

STEINER ASKING INVESTIGATION OF TIMBER SYSTEM

(Associated Press Telegram Wire)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—Timber sales in several northwestern states, particularly Oregon, by the government forest service to operators under non-taxable, non-interest, installment, or financed contracts, have aroused opposition of owners of private tracts, with whom they compete, and who pay taxes and interest and assume their own fire hazards, according to the press bureau of the Christian Science Monitor.

To meet the situation Frederick Steiner (R.) senator from Oregon has introduced a resolution providing for the establishment of a congressional committee to study conditions and recommend a remedial legislative policy.

The committee report, the resolution stipulated, should contain recommendations for appropriate legislation. The committee would be directed to work out a plan by which the public domain may be divided into separate classes, with the idea of expediting the disposal of all public domain so that 50 percent of the land might be permitted to pass into private hands. The committee would proceed upon the theory that conservation of public resources is to be continued as a permanent policy for the benefit of the entire nation, without placing any undue burden on the states in which the national forests are located.

Federal Committee Proposed. The report of the committee would include recommendations for the relief of national forest states to the extent that they may be injuriously affected by the fact that the forests do not yield taxes to the states.

The resolution provided for the appointment of five senators and five representatives, to be appointed by the vice-president and speaker of the house respectively, to report to congress not later than December, 1930. The resolution was referred to committee, but no hearings were held, owing to the lateness of the season and the

congested state of the calendar. Senator Steiner says that he will revise the resolution and introduce it during the seventy-first session next December, drawing it up so as to win the largest possible support in the West.

The forestry committee of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce in a petition to the senators and representatives from the state complains of the practice of selling timber from the forest reserve areas on a non-taxable, non-interest contract, with purchaser paying only a small amount down and balance as timber is cut, assuming no fire or storm loss. Such practices, it is claimed, tend to destroy the forest reserves and make them ineffective as water sheds; they throw an unfair burden of state and local taxes on privately owned timber and other real estate and amounts to government business in competition with the legitimate business of citizens.

The petition further complains that the practice of adding large areas of land adjacent to forest reserves to the domain under control of the forest service, tends to increase the amount of non-arable land in the counties affected and no provision is made properly to protect the counties. Such additions to the forest reserves tend to decrease the tax-paying area in many Oregon counties to a point that is unbearable; at the same time the area has to be policed and supplied with roads.

Exploitation or Conservation. It is also claimed that the practices of the forest service toward the part of Oregon embraced in the reserves are leading to exploitation, rather than conservation. The main contention is that the public land states should be compensated for the land set apart for conservation purposes.

The following recommendations are therefore made: Timber in all forest service contracts should be taxed on the same basis as privately owned timber; all lands in the forest reserve, not already sold on timber contracts, should be placed on a taxable basis, so that the United States shall pay the local governments a tax on the land.

It is pointed out that all other states have appropriated into private ownership their public lands, bringing them into the tax rolls. Forest conservation is in the interest of the nation, and the federal government should reimburse the states for the loss of these lands for taxation purposes.

and her lip swelling, and it takes all her strength and threats of breaking the engagement to keep you from killing Borden then. You two go to lunch together, she confesses that Borden had handled her—

"That also is not true!" Ruth interrupted furiously. "McMann ploughed on imperturbably. 'You're so angry with Borden, Harry, that you leave the hotel dining room in the midst of your luncheon and hurry back to the Starbridge Building, determined to have it out with him, possibly with your mind already made up to kill him. You call him on the phone—'

Jack laughed contemptuously. "That's likely, isn't it? If I had wanted to telephone Harry Borden I could have done so from the Chester Hotel without making a trip to the Starbridge Building."

"But you couldn't have shot him from the Chester Hotel!" McMann retorted angrily. "Maybe you did forget your theater ticket, as you say you did, and had to come back for them. Maybe you didn't intend to kill Borden until after you quarreled with him over the phone."

"It's not up to me to figure out just why you telephoned Harry Borden before you shot him. All I'm concerned with is that Harry Borden was shot as he stood in front of that window, that he had been heard defying your threats over the telephone, that you had a gun, which is missing now, and that the window of your private office is directly opposite the window at which Borden was standing when he was killed. That's enough for me!"

"But not for me, Mr. McMann!" Ruth cried, her eyes flashing as she shook off Jack's restraining hand. "And I know enough about criminal law and criminal court procedure to know that it will not be enough to warrant Mr. Hayward's arrest. Remember I'm Colby Lester's daughter!"

