

WESTERN ROADS TO ASK HIGHER RATES

Earnings Declared Below Those of Eastern and Southern Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The first step toward instituting a general upward revision of freight rates in western territory has been instituted before the interstate commerce commission by representatives of western trunk line railroads.

Agents of the western roads asked the commission for permission to fill immediately applications looking to increases on a wide range of commodities over most of the western territory and asserted that the increases were necessary because their earnings "for some years have been and now are conspicuously inadequate."

Western railroads have contended during recent years that their earnings were considerably below those of carriers in the eastern and southern districts. It was further declared that trainmen and conductors in the western territory have pending demands for wage increases which have been pushed to the point of a strike threat. While no mention was made of the impending increase in western railroad labor costs, it was assumed that the two matters had at least an indirect connection.

The nature and extent of the increases contemplated by the western lines was not disclosed by the preliminary approach to the commission. It is expected the commission will indicate some aspects of its views as to the proposal soon. The preliminary proposal looked merely to the removal of technical obstruction which prevents the roads from immediately publishing the rate increase proposals as tentative schedules.

DEMONSTRATE NEW AIRPLANE ENGINE

Houston, Tex.—An airplane motor, based on a new internal combustion, two-cycle principle, was demonstrated in secret here by its inventors before Houston aviators and newspaper men.

A four-cylinder model on a steel tripod and with a regulation air screw was demonstrated. At its highest speed it made 1300 revolutions per minute, developing between 80 and 90 horsepower.

The inventors, H. S. Lyons and Victor Toce, told spectators that the company was amply financed, and that they had filed 16 claims for basic patents.

Witnesses to the demonstration said the new four-cylinder engine has 13 working parts, weighs 175 pounds, consumes between five and six gallons of gasoline an hour and displaces 196 cubic inches. It requires no preliminary warming up, functions either upright or upside down without loss of gasoline or oil, has no valves, carburetor, camshaft, tappets, valve springs or rocking arms, and is air cooled.

KIDNAPER ADMITS GUILT

Honolulu Japanese Boy Confesses Child Theft and Murder.

Honolulu, T. H.—Yutaka Fukunaga, sought as the slayer of Gil Jamieson, banker's son, after the latter was kidnaped from his home, was arrested and confessed, police said. Fukunaga is a Japanese, aged 19. The Japanese youth told officials that he had studied the methods used by Leeb and Leopold in the Franks murder in Chicago. William Edward Hickman's kidnaping and slaying of Marian Parker in Los Angeles served as a model for Kukunaga. He lured the boy away from school on the pretext that Mrs. Jamieson had been injured, took him to a lonely spot and strangled him to death. Like Hickman, the first clue to Fukunaga was the spending of some of the \$4000 ransom money Frederick Jamieson, the father, had paid him for the safe return of Gill.

Revenge was the motive the Japanese gave for his crime. The plan was first evolved last March, when the Hawaiian Trust company was pressing his father for rent, which was in arrears.

Boise Man Heads Odd Fellows.

Montreal.—At the convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Frank Martin of Boise, Idaho, a lawyer, was elected grand sire for the ensuing year. During the past year he has been deputy grand sire and his promotion came automatically. The 1929 convention will be held in Houston, Tex.

Tunney's Fiancee Leaves for Italy. New York, N. Y.—Miss Mary Josephine Lauder, fiancee of Gene Tunney, has sailed from New York to join the retired heavyweight champion in Europe, and the couple will be married in Sorrento, Italy, early in October.

PAUL A. SIPLE



Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple of Erie, Pa., who was selected by Commander Byrd as his orderly on the expedition to the antarctic.

PAROLES REFUSED IN CENTRALIA CASE

Walla Walla, Wash.—The state prison board, at its session just ended, refused to grant requests for clemency for eight members of the International Workers of the World who have been held in prison for seven years on murder charges growing out of the Armistice day parade killings in Centralia in 1919.

