

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Car shortages are plaguing Oregon lumber mills. Some have been forced to close for lack of boxcars to move out lumber. Other mills are bargaining or trucking lumber to shipside for water shipment.

As usual there is an exchange of fire between railroads and shippers over responsibility. The railroads blame the ICC ruling for turnover of cars to other roads for the grain movement. Shippers blame the Southern Pacific for not getting enough cars at the Portland gateway and letting others go at the time of the threat of a strike.

This is the best season of the year for work in woods and mills (unless weather gets hot and dry). The demand for lumber has bounced back after the spring slump. Everyone in the industry wants to extract the maximum of benefit out of present conditions. The railroads themselves lose current earnings when they can't furnish enough cars. So lack of cars is costly all around.

The car shortage is not a local condition however. It is national, and the west heretofore has not suffered nearly so much as some other sections. Out here we recognize the prime necessity of getting the grain crop out of the fields and into granaries. This means grain must be moved from the primary shipping points to regional and terminal elevators. With fewer cars than before the war, but with capacity of cars averaging

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U. S. Protests Soviet Closing Of Dairen Port

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The United States and Russia widened their breach today with a new exchange of diplomatic blows over Germany's future industry and the red army's continued control of the Chinese port of Dairen, while pulling further apart on other issues too.

A Moscow note protesting the British-French-American conference due to open tomorrow in London on a proposed increase in production for Germany brought word from the state department that the conference will be held regardless of Russian objections. Then the department disclosed that the United States has protested for a second time against Russia's failure to turn Dairen back to Chinese control and to open the port to international trade.

American ships and businessmen are barred by red army order. The new United States note, delivered Aug. 14 at Moscow by Ambassador Walter B. Smith, said Russia will be held responsible for the treatment accorded American interests during the prolonged occupation.

State Frosty; Midwest Heat Toll Hits 53

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—The calendar says August, but the sweated, coated residents don't. The week's frosty mornings bank to a new point today: Bend recorded two degrees below freezing. The temperature dropped to 29 in Klamath Falls and 41 in Eugene.

By the Associated Press
Cool, pleasant weather was the rule of both coasts Thursday, but almost everywhere in between it was hot, sticky and uncomfortable.

The Midwest's tenacious heat wave still hung on, with no prospect of relief in sight. At least 53 deaths were attributed to the heat, 26 in Chicago, one in downstate Illinois, 21 in Ohio, three in Indiana and two in Minnesota.

POCKET MONEY GROWS
WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Money in circulation increased \$16,000,000 in the week ended August 20, the federal reserve board reported today. That made the total outstanding \$28,239,000,000, which is \$126,000,000 more than a year ago.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm sure Junior is here somewhere."

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	73	44	81
Portland	74	48	80
San Francisco	66	55	80
Chicago	64	75	80
New York	76	68	80

Willamette river -3.8 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Highest temperature today 75, low tonight 47. Weather will be favorable for most farm work today except for winds which will interfere with dusting in the afternoon.

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Argentine Seeks Limit to Combined Defense

City Begins Use of New Communications



Thursday marked the beginning of operations of Salem's new communications system in keeping pace with Salem's growing population and growing need for police and fire protection. Shown in top photo is the control panel of the central communications room in the city hall. Seated at left is Roy Morris, 420 Hickory st., operating the new FM radio with which he can contact Salem police and fire departments. Standing in day operator Don Fougade, 2535 Lee st., and seated at right is night operator Julius Pincus, 845 N. Liberty st., using the intercommunications system which connects all city hall offices and departments as well as fire department stations. Contrasting with the new radio room is the old room (lower photo), formerly located in the police station. Shown above at the microphone in the old setup is Don Fougade. (Photos by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

City Manager J. L. Franzen Thursday said the initial operation of the city's new switchboard had proven "very satisfactory" and the new equipment should definitely improve the efficiency of all city departments. The exchange, which began operation Thursday, is located on the second floor of the city hall and will handle all calls to police and fire departments, first aid and other city offices. It will also handle two-way radio communications, city fire, first aid and police vehicles.

