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Weyerhaeuser's rise is described as fol-

terests. It may be recorded in passing that when Congress realized what abuses were enacted under this apaprlowet abuses were enacted under this apapt-ently innocent act it was repealed in, 1204; but the damage had been done. "The joker came in this wise: At different times, and in order to aid in the construction of transcontinental railroads, Congress made land grants to the roads. The Northern Pacific, the Union Dualid, the Southern Pacific, and "Weyerhaeuser is of German birth. Born at Neldersaulheim in Southern Ger-Born at Neidersadinein in Sonthern Ger-many in 1854, ho tilled the vincyard on the farm until 18 years of age. In 1852 he decided to emigrate to America. He brought his mother and sisters with him, and they went first to Erle, Penn. Four to the roads. The Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Atlantic & Pacific (now the Santa Fe), were the beneficiaries. These grants carried with them millions of acrs, taking in as they did every alter-nate section of 640 acres on both sides of the tracks for a distance of 20 miles. When this act was passed in 1897, the land which had been used to finance the railroads had largely passed out of their hands and there remained only, generally speaking, worthless or delater he left Erie and went to Rock Island, Illinois. He secured work in a suwmill, and within six months was manager of the plant. He became ac-qualited with F. C. A. Denckman, a they were courting sispatriot, while ters. Both were thrifty, industrious, honest, and obliging. When the sawmill owners wanted to sell, they agreed to take the notes of the young Germans, who thus formed a partnership. Weyer-hacuser, the outside man, went north to investigate the lumber lands of Wiscon-sin. He saw all around him the lavish generally speaking, worthless or de-nuded lands. There were, however (and here the whole scheme stands re-vealed), somewhat less than 4,000,000 acres of these worthless or denuded lands owned by the companies in the waste of timber, and it struck to his saving soul. In 1884 the firm had haid aside enough money to make its initial investment. Chippewa land was bought year 1897, which had been caught with-in the confines of Government forest reserves. As soon as the law passed, the railroads proceeded promptly to exfor almost a song. They acquired more land, and soon additional sawmills were started, and the partners were on the change out these worthless lands for the finest timber lands the Government owned. The total amount owned withhighroad to prosperity. It was in 1872 that Weyerhaeuser began to branch out and started in to create the indefinite, allin forest reservations by the land-grant powerful organization which has become roads was:

ins considerably changed since then, his OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washfron-gray hair and closely-cropped beard having turned white. However, this has ington, Dec. 24.-First Lleutenani Hiram E. Mitchell, Artillery Corps, son of the late Senator Mitchell, having been found not aged him perceptibly, as he continues by an army retiring board incapacitated for active service on account of disability, his retirement by the President from to display those striking appearances of intellectual vigor and engaging personality which have given him the reputation

LIEUT. MITCHELL RETIRED

Son of Late Senator Disabled for

Army Service.

Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and the com manders of the battleships; second, the officers who advocated the surrender, and third, the officers who did not endeavor to prevent the surrender.

The first group of officers was tried under the paragraph of the navy regulations which provides for the punishment by death of any commander of a squadron or ship who surrenders without a fight when he could save his crew or inflict damage upon the enemy. The sentences passed upon Rear-Almi-

TVER, Russia, Dec. 24. — The Arch-bishop of Tver, in the course of his sermon to the memory of the late Count Ignatieff, who was murdered two days ago, told his congregation that Count Ignatieff visited him haif an hour before his murder, and said he had received three death warnings, one of which was couched in the following ral Nebogatoff and the three commanders are similar to those handed down in the

employe was given a cash present. As the gifts were graded, John J. Abbott, vice-president, said he did not cars to give out any details.

Central Trust Company - President Charles G. Dawes said a cash present was given to all employes, but he did not wish to mention the amount given.

First National Bank-President Forgan said the company had a pension fund and that a substantial sum was added to it this year in order to reward faithful employes

known as the "Weyerhaeuser syndheate." Weyerhaeuser was elected president of the Mississippi River Boom and Logging Company. This has always remained the central or governing body in his known transactions, and its ramifications reach every lumber camp in the Northwest."

