CAR SHORTAGE MUST IMPROVE BUCHTEL SAYS

Chairman of Service Commission Writes Date to Letter to McNary

LABOR SERIOUSLY HIT

Lumber Mills Cease Operations Because of Calamitous Conditions

Unless the car service bureau of the railroad administration awakens from the lethargy in which it is now enwrapped, 1920 is going to be a disastrous period for the lumber industry in the Pacific northwest, and the condition of unrest will be made worse by thousands of men being kept out of employment. In a letter to United States Senator McNary, Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, bares the distressing situation which now exists, and submits data for the senator's use in rousing administration officials to action.

Mr. Buchtel sharply calls attention to a feeling that "other sections of our country ,east and south, are receiving more favorable consideration in the allocation of cars, and further, quoting from a letter received, that the car service bureau is prone to prove an alibi rather than to adopt emasures of helpfulness."

Mr. Buchtels' letter embodies excerpts from letters received by the commission from the West Coast Lumbermens' association and other organizations, which leave no doubt as to the grave situation confronting Oregon and other northwest states. In respones to a request for specific instances of shortage and damage that has resulted, the West Coast Lumbermen's association mentions the following car shortage: 'Albany Lumber company, Falls City Lumber & Logging company, Brighton Mills company, Carl E. Fischer Lumber company, Brown-McPhee Lumber company, Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Silverton Lumber company.

Sorry Prospect Presented.

The same communication offers this comment on the sorry prospect for 1920 under the present administration:

"I a mdiscussing this matter frankly with you, appreciating your interest; and with a grave apprehension that unless the car service section is shaken out of its self-satisfied, complacent policy, the Pacific Northwest during 1920, will be up against a very, very serious situation."

Excerpts from other complaints receivind expose conditions in no less convincing language.

Commenting on the effect car shortage has on labor and fuel distribution, Mr. Buchtel says:

"In addition to the financial losses entailed by the operators, the very-very serious problem of unemployment of men enters into the situation, and if for no other reason, drastic and immediate remedies should be applied to relieve the tension, for certainly those who have returned from the service seeking and deserving employment should have every consideration.

Power is Cut Off.

"Another angle as mentioned is the Carl E. Fischer and other letters is pertinent, namely, the fuel situation, for Oregon, largely a wood-burning state, must turn to other fuels (coal and oil) when the wood supply for any reason is curtailed. This can be further exemplified by reference to the Baker White Pine Lumber company of eastern Oregon, where, through inability to obtain sufficient cars, the mill all but ceased operations, thereby being unable to supply the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company with fuel, the natural consequence being a reduction i nelectric energy, making the car shortage a contributing factor to the distress of Baker, La Grande, Union and adjoinig territory depending upon the electric company for light and power."

Mr. Buchtel is not in complete accord with the administration's claim that additional trackage and terminal yard facilities are necessary to a solution and its claim that "more cars and engines would not relieve the unhappy situation."

Traffic Conditions Cited.

"In offering a solution," writes Mr. Buchtel, "we can do no better than to quote from information at hand to the effect that we have been having a preponderanve of eastbound traffic, with westbount loads not over 50 per cent of eastbound loads, which necessitates a long distance movement of empties, an dthe westbound empty movement has fallen behind the eastbound loaded movement which means that prompt relief must come from an increased westbound empty movement, and the facts are such as in our opinion justify an order to that effect."

RENEWED RAIDS SHOW REDS TAKE TO COVER

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They at last realize that we mean business." He believed that the "night's haul" would not about 35 "wanted' 'radicals.

Alleged Leader Taken.

An arret which the federal agents regard as of considerable importance was that of Oscar Tyverowski, described as a communist leader, was arrested at the publication offices of the Hungarian paper, whose editor, Edward Elore, was earlier taken.

2.75 PERCENT BEER ILLEGAL RULES COURT

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providing it was not intoxicating.

Prosecution Ready

Following the renderings of today's opinion, Assistant Attorney General Frierson who has been in charge of the prohibition cases in the supreme court announced that the department of justice was ready to begin the prosecutions of all persons who have sold beer since the passage last October 28 of the Volstead act.

The opinion of Justice Brandeis who also rendered the December 15 decision upholding the constitutionality of the war-time prohibition act. was sweeping and set forth "that war-time power over intoxicating liquors extends to the enactment of laws which will not merely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, but will effectually prevent their sale.

