

URGES PORTLAND AS TRANS-OCEAN PORT

Frank J. Miller Writes Chicago Railroad Administration Director of Portland's Advantages.

Salem, Or., March 14.—As a means of providing freight cars to handle the products of Oregon, Frank J. Miller, chairman of the public service commission, is urging upon R. H. Alshon, regional director at Chicago of the United States railroad administration, the advantages which would follow if Portland could be designated as an ocean port for trans-Pacific movement.

Chairman Miller, in a letter to Mr. Alshon, sets forth fully the car shortage situation in this state, with particular reference to the Eastern Oregon lumber and flouring mills. He says: "With the equal of only about 66 per cent of their own equipment, the O-W, R. & N., which serves the greater portion of the eastern part of the state, is unable to meet the demands made upon it for transportation. The volume of traffic in this territory is eastbound, and in order that sufficient cars may be secured to handle the output in the west, it is essential that many cars should be diverted to the Pacific coast and hauled into this territory empty."

"If Portland could be designated as an ocean port for trans-Pacific movement, the cars unloaded there could then be used for eastbound movement. The storage and dockage facilities in Portland are ample and could hold many thousands of tons of freight. The port is available for deep water ships of 30-foot draft and we trust that some method may be found whereby these facilities can be used to the greatest possible advantage."

"We are not unmindful of the difficulties surrounding transportation, but sincerely hope that you may be able to relieve the present pressing need and that you will use your best efforts to see that the products of this territory, and particularly those of governmental character, may have the needed facilities to take care of the freight offerings."

Building Decreases 75 Per Cent in U. S.

Chicago, March 14.—(U. P.)—An increase of 50 per cent in all building materials has decreased home building and construction work 75 per cent, according to delegates here attending the national convention of retail lumber dealers.

Steel and iron have advanced even more than lumber, according to delegates. Standardization of lumber products to expedite the manufacture of materials and box containers wanted by the government is being planned.

Jones Gets Federal Position
A. W. Jones, director of the municipal employment bureau, operating in cooperation with the federal employment bureau, has accepted a position with the emergency fleet corporation. The city council yesterday granted Mr. Jones a leave of absence for the period of the war. The position which Mr. Jones has secured from the government was tendered to him because of knowledge he has gained in operating the municipal employment bureau.

APPEAL FOR FIELD GLASSES BRINGS RESULTS



Left to right—Sergeant G. N. Spear, Sergeant Leslie O. Merriek and Corporal E. L. Todd testing field glasses at marine recruiting station in readiness for packing and shipping.

A few days ago the Portland recruiting office of the Marine corps made an appeal through The Journal for field glasses, either to be lent to this branch of Uncle Sam's service or given outright. The result was eminently satisfactory.

factory, because it was not long before 22 of these instruments had been taken to the station at Third and Alder streets.

Most of those so far turned in were lent, for the period of the war, and identification marks were put upon them

so they can be returned when their usefulness to the service is over. Many, however, were given with the compliments of the donors.

The station was busy packing the instruments today, in readiness for shipment.

LAST ROOM OCCUPIED BY ROBBER BLUE IS LOCATED BY POLICE

Many Time Tables, Four Torpedoes and Red Fire Torch Among Effects.

This morning about 8 o'clock the police located the last room that Angus W. Blue, the main street robber, had lived in at the Willamette hotel, Sixth and Stark streets. Officer Niles found four torpedoes and a red fire torch which Blue probably intended to use in holding up trains. He had a great quantity of railroad time tables and

guide books and the way in which his things were arranged and planned leads officers to believe Blue was a man of intelligence.

A picture of Miss May Freshman, taken in Denver, was found in his room. The officers also found letters addressed to Blue from her. He had received mail at the general delivery within the last week.

He registered in Linn county, Oregon, in the government draft registration according to a classification card found in the room. He also had express tags of a shipment of goods in Sacramento and it is thought that the jewelry he has stolen may be found in this package. The package was shipped to himself. His baggage consisted of a leather hand grip and small square leather case. Letters were also found addressed to him in Seattle and Spokane. He is supposed to have a mother living in Idaho.

Giant Concrete Ship Will Take Dip Today

Redwood City, Cal., March 14.—(U. P.)—Whether great ships can be built of concrete and thus solve the German diver problem for all time may be proven this afternoon when the Faith, the first of such type vessels, will slide from the ways at the San Francisco Shipbuilding company.

The Faith, of 5000 tons, built entirely of concrete, was constructed in 73 working days by a force of 150 men of no shipbuilding experience.

The San Francisco company has offered the United States shipping board 14 concrete hulls of 7500 tons each in 18 months and promises that they will cost only half as much as steel hulls.

Housing Conditions Will Be Discussed

"The Truth About Portland Housing Conditions" will be the subject of the weekly luncheon meeting of the Portland Realty Board, to be held Friday noon at the Benson hotel.

