

NATIONAL FORESTRY POLICY FORMULATED

Lumbermen, Paper Makers and Others Indorse Proposal.

PORTLANDER AIDS DRAFT

Results of Conference by Heads of Many Industries of Importance to Coast.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The first definite proposal of a national forestry policy to receive the indorsement of representatives of consumers, lumber manufacturers, paper and pulp makers, newspaper publishers and the United States forest service has been formulated as the result of a national conference held here October 15.

The program provides specifically through co-operation between the government, the states and owners of timber lands, for adequate protection against forest fires, for reforestation of denuded lands, for extension of the national forests, for obtaining essential information in regard to timber and timberlands, and for other steps essential to continuous forest production on lands chiefly suitable for this purpose.

The proposal was drafted by a committee composed of T. T. Allen of Portland, forester of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, as chairman; Ebert H. Baker, chairman of the forest conservation committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, and P. S. Risdale of L. E. American Forestry association.

Conference Affects Coast. The results of the conference are of direct importance to the Pacific coast, to which lumbering operations are being gradually transferred from the southern pine districts.

Accredited representatives of the nation-wide lumber and paper industries which control most of the commercial forests in private ownership met with similar representatives of the United States chamber of Commerce; the American Forestry association, speaking in behalf of the general public; wholesale lumber distributors; newspaper organizations vitally interested in the general economic welfare and in the newspaper supply; and the great wood-using industries such as furniture and vehicle manufacturing, railroad operation and similar industries.

Unanimous agreement was reached on all essentials of a federal legislative program more specific in detail but substantially in accord with the recommendations made last June to the senate by W. B. Greeley, chief forester. Colonel Greeley was also at the conference by invitation and gave his conclusions his full approval on behalf of the United States forest service. It is expected that this agreement will receive the ratification of all the public and private agencies and that it will be acceptable to the majority of others interested, including the forestry departments of the several states.

U. S. Activity to Expand. The paramount aims of the program are a considerable extension of direct federal activity in forest ownership and production, and the development with federal aid and encouragement of such systematic policies in the several forested states as, being consistent with local conditions, will bring about adequate forest protection and reproduction in the in-

terest of these states and of the public at large. Much of the responsibility proposed lies with states and private owners. Legislation proposed for the consideration of congress follows: Authorizing the secretary of agriculture, after consulting appropriate local agencies to approve an adequate policy for each state, covering the essential fire protection of timbered and restocking lands, reforestation of denuded lands, cutting and removal of timber crops so as to promote continuous production of timber on lands chiefly suitable, and authorizing the secretary's co-operation in the work required, provided there is also satisfactory local compliance in state legislation or administrative practice.

Appropriation of not less than \$1,000,000 annually for co-operation with the states in forest fire prevention.

Resources to Be Surveyed. A survey to obtain necessary information as to forest resources, forest production and forest requirements of the nation.

Provision for studies and experiments in forest reproduction methods, wood utilization, timber tests, wood preservation, development of by-products and other steps to bring about the most effective use of the nation's forest resources.

Provision for studies of forest taxation, to assist states in devising tax laws which will encourage the conservation and growing of timber, also methods of insuring against forest losses by fire.

Provision for more rapid replanting of the vast areas of denuded lands within the national forests.

Appropriation of \$10,000,000 a year for five years for the purchase of lands which should be added to a national forest system, whether or not on the headwaters of navigable streams, as such purchases are now limited.

Acquisition by Exchange Favored. Authorizing acquisition of similar lands by exchange of land or timber when clearly in the public interest.

Authorizing the addition to national forests of lands now in other forms of government ownership but found chiefly suitable for permanent forest production.

Accredited representatives at the conference were: President Charles L. Weston and Ebert H. Baker of the American Newspaper Publishers' association; Geo. W. Sisson Jr., D. A. Crocker, W. E. Haskell, R. S. Kellogg and C. H. Worcester, American Paper & Pulp association; John Foley, Association of Wood Using Industries; W. McCullough, chamber of commerce of the United States; George S. Long of Tacoma, Wash., chairman of the forestry committee, and E. T. Allen, forester of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association; E. F. Perry, secretary of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association.

ILLITERACY U. S. PROBLEM

Fourth of Population Inexorably Ignorant, Says Educator.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—More than 25 per cent of the population of the United States is unable to read a newspaper intelligently or write an intelligent letter, said Dr. William Chandler Bagley, eminent educator and author of Columbia university, before an assembly of university students. He declared the rural school educational system utterly inefficient.

"Before the war," said Dr. Bagley, "the people looked upon illiteracy as a misfortune that should be relieved. Since the war a mighty problem has presented itself and it must be solved in order that everyone may meet the responsibilities that appear."

Dr. Bagley pointed out the existence of whole colonies of foreigners in the cities, in which no English is spoken. "So long as we permit these alien islands to be perpetuated in the United States we cannot progress in the education of the people," he said.

FIGHT FOR FORTUNE OF \$1,800,000 BEGUN

Wife of American Institutes Suit in Berlin.

WEALTH NOW TIED UP

Property in San Francisco and Honolulu Held by Trustee for German-Born Widow.

BY CYRIL BROWN.

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BERLIN, Oct. 30.—(Special wireless.)—Following a vague clue, the World and Oregonian correspondent has learned some of the details of a suit brought by Mrs. Erna Herrscher of San Francisco, a prospective heiress of \$1,800,000 in American money, to give her immediate free use of that fortune upon the death of her aunt, a Mrs. Grinbaum, its possessor, an American widow, who is old and infirm.

