

Mail Clerk Charged With Pilfering

BAKER, Aug. 23 (AP) — Accused of pilfering the mails, John B. Wilson, Baker, a railway mail clerk for 22 years, is in jail at American Falls, Ida., Paul Dunham, a postal inspector, said here.

The 46-year-old Wilson had 61 pieces of mail in his possession when taken from a train at Pocatello, Ida., Thursday, Dunham said, adding that Wilson admitted taking up to 150 letters a trip and burning them at his home after removing money and other valuables.

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HAYES TO ATTEND MEETING

SALEM, Aug. 23 (AP) — State Defense Administrator Jack A. Hayes said today he will attend the meeting in San Francisco next Friday of the federal regional advisory council of civilian defense. The council will discuss the army and navy construction programs and manpower problems.

Army Materiel Director Says Lack of Munitions Affected Recent Landings

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP) — Forces participating in a recent landing operation failed to get half of the 155 millimeter ammunition needed, Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, director of materiel for the army service forces told the senate war investigating committee.

Clay, who appeared before the committee during its investigation of surpluses and war scarcities, said there were serious shortages in a number of categories, largely because of the manpower problem.

While the army never has said overall production in America is "not magnificent," Clay told the committee, there are shortages in specific items which would require an extra 200,000 war workers to meet.

In July, he said, production deficits ranged up to 53 per cent, and revised forecasts for

in the war theaters they were being depleted so rapidly they will reach "dangerous points" at the end of the year unless production is doubled in the last half of 1944.

Because "we knew we could not make them," this country recently has had to turn down an urgent British request for a thousand bombs, he said.

Electric Property Sold to Cooperative

SALEM, Aug. 23 (AP) — The Oregon Gas and Electric company has sold for \$130,000, all of its electric properties in Clatsop, Columbia and Washington counties to the West Oregon Cooperative, Inc. of Vernonia, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg announced today.

The money for the purchase was supplied by the federal rural electrification administration.

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PERSHING SAYS FALL OF PARIS BIG STEP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP) — General John J. Pershing, who commanded the American expeditionary force in the first World war, today described the liberation of Paris as "a great step forward along the road to Berlin."

In a statement issued through the office of war information, Gen. Pershing said: "Over four years ago, when the Germans took Paris, my sorrow was beyond words. Paris, to me, was the heart of France."

"Today, Paris is free; and the sons of the Americans who fought to preserve the freedom of Paris in 1917 and 1918 have had a permanent role in the liberation of 1944. By their co-

operation with their British and French allies these American soldiers of the United States army. "The liberation of Paris is a great step forward along the road to Berlin."

Liquor Commission Asks Clarification Of OPA Ruling

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP) — The Oregon liquor control commission has asked the Federal Reserve Board to clarify its order barring an extra fifth of whiskey to customers who purchase bottles of imported rum, gin and brandy. The bonus sales were while continued in state liquor stores.

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