

Mather Urges Crater Lake Park Extension

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Immediate enactment into law of a bill now before congress, providing for the extension of Crater Lake National park in Southern Oregon, is urged by Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park system, in his annual report to the department of the interior.

Director Mather, in his report, predicts that, with the completion of improvements to roads and trails leading to the park and the extension of camping facilities within the park, Crater Lake park will become one of the most popular camp grounds in the entire national park system. Extensive improvements, to be entered upon as soon as the country gets back onto a peacetime basis, are suggested in the report of Director Mather, which follows:

"Crater Lake National park, like Mount Rainier, enjoyed a longer season this year than usual. Automobiles were able to reach the rim of the crater a month earlier than last season. In general, conditions for travel have been good, although there has been little improvement of roads leading to the various gateways of the park. The road system of the park itself was well maintained. Visitors this year exceeded the total travel of the 1917 season, although not by a large margin; practically, the park held its own so far as patronage was concerned.

"Daily train service between Klamath Falls and Kirk was maintained during the summer and the usual split ticket arrangements permitting travel into the park by way of one

gateway and out by way of another were in effect.

"Numerous forest fires on lands adjacent to the park, or in its general vicinity, kept the crater hazy on some occasions, but the beauties of Crater Lake and other features of the park were impaired far less this year than last by the smoky condition of the atmosphere. Prevailing winds probably constituted the underlying cause of this freedom from haze.

"Accommodations for the traveling public were improved by the addition of one new automobile but on the run between Medford and the park and by certain betterments in the hotel and permanent camp. The development of the enterprises authorized to provide accommodation, entertainment of visitors in this park to the extent desired by me is hardly likely to take place during the war period. Labor conditions and lack of financial support will retard this development, and, perhaps hold all of the properties in statu quo for the next two years or longer.

"It appeared last year that there was little hope of ultimate improvement of the roads leading from Medford and Klamath Falls to Crater Lake park, unless the federal government should co-operate with the state of Oregon in undertaking their realignment and reconstruction. As explained in last year's report, the county governments had accomplished their utmost in road building and maintenance in the direction of the park. Jackson county had reached the limit of its borrowing authority, and Klamath county, with other obligations to meet, was not in a position

tion to advance more funds for the work. Federal assistance was essential to further progress, and altogether desirable because both approach roads to the park traversed national forests and made them economically accessible; furthermore, the state of Oregon was ready and able to do its full share of work in co-operations extending over a considerable period of time finally resulted, during the early spring of this year, in the approval by the secretary of agriculture of a co-operative agreement covering the development of these roads. The federal funds to be made available will come from appropriations authorized in the federal aid roads act for national forests. No reconstruction work will be done during the war, but the project is to be undertaken immediately upon the return of peace; in other words, the project is a preferred one. The rebuilding of these forest roads and the completion of the Rim road by this service will give Crater Lake National park merited importance as an objective for motor travel.

"Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the completion of the grading of the Rim road, but it is not likely that the work can be finished this year. Of the total of 35 miles, the 14 miles between Clouds and Matherman must be improved. Increased labor costs, difficulties experienced in securing men, and other obstructive influences have contributed to the situation. It will probably require \$7000 to complete the work. The corps of engineers of the army is still in charge of this work, but it is expected that congress will authorize its transfer to the National park service in the next sundry civil bill. It is clearly the intent of congress that all work of maintaining the system shall be entrusted to this bureau, and as there is little to be done to complete the Rim road it seems hardly necessary to require the corps of engineers to organize another field party next year when the superintendent of the park can handily perform this work at much less expense. The economies attending the combination of engineering and administrative office forces, the establishment of single management, et cetera should also be considered at this time.

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Officers J. E. Flinders and Price Kriok, who apprehended the defendants, have been rendering very efficient work during their frequent visits in the last few months, but they nearly always get to town before commencing to make arrests. In this instance they had the offenders already arrested on their arrival having secured them on the train.

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"Another incident was that a very large, plain American officer, with two short plain American officers, marched up from Trafalgar Square to Leicester Square, kissing every girl they met, the leader shouting, 'Next, please!' Before they got to the square they had a following of a dozen unkissed girls drawing their attention to the fact."

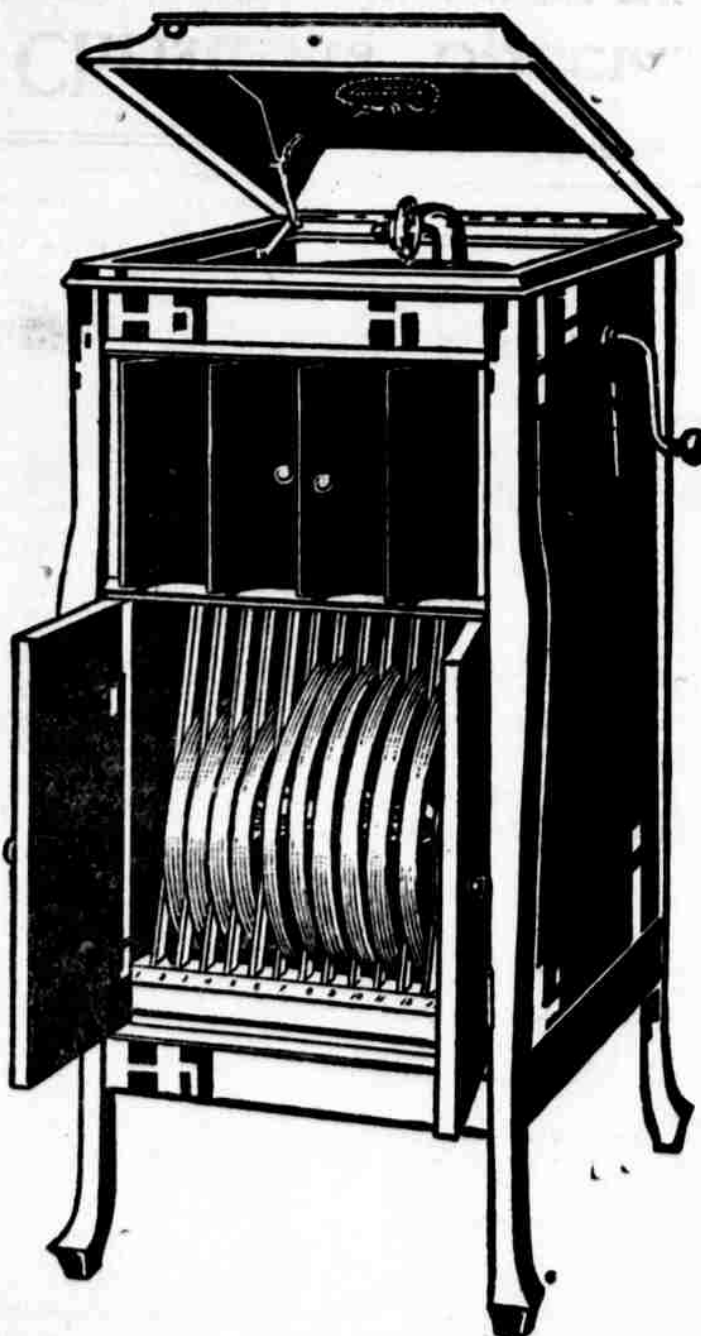
SPRUCE WORKER HOME FOLLOWING DISCHARGE

Bryan Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins who reside at the Frank Ira White ranch near town, has returned from Vancouver where he has been identified with the Service Division for the last several months. The young man has received his discharge and will reside here in the future. Although enjoying the life at camp he is glad to get back again.

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