### "Stupendous Legal Steal."

Norcross then goes on to describe what he terms a stupendous legal steal, by which the public domain was looted: "With the recent revelations as to graft and the filegal methods used by various

"captains of industry" to achieve their eminence in the world of commerce, one naturally wants to know whether Weyerbneuser and his associates have created

this giant industry, organized this great trust, and builded this monumental for

tune with clean hands. Unfortunately not. Weverhaenser and his associates have done their part, just as Mitchell and many other men in the Northwest did their part, in securing lands fraudu-lently. The game of homesteading and getting Government land by fraud was just as familiar to the Weyerhaeuser interests as to others. Possibly Weyerhacuser never personally conducted any of these llegal operations, but hundreds of thousands of acres taken in by his companies for timber purposes were stolen under the old and well-known formula. It is hardly worth while dis-cussing this, since the same practices for which Francis J. Heney is securing convictions in Oregon were practiced by the Wearthdown of the same practiced by the Weyerhaeuser clique. It is neces-sary to record, however, one of the most stupendous steals ever engineered in this country. It was done legally; there is no redress. It was the looting of the United States Government of lands worth probably \$100,000,000. The scheme was en-gineered for the benefit of the Weyer-

made millions the Weyerhaeuser interests made millions the Weyerhaeuser interests probably henefited more than anyone else. "Prior to 1897, access to public lands of the United Sattes was limited to the actual settler, who could go in and acquire 156 access (a quarter say "Prior to 1897, access to public lands of the United Sattes was limited and acquire 160 acres (a quarter-sec-tion) of land under the homestead act. In that year the so-called "Hen selection act" was passed. The vicious details of that measure will be set forth later. At that time the once enormous timber resources of the Middle West, and more particularly the timber tracts of Wisconsin, Michi-Minnesota, and the Mississippi r section, where the Weyerhaeuser

recompanies were operating about for hacuser people were casting about for other lands. The South and East of-fered no real relief. True, the great fields of Washington, Oregon, Idaho Medda of Washington, Oregon, Idaho fields af Washington, Oreg

nles of the rallroads, such as the Aztec Land & Cattle Company (the Selig-mans), which owned 132.000 acres, own-ing thousands enough to bring the grand total close to 4,000,000 acres. The Santa Fe was a laggard in the deal, and it is surmised that they did not tumble to what was going on until some time after the act was passed. There was nothing dense about the Northern Paelfic, however, and scarcely was the law passed before they were into the wonderful forests of the Northwest like hungry wolves.

Bad Land for Good.

"This process of exchanging worthless or denuded lands lying within for-est reserves for valuable lands, heav-ily timbered, involved Mount Rainier, the majestic and snow-capped moun-tain that towers over Tacoma. This is perhaps the most picturesque and su-perb peak in America. It was included In the original grant to the Northern Pacific. When the chance to exchange out cume along, the railroad men and their timber allies were not actuated by any love for the beautiful. matter-of-fact manner, with a sordid commercialism characteristic of all their operations, they handed over their operations, they handed over beautiful Mount Rainier and took in its place an equal area of timber land which they could cut into and turn into dollars.

"It was the Northern Pacific that turned the trick, but it was Weyer-haeuser who was to benefit. For the last 20 years Weyerhaeuser has been practically the timber agent of the Northern Pacific, and also of the Great Northern. A whole story might be written about the deals by which the

Pacific, working through the Weyer-haeuser timber companies, sold great tracts of these rich lands to the Weyerhaquser syndicate for a song. Six dol-hars an acre is said to have been the ruling price. R. L. McCormick, the Weyerhacuser agent in Tacoma, Wash-ington, admits that that is what the company paid for 1,000,000 acres of Northern Pacific land lying west of the Cascades. It was one quarter-section out of this lot that sold for \$76,000-a

of being one of the most agreeable not-1996, is announced. Lieutenant Mitchell is a graduate of the ables in England.

quaintances made on the occasion of his

last visit, when he was given the privi-

lege of the floor of the House of Repre-

sentatives and was invited to occupy a

seat at the Speaker's desk. The personal appearance of Mr. Bryce

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RAIL

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law department of George Washington University in this city. During the Span-ish War he was captain in the volunteer quartermaster's department and in Sep-Mrs., Bryce Coming Also. The closing of Mr. Bryce's London home points to the probability that Mrs. Bryce

will accompany her husband to Washtember, 1901, was appointed first lieuten ant in the Artillery Corps. He had been recently under treatement at the general hospital, Washington Barracka, and is ington. Mrs. Bryce's grandmother was an American and she preserves many American characteristics and associations. still confined to his room.

