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## RAILROADS GRANTED INCREASE IN RATES

Advance on Freight and Passengers Will Amount to Billion and a Half.

Washington.—Authority for the railroads to increase revenues by approximately one billion and a half dollars was granted by the interstate commerce commission. Freight rates will be advanced about one-third, passenger fares one-fifth and Pullman charge one-half.

The new rates, to continue until March 1, 1922, will become effective in five days' notice by the carriers to the commission and the public and they must be in operation before January 1.

New passenger fares probably will become effective August 20, and advanced freight rates August 25, according to a programme outlined by A. P. Thom, general counsel for the association of railway executives. Simultaneously increases in Pullman, excess baggage and milk charges also will go in force.

The increases are designed to offset the \$600,000,000 wage advance awarded by the railroad labor board to provide the 6 per cent net income on the aggregate value of the railroad properties under the transportation act.

The 20 per cent increase in passenger fares, excess baggage charges and milk transportation rates and the 50 per cent surcharge on Pullman fares will be general. Freight rate increases will vary according to territory, with 40 per cent in the east, 25 per cent in the south, 35 per cent in the west—

from the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains—and 25 per cent in mountain-Pacific territory—from east of the Rockies to the Pacific coast.

## WHEAT DROPS TO NEAR \$2 MARK

Chicago.—For the first time in more than two years, wheat futures on the Chicago board of trade were near the \$2 mark Saturday.

A drop of 10 cents in December wheat brought the total drop for the week to 46 cents and put the price at \$2.15. March wheat followed December closely, the final bid being \$2.13.

The drop in wheat was the feature of the week on the board of trade, but here was little sensational in its accomplishment. There was simply no buyers, and sellers daily lowered the figure at which they would part from their holding.

Corn and oats dropped in sympathy with wheat, but to a lesser extent. For the week the losses in corn were: July, 20 cents; September, 17 cents; December, 17 cents. July oats dropped 15 cents; September and December 7 cents each.

## DROP IN FLOUR PRICES

Portland Reduction Amounts to 11 per Cent; Seattle 20 per Cent.

Portland, Or.—Flouring mills in Portland announced a drop of 80 cents a barrel on all grades of flour, to take effect at once.

The lower price is the direct result of the tendency of the wheat market toward a lower level and the bumper crops that are being brought in throughout the grain belt. The reduction in Portland is about 11 per cent.

Seattle prices dropped approximately 20 per cent, according to an announcement made by the Puget sound millers.

Wholesale prices now effective on the local market are: Family patent, \$12.95 barrel (196 pounds net weight); bakers, \$12.95; whole wheat, \$11.05; valley flour, \$11.20, and straight, \$10.80 per barrel.

Debs Says He Will Stay in Prison, Washington.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, who is now confined in the federal prison at Atlanta, has urged his friends and followers throughout the country to make no further attempts to have him freed unless all other political prisoners are released, simultaneously.

Ex-Governor Hanly of Indiana Killed, Dennison, O.—J. Frank Hanly, ex-governor of Indiana, a prohibition candidate for president in 1916, and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker of Kilgore, O., were killed six miles from here when a Pennsylvania freight train struck their automobile.

Train Derailed, 5 Hurt, Spokane, Wash.—Five trainmen were injured when the oriental west-bound Great Northern passenger train was derailed at 10:45 a. m. Monday near Wilson Creek, Wash. No passengers were hurt, according to reports received here.

## CAPTURE SLAYERS OF UMATILLA SHERIFF

All Five Men Who Escaped Are Now Back in Pendleton Jail.

Pendleton.—Neil Hart, Jim Owens, Jack Rathie, Louis Anderson and Richard Patterson, the five men who escaped from the jail here Sunday July 25, after Sheriff Til Taylor had been murdered, were captured and are back in the Pendleton jail.

Neil Hart, alleged slayer of Til Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county, and Jim Owens, Hart's principal accomplice in the jailbreak, were taken at a sheep camp in the high mountains of Union county, six miles south of Toll Gate, near the head of the Umatilla river.

