

MAINTENANCE COST OF RAILROADS TOO GREAT, SAYS HINES

Director General in a Letter Sounds Ominous Warning to Branch Managers of Lines. FIGURES ARE STARTLING

More or Less Radical Changes, According to the Information Given Out Here, Are Likely.

Disclosures of laxity of efficiency and high cost in railroad maintenance as compared with costs of other operations during the past year are made by Director General Walker D. Hines of the railroad administration in a letter to regional directors, just received here, in which he signifies with ominous emphasis that a revision of expenses is desirable on the part of the railroad officials and subofficials.

Figures that the rail chief has submitted after an extensive study are a little startling, even to old and experienced railroad operators, and the result, according to information given out in Portland, is likely to be a more or less radical change in the departments which suffer by the comparison, that is maintenance offices. The communication in part is as follows:

"Repeated discussion with railroad officers, as well as long observation on the subject, have led me to the conclusion that neither the principal railroad officers nor the subordinate officers have given the same attention to the obtaining of the highest efficiency and economy in maintenance work, either to way and structures or as to equipment—that they are giving in connection with the cost of conducting transportation.

CONFERENCE ARE SUGGESTED
"It occurs to me that the distinction which has thus grown up between transportation and maintenance has been an outgrowth of the idea that where money is spent for maintenance there is always something tangible to show for it, whereas the case is different with money spent for transportation, and hence the transportation costs need to be controlled with much greater vigilance.

"The heavy increase in costs, both of material and labor, with respect to maintenance work, make it of the highest importance that there shall be promptly developed just as great and effective vigilance with respect to getting the greatest possible efficiency out of maintenance expenditures as has been developed in the past with respect to transportation expenditures. At present the great losses are in maintenance and not in transportation.

"I think it would be well for the regional directors to call the federal managers together to discuss the matter so it may be possible to adopt and employ more suitable standards in the measurement of efficiency in the maintenance department than those now generally used."

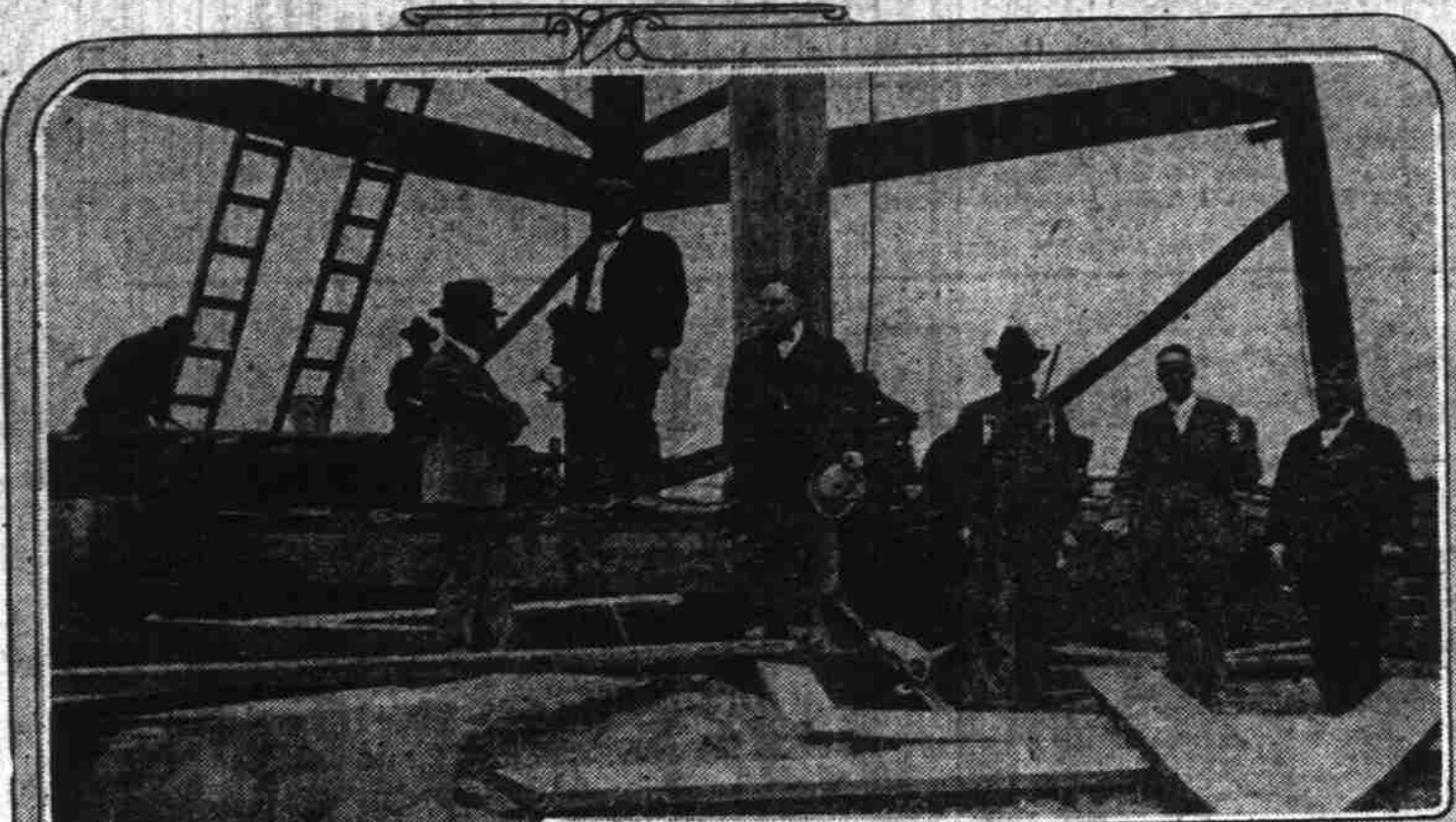
Mr. Hines in conclusion attaches statistics that point out that the increase in operating ratio in the case of both classes of maintenance work over the month of March, 1918, as compared with the month of March, 1919, showing that the upward trend in maintenance cost is going up by leaps and bounds.