The sum in American values is the largest amount that has ever figured in a private suit in a German court. Sphinx-like secrecy is maintained by the attorneys on both sides, but it is held by the Mercantile Trust company of San Francisco, acting as trustee for a German-born childless widow, who is American through her marriage to Grinbaum.

Niece Named as Heiress.

Mrs. Grinbaum lived with German relatives in Berlin prior to the entry of the United States into the war. She is also said to have sojourned temporarily in sanitariums and asylums. After the war she was placed in a sanitarium in Kreuzlingen, near the German border, where she still remains.

The big estate was to go to Erna Goldschmidt, her German-born niece, now aged 36 years, in the event of Mrs. Grinbaum's death. The correspondent understands that the provision of Mrs. Grinbaum's will in respect to the legacy is irrevocable.

Last December Miss Goldschmidt surprised her Berlin relatives by announcing visitors from America were soon coming to see her. Soon afterward she introduced to them Edmond Herrscher Jr., law partner of Samuel Rosenheim, the firm having offices in the Chronicle building, San Francisco.

Herrscher, who is young and handsome, was accompanied by his father. They stopped first at the Esplanade and then at the Hotel Bristol. According to accounts, the young man paid high-pressure court to the prospective heiress, lavishing expensive presents upon her, among them a fur coat that cost 70,000 marks.

Relatives Oppose Marriage.

Herrscher's ardor seems to have won Erna's heart in record time, for within a few days of his arrival she announced to Berlin relatives her intention to marry him. They seem to have cut the German red tape formalities and to have obtained a marriage license within three days. Relatives are said to have done their utmost to persuade the young woman not to marry, warning her that haste would surely bring repen-

ance. She is described to the correspondent as far from good looking. Just before the time set for the wedding her relatives persuaded her to go to Samuel Grönemann, a Berlin lawyer, and get his advice as to means for the protection of her prospective fortune.

Grönemann advised her to give an irrevocable power of attorney to a trustee for a period of two years, and she gave such a document to Richard Lowenthal, director of a publishing house. On the next day Erna Goldschmidt became an American citizen by marriage to young Herrscher. Soon afterward they sailed for the United States.

Hard Questions Raised.

Mrs. Erna Herrscher has now brought suit against Richard Lowenthal, her trustee, through Attorney Justizrat Leopold Gottschalk, to force the revocation and annulment of the two-year irrevocable power of attorney given to him as the guardian of her prospective fortune.

In the meantime the question may be raised as to the status of the petitioner. If she had become an American during the war she would certainly have been classed as an enemy alien; and the question seems to have some pertinency from the fact that formal peace has not been concluded between Germany and the United States.

A leading Berlin lawyer informs the correspondent, however, that in marrying an American the woman not only freed herself of possible claims, but that she will also escape the confiscatory German inheritance and other taxes whenever the estate shall fall to her.

ADAMS DECLINES HONOR

CITIZEN UNWILLING TO BE CHOSEN COX ELECTOR.

Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts Selects Candidate Without His Knowledge.

BOSTON, Oct. 30.—A complication in the vote of the Massachusetts members of the electoral college in the event that this state should go democratic in the November election is possible. This because of the inclusion on the ballot, among the democratic candidates for electors for Cox and Roosevelt of the name of Charles Francis Adams 2d, treasurer of Harvard college and skipper of the yacht Resolute in the America's cup races, who had requested that his name be withdrawn.

Mr. Adams said that he had been selected by the democratic state convention without his knowledge and that he did not wish to stand as a candidate for elector.

The letter requesting withdrawal of his name, according to Michael A. O'Leary, chairman of the democratic state committee, did not reach the committee headquarters until 25 minutes before the expiration of the time for withdrawals on September 30. Mr. Adams was notified immediately by telephone that withdrawal could be accomplished only by sworn statements by the candidate, according to the chairman, but the time limit expired without action and the name of Mr. Adams was placed on the ballot.

The vote of Mr. Adams, should he be elected, is in question. He has said that he understood an elector had a legal right to vote as he wished. Chairman O'Leary expressed the opinion that Mr. Adams, if elected, would vote in accordance with the apparent wish of the people who elected him.

Residence Sections for Gordon.

Reports from residence sections throughout the city show that Herbert Gordon is the favorite candidate of the voters.—(Paid Advertisement, Gordon-for-Mayor club; Ralph Coan, Pres.; C. C. Stout, Secy.)

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Unless it passes at Tuesday's election the city, because of a technical provision of law, can only collect two-thirds as much money for city service next year as we raised for 1920.

A forced reduction of one-third will mean disaster to Portland. After election will be too late.

Portland Taxes for City Service Are Now the Lowest of Any City on the Coast.

FIGURES!!!

What City Service Now Costs in Coast Cities	Per Capita Cost
San Francisco \$17,454,659	San Francisco \$34.44
Los Angeles 8,500,000	Los Angeles 21.81
Seattle 8,983,936	Seattle 28.24
Portland 4,790,239	Portland 18.54

COMPARISONS FOR DEPARTMENTS!

	SEATTLE.	PORTLAND.
Fire department	\$1,531,896	\$962,030
Police department	1,225,822	865,598
Health	630,590	117,775
Auditing	120,727	70,060
Treasurer	100,220	35,630

A reduction of the fire department will mean at least 25% increase in insurance rates.

(Paid Adv., Insurance Federation of Oregon. T. H. Williams, Chairman Executive Committee.)

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