

GREAT DEFICIT IN OPERATION OF RAIL LINES CONFRONTS

Director General Hines Appeals to Employes for Economy and Greater Efficiency in Work.

COSTS MOUNTING RAPIDLY

Increased Transportation Rates Will Be Necessary if Suggestions Made Are Not Effective.

Increased payroll cost, due to advanced wages and improved working conditions and increased cost of materials and supplies, in connection with the decline of business, is resulting in an alarming deficit in railroad operation, which must be borne by the government, says Walter D. Hines, director general of railroads, in an appeal to railroad employes received Monday, asking them to economize and give greater efficiency at work.

Mr. Hines asks that every officer and employe redouble his efforts to do efficient work, to economize in the use of railroad materials, fuel and other supplies, and to take greater care not to injure equipment, for which payment must be made to the railroad owners if injury occurs, and thus make increased transportation charges unnecessary. The message follows:

DEFICIT IS GREAT

"For the first four months this year the railroad deficits, after deducting the rental due the railroad companies, were about \$250,000,000, or at the rate of \$22,500,000 a month. This critical condition makes it imperative not only that costs should not increase, but also that every effort be made to help the government through every reasonable effort to economize and realize greater efficiency."

"These deficits, if continued, will be eliminated by greater economy, must eventually be offset by increased transportation rates, which all should make an effort to avoid."

"You are interested in the great movement for the improvement of the conditions of the individual worker. You can aid in the movement by helping economize and make it unnecessary to raise transportation rates and thus help keep down the cost of living. An increase in rates would mean an increase in the price of what the public consumes, and that will mean a further increase in the cost of living."

"The government, during federal operation of the railroads, as a result of nation-wide control, has been able to promote justice among railroad employes through making proper increase in wages and proper improvement in working conditions. It has probably been impossible to satisfy every employe among the 2,000,000 working for the railroads which are now under government operation."

"But if any employe feels he has ground for dissatisfaction, he should compare the situation today with what it was in December, 1917, before federal control began. It was a source of satisfaction for me to see that in that great work, and the administration asks that the employes in turn help sustain the work of the railroad director-general."

Justice McBride to Talk at St. Helens On Fourth of July

St. Helens, June 21.—Judge Thomas McBride of the Oregon supreme court will deliver the oration of the day at the Fourth of July celebration in St. Helens. Judge McBride is a former resident of St. Helens and, in accepting the invitation to the committee, said he would be glad to "come back home and talk to those with whom he had associated for so many years."

Salem City Council Says Service Board Should Be Recalled

Salem, June 17.—A sequel to the accounting administered by the state public service commission in an order Saturday, holding the city of Salem responsible for accidents on the Cannon street crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad, and criticizing the city officials for laxness in enforcing the speed laws, was written Monday at a meeting of the city council, when the service commission was denounced as an inefficient body and the recall of its members demanded. Otto J. Wilson was elected mayor to succeed C. E. Albin, resigned, over Fred Weist, by vote of 6 to 3.

Crematorium Will Expend \$35,000 in New Burial Vault

The Portland Crematorium association was granted a permit Saturday for the erection of a burial vault at 1368 East Fourteenth street. The vault will be of a strictly modern type and its estimated cost is \$35,000.

A permit was issued to Samuel Murray, chief engineer of the O-W. R. & N., for the erection of a residence at 1096 East Couch street. The permit calls for the expenditure of \$12,000. A garage to be built in connection with it cost \$400.

Carl B. Brown was granted a permit for the erection of a residence at 1121 East Forty-first street for \$4500, and O. E. Johnson was given permission to build a residence costing \$2500, at 700 East Seventy-seventh street.

COURT REFUSES TO PREVENT DISPOSAL OF LOGANBERRIES

Action Involving 1200 Tons Fruit Is Lost by Phez Company in Marion County.

Salem, June 17.—An application of the Phez company for a temporary injunction restraining the Salem Fruit union from disposing of 1200 tons of loganberries for which they claimed to have a contract, was denied Monday by Judge George G. Bingham of the Marion county circuit court. Arguments in the suit, which was filed last Thursday, were heard Saturday.

The Phez company alleged that the union had contracted to deliver to the Phez company the loganberries this year at \$6.50 a ton; that this entire amount will be needed for the operation of the Phez company's plants here, and that failure to deliver the berries—and, incidentally, failure of the Phez company to produce the juice—would financially nullify the benefits they expect to receive from their extensive advertising campaign in which they have expended—excluding the year's appropriation—\$732,270 in the past three years.