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"I HOPE THERE ARE SOME CARS IN THERE "

cession generally has proved succesful The lawyers for the defense in the Ne-

cases of the naval officers who were condemned by courtmartial for surrender ing the torpedo-boat destroyer Bedovi to the Japanese. These sentences were ger. coupled with a similar recommendation to the Emperor for mercy and such inter-

If you do not leave the meeting, you will be killed." Count Ignatieff said to the archbishop:

terms:

"I fear nothing; I will face the dan-

# High Army Officer Murdered.

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Domestic.

among Russian officials. Page 1. France and Britain combine to isolate Ger.

Count Went to Meet Assassin With

Eyes Open.

of which was couched in the following

LUKOW, Poland, Dec. 24.-Colonel Ob-roucheff, commander of the Eighty-first infantry, has been killed on his estate bogatoff trial, a majority of whom are near here by an unknown man.

TODAY'S-Rain; easterly winds.

many. Page 4.

Commercial National Bank-Employer received 5 per cent on their salaries, the total amounting to about \$7009.

State Bank of Chicago-All employes serving less than 10 years, a \$10 gold all serving more than 10 years a \$20 gold piece.

### Gold Pieces All Around.

Fort Dearborn National Bank-Employes received a \$10 gold piece each. Metropolitan Trust & Savings Bank→ 'resident Gilbert said that gold pleces were presented to employes according to he grade of service.

Prairie National Bank-Every employe got an additional week's salary.

Prairie State Bank-Every employe got an additional week's salary Stock Yards Savings Bank-The salaries

of employes are raised at Christmas time. Colonial Trust & Savings Bank-Gifts of \$10 and \$20 gold pieces were presented according to the salary graduation.

Commonwealth Trust & Savings Bank-Every employe got a check as a Christmas present, according to rank and salary rate.

Drovers' Trust & Savings Bank-Every employe received a gold piece.

Drovers' Deposit National Bank-Every uploye received a gold plece.

Hibernian Banking Association-Eight hundred dollars in gold pieces was given out among the employes in \$10 and \$20

Merchants' Loan & Trust Company-One

hundred and eighty-six employes were given a \$20 gold piece each, the total gift amounting to \$3720. Union Trust Company-Each employe

got a gold piece.

Northern Trust Company-Each employe got a gold plece.

Western Trust & Savings Bank-Every employe received a gold piece.

worked for more than a year for the

firm received a \$5 gold plece; those who

had worked less than a year received \$2.

Swift & Co .- Gave each employe a \$5

A. Jurgens Brothers' Company-Em-

ployes received gifts ranging from \$25

Drexel State Bank-Gold pieces, the de-

nominations graded according to salary

Livestock Trust & Savings Bank-Sums

ranging from \$25 down to \$10 for each

Some of the banks will walt until the,

closing of their books by the end of the

year before they figure on making a

Cornell Cosmopolitan Club.

Employes Get Dividends.

A. C. McClurg & Co .- Employes will Hill's million-dollar depot at Seattle proves get dividends, as most of them are stocka great disappointment. Page 9.

gold piece

down to \$5.

rate

imploye.

George Hallifield dies in Lewiston hospital, holders in the company taken ill while searching for home folks to spend Christmas. Page 6. The Fair-Each employe who had

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ouncil ways and means committee recommends that city tax of 5.7 mills be any, levied. Page S.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24 .- The Cornell Cosmopolitan Club of Ithaca, N. Y., formed for the purpose of uniting Cornell students of all nationalities and extending the influence of the

present to their employes.

university, was incorporated here to-

