

CARS PLENTIFUL WITH SHIPPERS HEAVIEST KNOWN

W. G. Tait, Head of Transportation Division of Emergency Fleet, Optimistic at Outlook.

OCTOBER BUSINESS BIGGEST

Conditions at Shipyards Much Better and No Delay Is Met in Unloading Freight Cars.

While transportation of Emergency Fleet supplies this month has been the heaviest yet known, and while October usually is one of the biggest months in handling freight by rail, the car supply so far has been entirely adequate, according to W. G. Tait, head of the transportation division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the Northwest, who was in Portland from his Puget Sound headquarters last week.

"If we get through this month, and it is now nearly half gone, I believe we will have no car shortage this year," says Mr. Tait. "The present supply is entirely adequate, despite heavy demands of grain movement and for shipbuilding, and it looks as if we would continue to have plenty of cars."

Conditions at shipyards are much better, Mr. Tait says, in regard to unloading of cars. Where four weeks ago cars were kept in yards loaded for several days, they are now promptly discharged and returned to the railroads. This is due to improved labor conditions.

500 GUARDS AT SHIPYARDS

Civilians in Uniform Look After Emergency Fleet Interests.

Five hundred civilian guards are now employed in the shipyards of the Columbia river district, according to Lieutenant R. A. Blyth, district guard inspector in charge of protecting the interests of the Emergency Fleet corporation. These guards are organized in a semi-military manner, inspectors being in charge at each plant, with sergeants in direct command of the men. The men are not uniformed, voting against this as their work takes them into places where uniforms necessarily would be soiled.

Weekly reports are made by each inspector to Lieutenant Blyth and all the details of the guards' activities are covered. The men formerly were known as watchmen, but their titles were changed the first of September.

Lieutenant Blyth gives the highest praise to the men on his force, many of whom he says have left good positions to "carry on" in the only way open to them. They have subscribed liberally to Liberty bond issues and are among the most patriotic of the Emergency Fleet employees.

ALL SHIPS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED

Colored Plates Show Various Tints of Camouflage Used Here.

Photographs of all ships built in Portland and sailing from this port and color charts of all camouflaged ships, are being prepared by the naval intelligence bureau, of which Ensign George C. Spaulding is head in this city.

Every ship is photographed, two pictures being made of broadside and bridge views of the vessel. One set is retained in the records here and the other is sent to Bremerton, where it is examined and then forwarded with the negative to Washington.

Members of the port guard draw an outline of each ship and then sketch the color designs used in the camouflage paintings, using water colors to show the tints of the disguise. These are sent to Washington, where they are studied with a view to getting the best designs to aid in further work along this line.

VESSELS TO GET STIFF TRIAL

Thorough Tests Will Be Made of New Oregon Ships.

Vessels built on the Pacific coast will be given stiff trials before they are sent on voyages around to the Atlantic coast. In addition to their trial trips they will be sent to Honolulu for their maiden voyages to prove their hulls and machinery before more strenuous work.

Troubles have developed on some ships out of this port, particularly the Dalana, which was found to have tubes of one of her boilers plugged. Shorter voyages will work out these difficulties, it is believed, without necessitating long and dangerous runs to port for repairs.

MARINE INSURANCE DECREASES

Reduction Is Attributed to Success of War on Subs.

That the submarine menace is being overcome is shown in the decrease of insurance rates, which have reflected the danger as it has grown and fallen away. On October 1, 1914, the rate for marine insurance was 1 per cent. By January, 1915, it had fallen to half that rate.

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Miss Nora Dorsey (left) and Miss Carrie Dorsey (right), Portland's first women taxicab drivers.

Newcomers at the Union station now hear the cheery voices of young damsels call out, "Taxi here, want a taxi?" instead of the fog horn notes of a man fully capable of helping Uncle Sam put the Huns to rout.

Since the war started women have gradually taken the places left vacant by men, but the latest in women taxicab drivers, of which Portland now boasts two, are Miss Carrie and Miss Nora Dorsey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dorsey of 4912 Eighth street southeast. These ambitious young women started in their new vocation during the past week and can be seen daily at the Union station.

"It was awfully hard at first to get used to calling out," said Miss Nora. "When I called 'taxi' I used to turn around and see if anybody heard me."

use, but by April was 14 per cent, rising until June, 1917, when it was 24 per cent. It fluctuated, dropping to 7½ per cent, rising again to 11 per cent in June, 1917, since which time it has steadily decreased, falling to 2½ per cent in January of this year, and for some making over 14 knots it was but 14.

These figures are for the war zone, the rate of the Pacific being but 1-5 of 1 per cent.