Justice Brandeis also decreed that the war powers of congress possess virtually the same authority as that held by the states, under their police powers, adding "if, in its opinion the particular emergency demands the immediate discontinuation of the traffic congress must have the power to require such discontinuance."

Scope of PowerQuestioned

A dissenting opinion concurred in by the other three associate justices was rendered by Justice McReynolds who took exception to the majority's views regarding the scope of the war powers. The minority declared the constitution should be interpreted so that no part should "suffer emasculation by any strained or unnatural construction," by which the public's rights may be jeopardized.

VARNEY WINS WITH SLATE OF OFFICERS

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on police questions, Utter standing for more officers and shorter hours. On the floor after the change was announced Utter told the mayor that for this reason he was not surprised at the shift. He promised to co-operate with the new committee as far as possible. Other changes on the health and police committee were the appointment of Volk in Moore's place and Schunke in Vandevort's place.

Alderman Moore succeeds Volk on the printing committee and Vandevort is put on the park committee with Utter, taking Schunke's place.

Alderman Wiest called attention to the need of a city plumbing inspector, and after discussion this was referred to committees for report at the next meeting.

WOMAN HELD 8 MONTHS BY MEXICAN BANDITS

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her. Meanwhile, a bridge on the way to the camp where she was to deliver the message was blown up and the shoe, with the message in the sole, was snt by messenger.

Mother Dead; Home Rpined.

Returning to camp, Mrs. Sturgis found her mother dead and her husband dying of starvation. Some months later she was released, and "more dead than alive," walked with Dr. Sturgis over the hills to their old plantation, to find it bare as a bone.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN TALK PARTY PLANS

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affairs attracted a big gathering of party leaders and the local campaign headquarters of Governor Lowden, General Wood and Senator Harding of Ohio, hummed with activity.

The two unofficial visitors who attracted attention were Frank L. Hitchcock, postmaster general in the Roosevelt cabinet and Frank B. Willis, former governor of Ohio.

CONGRESS AT WORK AGAIN AFTER RECESS

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and senate got into action today and prepared to grind out the endless procession of bills and resolutions which are expected to hold congress here for the next nine or ten months.

JAN. 17-24 TO BE BIG WEEK IN THIS CITY

Buy Home Products Program, Thrift Week and Corn Show Are Scheduled

COMMITTEES GET RUSY

Commercial Club Takes Action to Develop Special Features

Three commercial events will be combined in Salem during the week of anuary 19 to 24 as result of action taken yesterday at the business men's luncheon at the Commercial club. It is the week in which the Buy Oregon Made Products campaign, the sixth annual Marion county corn show and thrift week will be combined.

The "Buy Oregon Made Goods" program will include the featuring by all merchants in various ways the values of commodities prodced in Oregon. The program was outlined by A. G. Clark of the Associated Industries of Oregon who was the speaker at yesterday's luncheon. There will be prizes for essays by school children and an extensive program of publicity will be carried out. Working with the plan will be the thrift week features in which a day will be devoted to each of the different phases of domestic and community thrift. The corn show will be full of classes and demonstrations and emphasis will be laid upon the the grown in Oregon feature.

Committee Busy

The committee in charge of the thrift week section of the program is composed of T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Salem Commercial club. James Elvin, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and J. F. Hutchason, insurance man. The general committee, each member being charge of a different part of tarift week, is composed of the following: William S Walton, Rev. H. N. Aldrich, J. F. Hutchason, ohn H. SEcott, Jack Walter, James Elvin and Williams Gahlsdorf.

The "Made in Oregon" committee and the thrift committee will hold meetings during the week to perfect details of the plan to devise means of bringing the two features into complete harmony.

The Associated Industries of Oregon will send exhibits to Salem, Mr. Clark stated yesterday, this being the first city in the state to devote a week to the campaign.

FISH AND GAME SESSION IS FAILURE

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and get themselves elected to positions in the Portland commercial organizations.

Seufert urged that the question be left to the committees of the legislature to untangle when the session meets.

Dana Fears for Wild Life.

