

Transportation News

Orders Placed For 103,000 New Freight Cars

Orders for 103,000 new freight cars were placed by the railroads in the first seven months of 1941, according to the western railroads committee. In the corresponding period last year orders were placed for 24,000 new freight cars.

The railroads also placed orders for 858 additional locomotives in the first seven months of this year. Of the new locomotives ordered 287 are steam, 545 diesel, and 26 electric.

Railroad preparation to take care of peak traffic loads in connection with the defense program continues steadily, with increasing railroad confidence that the industry will be able to meet all requirements, through continuation of the cooperation the shippers generally are extending in heavy and prompt loading, and speedy release of cars after they reach destination.

Rail Passenger Income Falls Short Of 1930 Levels

Defense activities have materially stimulated railroad passenger earnings, but passenger income is still falling short of 1930 levels as compared to freight earnings, according to the western railroads committee.

Freight earnings in the first half of 1941 were only \$36,017,849 less than in the corresponding period of 1930, while passenger revenues were \$143,257,166 under the 1930 figure. Reductions in passenger fares since 1930 are a factor making it necessary for the railroads to perform very much more passenger service now to enjoy anything like equal passenger earnings, but it is interesting to note that passenger earnings in the first half of 1941 were only \$25,078,503, or less than 12 1/2 per cent, greater than they were in the first half of 1937, in which year they of course were not influenced by defense activities.

Chiloquin School Band Appears at Merrill, Agency

CHILOQUIN — Adding color and pep to the parade at the Merrill Potato festival were the band members and majorettes of the Chiloquin public schools, under the direction of Bandmaster Albert Windell.

Appearing in royal blue and white uniforms, the students entertained the crowds with various snappy marches as they paraded down the street.

This young group of musicians received many favorable comments from people on the sidelines.

On Tuesday the group appeared in a concert at Klamath Agency in a celebration of the 77th anniversary of the signing of the treaty.

After the concert they were treated to a Klamath tribe barbecue dinner.

Anniversary Gift Granted in Court

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—Roy Pittman, 24, got his third wedding anniversary present in court.

His mother-in-law, Mrs. Frieda Becker, testified at Pittman's trial for grand larceny that he stole \$140 from her. Then she persuaded the court to let her drop the complaint.

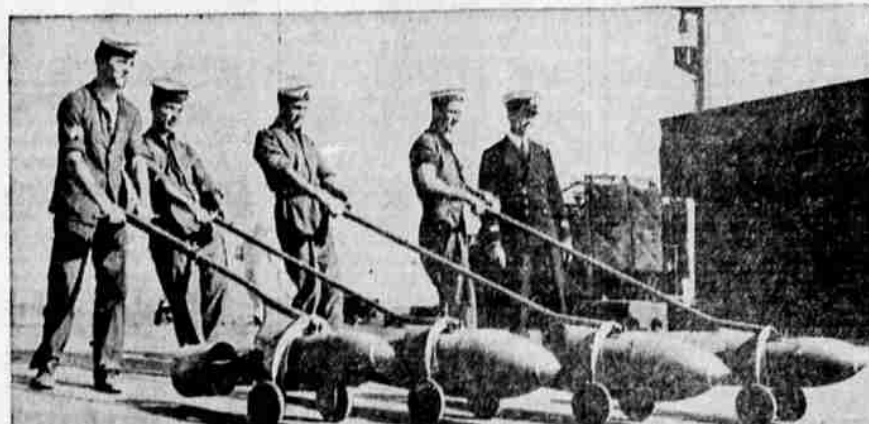
"You are receiving a most valuable anniversary present from your mother-in-law—your freedom," said Judge Charles S. Cullen.

BONANZA

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The owner of an automobile parked behind the Memphis postoffice left a sack of hickory nuts in the car and the windows open.

Amused postal clerks watched an energetic gray squirrel take the nuts, one by one, and hole them up in a nearby tree.

Gay Tars of Britain's Furious in U. S. Navy Yard



Men aboard the Furious, British aircraft carrier now a-mending in Philadelphia's Navy yard, are gay despite the vessel's forbidding name. Here some of them warm up with a fire drill in asbestos suits, top, wheeling extinguishers around the flight deck, while others take 500-pound aerial bombs out for an airing, bottom.

Admiral Pictures Possible Bombing of Pacific Coast

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 24 (AP)—Word of an impending bombing attack on the Pacific coast would be greeted with panic, but the actual bombing would wipe away fear, Rear Admiral John Wills Greenslade said here Tuesday.

In picturing a hypothetical attack on the west coast, the twelfth naval district commandant told the American Society of Civil Engineers today that an announcement of bombers headed for San Diego and Los Angeles would precipitate the same mass fear as the radio story on the invasion from Mars.

"A mass evacuation will probably ensue in which automobiles will crowd the highways, resulting in the inevitable accidents which will cause traffic jams of historic magnitude," the admiral said. "Enforced blackouts will spread fear and terror. Dread of the unknown will cause untold panic and confusion."

After the bombing, he continued, "men stand on the streets shaking their fists at the skies. All trace of terror has vanished, so amazing is this psychological change in the population of a bombed city. Fear disappears like magic, and anger, resentment and stubborn determination to win takes its place. Never again will these millions cower in fear at the threat of an air attack."

If war breaks out in the Pacific, he said, the night of the Pacific fleet will depend largely on whether the United States decides to abandon the Philippines. First point of enemy attack, he said, would be Guam, and with its capture "the enemy would be relatively free to continue operations against the Philippines."

