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OREGON WEATHER
Fair, gentle southwesterly winds.

RAILROAD PAY

One of the most gratifying results of federal railroad operation has been the reduction of inequalities in pay. The process began with the granting of higher wages to what might be called the middle class employees, the "aristocracy of labor" represented by the railroad unions.

While the trainmen were getting \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year, there were 1,500,000 men and women getting less than \$95 per month, and thousands of them less than \$50 a month.

It was no less an obvious thing, though contrary to usual corporate practice, to go to the other end of the scale and lower the pay of the highest-salaried employees. Managers of lines were getting, in numerous cases, \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year. Those salaries may have been earned, according to the accepted standards of big business; but in a system operating under public control, and particularly in a system where the director-general only received \$12,000 a year, it seemed impossible to justify them.

Some millions have therefore been lopped off the salaries of managers to help swell the pay of the humble wage-worker. It is a practical application of democracy that meets with public approval.

COMPENSATION

The philosophic automobile owner east of the Mississippi may reflect that there are sundry compensations for the deprivation of Sunday riding.

For example: He won't be obliged to tinker around an ill-smelling garage, filling grease cups and screwing up nuts. He won't have to take anybody's dust. His engine won't stall 'steven miles from home. He won't have to lie on his back under the car for hours, in a muddy road. No tires will blow out, no battery go dead. He won't have to appear in police court on Monday, for speeding. And with the money he saves, he can buy Thrift Stamps, or coal for the winter.

Mackensen—Mackensen the cruel—thought he had crushed out the last spark of fight in the Serbians,

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but the valiant little Serbs are again hammering at the front lines.

The British and French, apparently, are about to capture Cambrai. Of course the official Hun statement will read: "We retired for strategic reasons."

Americans have always believed that Trotsky and Lenin were in the employ of the Hun government—now they have the proof.

A dark cloud is about to appear on the western front. March is going to send over a few thousand "colored gentlemen."

Save on fuel, but not to the extent that you will catch a cold and be unfit for military service.

The Austrian sham "peace move" should be considered a "mere scrap of paper" by the entente allies.

BATTLE BETWEEN (Continued from page 1.)

second turned squared in front of me and I got him with another burst of 25 shots at 20 yards, and he spun with flames all over his machine, the pilot jumping out.

"Then my engine commenced misfiring and I turned around to see five coming for me—including the leader—in a gray-yellow marked Albatross machine. Just then I saw Captain L—and Lieutenant H—go after one each, and one spun in flames while the other's wing fell off.

"Then my engine stopped altogether and the Huns came after me in twos. I dove vertical a second, then pulled into a loop without power and pitched into a vertical side slip at the top and there, directly under me was a plane with a drooping wing in a fantastical spin. I then went for the four remaining enemy airplanes and the leader was the first I saw.

"He pulled a wonderful wing over at me, but I got his idea first and we met. It was head-on and I fired my last 30 rounds and pulled up with bullets going by me like hail. Then I looked and there was the leader diving on his back, and he was hanging half out of his machine. He was evidently, himself hit. The others reported that he hung as if dead.

"I turned, desperate, with no more shots, and saw my companions coming after the three enemy aircraft, who were making off in wide circles, and the other two Huns were just in sight. The French bomber was crossing the lines safely.

"Three of us had been attacked by 12 planes and had shot four into flames, and two completely out of control, and we—including our bomber—were still there.

"Odds—12 enemy aircraft to three allies.

"Score—Seven Huns down; allies, none down."

12 GIRL EMPLOYEES LOSE LIVES IN FACTORY FIRE

Newark, N. J., Sept. 17.—All the police reserves were ordered out for the fire in the plant of the American Bntton company today. Ten are reported dead. All are girl employes, ten of whom were trapped on the fourth floor. Two others who jumped from windows died in the ambulance, and at least 12 more were injured.

Daily Courier \$4.50 the 18th.

LAND AT GOLD HILL SOON TO BE IRRIGATED

Carter & Kramer are certainly making good on the construction contract for the Gold Hill-Foots Creek Irrigation district, not withstanding the difficulties from the war, weather and wobbling tongues, says the Gold Hill News.

Chief Engineer John Dubuis of Grants Pass, who has taken the responsibility of seeing the proposition through, has matters well in hand and the work so far promises to be all that the district could hope for. Mr. Dubuis, however, is a member of the officers' training corps, of Grants Pass, Ore., and since men of his ability are in great demand by the government may be called to the colors.

R. E. Crabtree, engineer in charge is proving a valuable assistance to Mr. Dubuis. In laying out the final surveys he is making rapid progress and showing an efficient knowledge of the work in hand.

Sub-contracts have been let to F. S. Carter, for the construction of the diverting works in Rogue river. He will commence on the coffer dam Monday. The coffer dam is to hold the water back while the permanent concrete works are being constructed. Nicholl Erant, has secured the grubbing contract; they commenced work this morning. Tom McArde has contracted to furnish the teams. Forty head of mules are on the job and another 40 are on the way.

About fifteen men are in the camp—mostly Mexicans, and men are coming in nearly every day. The need of men is the principal worry; the work could go ahead considerably faster if all the men needed could be secured.

The first half mile of the canal is now ready for water. Another thousand feet is broken and by the end of the coming week considerably over a mile of the works will be completed. Carter and Kramer are expecting to complete four miles of the ditch per month, while the diverting works is being completed.

CARD OF THANKS

Headquarters Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Association of the 26th Annual Encampment held at Grants Pass, September 9 to 14, 1918.

We hereby tender our appreciation and thanks to Geo. S. Calhoun and A. E. Voorhies, both sons of veterans, for their volunteer service in raising funds to defray the expense of the above encampment, and to all who subscribed; thus relieving our local post G. A. R. and W. R. C. of this burden.

We are proud to know the citizens of Grants Pass have not forgotten the Old Vet's of 61-65 and that Grants Pass has again gone over the top.

J. E. PETERSON, Commander
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POLITICAL CARDS (Paid Advertisement.)

MRS. JOS. MOSS Independent Candidate for County Clerk

C. E. McLANE Democratic Nominee for Sheriff

INVESTIGATE EXPENSES FOR SENATORIAL RACE

Washington, Sept. 17.—The department of justice is investigating the primary election campaign expenses of candidates for congress in New York, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia and several other states to ascertain whether there have been violations of the federal statutes limiting election expenditures. Both republican and democratic candidates will be investigated.

UNCLE SAM SAYS TO HOLD ALL PRUNES

Eugene, Sept. 17.—The United States government, in view of the loss of the California prune crop as a result of rain, has ordered that the entire Oregon crop be held by the packers. J. O. Holt, a government representative, made this announcement today before leaving for Portland, where he will confer with representatives of canning and packing plants.

Save \$1.50 Sept. 18—Bargain day.

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