Requests for clemency came from pacifists, socialists and the International Workers of the World as a body, and also David Starr Jordan, internationally known educator. The board has taken similar action each time the requests were made. The men were sentenced to from 25 to 40 years each for murder on April 5, 1920, and entered prison in June, 1921, when the United States supreme court refused their appeal.

American Legion members in the parade asserted the International Workers of the World members fired on them as their parade passed the International Workers of the World hall, and the International Workers of the world declared the hall was attacked and they fired in self-defense.

PROBE INCLUDES COAST

Utilities Investigation Scheduled to Begin Next Month.

Washington, D. C.—Publicity activities of power utilities in Pacific coast states will receive the attention of the of the investigation being conducted by the federal trade commission during the week of October 7.

Although no definite dates or list of witnesses have been made public, the commission announced that California, Oregon, Washington and perhaps other western states would be covered.

The southern phase of the investigation, which will cover Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina, began Tuesday.

Bomb Explosion, Rocks Spokane.

Spokane, Wash.—The second "mystery" explosion in a week, Saturday night rocked the entire north side and brought calls to the police and fire departments from all over the city. Detective Captain Miles announced the explosion was caused by a bomb. Fragments of the infernal machine were found. It was apparently made of copper and tin. A fuse had been attached and pieces of it also were found near the hole in the ground.

Plane Uses Oil Burning Motor.

Detroit.—The Packard Motor company has announced successful completion of test flights with an airplane powered by an oil-burning motor. This is the first Diesel type aircraft engine ever built.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.41; soft white, \$1.18; western white, \$1.17; hard winter, \$1.10; northern spring \$1.09; western red, \$1.10.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$17@17.50; valley timothy \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 25@45c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.35.
Hogs — Medium to choice, \$9.75@12.00.
Lambs—Good to choice, \$11@12.50.
Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.18; western white, \$1.17½; hard winter, \$1.10; western red, \$1.12½; northern spring, \$1.10½; bluestem, \$1.39.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy \$30; S. \$24.
Butterfat—54c.
Eggs—Ranch, 47@51c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.75@12.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$12.75@12.85.
Lambs—Choice, \$11.25@12.25.
Spokane
Hogs—Good and choice, \$10.75@11.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.75.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Baker's cash balance September 1, as shown by the quarterly statement just out, was \$96,660.65.

J. M. Baker died at his home in Baker, aged 78. He had been in failing health for several years.

Gravel hauling on the fresh grading of the Dayton-Salem market road with the county trucks was begun in the Unionvale district recently.

Deer hunting in eastern and central Oregon has been unusually good this year, according to reports brought back by The Dalles hunters.

Ignatius Wild Bill, one of the most picturesque Indians on the Umatilla reservation, died recently, following an operation for appendicitis.

Plans for the marketing of a bumper turkey crop are being developed at Roseburg by the recently organized turkey marketing association.

An ordinance calling for a bond issue of \$30,000 to buy new fire equipment and pay for a new fire hall will be on the November ballot at Medford.

Under a recent decision of the interstate commerce commission, livestock shippers of Oregon have won their fight for reduced rates on purebred stock.

Whether the managerial form of government will be substituted for Bend's present councilmanic system will be decided by local voters in November.

Approach of fall, with some snow already covering the high peaks, finds stockmen of central Oregon optimistic. The optimism is based on the upward trend of prices.

A survey of the apple crop throughout the Grand Ronde valley shows that, with few exceptions, there will be a bumper crop, especially in the Imbler district.

With more than 60 per cent of the concrete poured at Reeder Gulch dam, near Ashland, contractors are looking forward to the completion of the job before December.

The two shoals in the Siuslaw river between Cushman and Florence will be removed some time this winter, according to Earl Hill, secretary of the port of Siuslaw.

The discovery of a rich vein of mineral along the Redwood highway and so close to the road that it can be touched, is reported by George Jennison of Grants Pass.