BAYLEY HIPKINS IN CITY

Coast Manager of Foundation Co. Inspects Plant, Sees Launching.

After spending Saturday in Portland and witnessing the launching of the General Gallien, inspecting the shipyard and going over the local situation thoroughly, Bayley Hipkins, fourth vice president and Pacific coast manager of the Foundation company, had no comment to make on the company's future plans Saturday night.

Mr. Hipkins was in Saturday night in his room at the Benson hotel after a strenuous day in the city. There was nothing in the situation, he said, that warranted any statement at this time. The Foundation company, which has launched 17 of 20 ships contracted for the French government, has no further business contracted, but is said to have been promised the Emergency Fleet work. The Chamber of Commerce is doing its utmost to secure the consummation of these contracts, but no word has yet come from Washington.

DALANA IS ILL-FATED

Tubes of Boiler Plugged On Trip to Chill.

When the Dalana, built by the Supplement Shipbuilding corporation, put to sea on her voyage to Chill from Portland, tubes of one of her boilers were found to be plugged, according to Richard W. Turpin, chief engineer, who left the ship when she put in at San Diego for repairs and has returned to Portland.

The Dalana is the ship on which Franch Butlerfield sailed and of which he told in his letters to his wife, instead of the Dalana, according to Lieutenant Harold C. Jones of the navy bureau.

The voyage, which began here September 30, was an ill-starred one, and up to the present time has resulted in the postponement of all the commissioned officers aboard the vessel.

Vessel Inspector Busy

With government requirements of ships 50 per cent of the deck crews of ships carry able-bodied seamen's certificates, the local office of United States steam vessel inspectors is being kept busy. Lifboat certificates also are being issued, requirements being that there be a licensed lifboat man for every lifeboat with a capacity of 25, two for boats of from 26 to 41 passengers, and three for boats of from 42 to 61.

Deliveries Exceeding Launchings

Deliveries of ships in the past month have exceeded launchings until there are now but 65 ships in the harbor in various stages of completion. A month ago there were 75. This month is expected to reach a high mark of deliveries, especially in wood ships, more than 15 of which may be turned over between now and the first of the month.

Justice Leaves His Estate to Daughter

Salem, Oct. 12.—The will of Frank A. Moore, late justice of the Oregon supreme court, was today filed for probate. The value of the estate is estimated in the petition at \$7000, of which \$5000 is represented by the family home in Portland and \$2000 is personal property. The property is left to his daughter, Miss Callista Moore. Another daughter, Mrs. Nellie Miles of Portland, and a son, A. H. Moore of Salem, are remembered by small gifts. The will was dated September 3, 1915.

CHIEF Conrad Peterson

The funeral of Chief Conrad Peterson was held at Cotton Saturday afternoon. He was 32 years of age and died Thursday in this city from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. He is survived by his father, Emil Peterson, and four brothers and sisters. The Peterson Undertaking company had charge of funeral arrangements.

Russian Had Never Heard of Draft; Is Pleased With Card

Hood River, Oct. 12.—N. Nickovitch, an unregistered alien, when apprehended in Hood River by Chief of Police Joseph Frazier, offered to buy a registration card for \$1 when shown the cards of registrants who were loitering nearby. Nickovitch, who is a native of Southern Russia, and 30 years old, had never heard of the draft law. When it was explained to him through an interpreter, he was eager to register and exceedingly proud of his card. Previous to coming to Hood River Nickovitch was a resident of Salem for two years.

Hood River Apple Move

Hood River, Oct. 12.—Hood River apples are beginning to move in large blocks for the first time this season, according to C. W. McLaughlin, sales manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association. The outlook in the eastern markets, which hitherto has been rather dull, is beginning to brighten. From 12 to 15 carloads are being shipped daily from Hood River to houses.

Named Purchasing Agent

Horace Luckett, assistant purchasing agent for the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation, has been named purchasing agent for the Vancouver wood yard of the same corporation. Mr. Luckett will handle purchases for the steel yard. Offices for the wood yard purchasing agent are being fitted up in the south end of the department, assisted by Mr. Bleker, and H. D. Carter has been moved up to the position of chief clerk.

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NIGHT SHIFTS OF BOILERMEN WORK ONLY FOUR HOURS

Half Holiday Taken in Accordance With Orders From Pacific Coast Council of the Union.

NO TURNED FROM MACY BOARD

Award in Wage Dispute Held at Suggestion of President for More Complete Coordination.

Night shifts of boilermakers employed in shipyards and other industrial plants of this district worked but four hours Saturday night, following the lead of the day shifts, which took a half holiday at the order of the Pacific coast council of the union.