Mr. Hines also shows that the increase in the maintenance work over transportation was nearly twice as much for the month of March, 1919, as compared with the month of March, 1918, showing that the upward trend in maintenance cost is going up by leaps and bounds.

R. H. Ashton, regional director of the northwestern railroads, has communicated with federal managers, telling them what is expected of them and particularly expressed the opinion that a definite plan must be adopted in every department to insure that every employee down to section and engine house laborers has a full knowledge of what is expected of him in nearly every town in Oregon. If your favorite store does not already have them, send the name to us and we will write them.

Director Hines' letter has been distributed to foremen and subofficials on all the lines in Oregon, and an active campaign is being made to bring up the maintenance expenditures to a better average.

WHERE OIL IS SOUGHT IN YAMHILL COUNTY



QUEST FOR OIL IN YAMHILL NOW ON

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will be used for it is desirable to hurry through the experiment and realize on its success, if it succeeds.

PROPERTY UNDER LEASE

Several thousands of acres are held under lease in the vicinity of the New-mann farm and a busy imagination can dot the undulating expanse with scores of derricks that would be erected were the earth, having been forced there by the pressure of water.

The Saturday visit found men busily engaged in getting up the rig. The derrick had been built to a height of 66 feet; it is to go to 84 feet, the height considered necessary to handle the bits and stems of deep wells. Much of the material and machinery to complete preparation for boring was on the ground. No more time than necessary the first wild cat well "to come in strong."

Mr. O'Reilly and his associates say they are fully, as much interested in the value to Portland of finding oil as in private profit. Guy Pierce, general manager of the Northwestern Electric company, who has had much experience in the oil districts of Mexico and California, remarked on the way out to Yamhill county, that the demand for gasoline on the Pacific coast even now exceeds the supply. Gasoline, fuel oil, lubricating oil, kerosene and scores of by-products all come from petroleum and it would be hard to find a measure of value for such a supply in this district.

OTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE

Other experimental efforts to strike oil are being made simultaneously in the Northwest. The Standard Oil company has moved in equipment for a test well at Molokai, near Aberdeen, in the Grays Harbor, Wash., district. Test wells are to be drilled in Lincoln county. Similar wells may be bored in Coos and Curry counties. The Oregon bureau of mines and geology is making a geologic reconnaissance with a view to locating "crowns" where to bore for oil would be most hopeful. The United States geologic survey is also to be active in the state, cooperating with the state bureau and conducting research on its own account in Eastern Oregon.

Jack Dempsey Will Make His Home in Long Branch, N. J.

Long Branch, N. J., July 5.—Jack Dempsey, new heavyweight champion of the world, will make his home here, where he did part of his training for the big fight, according to an announcement made today. Dempsey is a member of the Long Branch lodge of Elks.