Seth Rieden is under arrest at Pendleton charged with breaking into the sheriff's office and stealing two kegs of whiskey, confiscated by county officers and stored there.

After the greatest season in its history, the Crater Lake lodge at the rim of Crater lake closed recently. Roads into the national park probably will remain open for several months.

Installation of a chlorinator to purify the Astoria water supply was completed recently. The purchase of the chlorinator followed reports by county health officials that colon bacilli had been found in the water.

The third two days' Harvest Festival and Trade at Home week will be held again this year at Lebanon during October. One of the features will probably be a walking contest from Sweet Home to Lebanon.

D. E. Richards, county agent of Grant county for several years, left Baker recently for Bozeman, Mont., where he will join the staff of the Montana State college extension service as a livestock specialist.

A three-foot blue shark, the first caught in the Columbia river for many years, was landed at Astoria recently after a 10-minute fight by Mrs. Sylvia Roberts, who, with other women, was fishing for tom cod from the municipal pier.

The federal treasury department, at the next session of congress, will attempt to obtain a supplemental appropriation with which to enlarge the Salem postoffice, according to a telegram received at Salem by Senator McNary.

Installation of the beacon lights marking the route of the Pacific division of the federal air mail route south from Portland will begin as soon as the survey of emergency fields recently selected, is completed between Portland and Roseburg.

Reclaimed this summer from an area that was covered with trees, brush and rocks, Bend's airport was used by airplanes for the first time when pilots circled out of the central Oregon skies last week and made use of the new runways.

A \$50,000 veneer plant for Coquille was promised to the city council by Ralph Smith, Kansas City lumberman, and a Mr. Reeves of Portland. The plant is to be located near the Oerding White Cedar mill. The plant is to employ 50 persons.

A proposed tax levy of \$96,188 and estimated revenues of \$7161 are included in the city budget of Bend for 1929.

Lilacs in the cemetery at Halfway have bloomed twice this season. The second crop flowers are as fragrant as the first.

A list of 13 names, under the simple heading of "Our Camper Dead," has been posted near the entrance gate of the state fair grounds. The names represent those members of the State Fair Campers' association who have died during the past year.

Fire losses in August in Portland amounted to \$303,971, according to a report by Fred W. Roberts, fire marshal. One hundred and seventy-four alarms were answered in the month, but only 51 were responsible for the fire damage figure.

The attempt on the part of Newport to have the county seat changed from Toledo to Newport is stirring up considerable interest throughout the county, and is destined to cause a record vote on the part of the electorate of these two cities particularly.

Approximately 125,000 choice daffodil bulbs have been recently shipped to New York and other eastern points by William Martin and Robert and Jean Warrens of Washington county. The bulbs were for the most part of the Golden Spur and Victoria varieties.

J. M. Tucker of Albany was so boisterous while awaiting trial at the city jail for being drunk that the fire department turned a stream of water into his cell. Tucker was quiet for the rest of the day and later paid a \$100 fine. He also lost his driver's license for 60 days.

A Bartlett pear weighing one pound and 15 ounces and measuring nine inches from stem to blossom end and 13¼ inches in circumference was picked on the Clarence Badger farm in the Grand Island district. The tree bearing this pear bore a very heavy yield of fruit in 1927.

The construction of a new fireproof building, material of hollow tile, was commenced recently by W. R. Cook, Madras postmaster. The new building, which will be erected in the site of the old postoffice destroyed in the big fire of 1924, will be completed before November 1.

If La Grande's present warm weather continues a few weeks longer the eastern Oregon normal school building will be erected and roofed this fall, thus allowing workmen to continue with interior work during the winter months, it was announced by the contractor.

A committee of the Oregon state board of forestry met in Salem to devise ways and means for the construction of a forestry building at the state fair grounds. The cost of the structure has not yet been determined. It was proposed to have the structure completed before the 1929 state fair.

