

PREDICTS RELIEF FOR SHORTAGE

CARS MUST BE MOVED SPEEDILY.

Shevlin-Hixon Traffic Manager Returns From Conference With Railroad Officials—Mills Will Work With Government.

Relief for the car shortage so far as it concerns the Bend mills is in sight, according to D. D. Conn, traffic manager for The Shevlin-Hixon Company, who has just returned from Portland where he conferred with railroad officials regarding the matter. Mr. Conn has been here from Minneapolis about a week and has looked into the situation. He passed two days in Portland, returning on the morning train.

One point which he especially emphasizes as being of paramount importance in aiding both government and mills is the necessity for loading the cars to the utmost capacity and keeping them in constant motion, so that no cars stand on the tracks empty any longer than can be helped. For this reason the cars that come in first will be used first.

When questioned in regard to the prospects, Mr. Conn said: "Government freight must be moved. A successful prosecution of the war depends upon it. As the car shortage today equals that existing at the worst period of last winter, it behooves every manufacturer to handle his cars very promptly and load them full, making one car do the work of two of normal loading. Great effort is being put forth by the Shevlin mills to load every car to its utmost capacity, thereby cooperating with the war board toward a successful result in their transportation difficulties. It is estimated that the shortage of freight cars at present equals approximately 240,000 cars," he went on. "However, it is hoped that, as far as Bend is concerned, relief is in sight."

The local mills are taking advantage of every opportunity to cooperate with the war board and railroad officials in remedying the shortage, and it is understood that all suggestions made at yesterday's conference in Portland will be followed by the local people.

Mr. Conn will leave tomorrow night for Portland.

TUMALO PUZZLE TO BE FEATURE

IRRIGATION CONGRESS WILL PAY ESPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROJECTS' PROBLEMS, DE- CLARES H. H. De ARMOND.

That especial attention will be devoted to the Tumalo project problem at the coming session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress in Portland in January was the statement this morning of H. H. De Armond, member of the executive committee of the congress, just returned from a trip to Portland, where the program for the 1918 convention was outlined.

Reports will be filed on all the irrigation projects in the state, in order that comparisons with next year's reports, to show progress, may be made, Mr. De Armond mentioned, while another feature will be short talks by farmers relating their experiences on irrigated lands, and the results attained.

In regard to the Tumalo project, it has been suggested that private parties, who are interested in the development of irrigation projects in the state, may lay a proposal before the desert land board in the near future under which they would agree to take over the work, complete it, market the lands and reimburse the state for the \$450,000 expended on the project. Engineers have recently made a careful examination of the Tumalo reservoir, and it is known that the reports made by them are now being considered as a preliminary to putting the new proposal up to the board.

EMBASSY QUILTS THE BOLSHEVIKI

SLAV MINISTER WILL REMAIN AT POST.

Attaches Offer Services to America —Russ Soldiers Fraternize With Huns, and Truce Negotia- tions Make Progress.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—The Russian embassy here has broken all allegiance to the Bolsheviki government, and Ambassador Bakhmeteff told Secretary of State Lansing today that he will remain at his post. The other members of the embassy are leaving. Several attaches have resigned, Jean Sooking, first secretary, seeking admission in the American army, and other Russian officials offering their services to the United States. Ambassador Bakhmeteff will look after the interests of Russian artisans in this country.

The State Department announced that the United States will deal carefully with the Bolsheviki situation. It is declared that the condition of Russian affairs is very confusing, and at the same time, most serious.

Ambassador Bakhmeteff predicts that the sound constructive elements in Russia will rise against the Bolsheviki. The Bolsheviki government is called international and is not representative of the Russians as a people, he says.

SLAVS ABANDON GAINS.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 24.—Russians are abandoning advanced positions on various parts of the eastern front, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung. Tarnopol dispatches stated that the Russians are preparing for a complete evacuation of Graymalow and Skalat.

Word from Denmark says that Russians, Germans and Austrians are fraternizing everywhere and all fighting has ceased. It is believed that the Russians will withdraw all soldiers from battle areas.

TRUCE NEGOTIATED.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 24.—Russians and Germans on the eastern front have opened formal negotiations for an armistice, news dispatches asserted.

HOUSER SAYS WHEAT SHOULD BE MILLED

Writing to Bend Friend, Agent of Grain Corporation Urges Use of Other Grains For Feed.

Writing to Max H. Houser, Oregon agent of the Food Administration Grain Corporation, to inquire as to the uses of wheat for feed purposes, J. O. Williams, of Bend, has received an answer pointing out that it is the hope of the administration that no wheat be used for feed at all. Mr. Williams was formerly acquainted with Mr. Houser when the latter was in business in Washington, and will consult with him further regarding feed uses other than wheat.