No word has been received from the Macy board or from federal authorities in Washington, regarding the action. Assistant Federal Wage Examiner Jones of Portland was without advice Saturday in the matter, further than that received a week ago that the award of the Macy board, when announced, would be retroactive to August 1.

The boilermakers take the position that the Macy board has had ample time to make its award. However, it was announced at Washington that this award had been held up at the request of President Wilson, until there was more nearly complete coordination among the various wage boards, such as the railroad, spruce and similar wage commissions. An award to one, it is pointed out, would affect conditions of the others, and it is the president's desire to arrange the decisions of all the boards as to make them just to the others. By announcing that the award would be retroactive, it had been hoped by those interested here that further difficulty would be avoided.

Just what effect the announcement of Judge J. H. Stevenson that men laying off from work without excuse will lose their emergency fleet draft rating will have on the situation, cannot be determined until the regulations with recent annotations are received from the provost marshal general.

That action of some kind will be taken within the week was expected Saturday by emergency fleet corporation officials here.

NASHOTAH IS DELIVERED

Sixteenth Grant Smith-Porter Ship Delivered to Government.

When the Nashotah steamed from the Grant Smith-Porter outfitting docks, flying the Stars and Stripes, the sixteenth ship delivered in four weeks had left the yards, one a week since the first, the Wasco, was delivered.

Twenty-two ships have been launched at the plant, and the hulls launched at the Aberdeen yard of the company have been completed.

On her trial trip the Nashotah made an especially fine showing, far exceeding the 10 knots called for by contract under which she was built.

The list of ships is headed by the Wasco, delivered June 8, and the Biloxi and Kasota were delivered that month. The Shannon, Bolston, Calusa and Morrie were delivered in July; the Dumaru, Manada and Wakan in August; the Caponka, Boxley, Kuwa, Bancroft and Hookbrook in September, and the Nashotah has started the October list.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Inspectors Edwards and Wynn of the United States steam vessel inspection service Monday will begin work on the Nashotah and Millam, Grant Smith-Porter ships, and the Belief, stern-wheel river steamer.

Mr. Higard has been in consultation with government officials in the East for several weeks and understands just what the government expects of Portland. He understands, too, just what help Portland may expect, and he is cognizant of the needs of the port.

It is improbable that the entire port development program can be taken up at once, dock commissioners agree, if the bonds are authorized. Scarcity of labor and materials will necessitate taking up the most important matters first, leaving those that can wait until later.

The program will be worked out, however, as it is to be carried through at conferences of the commission with Mr. Higard.

In the meantime the Chamber of Commerce committee announced it would continue activities in the matter of consolidating the Port of Portland commission with the commission of public docks. Legislative acts by the state will be necessary, and City Attorney LaRoche is preparing drafts of measures to be taken before the legislature for this purpose.

Complete harmony of all interests concerned is being manifested, the great point being the concerted movement in giving Portland the port facilities for which nature has offered every opportunity.

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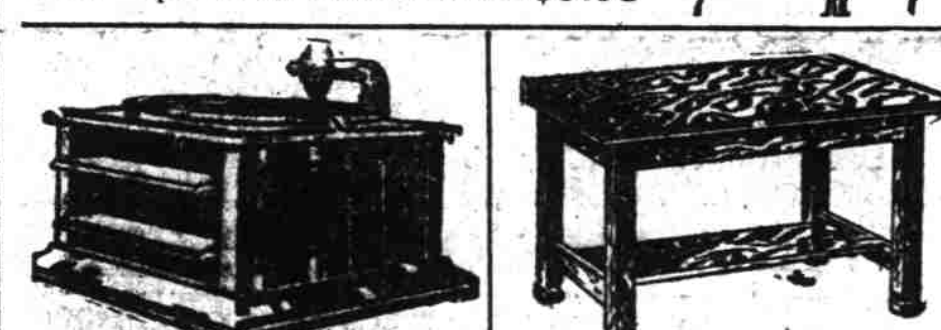


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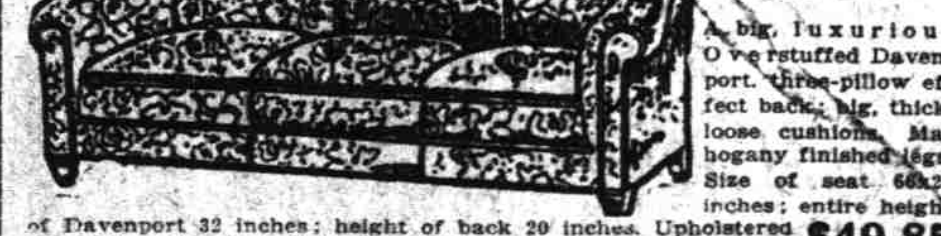
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