Chief of Police William D. Walling

Above—Group of Portlanders view rigging for test well in Yamhill county. Left to right—George M. Trowbridge, George Truman, automobile driver; Guy Pierce, general manager Northwestern Electric company; George E. Scott, veteran driller who has taken contract for experimental bore; S. Benson, chairman state highway commission, and Drake C. O'Reilly. Mr. O'Reilly and H. L. Corbett are trustees for the Portland business men who are financing the quest for petroleum.

was selected today to head a committee to welcome to Long Branch the new world's champion and his trainer and manager, Jimmy De Forest, of this city, and Jack Kearns.

In a vanity box for women, invented by a New Yorker, the powder is carried under a perforated plate so that only a limited amount is obtained when a powder puff is pressed against it.

AMERICAN LEGION TO NAME OFFICERS ON MONDAY NIGHT

Little Doubt as to Successful Ones Exists, as Temporary Officers Are Only Nominees.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 850

In Addition to Portland Post There Are Now 17 Locals in Other Cities of This State

Meeting Monday night at 7:30 in the armory for the election of officers to hold their positions till November, the American Legion in Portland will complete organization of a local post. The initiation fee will be collected, the first 15 to pay being the 15 who will sign the application for a local charter.

Little doubt as to the election is possible, because with one exception the temporary officers were the only ones nominated, including Cassius R. Peck, president; Harry M. Grayson, vice president; John A. Beckwith, secretary, and John Guy Strohm, treasurer. E. C. Dye is also making a campaign for vice president.

The membership of the Portland post of the legion has reached now 850, a growth of about 350 since the first meeting about two months ago. There is a possibility of a membership of about 10,000 here, it is estimated, and the members desire to get everyone enrolled.

MANY TOWNS HAVE POSTS

In addition to the Portland post, are 17 local posts in various other cities in Oregon. Applications for charters are being made continually to State Chairman E. J. Elvers, who is chairman of the general reception committee here, with offices in the Liberty temple. The other state officers are Dow V. Walker, secretary, and Barge E. Leonard, treasurer. These officers are all temporary, the permanent ones to be elected in September.

The American Legion published on July 4 the first issue of its weekly paper, "The American Legion Weekly," with an initial circulation of 100,000 copies. There is a possibility of a circulation of more than 4,000,000.

One of the features of the first number was a communication from General Pershing endorsing the American Legion, its aims and ideals, which reads as follows:

FRESHING'S GOOD WISHES

"It gives me much pleasure to extend to the American Legion my hearty good wishes for success on the occasion of the first issue of the official paper of the society of veterans of the great war. The Legion is destined to be of tremendous value in fostering and spreading among our people the lessons learned in the war."

"The American Legion Weekly, as the medium of communication throughout the country, will more closely unite the already strong bonds of comradeship among the members. I predict a most useful future for the Legion and the total support of all for the new weekly."

The publication aims to represent the high standards of the organization and will always be national in its scope, non-partisan and non-sectional, with the idea of becoming a monument to "that other legion which did not come back."

Popular Lebanon Couple Wed; Will Live in Mill City

Lebanon, July 5.—The wedding of Lyle Moore and Miss Sarah Sutter, two well known Lebanon young people, took place at the courthouse in Albany with Judge Bilyeu officiating. The bride is the daughter of J. W. Sutter and the groom is the son of W. H. Moore and was born and raised here. He is now employed with a lumber company at Mill City, where the couple will make their home.

Youth Has Exciting Life

Lebanon, July 5.—Guy Gentry has arrived home after serving 18 months in the navy. Most of the time he was on the U. S. S. Kingfisher engaged in sweeping the Atlantic coast of America of mines. The ship had a fight with two German submarines. After the Kingfisher was blown up by a mine Gentry was transferred to the Astoria and made two trips across the Atlantic after troops.

W. J. Bryan Will Speak

Lebanon, July 5.—The Ellison White Chautauque to be held here July 18 to 21, in addition to the regular list of attractions, is to have William Jennings Bryan on July 20, an event that will draw people from all over the country. Milton Miller, internal revenue collector, will make the opening address on that day.

Ex-Beaver Keeps Up Record; Hits In Twenty-sixth

New York, July 5.—(U. P.)—Roger Peckinpaugh, captain and shortstop of the Yankees, hit safely for his twenty-sixth consecutive game today, when he doubled to center in the third inning of the second game with Washington. Shaw was pitching.

Peckinpaugh was formerly a member of McCredie's Beavers.