In contrast to the old switchboard located in a corner of police headquarters, the new exchange is situated in spacious, well-lighted and soundproof quarters isolated from noise and confusion. The switchboard operators will have access to direct communication with state police and Portland police radio stations. The new equipment will be manned by the city police radio force, headed by Don Fougade. Telephone company instructors from Portland spent Thursday instructing the radio staff in operation of the complex exchange.

Persons wishing to call any city office, police department or first aid may do so by calling 2-4191. In case of fire the number to call is 3144 or 3145. Franzen said the fire department was given separate numbers to avoid delay in case of emergency.

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Labor Law in Force; Ford and UAW Sign

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (Friday)—(AP)—The Taft-Hartley law went into full effect at midnight last night, marked by a last minute agreement in which the Ford Motor Co. granted a union shop to 107,000 production workers. In New York AFL longshoremen and shippers announced settlement half an hour before the law took force of a one-year contract granting 10 cents an hour increase to 65,000 workers and a preferential shop clause, forbidden by the law if the contract had been signed after the midnight deadline.

The new law also provides, in relation to the Ford contract, that a majority of employees must vote for a union shop. Other repercussions of the new law, which establishes a new era in labor-management relations, already were apparent throughout the nation. In Washington the government issued new rules and its conciliation service headed for a shakeup. (Additional details page 2)

Buckley Takes Portland Job

SILVERTON, Aug. 21—Harry Buckley, with the national park service in charge of the Silver Creek recreation area since 1935, announced Thursday that he had accepted a position with the Portland bureau of parks to begin October 1. The Buckleys came here 12 years ago. He has been in charge of the recreational area through its acquisition, development and later years of administration. The area now consists of 6000 acres, including the recently acquired 2000 from the Oregon-California reversioned land grants. This area is to be turned over to the Oregon state park division shortly to form 8000 acres in Silver Falls state park, the largest state park in Oregon.

INDIAN CITIZENS URGED
SANTA FE, N.M., Aug. 21 (AP)—Senator William Langer (R-ND), long a critic of the bureau of Indian affairs, tonight urged rapid steps toward full citizenship for all Indians now wards of the government.

3 Powers Ignore Protest

Britain Calls on Colonies

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Britain brushed aside a last-minute Soviet protest at being left out today and went ahead with plans for a private French-British-American huddle in London tomorrow on setting a higher ceiling for German industrial activity in western Germany.

In notes to the British and American governments but not to the French-Russia, it protested that the projected conference was a violation of the four-power Potsdam accord of 1945. The Russians said the accord provided for German industrial levels and any revision should be a matter for the consideration by the four-power foreign ministers council. **Must Cut Purchases**

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Britain prepared to cut drastically her purchases in the United States and called on her colonies throughout the world tonight to produce more goods and draw less from the mother country to help cushion the impact of the freeze on her dollar supply. The London Star said a "crisis conference" with representatives of the dominions and colonies was likely to be held soon in London in the wake of the British-American agreement to abandon the convertibility of Britain's sterling into dollars.

Loan Nearly Gone
The agreement found the \$3,750,000,000 purse, which the United States loaned Britain last year, virtually empty so far as current spending is concerned. Only \$850,000,000 of the loan remained undrawn. Britain has applied and received approval to draw out \$450,000,000 of that. The agreement provided that the remaining \$400,000,000 would be frozen until British and American economic experts decide on the next step. British newspapers said the loan had come to an end.

In a drive to make Britain more self-sufficient, Minister of Agriculture Tom Williams announced a series of widespread increases in farm prices and subsidies to British farmers. The emphasis, he explained, is on increasing Britain's production of "dollar-saving products, particularly pig meat, eggs, beef, mutton, cereals and linseed."