The capture was made at about 1 o'clock in the morning. The posse, headed by J. H. McLachlin of La Grande, stumbled onto a shepherd's tent in the mountain section near Toll Gate, found the two men asleep and captured them without a fight.

Rathie was taken on the road two miles above Gibson on the Umatilla river. Rathie was unarmed and was resting on a hillside when he was closed in on by a posse of six men.

Richard Patterson and Lewis Anderson, the last two of the fugitive outlaws, were taken into custody four miles southeast of Kamela by John McCardan and Barney Devlin, sheepherders, both of Heppner.

For a time Saturday night it looked as though the jail would be stormed by a mob determined to take the law unto themselves and lynch Neil Hart, Jim Owens and Jack Rathie, the principals in the jail break, but they were dissuaded from their purpose by W. R. ("Jinks") Taylor, brother of Til Taylor, and his successor as sheriff.

## CHARGE ATTEMPT TO STAMPEDE CLOTHIERS

Washington.—Howard E. Figg, special assistant to the attorney general in the enforcement of the Lever law against profiteering, charged that manufacturers and jobbers of wearing apparel were attempting through carefully prepared propaganda "to stampede retailers and the public into a renewed fictitious demand" for clothing, and thereby force prices higher.

"The department of justice," said Mr. Figg, "is fully advised of the several phases of this carefully planned campaign, and it only remains to fix personal responsibility before applying the criminal provisions of the Lever act."

Manufacturers and jobbers are even going to the length of "guaranteeing the retail trade against a declining market," Mr. Figg said.

He called attention to instances where mills have been closed for the reason, he charged, of justifying market conditions on the plea of underproduction.

"The closing of mills is in turn being used in the price propaganda," Mr. Figg asserted. "The retailer is, then, being threatened with further curtailment and higher prices if he does not accept goods and order on the present market."

## WOOL CONSUMPTION DROPS

Curtailment in Operations of Textile Industries Blamed.

Washington.—A sharp drop in wool consumption amounting to approximately 17,000,000 pounds in June as compared with the average consumption for the preceding months of this year, was announced by the department of agriculture's bureau of markets. The drop was due, the bureau said, to the curtailment of operations in the textile manufacturing industry resulting from lack of orders, cancellations and deferred shipments.

Reports to the bureau show that 46,000,000 pounds of wool entered into manufacture in June against 72,700,000 pounds in January, 63,700,000 pounds in February, 67,900,000 pounds in March, 66,950,000 pounds in April and 58,600,000 pounds in May. In June, 1919, the consumption was 55,000,000 pounds.

President Wilson to Sell His Sheep, Washington.—President Wilson is to retire from the sheep business. The White House flock of 48 prize sheep, which has kept the lawns cut for three summers, is to be sold. The yield of wool has gone to charity, this year to the Salvation Army. In 1918 the flock produced 98 pounds, which was sold by the Red Cross, bringing more than \$52,000.

Boisheviks Penetrate Armenia, Constantinople.—Boishevik penetration of Armenia is continuing, according to advices.

## High Prices Crops . . . Lower Prices Lumber

Lumber reduced 30 per cent.  
 New price list just started.  
 May advance soon, due to fall demand.

### Put today's Prosperity into Much Needed Buildings

Manager W. K. Johnson of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company Moro office states he is now working on list number 12 which is the third and latest decline in lumber prices this year. He further says much building is being talked of this year, but that shortage of cars and workmen may delay fall building until bad weather unless early action is taken and building plans are not left till the last minute as is usually the case.

Local carpenters and contractors are now already busy and in many cases have much work ahead. Almost certain advances in lumber prices and scarcity of labor will make the "last minute" builder wish he had planned and started earlier.

"Size up your crop" and plan "after harvest" buildings now, is Manager Johnson's advice. The Tum-A-Lum Plan Department furnishes in 48 hours when required a plan and estimate of cost of buildings for Homes and Farms. No obligation to buy. Manager Johnson has the Tum-A-Lum plan books of homes, pictures of interiors and farm buildings which he will be glad to explain.