"You had a good teacher—the best in the world, Miss Lester," McMann answered with surprising gentleness. "But I'm almost certain that you're engaged to be married to Jack Hayward, and I believe he killed the man who insulted and mistreated you. I'm mighty sorry—"

"Please listen to me for a minute, Mr. McMann," Ruth pleaded. "I know you're only trying to do your duty—that you want to be fair. But there are so many things you aren't taking into consideration. First, you are making a mistake in believing that Jack had a motive for killing Mr. Borden. I admit that he saw from his window, the struggle that Mr. Cowan has told you about, but Mr. Cowan will gladly assure you that Mr. Borden was not making love to me—kissing me, or anything like that. He was simply trying to take off my spectacles, and I was foolish to scream."

"First—the body was robbed of \$500—"

"Just a minute!" McMann interrupted. "We have no proof that Borden was robbed. Beyond the fact that the money is missing. How do you know that he did not give the money to someone before his death?"

"He gave Mrs. Borden a check!" Ruth declared. "And he had a visitor except Mrs. Borden until Rita Dubois came, according to the evidence of the elevator operator, Micky Moran. . . . Oh, yes! Benny Smith was here, too, about half-past one, but surely you can't imagine Borden's making his office boy a present of \$500! Can't you see that it isn't fair to Jack to convict him on your own vain notion?"

"You've talked with Rita Dubois, haven't you?" McMann asked. "And she didn't see Borden. In all probability, if we're to put the natural interpretation on what she said to Moran, the elevator operator, about Borden's having 'stood her up,' Moran pointed out patiently."

"That's ridiculous!" Ruth cried, forgetting tact in her anger. "The natural supposition is that she was referring to Borden's having failed to meet her at the station, to take her away on the weekend trip to Winter Haven, as they had planned."

"Why give her the benefit of the doubt, when you have been so ruthless with Mrs. Borden, Jack and myself? Oh, please be fair! Don't you see how likely it is that it was Rita Dubois—who who last saw Mr. Borden alive? Since for some reason he failed to keep his appointment with her, he would be expecting her home."

"Probably she telephoned him and he asked her to come, or she simply came to see why he had 'stood her up' at the station. He would admit Rita, would unlock the door for her, but not for Jack Hayward. And don't forget—someone closed that window after Harry Borden was murdered. Jack could not have done so. He could not have got in. He has no key to this office of course."

"The girl's passionate outburst was interrupted by Birdwell. 'Philips, the waiter from the Chester Hotel, sir.'"

(To Be Continued)

MONTH FEBRUARY ABOVE BUSINESS LEVEL LAST YEAR

(Associated Press Telegram Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25.—In the twelfth reserve district seasonal activity in industry and trade was well maintained during February, 1929, and the volume of business transacted continued at levels above those of a year ago. Preliminary reports for March indicate that the customary spring expansion in activity has been experienced during that month.

Demand for credit was relatively heavy during February and early March, and interest rates ranged higher than at any time in recent years. The banking record of the period is distorted by the financial adjustments which accompany the March tax assessment and tax payment dates, but over the period as a whole it gives some indication of underlying credit trends. Total loans at reporting member banks of the district increased from 1,293 million dollars to 1,369 million dollars between February 6 and March 20, the result entirely of increased secured loans. Commercial loans of these banks on March 20 were 2 million dollars or 0.2 per cent below a year ago and their security loans were 73 million dollars or 21 per cent above a year ago. Total discounts at the federal reserve bank of San Francisco declined from \$2 million dollars on February 6 to 72 million dollars on March 20, but were still 9 million dollars or 14 per cent higher than in March, 1928. Interest rates on all classes of paper have tended upward during recent weeks.

Expansion of industrial production in February was largely the result of increased activity in the mining and the petroleum refining industries. The copper mines of the district are now quite generally operating on overtime schedule. Unfavorable weather during February caused some reduction of lumber output, but early March report gave evidence of the resumption of an active production program. The downward trend in the volume of urban building continued.

Trade was well maintained during February and was more active than a year ago. After allowance for the usual seasonal movement, the reported value of sales at wholesale and at retail was smaller than in January. The volume of merchandise carloadings in the district was unchanged as compared with the previous month. Sales

of new automobiles increased by more than the usual seasonal amount during February. Weather conditions have not been wholly favorable in the agricultural areas of the district, and some damage to crops and a decline in condition of livestock have been reported. During early March the widespread shortage of water was partially relieved by general rains.

NEW BUILDING WORK BANS STATE PRISON VISITORS (Associated Press Telegram Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 23.—Because of heavy construction work at the state penitentiary, necessitating the employment of a hundred or more prisoners outside the walls for several months, the prison will be closed to visitors beginning next Monday, according to announcement by Superintendent Henry W. Meyers.