The letter follows:
"PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 21, 1917. Mr. J. O. Williams, Route 1, Box 2, Bend, Oregon. Dear Sir: Your letter of November 20th. It is the hope of the Administration that no wheat at all will be used for feed purposes unless in very exceptional cases. We think it can all be used for milling unless it is very badly damaged. Mills on the coast are grinding wheat as low as 50 pound test and probably would grind lower test weight if any should show up.

"It seems to me that corn, oats or barley, either one, would be cheaper, even though they might have to be shipped in to Bend, than the price of feed wheat at that point. Wish you would write me what price is being paid for this wheat that you term feed, so that we can compare it with the price at which corn, oats or barley can be furnished.

"We also expect some rather definite rules and regulations to be issued in reference to the use of wheat for feed purposes in the next few days. Yours truly, FOOD ADMINISTRATION GRAIN CORPORATION, by M. H. Houser, Agent."

TACOMA BUTCHERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

TACOMA, Nov. 24.—Demanding an eight hour day and recognition of the union, 300 butchers and meat cutters went out on strike this morning.

MILLIONS OF SHELLS MADE BY BRITISH WOMEN



Striking scene in the shell-filling room of one of Great Britain's big munition factories, where most of the work is done by women.

NEW RECORD IS SET BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THIS CITY

MILLION DOLLAR MARK PASSED, STATEMENT OF RESOURCES SHOWS FIFTY PER CENT GAIN MADE IN DEPOSITS WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

Eclipsing all past records achieved in the banking business in Bend, the First National Bank of this city has passed the \$1,000,000 mark, as shown by a statement of resources and liabilities just issued. Total resources for the bank are now \$1,033,484.50, while deposits are listed at \$963,151.09. Cash and exchange is given as \$360,161.35.

The progress made by the institution during the summer and fall months is shown by a comparison of deposits recorded now and those listed for September 11, and June 20 of the present year. In June, \$624,536.50 was reported, and in September, \$772,483.78, indicating a gain of 50 per cent in six months.

AUSTRIANS WEAR ENEMY UNIFORMS

DISGUISED TROOPS CHARGE AF- TER HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS— ALL CAPTIVES SHOT BY DE- FENDERS OF SAN MARINO.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 24.—Wearing Italian uniforms, Austrian troops precipitated one of the bloodiest battles of the war near San Marino Wednesday.

The Austrians launched a terrific artillery bombardment lasting for many hours, the disguised infantrymen attacking immediately afterward. In the confusion which followed, the Austrians gained a temporary foothold, but many wearing the Italian uniforms were captured in a successful counter attack. All such prisoners were shot.

In a powerful enemy offensive on the Aslego Plateau, the Italians succeeded in holding their own. Attempting to cross the Piave river in small boats, the enemy suffered tremendous casualties.

NEW LEADERS FOR BRITISH ARMY NAMED

LONDON, Nov. 24.—General Plumer has been named commander of the British forces in Italy, and Lieutenant-General Sir W. Marshall has been designated as successor to the late General Maude, commander of the forces in the Mesopotamian campaign.

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED TO HEAD A. F. OF L.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
BUFFALO, Nov. 24.—Showing the complete overthrow of the Pacifist faction, Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor. The convention will probably come to an end tomorrow morning.

RAILWAYS TO POOL EQUIPMENT TO AID AMERICA WIN WAR

FURTHER CURTAILMENT OF LUXURIOUS PASSENGERS CON- TEMPLATED—INDIVIDUAL IN- TERESTS WILL NOT BE CON- SIDERED, ANNOUNCEMENT.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—To relieve the war transportation congestion, the equipment of railway interests is being pooled to the most radical revolutionary extent ever dreamed of, it is officially stated here today. Further curtailment of the number of luxurious passenger trains is planned.

Details of the railways' voluntary regulations are being withheld, but it is officially stated that these plans include a vast pooling of trackage, terminals, equipment and service for the general good of the government, whether it is for the best interests of the individual lines or not.

MASONS GIVE ROOM TO THE RED CROSS

Banquet Hall of Order Will Soon Be Available For the Makers of Surgical Dressings.

Solving the problem encountered by the Red Cross in finding suitable rooms to use while making surgical dressings, the Masonic lodge of this city has donated the banquet room of their new hall for this branch of war work. The hall is not yet completed, but heat is already in, and the room to be used by the Red Cross will be finished up first.

The banquet room is large enough so that the number who can work there will not be limited.

QUESTIONAIRES ARE RECEIVED IN BEND

Questionnaires and instruction books on the methods of conducting the next draft were received by the sheriff's office this morning. About 100 pounds of the leaflets were in the bundle, which also included over a dozen thick pamphlets of "Selective Service Regulations" for distribution to the lawyers and other members of the draft boards. No instructions were sent, so the books will remain at the office until Sheriff Roberts returns from a hunting trip next week.

U-BOAT IS SUNK BY U. S. DESTROYER

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—Another submarine has been sunk by an American destroyer, the Navy Department announced. The destroyer sighted the U-boat 400 yards distant and immediately headed across her path, dropping charges. The submarine appeared on the surface and two American destroyers opened fire. One of the vessels managed to get a tow line aboard the submarine when the boat sank.

