

### KELLAHER DECLINES TO REVEAL FUEL PRICE CITY EXPECTS TO MAKE

Commissioner Is Subjected to Considerable Hectoring on Part of Fuel Dealers.

### CONTRACTS ARE AWAITED

Postmaster Myers Joins in Discussion and Tells Gathering Fuel Dealers. Instructor Had Fixed Coal Prices.

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 discuss the price at which the city expects to sell wood and coal.

"Let the announcement of prices wait until we have made our contracts," suggested the commissioner, who at the same time laudably affirmed that he was perfectly aware of the devious questions of the dealers here intended to "catch" him so completely both himself and 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 \$2.50 a ton.

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

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

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

### PORTLANDER ENTERS MUSICAL DIVISION



Richard Arthur Field

Efficient practice at every odd minute has won for Richard Arthur Field, a Portland boy, recognition and an appointment in the musical division of the United States navy. He left for San Francisco last week. In Portland he has been known as the junior member of L. W. Field & Son, jewelers, and a member of the Multnomah club. He will play the cornet in one of the navy's bands. His father, L. W. Field, returned from Idaho, where he has been examining some mining properties in order to bid his son farewell.

### New Process Adds To Gasoline Supply

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—(U. P.)—Frederick A. Kormann, chemist of San Francisco, has turned over to the government a chemical process which Kormann declared will settle the problem of America's gasoline supply.

By treating crude oil components now largely left with a chemical compound, Kormann says 22 per cent of present, instead of 8 per cent, as at present, is obtained from every barrel of crude oil. Kormann declares his process works as well with Pennsylvania as with California oil. Kormann has made a trip to Washington, where he laid the process before government experts after Secretary of the Interior Lane had been interested through the efforts of San Francisco attorneys. As a result the government has given assurances that a refinery will be erected on the Pacific coast immediately.

### Drafted Men May Shift to Engineers

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Drafted men with special qualifications, it was announced today from western department headquarters, may join the Twentieth forestry, Twenty-first railway, Twenty-third highway Twenty-fifth construction and the Twenty-sixth supply and water supply. Application for transfer to these regiments either by men called in the draft or men actually in national army camps may be made to the engineers of the western department here.

In order that the Twentieth regiment (foresters and lumbermen) may be recruited to its full strength 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 foresters a large number of foresters and lumberjacks enlisted in other branches. In the meantime the recruiters are accepting men for this regiment only.

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

### 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 Million Tons of Supplies 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 foremost question now before this country and 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 opposing her side of the struggle in forcing 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., so the shipment of which is prevented through lack of tonnage.

Germany's man power is waning and a careful compilation completed by the allied governments indicates that the allied man power, properly supplied, can win the war more quickly than if the present man power is augmented by thousands of American troops, at

### 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 defending the People's Peace 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 Germany can win through her sea scavengers, 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 annually. This figure cannot be realized before late in 1918 or 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 in 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 must go from this side, for there is not more than sufficient to supply the Tommy and the Fella 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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