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No More S. P. Pullman Service

This latest blow to railroad transportation in Southern Oregon is like hitting a man when he is down. For the withdrawal of all through passenger service between Portland and San Francisco via the old Shasta route, did knock Medford for a loop.

Now the cancellation of all Pullman service on what remains adds manslaughter to mayhem,—makes any satisfactory travel by train from this section of Oregon impossible!

HOWEVER the Mail Tribune feels very differently about this order, coming near the close of the war, than it did about the original one, which came BEFORE it.

For this order is from the federal office of defense transportation and applies to the entire country. The first order was not from the O.D.T. but from the S.P., and applied only to this particular section,—a case of rank and unwarranted discrimination.

EVEN more important. There is no reasonable doubt the O.D.T. order comes under the heading of military necessity. The S.P. order, on the other hand, had no such justification,—although when the war started the S.P. characteristically claimed this was the case.

The Mail Tribune declared at the time, had that original order been necessary for reasons of military necessity, neither this paper nor any right-thinking person in this part of the state would have protested.

But there was never an iota of convincing evidence offered to sustain such a claim. In fact when Camp White was operating at full strength, this crippling of train service on the Shasta route, not only did not benefit the war effort, but definitely impaired it.

IN short the action of the S.P. taken before the war, and only slightly altered after it started, was solely for the purpose of adding a few dollars to the corporation's net profits, by shirking its public responsibilities, and then seizing upon the war emergency, when the people protested, as an excuse for persisting in it.

THE present O.D.T. order, though hard to take is, however, another kettle of fish.

For there IS a war emergency. And there is a critical shortage of Pullman cars, with an unprecedented movement of troops from the east coast to the west.

If our soldier boys, many of them veterans of two and three years combat service, are to be transported quickly and comfortably, civilian Pullman service will have to be drastically curtailed. And the place to begin is with the shorter one-night trips.

Again it is Medford's misfortune that through train service between Portland and San Francisco was abandoned, for had it not been, this order would not have applied,—as it does not apply on the Klamath line. However that can't be helped NOW.

SO-O-O,—well there is nothing to do but "take it." And in view of the circumstances take it gracefully, as this paper does and we are sure the people of Southern Oregon will.

It doesn't mean the abandonment of train travel, merely the abandonment of Pullman service.

And after all, with the exception of the ill and infirm, one night in a day coach is not any killing matter.

This is particularly true when one considers this means a definite and tangible contribution to the greater comfort of our fighting men, and therefore to the effectiveness of our war effort!—R.W.R.

Needed Where He Is

According to our special operative in Washington, Under Secretary Joe Grew, and Nelson Rockefeller, assistant Secretary for American republic affairs, will soon feel the executive axe.

No doubt both men expect it. A thorough house-cleaning in the state department is indicated, and Messrs. Grew and Rockefeller are neither of them PARTY men, nor types that temperamentally would appeal to the new regime.

Nor have we any disposition to protest the departure of Mr. Rockefeller, who is an earnest, hard-working young man, but in the opinion of most close observers has not really measured up to the demands of the job he has had.

IT is different, however, with Mr. Grew.

Not only is he a very intelligent, able and mature person, but he has had 40 years of useful experience in the diplomatic service, and in our judgment, his departure would be a definite loss to the state department.

It will be particularly regrettable if the reasons given for his involuntary retirement are the correct ones, namely, that he is swayed too easily and favors appeasement of Japan.

NO one who knows Joe Grew, or has read his books and speeches carefully, would endorse such a grotesque indictment.

The man's conservatism and sales resistance are both deeply imbedded in his character, while what is termed his "appeasement" policy toward Japan is merely the considered view of a man who knows Japan, knows the Japanese, and does not wish, from the standpoint of THIS county, NOT of Japan, to make any serious error in policy.

Until the war with Japan is over we would like to see Under Secretary Grew stay where he is. A man of his temperament and intimate knowledge of Japan for the duration at least, will prove, we are sure, a definite national asset.—R.W.R.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 9.—In two previous columns published June 27 and 29, I concluded the Russian system is not communism, socialism, bolshevism or Marxism, but a despotism in the name of (but not by) the lowest class economically, intellectually and spiritually, and I came to the decision our democratic way of life had no valid grounds for fear of Russia except from the governmental standpoint.



Her people are friendly, likeable, not grim like their government, and her production and her methods, as well as her social results, are so far inferior to ours that our lowest shaver-cropper or poorest-paid worker would think he was in heaven now, if fully informed of comparative conditions.

