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Carrying the Freight

Representatives of trucking concerns operating into Heppner have been busying themselves lately over a ruling recently made by the state public utilities department, which, they say will curtail freight operations into Heppner. The ruling provides that any common carrier truck which operates over a one-way route, must have a back haul of at least 75 percent capacity load if the franchise is to be maintained. What each of the trucking concerns is seeking is to have business interests in Heppner place a resolution before the utilities department that their services into this city be continued as necessary to the public welfare.

Out of the talks before meetings with members of the chamber of commerce has grown a rumor that the local branch railroad service is to be curtailed. This rumor is entirely unfounded in facts, for no statement to the effect has been released by the company. It is simply a matter of conjecture on the part of everyone what may happen.

It may be safely said that any ruling which may apply will come from the federal transportation coordinator, who has in hand the coordination of all transportation facilities toward most effective prosecution of the war effort.

That curtailment of rail service into Heppner is unlikely is indicated by several factors. First is the fact that the engine operating on the local branch is not big enough to pull loads on the main line or on the steeper Condon branch where larger trains are also required to carry the large amounts of freight going into interior points on that branch. Secondly, the steel rails on the Heppner branch are lighter in weight than those on the main line and Condon branch, and condition of bridges on the local branch is such as to prevent use of heavier engines on the local branch. And thirdly, truck facilities are inadequate for hauling out the heavy movement of lumber, wheat, wool, sheep and other livestock now carried by the rails.

Movement of way freight up the branch has already been slowed up by a ruling that no car carrying less than 10,000 pounds shall be moved into branch points. Car clearance has also been speeded. Steps such as these are, so far the only indicator of any curtailment of service. It does not appear likely that there will be any deviation from present running schedule unless and until greater demand exists elsewhere for the labor and equipment in service here. Trucking facilities, too, are badly needed elsewhere, and it is improbable that an expansion of this service which would be required to move the heavy freight, will be made in view of the rubber and gas situation.

All Out War

Heartening signs are seen on the war horizon, major of which this week has been the devastating bombing of Coventry by an alleged 1250 United Nations planes, and repeated assertions of informed observers that even now the Axis have lost air supremacy in western Europe, in the Caucasus and in Libya.

Even that, however, they say is not cause for too optimistic a view. There must be even more belt-tightening, more and more materiel rolled from factories and shipyards, more men impressed into service—

Week of the War

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ber of Congress may appoint to the U. S. Military Academy from three to four, and increasing authorized strength of the Cadet Corps from 1,960 to 2,496. The Army reported nine new infantry divisions will be organized before the end of August.

Selective Service

U. S. Commissioner of Education Studebaker reported about 430,000 men have been rejected for Army service so far because of illiteracy. Of these, 250,000 are physically fit. He said a program is being worked out to give the "functionally illiterate" basic training in reading, writing and arithmetic. The President told a press conference such rejects have a low mental level because of lack of opportunity. They

and probably more serious reverses before the final victory that will see the overthrow of present Axis governments who have sought to change the world by force.

Fighting weather is well upon us here on the west coast, and any invasion which the enemy have planned will come soon, if at all. That is indicated by the press of defense plans all along the coast. While certain strategic military centers would undoubtedly be the focal point of any type of enemy air raid, still there is doubt as to where bombs might fall, and for that reason everyone should become informed, if he has not already done so, of the first things to be done. Simple instructions are available from booklets in the hands of the county defense council. New air raid precaution rules have been issued for Heppner as appear in another column of this issue.

What the coming months may hold for any or all of us is a matter of uncertainty. It cannot be otherwise. There must be trust in leadership, but those in the role of leaders must take their work seriously and do it effectively.

High places in Washington have been prone to criticize the man on the street for not being properly aware that we are fighting a war, while many of these same men on the street have sons, brothers or friends "somewhere in the area of action." The while surplus reams of instructions, publicity; endless reels of red tape, continue to choke freedom of action.

"Minimum essentials" should be the rule now in official Washington as it is being forced upon the "man in the street." Only in that way can there be a nation all-out for war.

need to be helped through improved nutrition and possibly through a manual vocational training process, he said.

Navy

The President asked Congress for an additional \$600 million for expansion of Naval aviation and of warship tonnage. The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill authorizing the Navy to acquire 24 non-rigid blimps, raising the present limit on the number of such ships to 72. The Navy Department authorized enlistment of 10,000 additional college juniors, seniors and graduates between 19 and 28 for reserve midshipmen training leading to commissions as Ensigns.

The War Front

A Navy communique reported U. S. submarines in Far Eastern waters sank two Japanese cargo ships, probably sank a third, and damaged one heavy cruiser. The Navy also announced the U. S. destroyer Blakely reached an undisclosed port with 10 of her crew missing and six injured after being torpedoed in the Caribbean area.

