct from the mines that can make half-timers."

Expect Coal Price Fixing

According to information received by the Associated Press from fuel dealers and announced Saturday, it is the government's intention to appoint a fuel administrator for each state and for each city of more than 250,000 population. The dealers said they expect to have the price of coal fixed absolutely by the government. Meantime, they declared, there is enough coal in supplies available from the mines to supply all local orders.

"Will the government's price fixing be upward or downward?" said Commissioner Kellaher, taking a turn at the good natured baiting to which he had been responding.

"I don't know what they did, but they didn't know, but they wanted the city commissioners to do what he solemnly declared he would not do, namely, to authorize a public statement that when the city accumulates supplies of coal and wood for Portland people, it will not sell either tons or cords at less than the prevailing price."

"Let me be perfectly understood," decisively said the commissioner. "The city is not eager to go into the fuel business. If it does it will be for the protection of the people."

"Protection both as to supply and price," queried former Municipal Judge John Stevens.

Drafted Men May Shift to Engineers

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Telephone Kept Busy

"Our telephones are kept busy and mail heavy with the complaints of people who say they cannot get fuel," said Commissioner Kellaher.

Ivan Humason, special investigator for the Boland committee, however, had showed the cord wood supply 75,000 to 100,000 cords short of normal and that this showing, with other considerations, indicated the necessity of the city's relieving the situation.

Two Officers Transferred

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Orders issued from western department headquarters today transfer Second Lieutenant Frank Stone, quartermaster corps, national army, to Camp Kearny, Linda Vista, Cal., and Second Lieutenant John Elmer, quartermaster corps, to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., both are now stationed at the Presidio here.

PORTLANDER ENTERS
MUSICAL DIVISION



U.S. TROOP MOVEMENT
TO EUROPE MAY BE
CURTAILED FOR A TIME

Need for Supplies Held to Be
Greater Than for Man
Power at Present.

U-BOAT MENACE IS CAUSE

France Alone Has Millions Tons of Sup-
plies Awaiting Ships—American
Troops Would Add to Burden.

Washington, Sept. 29.—(U. P.)—American troop transportation to Europe during the next six months may be greatly curtailed.

As a result of the German U-boat menace, discussed with surprising frankness by the British ministry of marine, the most difficult question now before this country is whether the Allies is disposition of American tonnage.

The United Press is able to state on highest authority that the grave question has arisen whether the United States is perhaps endangering her side of the Atlantic in sending over thousands of soldiers at this time instead of moving supplies. The argument is advanced in favor of reducing troop movements to the other side along these lines:

Supplies Are Badly Needed

France alone has a million tons of supplies tied up on this side of the Atlantic which cannot be moved while American troops are being transported.

France, Great Britain and Italy need fuel, food, oil, etc., sorely, shipment of which is prevented through lack of tonnage.

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Allen Eaton Home;
Makes No Statement

Eugene, Or., Sept. 29.—Allen Eaton, representative in the legislature from Lane county and member of the faculty of the University of Oregon whose article published in the Journal of the Oregon Peasant Congress caused the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to demand his expulsion from the faculty and the legislature returned home today.

Eaton said tonight that he has not yet sufficient knowledge of the facts in the case to make a statement, nor will he have one before Monday.

Karl Onthank, secretary to President Campbell of the university, said tonight that the university had nothing to give out at this time.

the sacrifice of facing insufficient supplies through lack of tonnage.

Shipping Program Is Short

The U-boat menace is not underestimated by the United States government. There is not the slightest fear that we shall win through the U-boats, but there is appreciated the need for very serious consideration of the most effective way to meet the situation created.

The British shipping ministry yesterday called upon this country for six million tons of tonnage. The figure cannot be realized before late in 1918, if early in 1919, it is admitted.

The program for the next 18 months falls short of the British demands. And more than a billion dollars is involved in the work now under way. After this period has passed, however, it is stated the United States should be able to produce 6,000,000 tons annually.

Training of U. S. Considered

Means of conserving shipping and utilizing the tonnage available until this great building program nets ships is the vital question under international discussion here today.

For every American soldier transported, his weight in supplies must be sent over every 30 days. Ammunition, food, everything needed on the other side of the Atlantic is not more than sufficient to supply the Tommy and the Pollie there. Thus, it is argued, there is strong reason for training and equipping a great army on this side of the Atlantic by holding up its marching orders until vast amounts of supplies, now vital to the allied fighting cause, are moved.

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Drafted Men May Shift to Engineers

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Drafted men with special qualifications, foresters and lumbermen, may join the Twentieth forestry, Twenty-first railway, Twenty-third highway, Twenty-fifth construction and the Twelfth engineering regiments, application for transfer to these regiments either by men called in the draft or men actually in national army cantonments may be made to the engineers of the western department here.

In order that the Twentieth regiment (foresters and lumbermen) may be organized as quickly and as rapidly as possible, the western department is shifting men in other branches of the service who are familiar with forestry work to the forestry regiment.

A number of these ships are made daily. Before authorization was received for the organization of the forestry regiment, 1,000 men were shifted from lumberjacks enlisted in other branches.

In the meantime the recruiters are accepting men for this regiment only.

Inspect Signaling

Washington, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Major Edmund R. Andrews, signal corps, today was assigned by the war department to the Signal Corps at Berkeley, Cal. Austin, Texas, and Atlanta, Ga., to inspect methods of instruction in signaling the camps there.

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ANY TIME

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TUESDAY VAUDEVILLE

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Comedy Stars and Patten

Superba Duo
Acrobatic Clowns

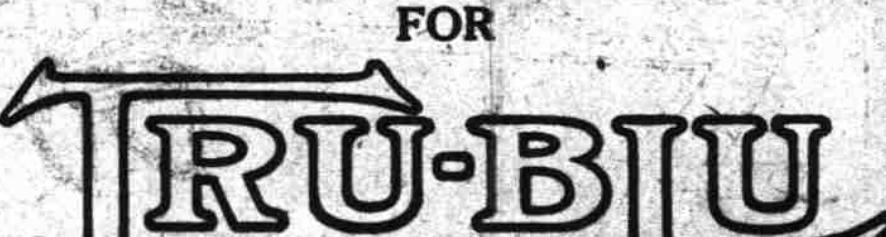
Gertrude Powell
Vaudevillians

Eddie Kole
Blackface Comedian

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BILL HART

IN THE

COLD DECK

Hart is cast as "On-the-level" Luigi, a glib card sharp in Hellengrove, a Western camp where the cards are all stacked to meet a man's game needs! Alma Rubens is Coralie, whom men love to their utmost harm. Fair-haired Mildred Harris is Luigi's sister, while dark-eyed Sylvia Turner completes a wonderful galaxy of stars.