I narrowed the ground of irritation and possible trouble between us to the single factor of the political attitude of the Russian government, in my search for a common ground of genuine understanding which would enable us to live in peace in the postwar world.

UNLIKE her people, her economics and her production, her sociocommunist despotism is competitive, aggressive, sometimes belligerent,—and nearly always unfathomable, and therefore frightening, or at least unsettling.

The core of this trouble can be found in the conclusions made by our globe-girdling editors who went out for three months to promote a free press. They offered an interesting report, expressing hope that a pledge for free exchange of information, without censorship or political use of news, would be incorporated at San Francisco (it was not).

HER editors write only what the government wants, and the government is single-headed dictatorship operated by one legal party of 4,000,000 people in a population of 183,000,000.

From the news standpoint, as from every other, Russia has walled herself in against the world, completely isolated herself. Our reporters there are confined to the Hotel Metropole for living room, may not fraternize with Russian officials or people, can get news only which has been printed in the few official government papers.

But their reporters roam the United States at will, indeed even have representatives attend all our open press conferences, including those of the president, and write freely anything they wish.

PERHAPS Russia is afraid to let her own people know too much, and therefore feels she must censor any understanding of their government by them as well as by us.

I might attempt to track down the why of this were it not true that the same attitude of the government extends far beyond news into other fields. Russia refused to go into our air conference at Chicago, even to discuss letting airplanes go over her country. As matters stand now, she has isolated her air from the world as completely as she has isolated her land and her news.

Before the war all our world flyers had trouble getting permits to cross Russia. To get into Russia by land or sea is as difficult a task as by air. In all ways Russia seems bent on living outside the normal world, and she is taking all she can get of Europe into the same impenetrable subterranean chamber of isolation with her.

I hear some people attribute this all to Russia's suspicions of us or of Britain. Suspicions of what? No one wants Russia. No one around here would have it. I do not think the ground for Russian isolationism is "suspicion" or "fear." It might be an inferiority complex, and it might be purposeful politics.

WHATEVER interpretation you accept, the conclusion is inescapable that unless this situation is eliminated, there cannot be peace.

This first thing I would do to put us on an even mutual plane is to have congress enact a law putting us on a reciprocal basis as to rights.

The law should, of course, apply to all nations. If her system requires her to house our news correspondents in isolation, her

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correspondents should be similarly restricted in this country. If her air is closed to the United States, our air must be closed to her.

If she denies our citizens the right to free travel in her country, her citizens should not have the right to free travel here. If the democratic party is denied representation in Moscow, the communist party should enjoy no rights among us. If our press is suppressed there, hers must be suppressed here.

This should be done, not in any belligerent way, but merely as acceptance of her principles for her, retaining ours for our own people. It should be a basis of mutual understanding whereby we both may live in permanent noncompetitive peace.

Thus, we could eliminate irritants which are bound to make for trouble, and do it fairly and justly, without criticism or antagonism. Thus, also, we can eliminate both fear and suspicion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Horrors!

To the Editor:—Are you not rather sarcastic in exposing to view the "shall never rise again" Senator Vandenburg by yanking him off his high horse — the "stuffed shirt" — and bringing him down to terra firma like one would any hifalutin' egotistical spouter; which act, seems to me and others like me, to be quite appropriate, as per your editorial in the Medford Mail Tribune, Sunday, July 8.

Your reference to the third World War is intriguing. Not much imagination required to visualize Giant Bombs, not falling from flying machines above in air but monster angels of death descending from the stratosphere on us here in Medford.

One huge blockbuster bangs down on the Holland Hotel and Mail Tribune buildings. Good-night to them and to Fichtner's, Big Pines and others surrounding; another bomb smashes into the Grand Hotel, blows it to bits, makes rubble of the S. P. Depot; another whangs down on Medford Hotel—its fine reputation as a retreat and sanctuary for the weary gives it no protection, no bar to its destruction, and the court house, the temple of justice, also the place of incarceration of evil bodies and souls, and a like fate befalls the Safeway store, the fine Methodist Church, and Reverend Millard's unique Egyptian-like "Ancient Bridal Chambers" blown to smithereens and the Holy Cross on the Catholic Church shields it not from destruction, the church and parsonage all blown to the demolition bow works.

Skip over to the gas works building and close by the Presbyterian church, holiness and gas in such close proximity, the unleashed devil of destruction will howl with glee at their demolition.