"It is idle and disloyal," said Marshall Dana, "to advocate that anything be done to impair the great salmon industry of the state. As for the sportsmen there long has been a feeling that their side is not handled with the efficiency required. We are for a square deal for both interests. Separating the two and getting them out of politics alone will calm the controversy. If the game of the state is not better protected soon there will be no wild life left.'

Roderick Macleay, millionaire packer of the Rogue river, brought on a sensational clash between himself and George Mansfield when he attacked Mansfield's statements of the forenoon session and asserted that salmon and steelheads are increasing instead of decreasing in Rogue river. Macleay claimed that his company represents only 60 per cent of the packing industry on the river.

Packer Says Run Increases.

"The salmon run is constantly increasing," said Macleay. More were packed in the last four years than for 50 years and the same is true of steelheads. There never has been any violation on Rogue river of the law against packing and selling steelheads. In a hatchery that is owned by our company, not by the state or the government, there will this year be 6,000,000 steelheads freed for the sportsmen. The intake of stelhads is grater than ever before. Steel heads are now running by the tens of thousands and it is an economic waste that they cannot be canned."

Mr. Macleay denied that nets are used in the river during the summer, saying they are used only in the fall. He said if there is a decrease in the fish in the streams it might be due to the presence of power plants or to placr mining.

Mr. Mansfield demanded to know if nets are stretched in the river alternately from one short and then another. Macleay said this is true, but that they do not overlap.

Mansfield asserted that the increased pack mentioned by Macleay is due, not to more fish, but to increased activity by the packers.

Thomas Makes Challenge.

Senator Thomas threw down the gauntlet to the commercial interests.

"There is no use to discuss the Rogue river situation any further," he said. "The sportsmen are lined up for a fight and are going to fight this thing to a finish. We have the money to do it. We are going to bring two bills to the legislature. One to close the Rogue river and with it will be a provision by the Umpqua sportsmen that the Umpqua be closed. The other bill will be to withdraw state aid from commercial fishing. After the Rogue was closed the first time Mr. Macleay, with his eyes, open, knowing it was closed, bought his magnificent estate and the cannery and then came up to the legislature and got it reopened. There has been hell to pay ever since. He says there have been no prosecutions for violation of the law. That is true. We know there is no hope of that. There will be no peace until the old las is passed again."

Asked if he could produce evidence that the run of fish is stopped by the packers at the river's mouth Senator Thomas replied:

"Only the affidavits of the boys who help pull in your nets."

Senator Thomas said that large steelheads caught in the upper river often bear marks of the nets.

BOXING BOARD WILL BE APPOINTED HERE

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through all three readings and passed without dissent decreasing the license attached to dance operators. The present license imposed on clubs or individuals is $30 a day, $60 for licenses of three months, $100 for licenses of six months and $150 for one year. The amended ordinance provides licenses of $10 for one day, $30 for three months, $45 for six months and $60 for one year.

Salaries Are Increased

By resolutions passed by the city council last night the salary of the stenographer in the city recorder's office is increased from $60 to $70 a month and the salary of the bookkeeper increased to $125 a month

Residents of the west side of commercial street between Oak and Bellevue streets sent in a petition ofr the improvement of the west block of Bellevue street by placing it in safe and sound condition. The street is now almost impassable. The petition was referred to the street committee.

The Richmond Improvement club sent in a petition for the improvement of sewer facilities in that district. This was referred to the committee on sewers, and after talks had been made by representatives of the club the city engineer was instructed to investigate.

City Officers Report

Annual reports were read from the several city officers and departments. Chief of Police Varney's report showed the following figures:

Arrests or violations of ordinances, 150; arrests on charges cognizable only in the criminal courts of the state, 37; arrests at the request of peace officers of other jurisdictions, 45; arrests of escapes from federal and state institutions, 35; arrests of suspects, 13. The report showed that 24 automobiles had been reported stolen in the city during the year and that all were recovered by the police and returned to their owners, also that 128 bicycles had been reported stolen and that 78 were recovered and returned. Investigations during the year totaled 906.

The report of City Police Matron Myra L. Shank, showed that she had made 520 calls, 337 investigations, that 431 calls had been received at the office, work secured for 37 girls, permanent homes secured for 10 girls, financial help given girls to the extent of $38.50 and that the matron had met five Oregon Electric trains daily.