LUMBER SHIPPERS WILL DISCUSS RATE TARIFF FROM COAST

Move Made to Stabilize Rates With Same Tariff From All Parts of Same States.

Representatives of lumber manufacturers of the Pacific coast and of the Southern pine territory will meet in Portland Thursday to discuss with officials of the United States railroad administration the proposed adoption of a tariff on transcontinental lumber shipments. The hearing will be held before the Portland district freight traffic committee and representatives of the San Francisco district freight traffic committee.

The proposed new tariff is designated as 22A and was prepared by officials of the railroad administration with the avowed purpose of stabilizing freight rates from Pacific coast lumber producing centers to points in the East and Middle West. It provides for an equalization of rates from the coast states to Omaha and St. Paul and proposes a zoning system by which the state east of the Mississippi would become a separate rate zone, all points within

its borders being governed by the same rate on transcontinental shipments. Many objections to the provisions of the tariff were raised by Pacific coast lumbermen at a hearing held here in January and at a later hearing at San Francisco. Following the hearing on Thursday another session will be held in San Francisco, after which the matter will be taken up by the Western freight traffic committee at Chicago.

G. W. Luce and John Willis, representing the San Francisco district freight traffic committee, and J. E. Baird, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, of St. Paul, arrived today and will hold preliminary discussions with F. W. Robinson, chairman of the Portland district freight traffic committee today and Tuesday. Mr. Baird is in charge of the lumber rate revision bureau of the United States railroad administration.

A. G. T. Moore of New Orleans, traffic manager of the Southern Pine association, will attend the hearing Thursday. Manufacture in transit privileges are affected by tariff 22A and representatives of several eastern manufacturers are expected to be in attendance.

OPINION ON LAW TO PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR HEROES SOUGHT

Provision of Measure Passed at Last Session Held to Be Somewhat Indefinite.

Salem, June 17.—An interpretation of its provisions by Attorney General Brown will be necessary before Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state, will be able to reply intelligently to the flood of inquiries he is receiving relative to the workings of the soldiers' educational aid bill passed by the people at the special election, June 2. Until such time Mr. Koser is mailing a copy of the law to the inquirers, with the information that a legal opinion has been requested as to the scope of the law, the definition of an educational institution as contemplated by the law, how the funds may be made available and to what extent, as well as when the benefits thereunder are operative.

"In view of the fact that the provisions of this measure are somewhat indefinite it is not possible to advise specifically inquirers just exactly what procedure is necessary on their part in order to secure any benefits accruing under the provisions of this act," says a statement issued by Mr. Koser Monday.

"The statement continues: 'In the first place, an institution of learning, public or private, as therein mentioned is nowhere defined. Further, the act provides that all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines are granted the right and privilege of state financial aid to an amount not exceeding \$300 for any one month and not exceeding \$200 for any one year for a period of not more than four years. Yet it provides further on that upon the approval of the soldier's application by the executive head of the institution he desires to attend, the secretary of state shall pay over to such institution monthly, a sum not exceeding \$35 and the institution is required to provide lodging, board and other necessities required by such applicant to enable him to pursue the course or courses of study he desires.'

"Many of the soldiers desiring to avail themselves of the privileges and benefits of this act doubtless wish to maintain themselves, and further, very few institutions of learning in the state are equipped to board and lodge students. It is with a view of reconciling the several apparently conflicting provisions, as well as securing a legal determination of the intent and purpose of the act that the attorney general's opinion has been requested."

Auto Theft Charge Made Against Pair

Special Agent Robert Hayden of the Automobile Underwriters' association brought Margaret Sales and C. I. Welch to Portland this morning from Pendleton, where they were arrested on charges of larceny. Miss Sales is charged with the theft of an automobile by John Paul and her bail was set at \$1000. Welch is accused of a similar offense by C. Silva, his bail being \$500.

Mrs. Emma Hanifan Is Injured by Fall

While visiting at the home of Mrs. Marjory Beddie in Milwaukie, Mrs. Emma Hanifan, aged 65 years, tripped over a carpet and fell to the floor Monday morning, fracturing her left leg and right wrist. She was taken to the Sellwood hospital. Mrs. Hanifan lives near the Oaks.

Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of Nile, Will Meet in Our Sixth Floor Auditorium at 2 P. M. Tomorrow

A specially planned exposition and sale of a summer home furnishings is now in progress. It offers many advantageous opportunities for the selection of summer furniture, draperies, rugs, refrigerators, hammocks, swings, etc. See the displays in their respective departments.