Admiral Greenslade emphasized that an overseas war can be won only with "some form of occupation or economic pressure resulting in complete control."

"It is reasonable to infer from their conduct on previous occasions that our most probable opponents would act with swiftness and energy once a rupture had become inevitable," the admiral said.

"As instances of such decisive action, in 1894 a Japanese naval squadron began hostilities against China a week in advance of the formal declaration of war; and the torpedo attack on the Russian ships at Port Arthur in February 1904 took place only a few hours after the Japanese government had signified its resolve to terminate the negotiations with Russia."

"Once determined to take up

their objective before word ever leaked out that the forces were under orders to leave Japan.

The United States would be called upon at once, in event of war in the Pacific, to decide whether its distant insular possessions were to be defended or abandoned, the admiral declared.

"In a decision to abandon the Philippines, the strategic problem would be reduced to a simple form," he continued, "and the United States navy would be entirely adequate to fulfill the duties which would then devolve upon it."

"But if the passive surrender of the Philippines and Guam were held to be incompatible with the interest and prestige

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ROTARY HEARS TALE OF PEAT, NEW INDUSTRY

Fascinating facts and figures of a tremendously growing new but little known industry at Klamath's back door were unfolded Friday noon to members of the Rotary club by Robert Stine, operating manager of the Jess Valley Peat Moss company of Likely, Calif.

Stine, speaking in the Willard hotel dining room, revealed a story of peat moss, a natural resource which has been growing for 36,000 years but for which there has been no big demand until two years ago.

Used commercially for a number of years as both a humifier and a dehydrant, the moss, Stine disclosed, in the past year has

of the nation, a very different situation would arise. And since neither the history nor the traditions of the American people lead us to suppose that they would tolerate such humiliation, it is safe to assume that retention of the islands at all costs would be determined upon as a matter of course."

been found invaluable in helping separate magnesium from magnesium ore in the flotation process and in aiding in the nitrating of cotton for munitions.

Steps in the manufacture of the moss in the Jess valley firm's 1100-acre operation were expressed by Stine. Fifty-five per cent of the manufacturing costs, he stated, were involved in the drying of the product. Prior to the adoption of the European system of sheeting and drying, it was necessary to expose each block of wet peat to the air for nearly one and one-half years before it was ready for shipping.

Stine credited Walt Bean, Klamath machine shop operator, with perfecting a baling system whereby each bale may be completed by two men in 15 seconds as against the German process which requires the work of six men for six minutes.

AMATEUR NETWORKS SALEM, Oct. 24 (AP)—The first of two amateur radio networks organized for civilian service cleared its first service messages Wednesday night and Thursday morning, defense council officials said today. Thirteen western Oregon counties now are linked in the network.

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MAN FINED FOR DISGUISED BIRD

Removal of the head of a hen pheasant failed to fool the officers in the case of Ralph M. Ovgard and Albert Ovgard, charged in justice court with shooting and possessing a protected game bird. Albert was accused of the actual shooting, and Ralph had the bird in his car with the head gone, allegedly in an effort to hide the identity of its sex.

Albert was fined \$32.20 in justice court and a lesser fine was slapped on Ralph.

Justice Joseph Mahoney fined Paul Jackson Dalton \$12.20 for shooting from a highway.

Mrs. Phil Dines was given a suspended fine for shooting without a license. A Portland woman, she was found walking along the highway with a .22 rifle. Because the offense was of a minor nature, Justice Mahoney suspended her fine with the understanding she would get a license immediately.

Refrigerators look positively naked without Wieland's Beer!

Masquerade DANCE Pelican Inn Pelican City Friday, Oct. 24

Tunney Advocates Military Training

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 24 (AP)—Lt.-Comdr. James J. Tunney, one-time heavyweight champion who now is trying to reduce paunches and deepen chests for the navy, arrived here last night on a tour of the nation.

He advocated 18 months of military service for all young men as a means of building a healthy nation "for which the world will have no equal."

Speaking about the heavy-weight situation, Tunney thinks Joe Louis has knocked out all the promising contenders.

The mountain beaver does not live in water, but is never happy far from it. Through the summer months it prefers to forage for green crops, but when winter comes the little animal stores up hay for the months when snow will cover the ground outside its den.

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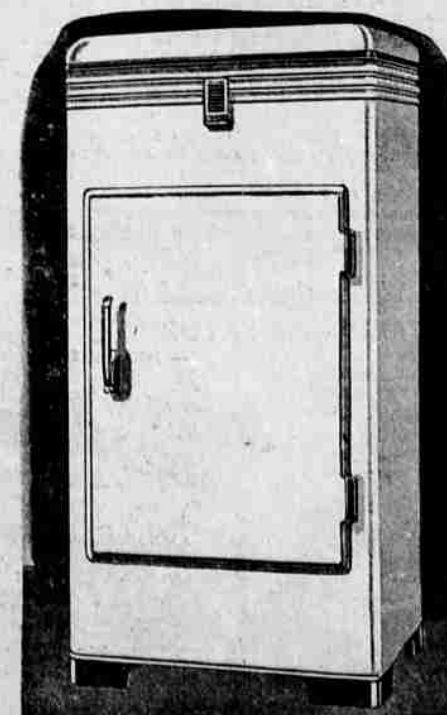
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