

ALLIES HAMMER FIRE IN BALKANS

PORTLAND PASSENGER SERVICE IS CUT IN TWO

Northern Pacific, Told by Railroad Administration to Serve City; Reduces Cars Each Way to One Per Day.

Still Retains Puget Sound Terminal, Though C. M. & St. P. Assigned to Seattle; Service Meets Demand, Stand.

WHEN the federal railroad administration took over the control of the nation's transportation systems, simplification and elimination of duplication were the slogans.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul was assigned to Seattle. The Northern Pacific was told to serve Portland.

W.F. TURNER HEADS S. P. & S. RAILROAD

Succeeds L. C. Gilman, Who Has Joined U. S. Railroad Administration.

Appointment of W. F. Turner as president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company has been expected by officials of the line since the resignation of L. C. Gilman.

ROLL OF HONOR

- Washington, July 9.—(U. S. S.)—Fifty-seven casualties in the American expeditionary forces were announced by the war department today.

Port Opportunity of City Unchanged Gray and Woodworth Outline Policy Shippers Still Choose Own Ports

OLD FRIENDS HERE IN NEW GUISE CARL GRAY, once head of North Bank and now operating director of railroads of United States under federal administration, and James G. Woodworth, formerly vice president of Northern Pacific and now assistant regional director. Both transportation experts come to confer on railway problems affecting the Northwest. Mr. Gray is the man at the left.



20 KILLED, 75 ARE INJURED IN WRECK

Trains Crash Near Nashville, Killing Many, and Others Die in Flames.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 9.—(U. P.)—About 20 were killed and 75 injured when two Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis passenger trains crashed together near Bosley Springs at 7 a. m. today.

Port's Exports Show \$6,000,000 Increase

An increase of close to \$6,000,000 is the jump made in exports through the Port of Portland in 1918 over the business of the previous year, according to the report of the fiscal year's customs clearance completed tentatively this morning.

Federal Railroad Officials Pay Visit to Portland to Hold Conference.

In new roles Carl R. Gray and J. G. Woodworth came to Portland this morning.

SLIGHT DROP IN WHEAT FORECAST

July Estimate for United States Is 891,000,000 Bushels; Threshing Has Begun.

Washington, July 9.—(U. P.)—The American farmer will turn out an 891,000,000 bushel wheat crop this year, according to July 1 estimates, announced by the agricultural department today.

Washington Forests In Serious Danger

Olympia, Wash., July 9.—(I. N. S.)—Governor Lister today issued a proclamation declaring the prevailing forest fires situation the worst the state has ever been threatened with.

RUSSIA SMILE GAIN DISCUSSED MADE ON BY WILSON GERMAN

President Has Conference for Half Hour With Gerard, Former Ambassador to Germany; Cabinet Takes Up the Subject.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(I. N. S.)—For nearly two hours President Wilson discussed the Russian situation this afternoon.

But not a single official word as to what was being discussed or the possible plans of the United States and its allies to save Russia from Germany was forthcoming.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels remained with the president after the other cabinet members left, seemingly emphasizing the general belief in diplomatic and official circles that whatever steps are taken will be led by the navy.

Leaving the White House, Mr. Gerard summed up his visit in the following statement: "The president is facing the biggest question with which any man has ever faced."

COMMITTEE FOR SEIZURE OF WIRES

Hears Western Union Head, Votes to End Hearing and Urge Passage of Measure.

Washington, July 9.—(I. N. S.)—By a vote of 7 to 3 the senate committee on interstate commerce today in this afternoon decided to close the hearings on the wire control resolution.

RELEASE MUST BE GIVEN BY BOARDS

Draft Registrants Who Would Enlist in Navy or Marines Win Out.

Local draft boards must release registrants of the 1918 class for enlistment in the navy and marines when requested to do so, according to word received from Washington by the navy recruiting station in the Dekum building today.

Some time ago a few of the local boards shut down on releases, since the number of men in their districts was so small they feared they would not have enough left to fill their quotas.

The navy recruiting station upon learning that some of its applicants were being refused releases, took up the matter with the navy department at Washington which, in turn, took it up with the war department.

A wire from the bureau of navigation was Tuesday received by the navy recruiting station, stating that as a result of the conference, "this office has today communicated with the adjutant general of Oregon, calling attention to our telegram and stating that inasmuch as the registrants of June 5, 1918, are not within the current quota of local boards the local boards must issue certificates to them, permitting them their enlistment in the navy and marine corps in accordance with section 151, paragraph 4 of the selective service regulations."

Captain Cullison said Tuesday noon that no such communication had as yet reached him from Washington.

Those who attended the committee meeting were Pomeroy, Kellogg, Myers, Smith, Salsbury, Underwood and Lewis. Kellogg and Myers voted with Senator Pomeroy, but the four others voted to put the bill out at once.

DO NOT PAY IS WARNING TO FARMERS

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., July 9.—Oregon farmers who wish to obtain the temporary release of soldiers to work in the fields during harvest time and who can obtain the agricultural furlough applications from their local boards were warned against unprincipled attorneys by the camp officers today.

The warning came about as the result of the discovery by the camp judge advocate that a soldier here had paid an attorney \$20 for five minutes' work in aiding him to perfect his application for an agricultural furlough.