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CONVICT MAY BE IN BANDIT ARMY

'Red' Rupert, Who Stole \$19,000 in Bonds, Is Reported an Officer of Villa.

Salem, June 17.—Is Clyde J. ("Red") Rupert, escaped convict from the Oregon state prison, an officer in Villa's rebel army? Belief that such is the case, founded upon rumors among prisoners at the penitentiary, is strengthened by a conversation between two paroled convicts overheard by State Parole Officer Joe Keller in Portland a few days ago.

According to Keller, these men were in possession of information to the effect that "Red" was commissioned an officer in the bandit force after escaping into Mexico and is now having the "time of his life." Rupert, who was convicted in Portland about a year ago for the theft of \$19,000 in Liberty bonds from the United States National bank, where he was employed as a guard, escaped from the prison trusty force while working at the state lime plant near Gold Hill about three months ago, just before the closing down of the plant and the day before the prisoners were to have been returned to Salem.

When last heard from Rupert was headed toward the border. This fact, together with his known desire to join American forces against Germany in order to forget his domestic troubles, and coupled with his naturally adventurous nature, lends credence to the rumor that Rupert is now leading a part of Villa's bandits in operations about Juarez.

Rupert was formerly a sergeant of police in Portland, and was also well known in Northwest athletic circles as a semi-professional baseball player in Portland and also as a member of the Multnomah club football team.

Six Sackfuls of Liquor Are Found

The Dalles, June 17.—Fishermen in the vicinity of Fifteen Mile creek, north of Durfur, found six gunny sacks of liquor hidden in the river. This was supposed to be part of the auto load taken from Special Agent Ward, Sheriff Chrisman was called about midnight to search for the bootleggers, who were believed to be awaiting an opportunity to enter Portland.

Flag Day Program Held in La Grande

La Grande, June 17.—Flag day was celebrated by La Grande Elks Sunday afternoon. Judge J. W. Knowles was the speaker. A male quartet and Miss Florence Lynch and Mrs. J. P. Corbett furnished the music. A pretty effect was presented by Mrs. Ray Murphy and eight children when George T. Cochran gave a "Flag Episode."

TOMORROW'S NEWS OF VARIED INTEREST—READ!

SEE our Fifth Street window bearing the sign "No. 22" for display of the hosiery advertised here. Watch for our announcements of other special values in wanted merchandise featured in connection with this particular window. Tomorrow's special:

2160 Pairs Pure Silk Hose 95c

We will sell these women's pure thread silk stockings as "mill runs," which means that some may have a slight imperfection, but in many cases the most rigorous examination will disclose nothing to impair the looks or wearing quality of the hose. They are extraordinary values at 95c pair.

Extra heavy thread silk assures exceptional service to purchasers of these hose. They are in mock seam style with reinforced heels, toes and double silk soles. Popular shades of cordovan, navy, gray, black and white.

—Meier & Frank's: Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

We Have Just Received a New Shipment of 200 Pieces Women's

Imported Neckwear

And Despite the Difficulties in Securing This Merchandise Place the Lot on Sale Tomorrow

1/4 to 1/3 Off

We were extremely fortunate in securing this lot of 200 pieces fine batiste neckwear, an importation from Switzerland, at such low prices that we are able to offer savings ranging from a fourth to a third.

Included are collars and sets of sheer batiste combined with Fillet lace, net and dainty embroidery. A few models are embroidered in pink, blue and black. Round, flat and sailor collars, some have the long front line. Very specially priced at 95c, \$1.59, \$1.95, \$2.39 and \$2.95

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

A Sale of

75 Dresses

While Any Remain

\$15

This assemblage, though limited as to number offers an excellent assortment of women's and misses' dresses suitable

For Afternoon and Street Wear

Materials are wool jerseys, serges, taftetas, satins, foulards and combinations of Georgette-and-tafteta. Colors include navy tan, gray, brown, black and combinations. The dresses are variously trimmed with braid, embroidery, pleating and buttons.

Quite exceptional at \$15.

—Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

In Our Notion Shop Tomorrow We Make A Special Featuring of

Sewing Necessities

Little needfuls for sewing days can always be supplied in our Main Floor Notion Shop at prices usually lower than elsewhere. Below we list a few of the good values obtainable tomorrow. Profit by the savings.