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Japanese Women and Literature. It is to the Japanese women that the Japanese language owes much of the progress it has made during the last century. She was of old forbidden to study the Chinese language, which was considered the exclusive monopoly of men. The Japanese women took hold of their native tongue and were soon at the head of the literary movement of their country.

Wheat—Hard winter, soft white, white club, northern spring, hard winter and red winter, \$2.15; red Walla Walla, \$2.10.  
 Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, No. 1, \$4.40 per ton; alfalfa, \$3.20.  
 Butter Fat—58¢ per lb.  
 Eggs—Ranch, 43¢ per 50c.  
 Poultry—Hens, dressed, heavy, 37c; light, dressed, 28¢ per 30c; live, 23¢ per 30c.  
 Cattle—Red steers, \$11.15; medium to choice, \$9.50 per 10.50.  
 Hogs—Prime, \$17.50 per 13.25; medium to choice, \$14.50 per 17.50.

"Have a Purpose, and Stick." You can't change jobs periodically and rise to the top. A vacillating purpose may keep a fellow pretty busy, but few real credits accrue for the effort. What is gained today is lost tomorrow. The facing about means retreating your steps. That means you are getting back to the point you started from. This may be necessary if you were once headed in the wrong direction. Then of course you must get back to start in right. But this double tracking requires lots of effort and you get nowhere. You can't afford much of it. At best life's battles are hard to fight and the road is largely uphill. The wise man is careful to make every step contribute to progress.—Exchange.

Danger in Overweight. Oversight, within ten pounds, under thirty years of age is considered a favorable sign and indicates resistance against tuberculosis. After thirty years it is an unfavorable sign, signifying over-eating, auto intoxication and danger of hardening of the arteries, apoplexy, heart failure, and Bright's disease.

### MAJOR GILBERT NEW LEGION COMMANDER

Astoria, Or.—Major William S. Gilbert of Astoria, ex-chaplain with the 3d Oregon, heads the American Legion in Oregon for the coming year; the unanimous choice of delegates to the second state convention. G. L. Goodell of Portland was elected vice-commander.

As adjutant of the department for the ensuing year, Edward J. Elvers of Portland was re-elected. Prescott W. Cookingham of Portland was re-elected department finance officer.

On the state executive committee for the coming year, Edwin Fortmiller of Albany was chosen at large, Howard Gildea of McMinnville was named to represent the first congressional district, George R. Wilbur of Hood River the second district and Ben S. Morrow of Portland the third district.

### WAR IN IRELAND IS FEARED

Sinn Fein Clear Country of Barracks for British Soldiers.

Dublin.—Fears that the Irish situation may burst into a general conflagration at any moment are expressed here. There is virtually no civil law south of the Boyne river except that administered by republican courts but it is pointed out that each day finds the balance between military and revolutionary rule more equal.

It is estimated there are between 60,000 and 80,000 British soldiers in Ireland and they are being reinforced

daily. Reprisals by policemen and soldiers on villages suspected of harboring men responsible for attacks against the armed forces are expected here. In the meantime the Sinn Feiners have virtually cleared the country of barracks. They are now turning their attention to country houses where military forces might be housed.

America Displeases Japan. Tokio.—The American note dealing with Japan's occupation of the northern part of the island of Saghalien, appeared to have made an unpleasant impression generally on Japanese but the hope was expressed that the government could convince the United States that the occupation will be only temporary.

### THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Hard white, \$2.12; soft white, \$2.10; white club, \$2.10; hard winter, \$2.10; red winter, \$2.08; northern spring, \$2.10; red Walla Walla, \$2.05.  
 Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$49 per ton.  
 Corn—Whole, \$77 per 75; cracked, \$79 per 80.  
 Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$29 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.  
 Butter Fat—58c.  
 Eggs—Ranch, 43¢ per dozen.  
 Poultry—Hens, 15¢ per 27c.  
 Cattle—Best steers, \$10.50 per 11; good to choice, \$10 to 10.50; medium to good, \$9 to 10.  
 Hogs—Prime mixed, \$17.25 per 17.75; medium mixed, \$16.75 per 17.25.  
 Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$11 per 11.50; valley lambs, \$10 per 11.