It is announced that a large chart showing every vacant house in Portland will be on exhibit. The officers of the board declare that so much has been written about housing, some of it not true, that a survey has been made which will show exactly the number of available homes.

"Owners of old and dilapidated houses are urged to live up to their obligations and must be made to fix them up to house our rapidly growing citizen army of pay roll workers," reads the announcement.

Premier Addresses Free Church Council

London, March 14.—(U. P.)—"With our American brethren we are fighting for deliverance of the world from the bondage of the sword," Premier Lloyd George declared Wednesday in a speech before the National Council of Free Churches.

"No nation ever entered a war with a holier purpose than we did, and we must keep the war holy," said Lloyd George.

"Members of the war cabinet have been criticised when their speeches did not mention prominently a league of nations. But the Bolshevists taught us a real league will not come by talking. Once the war is begun, we must fight for it."

Wage Increases Approved
Washington, March 14.—(U. P.)—An increase of \$120 a year for all government employees, except postal workers, who receive less than \$2000, was recommended by the house appropriations committee Wednesday.

Oh Yes, Spring Here Today--But Weatherman Has Wet Blanket

"If this ain't spring, I'll eat anything." "It gets my goat, why you wear an overcoat." So warbled two light hearts found on the "weather beat" this morning.

Weatherman Wells admitted that by ordering such weather as that of today spring poets and all other signs of spring would appear. He is right. One individual heard the robins singing this morning. Many felt the keen sensation

TELEPHONE COMPANY CENSURED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Taking of Deposits and Failing to Install Telephones for Months Brings Rebuke.

Salem, Or., March 14.—The public service commission, in a letter written Wednesday by Chairman Frank J. Miller, brings W. J. Phillips, division commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company sharply to task for the company's practice of accepting deposits from applicants for telephone service and then being unable to install the service for months thereafter.

Superintendent Phillips offered as an explanation for this condition that the company is unable to keep up with the demands of new business and the government at the various cantonments on the coast. The company has insufficient cables, trunk lines and other apparatus to handle all the business offered.

But Chairman Miller points out that this condition is no excuse for the company's practice of taking deposits from applicants for telephone service and keeping their money when the company knows it will be unable to install the desired service for many months.

"This practice on your part is not considered reasonable by the commission," says Chairman Miller's letter, "and if you find yourself unable to supply the service asked for within a period of 30 days from the date of application, you should refuse to accept the deposit and should so advise the respective customers."

"Your statement to proposed patrons that there are many other applicants for service ahead of them, is altogether, in our judgment, unreasonable. We are at a loss to understand why you do not take the public fully and completely into your confidence and explain to them exactly the situation in which you find yourself and the reasons for your inability to render them service. We think that the public have a right to this explanation from you and, we think, ought to be told plainly that you can not possibly furnish the service asked for, and as above stated, their application should not be received nor deposit required unless the service demanded can be rendered within a reasonable time, which in our judgment should not exceed a 30-day period.

"If you are unable to secure material and men and money to make the extensions asked for, we think that your patrons should be so advised and not be left in suspense with the hope that after their application has been made for service and deposit made, that the same will be furnished when you yourselves know that the same can not be furnished within a reasonable length of time."

American Wounded In Fighting Bandits

Laredo, Texas, March 14.—(U. P.)—One American soldier was wounded in a battle yesterday between Mexican bandits and an infantry patrol near Zapata, 60 miles south of here, it was reported here today. The pursuit of the bandits is still on.

AUSTRALIA HIT BY TERRIFIC CYCLONE

Whole Towns Wiped Out; Fatalities Reported to Be High as Result of Disaster.

Vancouver, B. C., March 14.—Several towns in Queensland, Australia, suffered severe damage and one or two were virtually destroyed by a cyclone Monday, according to a cablegram received here Wednesday.

The cable follows: "A cyclone swept through North Queensland Monday, the greatest force being felt in the townships of Babinga, Herberton, Mount Garnet, Cardwell and Cairns."

"The suffering caused by the wind was particularly severe at Babinga, where a number of villages were practically destroyed, houses and barns being toppled over and rolled long distances."

"The casualties are reported to be heavy, but no correct estimate of the killed or injured will be available for several days, owing to the dislocation of the telephone and telegraph systems."

St. Helens-Nehalem Road Work Ordered

St. Helens, Or., March 14.—The county court has let a contract to Tehart & Mills for the construction of two miles of the St. Helens-Nehalem road, at a cost of \$15,290, and a contract to J. B. Handley for the Beaver slough crossing at \$5200. The latter piece of work goes away with a long and dangerous trestle and bridge near Inglis and will better open up the Mayge-Claikskanle road. The two miles to be built on the St. Helens-Nehalem road will eliminate one of the worst hills on the entire road and leave only nine miles of road to be built before a good road is established between St. Helens and Pittsburg. In the Nehalem valley, a distance from St. Helens of 24 miles. From the Nehalem end of the road, one mile will be built which will eliminate the Pittsburg hill.