Can Openers Much Prized in France

San Francisco, July 5.—(I. N. S.)—"A can opener! My kingdom for a can opener!" Miss Winifred Jones of Sul-sun, domestic science teacher attached to a roll canteen in the Le Mars area in France, writes friends in this city that it's no joke to find a substitute for an "exhausted" can opener. She has worn out several divisions of doughboys, awaiting the magic order to entrain for home, are hanging around waiting for hot chocolate—a serious problem. Miss Jones is a Y. M. C. A. worker in France and serves gallons of hot chocolate day and night. She holds an enviable record as a doughnut maker, too, and says that when she gets home she will have a can opener in every room in her house.

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Figured Madras In a Sale

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45c Madras now.....25c
70c Madras now.....40c
\$1.25 Madras now.....75c
60c Madras now.....38c
\$1.00 Madras now.....65c
\$1.50 Madras now.....\$1.00

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Four grades at reductions for this week:

50c Filet Nets.....38c
60c Filet Nets.....45c
75c Filet Nets.....58c
\$1.00 Filet Nets.....75c



New Dining Room Furniture of Substantial Beauty

We have an entire floor where dining suites of wonderful beauty are grouped for your convenience in selection. We show all of the desirable styles, including the newest in period models as well as the strictly modern types. These fine suites fit perfectly today's requirements of an American home. They are priced to please you.

For Any Room in the House

Natural reed is the logical summer furniture—always fresh and cool looking. It is adaptable to so many uses—the porch, the living room, the bedroom, the breakfast nook. We show many pieces in reed, and at very moderate prices.

Hartford Saxony Rugs in a Disposal

Hartford Saxony Rugs, the American loom tufted Oriental, are closer in appearance, durability and desirability to genuine Orientals than any other domestic rug made. Like Orientals, Hartford Saxony Rugs improve with wear and age. They soften in tone and become mellow and rich, and they are practically indestructible. They wear to become beautiful with hard service. We stand back of every Hartford Saxony we sell. This week we shall offer a limited number of regular.

\$115 Hartford Saxony Rugs, 9x12 Size, \$82.50
Plain colors and artistic designs in blue, brown, tan, green. Choose one or more of these and practice true economy.

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Regular \$19 Size, 36x63, for \$13.75
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These are shown in beautiful Oriental designs. Convenient sizes for use on hardwood floors or in places where a medium-size rug is desired.

Bedroom Furniture of Originality!

The restrictions placed by the government upon furniture designers have been removed, so we have several entirely new designs to show you. They are Victory-inspired, beautiful in appearance and substantial in quality! Here are suites of rich brown mahogany, of American walnut, of fine woods finished in creamy ivory enamel. You will be pleasantly surprised at the moderate prices at which we are selling these lovely suites.



Floor and Davenport Lamps and Shades
Have you seen our newest ones, now displayed throughout the main floor? If you have not already chosen, you will want a lamp for your piano or your davenport. Let us show you through our collection.

For Your Sunday Dinner

You will want cool, attractive surroundings—dainty service and wholesome, appetizing food. This the Hazelwood realizes and you are sure to return the second time for your Sunday dinner. The very choicest of the season's offerings are here for your pleasure—and our chef is making a special effort to make this Sunday's dinner an especially fine one.

Table d'Hote Dinner \$1 Plate Dinner 60c
Vegetable Dinner 35c

Sunday Night Suppers

When you return from your week-end vacation you will be most pleasantly refreshed if you drop in at The Hazelwood for some of their special treats.

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WET FORCES TO CITE OLD NEW YORK CASE IN ANTI-DRY FIGHT

Measure Much Like National Amendment Declared Unconstitutional in 1856.

Washington, July 5.—When the whole prohibition issue, involving both the constitutional amendment and the acts of congress, comes before the United States supreme court, the opponents of national prohibition will base their attack largely on the text of the decision of the New York state court of appeals in 1856 in the Wynehamer case.

In this case the justices of the New York court declared void and unconstitutional a prohibition law passed by the New York legislature, which according to opponents of prohibition, was very similar in its provisions to the national dry amendment passed in January.

It is recognized that the supreme court, when it convenes in October, will have a series of cases bearing on prohibition and that it will have to decide the issue. Before it will come all the test cases on low-grade beer, the Rhode Island case, which legalized a per cent beer in the face of national prohibition; the Ohio case, where an election on the wet and dry issue has been directed; and the California case of the grape-growers, raising the question of confiscation of property.

Had Some Whiskey.
Sam Harrison, a logger was arrested today by the police on a charge of violating the prohibition law. A small amount of whiskey was found in his possession.

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