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**FREDERICK WEYERHAUSER ONCE
A MILL HAND.**

Though Greatest Power in Timber
Business, Lives Quiet Life.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—Although Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the billionaire lumberman who is reported critically ill at Pasadena, Cal., has made his home in St. Paul for many years he is almost as little known to the people of this city as to the public in general. And this despite the fact that he is believed to be the richest man in the United States, richer probably by some millions of dollars than John D. Rockefeller, whose name is synonymous for riches in almost every part of the civilized world. Weyerhaeuser, with his timber land possessions aggregating \$9,000,000 acres, is said to be worth close to \$1,250,000,000 which at the present rate of advance in lumber is increasing by leaps and bounds.

The personality of Frederick Weyerhaeuser is little known. He is a recluse and his own business associates have never shared his secrets. His home life in this city is quiet and simple. Even to those who know him best he is a living puzzle, an enigma, a mystery.

Born at Neldersauhelm, a hamlet of southern Germany in 1834, he worked as a farm laborer until his 18th year, when he made up his mind to seek his fortune in a land where freedom played a more prominent part than it did in South Germany at that time. So in 1852, accompanied by his mother and sisters, he crossed the ocean.

Settling first in Erie, Pa., he found work in a brewery, but migrated four years later to Rock Island, Ill. where he got employment at \$1 a day piling slabs in a sawmill. In a little more than a year he owned the mill. In a fellow worker at the mill, F. C. A. Denckman, Weyerhaeuser found a fellow-countryman, destined in after years to be a close ally in all his schemes and enterprises. Together they bought the other men out of the business, and soon found themselves free of debt and with enough capital to enable them to strike out with boldness and confidence.

From the time he acquired his first sawmill until the present the life of Mr. Weyerhaeuser has been a slow, unceasing, steady grind of buying timber cheap, selling it at a profit, then acquiring still larger tracts. He first visited Wisconsin and Minnesota, where he discovered lands rich in timber that could be purchased for a few cents an acre. He and his partner bought the lands. Sawmills were constructed, and money began to roll in fast.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser, as the leading spirit in the partnership, created the little known and mysterious "Weyerhaeuser syndicate" which soon was soon acknowledged by the lumber world to be the most powerful factor in the trade. He Mississippi River Boom and Logging company of which he was elected president in the early eighties, has always been the base of his known transactions.

Master of the marvelous forests in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and in Washington and other states in the far Northwest, