

RAILS AND CARS FACE PEAK LOAD WITH LESS IN '44

ODT Predicts 15 Per Cent Increase in Military, Civilian Passenger Travel.

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Washington (U.P.)—Travelers in the United States will cover more miles in 1944 than in any single year in the history of the country — on diminishing numbers of trains, buses, and passenger cars, government transportation authorities said today.

The Office of Defense Transportation anticipates a 1944 mileage increase of 15 per cent in military and civilian passenger travel, and a three to six per cent jump in freight, on railroads that were reported to be straining to the limit months ago. There will be virtually no new equipment added, except for locomotives.

Officials emphasized that the figures on anticipated increase do not take into account the additional load expected to be imposed on railroads by diversion of passenger and freight normally carried by rubber-borne vehicles.

Pressed into service to absorb this record load will be every piece of rolling stock not considered dangerously obsolete, and the most officials hope for is that the country will "get by." Railroads also face the prospect next year of having to adjust to a lopsided flow of war materials and troops to the West if Germany collapses. Plans already have been made to cope with this situation, with Gulf Coast shipping, operating through the Panama Canal, being relied on to carry much of the additional westbound freight.

But the big question mark of 1944 transportation is: "Will there be enough tires next year to keep all the essential trucks, busses, and passenger cars on the road?"

Rubber Director Bradley Dewey answered this question for United Press. He said there is no cause for alarm in this respect if "all do their part," but warned of serious shortages that will hurt the war effort if any group falls down on its job.

"The outlook for 1944 is admittedly tight," he said. "If all do their part so that production comes through, and if those who have tires do not abuse them and if they get out of these tires all the service that is in them, then there is no cause for alarm. But if these things do not come to pass, serious shortages will impair parts of the war effort."

Will there be "tires for every body" before the end of the war? Dewey said it would be "foolish to dream" of tires for non-essential driving "at a time when existing automobiles must be treasured, when the manpower to build new tires and repair parts is non-existent, when gasoline is short, and when repair mechanics are in the Army."

He estimated that the synthetic rubber industry will produce 818,000 long tons in 1944 to fill increased requirements for that year that now total 950,000, compared with 530,000 tons for 1943.

The difference will be made up from the present stockpile and expected imports of about 80,000 tons of natural crude.

The railroad picture for 1944 stacks up like this:
Passengers: conservative government figures estimate that travel in 1943 will total 80,000,000 miles. An increase of 15 per cent is expected in 1944, and it will be greater if the tire situation gets worse.

Twelve hundred troop sleepers are being built but it won't relieve civilian conditions much because railroad pullmans were supplying only about 65 per cent of army needs, anyway.

An unestimated number of coaches will be withdrawn from active service during the year, and cannot be replaced.

Freight: ODT anticipates a three to six per cent increase over 1943. While this will be the smallest percentage increase of the war, officials point out that it comes on top of an expected over-all 1943 increase of 15 per cent in terms of miles, and a 35 per cent increase in 1942 the first year of war.

"DEAD" BEAR IN SUDDEN RECOVERY

Brockway, Pa., Dec. 14—(U.P.) Three hunters driving back in their car to their hunting camp, struck a bear which crossed their path. They thought it was dead and loaded the carcass in the car.

A few minutes later the bear recovered. The hunter sitting beside the bear broke the record for jumping out of an automobile. His companions followed him and locked the bear in the car.

While the hunters plotted their next move, the bear ripped the upholstery of the car. Finally, one of the hunters lured the bear out of the car and the others fired three shots destroyed the gas tank, ripped out a rear tire and killed the bear.

The insurance company refuses to pay damages and the game warden charged the trio with killing a bear out of season.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Livestock:
Cattle, 150; calves, 35. Market slow, steady, on plain kinds available. Cattle to common steers, \$7.00@12.00; top Monday, \$15.00@17.00; cutter to common heifers, \$6.50@9.50; canner, and cutter cows, \$4.00@8.00; common-milk beef cows, \$7.00@8.50; bulls, \$7.50@9.00; good to choice vealers, \$13.00@14.00 or above.
Hogs, 700; hoidover, 700. Market active, steady, 8 deers good-culls, 175-270 lbs., \$14.10; load 210 lbs., \$14.25; choice 200-230 lbs., truck-ins, \$14.50; good sows steady at \$10.00@10.50; feeder pigs salable around \$10.00.
Sheep, 150. Quotable steady. Good to choice trucked-in lambs salable \$12.50; sorted carload to \$13.50; good ewes, \$4.00@4.50.

South San Francisco, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Livestock:
Cattle, 125. Generally slow, weak. Fat steers, heifers and range cows abundant. Largely low-grade cows. Common, \$9.00@9.50; best two days canners and cutters dull, mostly \$6.00@8.00.
Hogs, 800. Generally steady. Bulk good and choice 200-270-lb. barrows and gilts, \$14.75; few good sows, \$11.50.
Sheep, 800. Generally steady. Late Monday, six deers woolled lambs, \$14.50@15.00; lightly sorted cull to good ewes, \$2.50@3.50.