Tanker Blaze Quelled in N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 21 (AP)—A fire in the tanker Newmarket was brought under control at the port of Albany tonight in about an hour and half after firemen had responded to three alarms. The blaze, caused by a blown out generator, was confined to the engine room.

The entire port district was barred to the public while firemen fought the blaze because of the danger of an explosion from the ship's gasoline and oil cargo or of spread of the fire to the storage tanks of the nearby Socony Vacuum company.

Stores to Close Early Salem Day

Salem merchants Thursday decided to close their stores at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, which has been designated Salem day for the Oregon state fair here. They agreed to open one-half hour earlier than usual in order to provide approximately four hours of shopping time and still give employees an opportunity to get to the fair. They took no action on proposed store closing on this year's Armistice day.

November Butter At All-Time High

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—Butter for delivery in November sold at the highest level in history for that contract on the Chicago mercantile exchange today. November butter reached a high of 71.75 cents a pound, closing at 71.05 cents.

Cash butter rose 3/4 to 1 1/2 cents a pound in the wholesale market. Best quality butter (93 score) sold at 77 1/2 cents a pound, highest for the year and up 19 1/2 cents since April 22.

Chinese Drive Cuts Off Reds

NANKING, Friday, Aug. 22 (AP)—An unannounced Chinese government drive has all but cut off the communist-held Shantung peninsula and its port of Chefoo, reputed red depot for supplies from Manchuria, field dispatches reported today.

These pro-government accounts said Chiang Kai-Shek's troops had seized control of all the railway linking the port of Tsingtau with Tsinan, Shantung capital. The communists long have held stretches of this route.

38 Seek Billets in Naval Reserve Unit

Approximately 38 applications for billets in the new Salem naval reserve unit were received at an information meeting Thursday night of officers and men interested in forming a local reserve division. Lt. Comdr. Vernon Gilmore, unit commander, said activation will take place as soon as sufficient personnel is mustered. The organization will meet again next Thursday night in building T514 at Salem airport. Billets are still open in the unit's rate structure, which will consist of 200 enlisted men and 10 officers at full complement. Meanwhile the reserve unit opened its new office Thursday on the third floor of the city hall. Information and applications for membership in V-6 or in the unit are available there daily from 9 a. m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p. m. and from 9 to noon on Saturdays. The phone number is 2-1892. The office is commanded by Gilmore and Lt. Comdr. Roger Lasley, assistant district director of the navy reserve, who is also assisting in activating a reserve unit in Eugene. Gilmore explained at the meeting that ratings to be trained are radiomen, electronic technicians' mates, carpenters' mates, electricians' mates, storekeepers, machinists' mates and motor machin-

Former Owners Request Economic Conclave Backed

Former owners of land taken over by the government in 1942 for the enlargement of Salem airport, have petitioned the Marion county court to extend their priority rights in buying back the land. A group of six persons have joined in an effort to reclaim property they formerly owned at the north end of the airport, it is stated in a letter received by the county court this week. They are James D. Kyle, chairman of the group; George B. Hager, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Gus Schlicker, Adolph J. Hager and Edith M. Andrews. Roy Hewitt, Salem attorney, is their counsel.

The property in question is the site of the farm labor camp. Papers are now being drawn for transfer of the camp area from the war assets administration to Marion county and for subsequent lease to Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc., for operation as a labor camp. "You are doubtless aware," the letter advises the court, "that at the time of taking these lands, the owners were informed by the government that they would be given the first opportunity to repurchase their lands, paying the price paid by the government, less a reasonable rent for the time the properties were in the use of the government."

The petition states that these lands have increased in value which the signers aver they should "be permitted to enjoy." They ask the court to yield the priority to purchase these lands to them. It also is stated in the letter that the former owners will continue to operate and maintain a labor camp there, if "it is desirable and for the interest of the community."