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Asked Chance to Go South With Liquor

Walter's Offer of Services, Grants, Is Turned Down by Federal Officials. Other Arrangements Had Been Made.

"What's the chance of getting a job guarding that seized bootleg liquor during its transport to San Francisco?" was a question that today startled attaches of United States Marshal Alexander's office.

The question was asked by Luther T. Magnus, who said he was a waiter and lived at 232 Burnside street.

When informed that "chances" for becoming guardian of the liquor were very, very slight—that, in fact, arrangements already had been made for its safe conduct—Magnus declared that he would give his services gratis.

"I want to go to San Francisco, anyway," he said, "and I thought I might as well go south with that liquor and get my passage without buying a ticket."

The federals refused him the job.

Daylight Saving Bill Is Assured

Washington, March 14.—(U. P.)—Early passage of the daylight saving bill was assured Wednesday. Chairman Fou of the house rules committee, announced on the floor that unless unanimous consent was given to consider it immediately a special rule would be brought in.

"The daylight saving idea," said Representative Moore of Philadelphia, in a speech Wednesday afternoon, "originated in the mind of no less a philosopher than Benjamin Franklin. It has attracted the attention of every thinker who considered how more work could be done under better conditions."

Moore said that 1,000,000 tons of coal would be saved annually.

Rabbi Wise Will Speak Friday Noon

Rabbi Wise will address the Friday noonday meeting at the Church of Our Father this week. The meeting will begin precisely at 12:30 and conclude precisely at 12:50. There will be no collection taken and no admission or fee or gift of any kind solicited. This meeting is one of a series of Friday meetings, conducted by the old, or so-called first, churches of the city in behalf of "The Soul of a Nation Under War." Jew and gentile, Catholic and protestant clergymen are joined in conducting these meetings.

Gore Loses in Fight To Make Wheat \$2.50

Washington, March 14.—(U. P.)—Senator Gore was defeated today in an effort to have the senate fix the minimum price of wheat at \$2.50 a bushel. A point of order knocked out his amendment to the agricultural bill which would have made this price apply to this year's crop. Gore will later seek to suspend senate rules for further consideration of his proposal.

The Gore amendment would set aside wheat prices already fixed by President Wilson.

HUNS INCITE TURKS TO KILL AMERICANS

Seventeen Missionaries in Peril of Being Slaughtered in Advance Toward Persia.

Boston, March 14.—(U. P.)—More than 2,000,000 Christian Armenians, Georgians and others, among whom are 17 American missionaries, are in imminent peril of being massacred by the Turks and Tartars in northeastern Turkey and Trans-Caucasia.

This information was contained in a private cable to the American board of missions here and was announced through the Congressionalist today.

The advice, which came from agents of the board now in the line of the Teuton drive in the east, said the Turks and Tartars under German direction are being incited to wipe out the Christians.

"The details of the Teuton plans would strike terror to the civilized world," according to the report.

An international authority, whose name, for diplomatic reasons, cannot be given, said Germany would welcome a declaration of war on Turkey by the United States.

It was pointed out that, despite beliefs to the contrary, the majority of the Turks are not friendly to Germany. In this connection, it was shown that a declaration of war by the United States on Turkey would give Germany the excuse she desires to solidify Turkish opinion against the allies.

Germany is making every effort, and with tangible results, to incite the Tartars and Turks to unite in an attack on the Armenians and Georgians, for the reason that Germany wishes to eliminate the Armenians and Georgians from the political issues of the trans-Caucasia and to establish a line of communication through to the Persian gulf.

American Jews Prisoners
New York, March 14.—A large number of American Jews have been taken prisoners by Turkish troops retreating before the British advance in Palestine, it was announced Wednesday by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs.

Advices state that 132 American Jews are missing, and grave apprehensions are felt for their lives. The committee has received information that the Turks had cruelly beaten and otherwise persecuted women and children.

Wheat Situation Is Critical, Says Editor

Washington, March 14.—(U. P.)—The full seriousness of the wheat situation is not realized in Washington, H. N. Owen, editor of a farm journal of St. Paul, Minn., told the house committee on agriculture Wednesday.

"Frankly, I am scared to death," he said. "Something must be done, and done right quick to increase production."

He advocated the immediate fixing of spring wheat prices at \$2.75. If the basis announced by the president's proclamation is adhered to, he said,

farmers will raise 75% barley and corn instead of wheat, to get the higher prices offered for the coarser grains.

More War Department Men
Washington, March 14.—(U. P.)—The senate Wednesday passed the bill creating two additional secretaries of war. The house already has passed it. Edward R. Stettinius will probably have one of the posts. The choice for the second post is in doubt.

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