Questions to be answered in the application are very simple in the officers' state, and there is no necessity for consulting an attorney.

EXPENDITURES HIT BY PROPOSED TAX

Ten Cents a Gallon on Gasoline Suggested; Tax on All Meals Costing \$1 or More.

Washington, July 9.—(U. P.)—The treasury department today recommended a flat tax on retail sales and a specific tax on manufacturers and producers as a part of its new program presented to the house ways and means committee.

If the recommendations are followed, all luxuries and many necessities—virtually all household needs—will be affected, including men's clothing costing over \$20, women's clothing over \$10 and children's clothing over \$15, fur sets costing over \$5 for a single piece, servants' wages, etc.

Among the striking taxes proposed are 10 cents a gallon on gasoline levied on the wholesale dealer.

Others include 25 to 100 per cent on the wages of household servants, 25 per cent for one servant, with an additional 25 per cent for each additional servant up to four.

In the case of female servants, each family to have one tax free and a graduated tax of 10 to 100 per cent in cases where there are more than 10 per cent on all hotel bills amounting to over \$2.50 a day; 10 per cent on telephone bills; 10 per cent on all restaurant bills over \$1 a person and a license tax on passenger automobiles, graduated according to horsepower, beginning at \$15 for all machines of 23 horsepower or less and running up to \$50 for all machines of over 40 horsepower.

Present taxes on yachts, motorboats, perfumes, patent medicines, liquors and tobacco are doubled.

The new revenue bill is expected to raise \$8,000,000,000.

Two Police Officers Fight; Suspended

Sergeant Carlson Finds Note "The Swedes Won't Fight" Pinned on Locker—Accuses Harms of Being Author.

"The Swedes won't fight," proved the wording of a challenge to battle for Police Sergeant Carlson this morning, and as a result of his attack on Patrolman H. H. Harms, whom Carlson accused of writing the challenge words, and pinning them on the Carlson locker, both officers were suspended from the force for 30 days.

Sergeant Carlson is said to have found a card bearing the words, "The Swedes won't fight," pinned to his locker. In the presence of a number of other officers he accused Harms of writing the note. The verbal encounter led to the fight. Officers present stopped it. Acting Chief John Clark took the pair before the efficiency board, which suspended them.

Next German Blow to Be Most Terrific, But Last Delivered, Belief

By William Philip Simms United Press Staff Correspondent. With the British Armies in France, July 9.—(U. P.)—The next German blow, believed to be a matter of days, is expected to be the last Hindenburg offensive, according to British military experts.

But nobody out here doubts that it will be the hardest he is capable of, once his men are set in motion, or that it will wipe all previous battles in point of violence and men and material engaged.

ITALIANS SWEEPING FORWARD IN ALBANIA

British Monitors Cooperating in Offensive Along Eastern Shore of Adriatic; Take More Than 1300 Prisoners; Much Material

ROME, July 9.—(U. P.)—Austria has refused to accept a German generalissimo to direct operations on the Italian front, according to advices received here today.

Recent reports said that in the general shakedown of the Austrian command, General von Below, who directed the former Austrian offensive, had been made commander in chief of the Austrian army. Later it was said that General Ludendorff had hurried to Austria headquarters, evidently to make Von Below's appointment effective.

French Also Assisting in Drive in Balkan Theatre; Vienna War Office Admits Losses and Says Italians Still Advance.

One of the great battles of the war appears to be developing in Albania. Starting with an Italian advance Sunday over a front of about 20 miles from the Adriatic inland, the fighting now has extended clear across the Albanian frontier—a front of nearly 100 miles—and is involving the French forces in the upper Devotivi valley, southwest of Monastir.

British monitors are cooperating by bombarding enemy positions from the sea. Further extension of the battle to the eastward will involve Serbian troops.

The Italians appear to be pushing forward at great speed, and the Italian communiques today indicated that cavalry detachments may have penetrated nearly 10 miles beyond the original front.

It is known that half a million Italian soldiers are in Albania, under General Ameglio, a veteran of the Turkish war.

Since the Italians constructed military roads over the mountains from Avlona to Monastir, a distance of 125 miles, the allied forces have been receiving most of their supplies by this route, instead of through Salonika.

Rome, July 9.—(U. P.)—The Italian offensive in Albania is growing and the Austrians are being pressed back everywhere, the Italian war office announced today.

British monitors are cooperating by bombarding enemy positions from the sea. Italian cavalry is doing effective work, splitting the Austrian lines and taking the enemy from the rear. More than 1300 prisoners and great quantities of material have been captured.

"In Albania, the action is continuing," the statement said.

Labor Member to Be Food Controller

London, July 9.—(U. P.)—J. R. Clynes, labor member of parliament from Manchester, has been appointed to succeed the late Lord Rhondda as British food controller. It was announced today. Clynes is 49 years old and was elected to the house of commons in 1916.

Fourth of July "show" along the Somme—continues to hover grimly over the west front.

The German infantry might be found asleep for all it is doing in the fighting line. Even the enemy airmen are sticking closer to their roosts. Despite the fine weather, air fighting is considerably below the average.

Much has been printed regarding Hindenburg's delay.

Some say the Flanders "Terror" is the cause; others say the lack of men; others that he is waiting until roads to the forward areas are laid, so that big guns may be brought up; others believe the morale of the German troops is low.

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