Park Board Has Deficit

An unavoidable deficit of $334.13 was reported by the city park board. It was stated that repairs to the Waite Memorial fountain in Willson park cost $283.55. As further improvement of Willson avenue the report mentioned that cement walks are planned for places where water now stands after rains and that more fire hydrants are needed.

The city library board reported a balance of $66112.10. The circulation of books during the year totaled 53,059, of which 35,707 were for adults and 17,352 juveniles.

Winners Are Announced in Misspelled Word Contest

The misspelled word contest of The Statesman ended with the issue of last Tuesday.

There remains the awarding of the prizes for last week, as follows:

First prize, $2.50: Mrs. H. V. McClean, Nortonia Hotel, Portland.

Second prize, $1.50: Edward Gath, Turner, Oregon.

Third prize, $1: Mrs. Nora Pearson, Salem, Oregon.

NEW DATE FIXED FOR HIGH PLAY

"House Next Door" to be Produced by Salem Students Friday Night

A new date has been set for the annual Salem high school play, "The House Next Door," which was scheduled to be given on December 19, 1919, and was postponed on account of weather conditions. The play will be presented Friday evening, 9, in the high school auditorium. Miss Beatrice Thompson is directing the play. Tickets are being sold by the high school students and the seat reservations will be made Wednesday morning.

Turfield Schindler will play the difficult leading role, Sir John Cotsworld, the irritable, eccentric English nobleman who has failed in business, and who bears a feeling kindred to hatred to Sir Isaac Jacobsen (Willard Marshall) the polished polite and financially successful ew who lives in the house next door and who has bought up the mortgage on the Cotswold estate. At the time the play opens Cecil Cotsworld (Frank Deckebach) the son of Sir ohn, has just made a success as an opera singer. His ambition is to lift the family from poverty and to pay back his charming and and beautiful sister Ulvira (Hazel DeLong) and quiet, devoted mother (Alma Englenart) the money, which their sacrifice has enabled his to secure his musical education. The plot is then developed in an exciting manner when Cecil finds himself in love with Esther, the daughter of Sir Isaac (Leona Estes) and when Adrian Jackson (Ralph Hamilton) son of Sir Isaac, just home from college, finds that he is in love with Ulvira. At the same time Lady Jacobsen (Olga Kirkwood) a ewish matron is planning a marriage between Esther and Captain Lige Trever (Ralph Morgall), a man who has traveled extensively and fails to be enthusiastic about anything. In direct contrast to Mr. Trever is Mr. Lewis (Kenneth Waters) who furnishes the principal comedy of the play.

The parts of the two servants are taken by Percy Hammond and Hilton Thompson.

WATSON DIES AT HOSPITAL

Man Whose Gun Was Exhibited in Howell Trial Succumbs to Affliction

Lee Allan Watson of Bandon, who was committed to the state hopsital for the insane a few days ago and whose mental condition was much disturbed because a rifle belonging to him had been introduced as evidence in the murder trial of Harold Howell, accused of the murder of Lillian Leuthold, died at the hospital yesterday.

Watson was not suspected by the hospital authorities, and as far as can be learned here, never was suspected by the Coos county authorities of having anything to do with the killing of the Leuthold girl. His rifle was merely exhibited in court to prove that the rifle carried by young Howell was not the only one of its type in the community.

Watson was in such a delirious state when received at the hospital that he could not be questioned by the physicians. His hallucination was that he was accused of the murder of the girl and over and over he repeated that he did not commit the crime. His death is ascribed to acute mental affliction. Whether this was caused directly by his worry over the murder case cannot be ascertained here.

Watson's remains were sent by the Terwilliger home to Bandon last night for funeral and burial service.

Two Hurt When Automobile Is Hit by Train Sunday

A South bound Southern Pacific train hit an automobile driven by Walter Larson of near Oregon City at the crossing north of the fairgrounds Sunday. Miss Elsie Snidon, also of Oregon city, had her left arm fractured, and Larson sustained a scalp wound and bruises about the face. Miss Snidon was taken to the Salem hospital. The machine was badly damaged.

The party was going from Oregon City to Monmouth.

W. S. C. to Play Nebraska November 25 Is Announced

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 5.—The Washington state college football eleven is scheduled to play the University of Nebraska November 25, according to the season schedule announced tonight.