Relatives of prisoners will be allowed to enter the prison under regulation. The suppression of general visitation is a matter of precaution.

The prison is to begin the construction of an administrative building, which also is to contain the women prisoner quarters, and a combined garage and cell block for trustees, costing a total of over \$50,000.

BUTLER HOTEL IS NUISANCE, JUDGE NETERER RULES (Associated Press Telegram Wire)

SEATTLE, Mar. 24.—Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer yesterday held the Butler hotel, at one time a leading hotel here, a public nuisance.

Judge Neterer indicated in his opinion that he was undecided whether the hotel should be padlocked at the time or only after 3 o'clock at night or whether only the "rose room" should be locked up. Arguments on this phase of the case were set for April 1.

Abatement proceedings have been bitterly fought here and characterized by many prominent persons, had been called by John Savage, proprietor of the hotel, to prove that the famous "rose room" of the hotel was not a wicked as prohibition agents painted it.

When Judge Neterer took the case under advisement, he asserted from the bench that it had not been proven that Savage or anyone connected with the hotel management had been engaged in selling liquor.

Attorneys for the hotel announced appeal would be taken from Judge Neterer's decision. Meanwhile they will seek to keep the "rose room" open under bond, which could be forfeited if liquor is found there by dry forces.

INDIANS TO PUSH CLAIM FOR MONEY UNDER OLD TREATY

NORTH BEND, Ore., Mar. 24.—George Wasson, agent for the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians in the effort to obtain redress for their land appropriated by the whites in the '50s, last night addressed a meeting at Empire, site of the famous treaty signed there in 1855. He told a group of 100 interested descendants of the various tribes the details of the plans for presenting claims in the court of claims.

It was decided to call a general mass meeting in the community hall at North Bend next Sunday. Then arrangements will be made for preparing the tribes' petitions and completing a census of those entitled to participate in the money that may be allotted in the court of claims.

An investigation for the government will appear here in June or July to represent the interior department and the court of claims. Attorney Henderson, who has been awarded a fee of not to exceed 10 per cent of the government refund, will arrive earlier to assist the Indians in preparing their case.

Agent Wasson said that the acreage claimed by the three tribes has been agreed to involve no less than 1,500,000 acres, extending from Ten Mile creek above Hecla head, to the Coquille river. If the Indians secure an award of \$1.25 an acre from the government, the maximum allowed by the new bill they would receive a total of \$1,937,500.

Lowest estimates of the number who would participate in the distribution was placed at 700, and it is believed the correct number would be nearer 1000. The claimants are hopeful that the matter will reach the court of claims within 12 months.

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LATEST CHINESE WARFARE INVOLVES 20,000 SOLDIERS

(Associated Press Telegram Wire)

CANTON, China, Mar. 25.—Military leaders in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi have begun mobilization of their forces preparatory to aiding Wuhan in the Wuhan-Nanking breach, Chinese reports today said.

Large forces in eastern Canton were reported concentrating at Waichow preparatory to marching northward, while the Kwangsi units stationed at Lichow, in that province were reported evacuating northeast to Hunan.

It was estimated at least 20,000 soldiers were involved in this initial outward movement against Nanking.

FOOCHOW, China, Mar. 25.—Six thousand Kiangsi province communists were reported here today to have invaded northwest Fukien, capturing Tingcheo fu and Shanghai and defeating the Kuomintang. The provincial troops later recaptured Shanghai and the situation was reported under control.

CHIEFOO, Mar. 25.—The U. S. S. Trenton started yesterday from here for Tsingtao but because of disagreeing reports from the Shanghai area today was ordered to return.

The reports were from Tengchow and Hwang Haien and said that the forces of Chang Tsung-chang, reinforced by 7,000 men, were proceeding to an engagement with Liu Chen-Nien, commander here, near Kusten, with Chang Tsung-chang himself commanding. Liu had his defenses in good condition and was prepared for a battle.

The conditions over the countryside continued frightful, with thousands of refugees pouring in daily in an endeavor to reach Dairen.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by E. H. Fletcher, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure reduced to sea level 5 a. m. . . . 30.30

Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (today per cent) . . . 71

Highest temperature yesterday 52

Lowest temperature last night 39

Average temperature for the day . . . 46

Normal temperature for this date . . . 48

Precip. in inches and hundredths: Precipitation for 24 hours, ending 5 a. m. . . . 0

Total precip. since 1st month 1.62

Normal precip. for this month 3.25

Normal precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date . . . 16.02

Normal precip. since Sept. 1, 1928 . . . 26.41

Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928 . . . 10.39

Normal seasonal precip. Sept. to May, inclusive . . . 31.19

Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Rainy tonight and Tuesday; normal temperature.

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