28th Polk Fair Features Farm Shows, Judging

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
MONMOUTH, Aug. 21—Everything from a bright Gay Way and commercials to agriculture, home economics and livestock can be found in Polk county's 28th annual fair which opened here today and will carry through to Saturday midnight.

Exhibits are exceptionally attractive, with community displays outstanding. In every way the 1947 show is a great improvement over that of a year ago, the first since 1941.

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Livestock entries were limited to 4-H members, with winners expected to go on to the state fair. Today was observed as Independence day. Friday has been designated as Dallas day and the closing day for Monmouth. General judging will be completed Friday, with Marvin May of Salt Creek judging the poultry; Ray Hobson of Amity, dairy showmanship; A. L. Pulliam, assistant Linn county agent, hog showmanship.

Also slated for Friday are livestock demonstration and judging contests. Prof. E. L. Potter of Oregon State college will judge the saddle horse classes at 9:30 Saturday morning. At 1:30 p.m. will be the grand entry and exhibit of Dallas and Red Prairie Saddle clubs. Free vaudeville acts are staged at 3:30 and 9:30 p.m. each day.

Responsible for the show is the Polk county fair board of which L. H. McBee is president; Josiah Wills, secretary, and Eldon Riddell and Clarence Primus, members.

Hop Picking Needs Climb; 2,000 Called

Due to the increased demand for hop pickers and orders from growers Thursday, Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, farm labor assistant, announced that the need for hop pickers has been upped to 2,000 today.

Hopmen, concerned with the weather outlook, she said, have deluged the local farm labor office for more pickers for late hops. She reminded local citizens of the need for their support in harvesting the hop crop this year. Although seven western state information offices have been contacted for pickers, Mrs. Turnbull said she believed the few pickers received by this method would hardly fulfill the demand.

Pickers are still needed for blackberries. Mrs. Turnbull said she hoped, with the bean crop nearly 75 per cent harvested, that children working on the bean harvest would turn out to complete the blackberry harvest.

Loyalists Hold All Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Higinio Morinigo's government announced tonight that it had won a "smashing victory" in the Paraguayan civil war and now was in control of the entire country for the first time since March 7.

The communists declared that all insurgent leaders had abandoned their units and sought refuge in neighboring countries. Large amounts of war materials have been captured from rebel units which "disbanded under the victorious drive in our troops," the bulletin added.

Members of the V-6, inactive naval reserve, may transfer to the active naval reserve unit now being formed. Veterans need not take physical examinations. Drill pay will begin when the unit is activated. Those interested in the naval air reserve may become associated with the unit now forming and then later transfer if a naval air reserve unit comes to Salem, he stated. Lasley revealed last night that the total annual payroll of the unit will be \$46,000.

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Senator Bilbo Dies, Without Congress Seat

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 21 (AP)—Death came today for Theodore G. (The Man) Bilbo, ending a two-weeks fight for his life and stilling his strident claims to a seat in the 80th congress as Mississippi's senior senator. He was 69.

The vinegar-tongued, wizened politician, who won election in 1946 on a platform of "white supremacy," succumbed suddenly at Foundation hospital. It was a swift reversal of the long improvement yesterday when Bilbo sat up and declared he was "feeling fine."

Doctors gave "progressive heart failure" as the immediate cause of death. They said he had never rallied from an operation Monday to tie a vein and seal off the blood clot from the heart.

Bilbo maintained to the end his unqualified determination to take his seat in Washington. He denied charges that he had intimidated negro voters in Mississippi's 1946 democratic primary, and rejected allegations that he had accepted bribes from war contractors. Both accusations were made by senate investigating committees.

He publicly acknowledged membership in the Ku Klux Klan, and introduced legislation in congress to ship 13,000,000 American negroes back to Africa.

Oil Outlook 'Tight'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Krug said today the outlook for next winter's oil and gasoline supplies is still "tight" but that farmers have enough gasoline to harvest their crops.

Our Senators

Lost 134