CALLS FOR FINANCIAL REPORT FROM BANKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—A call has been issued by the Comptroller of Currency for a report on the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, November 20.

BRITISH FIGHT ON TO CAMBRAI

NOW WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE GERMAN BASE—TEUTONS ARE MASSING FOR LAST DESPERATE RESISTANCE TO DRIVE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WITH THE BRITISH AHEAD,
Nov. 24.—The British fought their way to within two miles of Cambrai today. Fountains Notre Dame is burning, and the Germans are retreating to Proville, a suburb of Cambrai. Fountains Notre Dame is now evacuated.

Desperate fighting marked the British advance.

The British captured Bourlen Wood, including numerous observation points.

Captured German field pieces were turned on the retreating enemy at Moeuvres, the firing being almost point blank at some places. Close hand to hand fighting marked the British advance at several points.

TEUTONS MASS GUNS.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Further gains around Cambrai have been reported by General Haig. The British captured the important ground around Nourlon Wood and other valuable positions elsewhere. More than 1000 German guns, including heavy field pieces, were taken.

The Teutons are continuing to gather their big guns and reserves around Cambrai, and a supreme effort to regain their lost ground is expected.

FIGHTING DESPERATE.

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—Thirty British tanks were destroyed in the course of an allied advance, it was officially stated here today. The British are able to advance slowly around Bourlon. Fighting is desperate.

JOHN STEIDL GOES EAST FOR TRAINING

Bend Boy Passes High Examination at Frisco, and Leaves For Har- vard to Finish Course.

After successfully taking his electricians' examination at the naval training station at San Francisco, John Steidl, Jr., son of John Steidl, of this city, is now on his journey to Harvard to complete his course in wireless telegraphy for the navy, according to a letter just received by his father. Young Steidl passed highest of all those who took the examination.

Steve Steidl, who has been in the electricians' school for several months, will take his examination soon, and will then probably ship to the east coast.

A. W. CLOTHIER GIVEN CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION

Word was received here today of the appointment of A. W. Clothier to a captaincy in the regular army. Captain Clothier formerly made this territory as a travelling salesman, and was well known here. He had had experience in the regular army, and received his commission after completing a course of training at the second officers' camp at the Presidio.

MILL MEN ASK CARS FOR BEND

SEEK DECISION OF IN- TERSTATE BOARD.

Result of Investigations Turned Over to Clyde B. Aitchison—Importance of War Work Urged In Effort to Rescind Orders.

With remembrances of the car shortage of last winter in mind, Bend mill men are making every effort to have the order diverting cars from the S. P. & S. to the Southern Pacific cancelled. Protests by wire from the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co., The Shevlin-Hixon Company, and even from the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, have been sent Howard Elliott, chairman of the railway war relief board, and have in turn been submitted by Mr. Elliott to Clyde B. Aitchison, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, formerly a member of the Oregon Public Service Commission.

As yet no returns have been received, however, as the commission has not only the protests to consider, but also the reports on investigations which have been rushed through during the last two days.

Cars sufficient to carry the Bend mills through Monday are on hand, but just how bad the pinch will be when these are exhausted was shown this morning when three cars were allotted to each of the mills. The normal supply is at least four times this number.

For several months past, considerable government work has been handled by both the Brooks-Scanlon and The Shevlin-Hixon Company mills, some of the earlier war orders coming from the Canadian government. At present mill superintendents estimate that approximately half of the pine cut here is used either in manufacturing boxes here for government munitions and supply shipments, or is sold to firms who are filling big government orders. This is being advanced as one of the arguments for the return of cars to the S. P. & S.

HANLEY WOULD DIVIDE OREGON

SAGE OF HARNEY COUNTY RE- TURNS FROM PORTLAND WITH NEWS OF SENTIMENT FOR CRE- ATION OF NEW STATE.

"Don't vote for anybody who doesn't love sagebrush."

That evidently is to be the motto of the new state, named Lincoln, which is going to exist in Eastern Oregon some day.

At least that is what big Bill Hanley, of Harney county, thinks.

Mr. Hanley was in town a few hours yesterday morning on his way home from the stock and land show in Portland. He is full of the idea that there is a strong undercurrent east of the Cascades for state division and is highly in favor of the plan. A movement of this sort has been started three or four times but this year it seems stronger than ever, according to the sage of Harney county.

"I noticed that among the men from the eastern half of the state whom I met while in Portland," he said, "there exists a strong sentiment in favor of the division. The political alliances east of the mountains seem determined to support only candidates from this section of the state at the next election.

"Our interests aren't the same as in the valley," he went on. "Irrigation, soil problems and evolution of the country don't mean anything to people who are thinking only of 40 feet of water on the Columbia bar. Just remember how many millions we've spent on that bar and the Columbia, and yet there isn't a boat of any size running beyond The Dalles. The mountains form a natural divi-