Roy Fitzwater, field man for the Northwest Cannery company, had his upper jaw broken in several places recently when a horse kicked him in the face. He was alone at the time. Regaining consciousness, he drove to Lebanon, where he was given first aid, then was sent to Portland to a specialist.

Eastern Oregon's new state tuberculosis hospital, now in the process of construction at The Dalles, was dedicated recently in an impressive ceremony held on Sunset hill attended by Governor Patterson, other state officials and hundreds of spectators from The Dalles and elsewhere in Oregon.

A training plane belonging to the Washington national guard was barely saved from destruction by fire at the Roseburg airport last week. The plane, piloted by C. E. Forbes and F. J. Hastnett, was on the way back to Spokane from the Los Angeles races and remained at the local airport over night.

J. Hardy Crow, 83, one of the picturesque and one of the best-known residents of Cottage Grove, died there recently. He arrived at Lorane, ten miles west of Cottage Grove, 50 years ago when the road to that place was not much more than a deer trail in the most favorable weather and he lived there until removing to Cottage Grove eight years ago.

Four and seven-tenths miles of the Roosevelt highway south of Bandon was oiled by the state highway department maintenance crew. The work was completed as the first fall rain fell. The coating was of light oil. It was said the work will not be resumed until next spring, when the commission will oil to Gold Beach and probably to the state line.

Fruit growers of Union county are preparing to harvest two bumper crops this fall—prunes and apples. They expect to ship 75 carloads of high quality prunes. Picking and packing will begin shortly at Cove and Union. The apple outlook is good. About 500 carloads are expected. Recent rains have increased size and improved coloring of fruit around Imbler and Elgin. The Imbler district expects a crop of 300 carloads. Indications are that the total yield may net \$55,000 to growers.

H. L. ANDERSON



Herbert Lyman Anderson is the new chief examiner of the federal trade commission.

NORTHCOTT AND HIS MOTHER INDICTED

Riverside, Cal.—Murder indictments against Gordon Stuart Northcott, 20, and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, charging them with slaying youths on the Northcott chicken ranch near here, were returned by the county grand jury.

Northcott and his mother were charged in one indictment with the murder of Walter Collins, 10, who disappeared last spring from Glendale, Cal. The second bill charged Northcott with the slaying of an unidentified Mexican youth and Louis and Nelson Winslow, aged 12 and 10, respectively, who disappeared several months ago from Pomona, Cal.

Cyrus G. Northcott, father of Gordon Northcott, and Sanford Clark, who first revealed the existence of the alleged "murder farm," were witnesses before the grand jury.

Vancouver, B. C.—Declaring that he has been "framed," and that he will fight extradition to the United States, Gordon Stuart Northcott, charged with murdering several young boys on his father's farm at Riverside, Cal., was locked in a cell in Oakalla prison here. Northcott was captured at Vernon, B. C. Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, his mother, is under arrest in Calgary.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Paul Wupper, 51, president of the Beemer (Neb.) State bank, is charged with embezzlement of at least \$67,000 from the bank.

The Alberta government announced it had completed negotiations for the sale of all its railroads to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner, is said to be tired of record smashing and he will retire at the end of the present season.

An agreement was reached by a commission of the league of nations for the convocation of a preparatory disarmament commission either in January or February, 1929.

A press report in Mexico City says the late President-elect Obregon carried about \$1,900,000 in life insurance in various American companies issued by agencies in Los Angeles and that the companies have indicated intention to contest payments because of the nature of General Obregon's death.

Grand Army Elects Nebraska Veteran.

Denver, Colo.—John Rees of Broken Bow, Neb., was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Rees' victory over Samuel P. Town of Philadelphia came as a surprise. Town appeared certain of the post up to the time of the election. The vote was 421 to 140 and then was made unanimous. Portland, Maine was chosen as the 1929 meeting place. The Maine city won over Sacramento, Cal., 365 to 250.

