

### Car Shortage Bothers Mills

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tion-caused shortage on this front has been noticed for about a month, although not in serious proportions, he said.

Report from Medford Thursday said that representatives of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. named the railroad car shortage as the number one bottleneck now facing lumber production. Chris Krelenbaum, WCLA president; and H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president, told lumbermen there that under OPA the mills were forced to produce rough lumber "in order to survive" and that there resulted a shortage of the finished product which now is holding up production of much-needed cars.

So far as could be learned Thursday, no lumber mills in this vicinity had actually closed down because of the shortage, but it was understood to be a matter only of a few days. Long-Bell's Vaughn division had stacked up more than three million board feet on nearly every available inch of space and anticipated shutdown within the next few days unless cars were forthcoming. Many of the county's smaller mills are in the same critical condition.

### Housing Committee Studies Local Needs

The Eugene-Springfield emergency housing committee was scheduled to meet Thursday in the city hall, to try to estimate how many new housing units will be needed here for university students and other residents before the end of the year.

Further investigation of shortages of materials and labor is planned in an attempt to route construction materials and workers into the hands of persons whose homes are delayed in construction by lack of certain specific materials or by lack of certain skilled labor.

### Dow-Jones

Dow Jones closing bond averages:  
40 bonds, 107.44, up 0.08.  
10 higher grade rails, 115.26, up 0.10.  
10 second grade rails, 100.29, up 0.15.  
10 public utilities, 108.69, up 0.05.  
10 industrials, 105.54, up 0.03.

### WINS PRIZE

Joe Silliman, 10-year-old 4-H club member from Malabon, won first prize in the crop judging and identification contest, at the Central Willamette Valley Livestock and Crops Tour held at Corvallis early this week.

### TO BUILD WALL

The county court issued a permit to the U. S. Engineers Wednesday, allowing them to build a stone retaining wall under the Coburg Bridge. This, it was explained, would help prevent a bridge wash-out in case of floods.

### RETURNS FROM MEETING

C. Von Hickman, district agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company recently returned from the company's convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was honored as the largest volume producer for the year 1945 and for placing second in the Pacemaker's contest for the year 1946.

### Russia Again Breaks Accord

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that the rules committee had approved by a vote of 15 to 8 the procedure permitting the conference to pass on matters by either a simple or two-thirds majority. Russia has contended throughout for a two-thirds rule.

### "Peace Is the Object"

Alexander said the committee "came to their decision by a ratio of five to two—or more than the ratio of two to one wanted by Mr. Molotov. He is merely taking unnecessary time for long and tedious repetition of what already has been said and published to the world. The world wants to get on with the peace."

U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes was scheduled to reply to Molotov as the conference adjourned to reconvene Friday.

Also scheduled to speak were the representatives of the Ukraine and White Russia.

Molotov renewed his attack on the press, asserting he had read in Paris papers an interpretation of the rules committee decision which said, "The western powers have won the upper hand over the USSR."

### "A Grave Mistake"

"The Soviet Union believes that it is not the purpose of the peace conference that one or another power or bloc of power should win the upper hand over the USSR or any other power," he said.

The action of the rules committee, he said, had "nullified" the proposal of the Council of Foreign Ministers and was a "grave mistake."

Molotov declared anyone who expected a recommendation backed by only a simple majority to have any importance would be "greatly disappointed" and emphasized that the decisions of the peace conference were not of an "obligatory nature" to the Foreign Ministers Council.

### New York-Alaska Air Service Planned

NEW YORK—(AP)—Direct air service from New York City to Anchorage, Alaska, by way of Seattle, will be started within six weeks, Northwest Airlines officials announced Thursday.

Four engine, 44-passenger Douglas transports will be used, with one round-trip daily.

The first survey flight over the route will leave La Guardia field Friday, with W. Fiske Marshall, vice-president of Northwest Airlines, aboard.

### Murder Case Near Solution

SPOKANE, Wash.—(AP)—Police neared solution Thursday of the mysterious slaying of Dr. Rudolph A. Hahn, 81-year-old convicted abortionist who was found dead in his apartment of five stab wounds inflicted with a French bayonet.

Prosecuting Attorney Leslie M. Carroll said that several persons were under suspicion and that an arrest might be made this week. He said he was certain the murder had been "planned."

Dr. Hahn was found in his hotel Tuesday night amid signs of a "terrific struggle." Despite the fact that a diamond stickpin and money were missing, police believed that the slaying was committed in revenge for one of the doctor's illegal operations rather than for robbery.

Rudolph T. Hahn, son of the dead man, told police that he saw a man leaving his father's apartment just before he entered and discovered the body.

Several times during his long career, Hahn had been accused of performing abortions. He always won acquittal, however, until June, 1945, when he was convicted on two counts of abortion and granted probation because of his age and poor health.

Judge E. W. Schwelvenbach, brother of the labor secretary, said at the time that "seldom has anyone stood before me less deserving of clemency." Hahn was forced to discontinue entirely his practice of electrotherapy.

Hahn, noted for gay parties in his 26-room Swiss chalet and his love of expensive dogs, horses, boats, automobiles and women, had a stormy matrimonial career. He married his second wife, Sylvia, 32 years his junior, in 1917. They were divorced in 1932, and remarried in 1934.

In 1940, she was found dead with a bullet through her head. Hahn was held for questioning, but a coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Cattle are more susceptible to lead poisoning than other animals.

### Charges Filed In Jewel Case

FRANKFURT, Germany—(UP)

The U. S. Army announced Thursday that Wac Captain Kathleen B. Nash Durant had been charged with larceny, embezzlement, conspiracy and being away without leave in connection with the theft last winter of the Hesse family jewels from Kronberg Castle.

Mrs. Durant will be the first to face trial of three officers arrested. Maj. David F. Watson, and Col. Jack W. Durant, the Wac's husband, will be tried later.

The glittering collection of gems is expected to be brought into the courtroom for Mrs. Durant's trial, scheduled to start about Aug. 17.

The charges said Mrs. Durant conspired with her husband and Watson to "take, steal, and carry away" jewels possessed by Prince Wolfgang von Hesse and property owned by Prince August Wilhelm von Prussia. Officials have valued the jewels at \$1,500,000.

### TO VISIT OREGON

PORTLAND—(AP)—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British ambassador to the United States, will arrive in Portland for a two-day visit Sept. 13.

At its height as a Western mining town, Tombstone, Ariz., was as important as San Francisco.

Milk production has trebled in the United States in the past 100 years.

### False Tip Leads To Death of Six

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—The Coast Guard Thursday ordered an investigation into a seaplane crash Wednesday which killed the crew of six men while they were searching on an anonymous tip for a fishing boat that was safe in San Francisco harbor.

Names of three of the dead were released by the Coast Guard: Lt. (jg) Ralph William Butler, South San Francisco.

Ensign Charles L. Coler, Millbrae, Calif.  
George Roland Spaulding, aviation machinist mate, Burlingame, Calif.

The Coast Guard said the others were presumed dead.  
The plane took off from its South San Francisco base at 9 a.m. to search for the "Pacific Belle," a 56-foot fishing boat which someone, unidentified by Seattle headquarters, had reported to the 13th Coast Guard District at Seattle as missing. The boat had arrived in San Francisco Bay the day before, port authorities said.

### GRANGE TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Four Oaks Grange will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. The young men of the grange will be in charge of refreshments and they are asking all members to bring melons. A good attendance is urged as plans will be completed for the booth exhibit for the county fair.

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