During the week the Navy reported one large, 11 medium-sized and four small United Nations merchant vessels (11 of U. S. registry), and a U. S. trawler were torpedoed or sunk by shellfire in the Atlantic and Caribbean areas. Survivors were landed at East coast and Caribbean ports. The State Department said the U. S. is abiding by the rules of the Geneva prisoners of War convention, and the German, Italian and Japanese governments are apparently doing the same.

Civilian Supply

The WPB reported more than 400,000 scrapped automobiles from auto graveyards yielded 350,000 tons of scrap metal during April, approximately 200,000 tons more than the average monthly yield for 1941. The board said American motorists have in the tires and the works of their automobiles a rubber reserve of about 1,200,000 tons.

The WPB said a victory safety razor with a plastic handle, a zinc cap, and a zinc or plastic guard will go into production in a few months and will be offered for sale to the public when the present supply is used up. The board announced it invited specific inquiries from manufacturers as to how they may employ casein, a basic chemical made from skimmed milk, as a substitute product for scarce chemicals. Production of all musical instruments except violins, cellos and some guitars was halted. Piano manufacturers will turn out gliders, organ factories will make blowers for link



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

WHEN you consider the new products we've seen developed in our time...you'd think that just about everything worth while in the world was invented in the last few years.

It's kind of refreshing, for a change, to find out that some pleasant things in our modern life date way back to ancient days.

For instance—I read the other day about a piece of pottery some scientists dug up in Mesopotamia. On the pottery was a picture of two brewery workers making beer.

That picture was 6,000 years old!

You know, that's something to think about. Beer...6,000 years ago! I wonder if it tasted anything like the good lager beer I have sent up to the house every now and then.

Somewhere else, I read that beer came over on the Mayflower—in fact, if I remember right, a shortage of beer was one of the reasons

why the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock instead of somewhere else.

Interesting, isn't it, the way a simple, everyday beverage like beer can get tangled up with history!

Maybe it's because there's something fundamental and human about beer. It's the beverage of moderate, sensible, well-behaved people in every part of the world, and always has been.

Personally, I like it because it tastes so good and is so refreshing...and I know I can trust it. And I get a thrill out of thinking that maybe some writer fellow back in ancient Egypt or ancient Mesopotamia, thousands of years ago, felt the same way about beer as I do.

It's a small world, after all...

Joe Marsh

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gliders in ground training of pilots, and factories which made French horns, trombones, trumpets, etc., will manufacture precision instruments for airplanes.

Rationing

Price Administrator Henderson said there will be more rationing of essential articles, but the country is a long way from a complete rationing system. He said there will be additional shortages in power, fuel reserve and transportation. WPB Automotive Division Chief Kanzler reported nationwide rationing of gasoline would help relieve potential rubber and automotive replacement parts shortages. Board Chief Nelson said administrative difficulties will make it impossible to institute such gasoline rationing before July 1. The OPA reported the June ration quota for new passenger automobiles will be 40,000 plus carryover of unused quotas from March, April, or May.

War Bond Sales

The Treasury said War Bond sales from May 1 to May 29 totaled \$615 million, while the quota for the month was \$600 million. April sales were \$536 million. The June quota is \$800 million, and the goal will be raised to \$1,000 million in July. The Treasury said 1,000,000 retailers throughout the country are being asked to sell War Bonds and stamps equaling the value of four percent of total merchandise sales in July, or approximately \$160 million worth.

Labor Supply

The War Manpower Commission said it is considering a plan to bind management in critical labor areas to hire workers with certain skills through the U. S. Employment Service, in order to eliminate "piracy" in such areas. The Commission also said if workers refuse to accept suitable employment in war industries "without reasonable cause," the circumstances will be referred to the Selective Service System for consideration in connection with any request for occupation deferment.

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—Plus—

Confessions of Boston Blackie

Chester Morris, Harriet Hilliard,
George E. Stone

Boston Blackie turns the tables and catches a crook.

SUNDAY-MONDAY

They Died With Their Boots On

Errol Flynn, Olivia DeHavilland,
Gene Lockhart

A saga of the exciting and dangerous life of General Custer, told at breakneck speed.

TUESDAY Bargain Night
Adults 25c Children 10c

Hello Annapolis

Tom Brown, Jean Parker

A well-conceived story devoted to scenes and circumstances connected with the routine of the Middies at the Naval Academy.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Butch Minds the Baby

Brod Crawford, Virginia Bruce, Dick Foran, Shemp Howard,
Fuzzy Knight

This newest Damon Runyon yarn to come to the screen is a hilarious comedy that will be a joy to theatre-goers throughout the land.

— plus —

Swing Frolic

A musical featurette with Ted Weems and Orchestra, Peggy Ryan, The Harmonettes and other talented performers.