On the east side, the mansions on the hill blown to bits, the city water works blown dry, water splashed and dissipated in air, to the north Camp White city laid desolate, the water pipe lines bursted, the Big Butte Springs waters let loose spread out forming a lake over the landscape covering it like a curtain of night to hide forever the awful scene of damnation from pitying eyes of the Angels of Mercy.

Medford and Uncle Sam in entirety, the first great target in the third World War between human devils destined to destroy both victors and vanquished.

—W. W. TRUAX.

Navy Volunteers Still Acceptable States Recruiter

Enlistments in the navy for those in the volunteer age groups are still open for men who wish to offer their services to their country, it was emphasized today by Chief W. R. Cumley, recruiter-in-charge of the navy recruiting station in Medford. This is in answer to numerous rumors that have been circulating relative to the closing of naval enlistments in the naval service.

The voluntary age groups comprise those who are 17 and have not yet reached their 18th birthday and those 38 to 50 and one-half age bracket. Chief Cumley emphasized, young men in the former age group when coming to the recruiting station to make application they should bring

their birth certificates, as the navy accepts nothing less as proof of age. In addition, if a man is desirous of completing his enlistment on that day, he should bring his father or legal guardian who must sign consent forms in the presence of the recruiter. This will save time and trouble for all concerned in completion of the process of enlistment.

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SEWING UNITS OF RED CROSS PLAN GARMENT OUTPUT

All sewing units of the production of the Jackson county Red Cross have been alerted to be ready to start work in earnest on new materials to be made into garments for servicemen in army and navy hospitals which arrived last week from San Francisco, Mrs. Orin Schenck, volunteer chairman, announced Saturday.

Volunteers are asked to report to the court house auditorium every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday anytime between 9 and 4 p. m. to cut the hundreds of yards of material into pajamas, bath robes, slippers and kit bags for the big hospital quota accepted. In Ashland units under direction of Mrs. Sam McNair will cut their own materials at the Elks club.

A large quota of Philippine relief garments and 750 filled kit bags for men going to the South Pacific will also be made in this county, it was said. More than a thousand garments made for hospitalized servicemen by the volunteer sewing units, were shipped this week from the production department, it was said.

The Afghan campaign, directed by Mrs. Nellie Winne, is well under way, according to Mrs. Schenck, but more yarn and Afghan squares are needed. "The court house auditorium is cool to work in," Mrs. Schenck declared, "So come early and stay late. There is a job to be done for our men in the service."

Garden Club Of Gold Hill Holds Meeting Series

Gold Hill, July 9.—Gold Hill Garden club had a very successful and interesting series of meetings during the spring. At the April meeting, at the home of Mrs. George Dorman, a flower show was held. Mrs. Lillian Gentner of Medford, vice president of the Siskiyou district was present and discussed daffodils. She named several varieties unknown to the growers.

The May meeting was held at WRC hall with Mrs. R. T. Nichol of Medford, and Mrs. Gentner present. Mrs. Nichol gave an interesting talk about iris.

The Garden club sponsored a luncheon May 17 for the high school graduating class with its class advisor and his wife as guests.

The June meeting was held at the WRC hall for a pot luck luncheon at noon. Officers elected were: Hazel Holderness, president; Lottie Frost, vice president; Fannie Kies, secretary-treasurer. Next meeting will be in September and it is being planned to hold a flower show open to all the community. Mrs. Willie McLean is program chairman and Lottie Frost, publicity chairman.

On June 30, 1942, there was a total of 16,164,071 acres of unappropriated public land in California, practically all either mountains or desert.

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LUMBER PRODUCTION WORRIES NAVY CHIEF

Portland, Ore., July 9.—(U.P.)—Alarm was expressed today by Comm. W. W. Kellogg, navy lumber coordinating and deputy chief of the Central Procurement agency, over lumber production after a coastwise tour of timber areas.

Kellogg said neither the army nor the navy have stockpiles of lumber sufficient to last 60 days, and that inventories in many grades are so small they cannot last more than two weeks in the event of a production failure.

NEW COAST COMMANDS
San Francisco, July 9.—(U.P.)—Two new military commanders for west coast posts assumed their duties here today. Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale took over command of the Fourth air force and Rear Adm. Glenn Benson Davis became commander of the western sea frontier.

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Properties Sold on Contract..... 4,407.41
Investments and Securities..... 296,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks..... 49,368.48
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Less Depreciation..... 124.17
Total Assets.....\$656,956.28

LIABILITIES
Members' Share Accounts.....\$621,340.91
Undistributed Dividends..... 5,638.56
Loans in Process..... 5,368.17
Other Liabilities..... 129.50
Specific Reserves..... 1,211.76
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