Chicago, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—(WPA)—Livestock:
Hogs, 18,000. Moderately active, steady. Good and choice 150-350 lbs., \$11.75@13.75; 300-550-lb. sows, \$12.35@12.60; hoidover of around 10,000 indicated.
Cattle, 6,000; calves, 800. Largely fed steer and heifer run. Bulk steers, \$14.00@16.25; early top, \$16.00; bulk heifers, \$11.00@15.00; stockers and feeders strong at \$10.00@12.00.
Sheep, 7,000. Market on fat lambs and yearlings not yet established; liberal portion of fresh run being

yarded late. Load choice western ewes strong at \$7.25.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Wholesale market:
Celery—Oregon white, \$3.75; green, \$2.75@3.00; Oregon hearts, \$2.50.
Lettuce—Delano 4s, \$4.00@4.25.
Radishes—Local, 80@90c.
Spinach—No. 1, \$2.00@2.25.
Tomatoes—Mexican, 22c lb.; "as is, \$5.40 lug.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Wheat:
Dec. —\$1.70% \$1.71% \$1.69% \$1.70%
May —1.65% 1.67% 1.65% 1.67%
July —1.64% 1.65% 1.64% 1.65%

S. F. DAIRY PRICES
San Francisco, Dec. 14—(U.P.)
Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42¼, 89 score 41¾.
Cheese: wholesale prices, loaf 27½, triplets 27.
Eggs: large grade A 52, medium grade A 48, small grade A 41, large grade B 45.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Stocks moved irregularly today with a somewhat better tone developing near closing time. Early in the session, most of the leading issues registered de-

clines of fractions to a point. They recovered from the lows late in the day and volume which had been above yesterday's contracted.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:
American Tel. & Tel. Unquoted
Anaconda 24½
Chrysler 79½
Curtis Wright 5½
General Electric 36½
General Motors 50½
Montgomery Ward 44
Penn. R. R. 25½
Phillips Petroleum 45½
J. C. Penney 97
Radio 9½
Southern Pacific 23¼
Standard Oil of California 36
Texas Gulf Sulphur 34
Transamerica 8¼
United Aircrafts 25½

U. S. Rubber 41½
U. S. Steel 50½

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Kraft's Pint cup 24c

Molasses, Aunt Dinah.....16 oz. gl. 13c
Bouillon Cubes, Herb-Ox.....5 cube pkg. 9c
Kraut Juice, Libby's.....12 oz. bottle 10c
Sea Mussels, Maine Sail.....10½ oz. can 32c
Honey, Bradshaw's.....16 oz. gl. 30c
Peanut Butter, Real Roast.....1 lb. jar 24c
2 lb. jar 45c
Peanut Butter, Skippy Chunk style.....1 lb. jar 34c
Salad Dressing, Duchess.....8 oz. jar 9c
Meat Sauce, Dyrkee's Famous 10 oz. btl 30c
Horseradish Mustard, Seeley's.....6 oz. 25c
Pickles, Heinz Cucumber.....24 oz. jar 26c
Pickles, Harvest Mix.....qt. gl. 33c
Green Tomato Relish, Libby's sweet spiced.....No. 303 gl. 29c
Olives, Lindsay Jumbo.....pt. 30c
Cola Syrup, Mavis.....12 oz. bottle 27c
Sparkling Water, Canada Dry 28 oz. btl. 20c
Including deposit on bottle.
Oats, Peacock rolled or minit.....9 lb bag 46c
Rice, M.J.B. White and Brown 2 lb. bag 25c

Pimientos.....6 oz. gl. 23c
Black Eye Peas.....2 lb. pkg. 21c
Split Peas, Green.....2 lb. pkg. 24c
Yellow.....2 lb. pkg. 23c
Mixed Soup Stock.....2 lb. pkg. 22c
Macaroni and Spaghetti Durum Hardwheat.....27 oz. pkg. 22c
Graham Crackers Honey Sweet.....2 lb. pkg. 28c
Egg Noodles, Sunrise.....14 oz. pkg. 19c
Chinese Noodles Golden Grain.....12 oz. pkg. 11c
Candied Peel, Diced Citrola ½ lb. pkg. 25c
Candied Pineapple ½ lb. pkg. 27c
Candied Lemon Peel ½ lb. pkg. 29c
Vanilla Extract, Schilling's 4 oz. bottle 68c
Salt, Morton's plain or iodized.....26 oz. pkg. 8c
Table Salt.....10 lb. sack 27c
Savory Salts, Schilling's.....3 oz. bottles 14c
Mustard, Schilling's.....2 oz. tin 19c
Corn Starch, Kingsford.....1 lb. pkg. 9c
Matches, Favorite.....ctn. 25c
Dog Food, Friskies.....4½ lb. bag 46c
Dog Food, Walter Kendall.....5 lb. pkg. 65c

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10 lb. 55c
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FLOUR, Gold Medal.....10 lb. sk. 57c
25 lb. sk. \$1.30
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FLOUR, Harvest Blossom 24½ lb. sk. \$1.15
FLAPJACK FLOUR, Alber's.....4 lb. sk. 28c
10 lb. sk. 64c
PANCAKE FLOUR, Sperry's 10 lb. bag 74c
WAFFLE MIX, Duff's.....14 oz. pkg. 23c
PANCAKE FLOUR, Sperry's 28 oz. pkg. 20c
Post Toasties.....11 oz. pkg. 8c
Corn Meal, Alber's yellow or white.....40 oz. pkg. 18c
OATS, Morning Glory.....48 oz. pkg. 23c
QUAKER OATS.....3 lb. pkg. 24c
H-O OATS.....1 lb. pkg. 12c
CREAM OF WHEAT.....1 lb. pkg. 22c
12 oz. pkg. 13c
Quaker Puffed Wheat Sparkies.....pkg. 9c
Puffed Rice.....pkg. 11c
Wheaties, Cold Medal.....8 oz. 11c
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