Roosevelt Trophy Won by Bob Crosby

Pendleton, Or.—Bob Crosby is the all-round cowboy champion and is now the permanent holder of the Roosevelt trophy, which he has won three times. He clinched the championship at the Round-up when he won the steer roping championship by throwing his animal in 25 1-5 seconds. His time for three steers was 1 minute, 2 2-5th seconds.

Kidnapers Free Boy Held 13 Days.

Chicago.—William Ranieri, ten-year-old boy who was held for \$15,000 ransom for 13 days, was freed without the ransom having been paid. He was unharmed and little the worse for his experience. He was put out of an automobile a mile north of Lockport.

Higher Flax Tariff Asked.

St. Paul, Minn.—An immediate increase of 50 per cent in the flax tariff was asked of President Coolidge in a telegram sent by Governor Christianow.

1,000 TO 2,200 LOST IN FLORIDA STORM

Number of Lives Lost May Never be Definitely Known.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—Officials in charge of Florida hurricane relief state that the death list, estimated at 1000 to 2200, probably would never be accurately made. It was explained that conditions in the devastated area now are such as to make a definite check impossible.

Two hundred additional bodies were found at Pelican bay on Lake Okechobee, bringing to 400 the total found there, A. L. Schafer, Washington representative of the American Red Cross, announced.

Bodies now being found are in such condition, they said, that many were being cremated, while others were being buried near where they were found.

In placing the death list at "more than 1000," Howard Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach county chapter of the Red Cross, added that he could "lay his hands" on that many, adding that since cremation or burial of bodies in the stricken area had become necessary it would be impossible to determine the total loss of life.

Steps to effect a state-wide relief organization to care for Florida's 15,000 homeless were taken by the national Red Cross when branch headquarters were established at Jacksonville, Tampa and Fort Myers.

Howard Selby, chairman of the West Palm Beach Red Cross chapter, raised his estimate of the county's property loss to \$50,000,000.

U. S. NAVAL VIEWS TO BE MADE CLEAR

Washington, D. C.—The position of the Washington government on the Anglo-French naval accord for the limitation of cruisers and submarines is expected to be made clear after President Coolidge has had an opportunity to study the preliminary draft of a note being prepared at the state department.

That the reply if sent will express American disfavor of the principles of big cruiser and submarine limitations without limitation of smaller ships of either type which was evolved in the Anglo-French conversations, is considered certain.

About the only official matter of which the Washington government has taken cognizance consists of the two resumes of the understanding between France and England, sent here by those countries early in August with requests for comment.

These resumes disclose that Great Britain and France proposed to submit a plan to the league of nations preparatory commission on armament limitations for the restriction of large cruisers and submarines and to ignore limitations of lighter craft.

174 DEAD IN PORTO RICO

Thousands of Survivors Said to Be Near Starvation.

Washington, D. C.—Incomplete reports from Porto Rican insular police place the dead from the hurricane in that island at 174, with 381 injured, Henry M. Baker, national director of disaster relief for the Red Cross, wired national headquarters from San Juan.

William B. Taylor, one of the Red Cross assistants in the field, returned from a visit to nine nearby towns and reported that there were 32,000 persons in need of food.

"If they do not get food from the Red Cross, they don't eat," he said. "Thousands are living on green bananas and other fruits that can be scavenged from the ground. This is lowering resistance and sickness must follow. One town I visited reported 200 cases of influenza from exposure."

An epidemic of influenza has already started in Porto Rico, Red Cross officials found in making a survey of approximately one quarter of the area devastated by the tropical hurricane.

World Sugar Conference Fails.

Berlin.—Sugar-raising countries outside of Europe, particularly Cuba and Java, are generally blamed here for the failure of the projected conference among sugar producers because of the impossibility of securing an agreement with the many restricted outputs. Representatives of the sugar industry in Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia decided to cancel the international conference which had been called for next month.

Eagle to Go With Byrd.

Nashua, N. H.—An American bald eagle, which has made its home on an animal farm here for several years, was sent to Hampton Roads, Va., to be the mascot on the Byrd Antarctic expedition.