Charter Oak Thread, 6-cord, black and white, six 150-yard spools **30c**

Bysse Mercerized Sewing Thread, black, white and colors, spool **5c**

Basting Thread, silk finish, white, Nos. 40, 50 and 60, three 300-yard spools **20c**

Buttonhole and Carpet Thread, tan, 50-yard spools, two for **5c**

Darning Cotton, black 34-yard spools, 2 for **5c**

Swiss Knitting Cotton, white, Nos. 6, 8 and 10, two balls **15c**

Sticker Edging, assorted colors, three 3-yard pieces **10c**

Warren's Girdein, boned and shaped, 2 1/2 inches wide, 3 yard **23c**

Cotton Tape, white, 3/8 inch wide, three 3-yard pieces, **4c**

Bias Tape, white, Nos. 3 and 4, 12 yards in piece **15c**

Grip-Fast Snap Fasteners, small size, white, 4 cards **15c**

"Nub" Standard Brass Hooks and Eyes, sizes 00 to 2, black and white, 3 cards **25c**

Hook and Eye Tape, sizes 1 and 2, white, yard **20c**

Dress Shields, crescent shape, organdy lined, flesh, Nos. 2 and 3, pair **35c**

Silk Hat Wire, black and white, 2 yards **10c**

Smith's Betweens Needles, broken assortment of sizes, paper **10c**

Steel Thimbles, priced at each **5c**

Celluloid Thimbles, as sorted colors and sizes, 3 for **10c**, each **5c**

Tailors' Tape Measures, 60 inches long, each **5c**

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor, (Mail Orders Filled.)

BABY WEEK

Devoted to a Special Featuring of Infants' Clothing and Other Needs

We extend a cordial invitation to mothers and prospective mothers to visit our Baby Shop this week. We have made special preparations in this section to supply every conceivable need in babies' wear and nursery accessories—always at lowest prices for like good qualities.

Nurse Hubbard Is Here

Her services have been secured especially for this occasion. Nurse Hubbard will advise young mothers on the care and feeding of infants, will help plan layettes and give assistance in other ways. She will demonstrate "VANTA" pinless and buttonless garments—the ideal clothes for babies.

—Meier & Frank's: Infants' Shop, Second Floor.

Second Day of Our Sale Men's

Summer Union Suits

Popular Athletic Style Garments

Save 1/3-1/2

LOT 1—to \$1.50 checked nainsook and madras union suits in sleeveless, knee length style, special **69c**

LOT 2—to \$2.50 union suits of checked nainsook and mull, crossbar and self-striped madras, silk striped fabrics, special..... **98c**

LOT 3—to \$4.00 union suits of lightweight fiber-mixed material in jacquard designs, fiber silk striped and checked garments, spe- **\$1.95**

—Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

100-Lb. Sack Sugar \$9.75

Best quality Cane Berry Sugar, 100-lb. sack \$9.75.

Green Beans, fine quality stringless, dozen \$2.10

Three cans **55c**

Iowa Corn, heavy pack, 50c

doz. **\$1.90**, three cans **50c**

Asparagus Tips, Del Monte, No. 1 picnic size, dozen \$2.75, can **25c**

Sliced Peaches, fancy quality, No. 1 cans, dozen \$1.90

Three cans **50c**

Laundry Soap, Royal White, box of 100 bars \$5.50

Ten large bars **56c**

—Meier & Frank's: Ninth Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Store Your Furs

Perhaps you have begun to think, with many others, that the furs' room at this time is better than their company. If so—and if in addition you want to be sure that your furs are properly protected and cared for—

Phone Marshall 4600 or A-6101

or drop a card and our auto will call. Furs received Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Lawn Embroideries

Yard Very Specially Priced at

49c

Excellent quality 27-inch lawn embroideries in neat eyelet patterns with fast edges for women's petticoats and children's dresses. Also included at this price are 17-inch lawn and cambric skirting in neat designs for women's undermuslins.

Edges and Insertions 25c-85c

French Val. edges and insertions in diamond and round mesh effects. For trimming blouses and undermuslins, 1 to 5 inches wide. Yard 25c to 85c.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

THE NUT

Here comes H. V. Van Duser as the able manager of the Inman Poulsen Lumber Company. Fishing is Mr. Van Duser's chief pastime and hobby and I just want to tell you, Mr. Van Duser, the next time you go fishing just take along a 10¢ cup of NUT HOUSE NUTS

Yours for \$5,400,000.00

The Chief Nuts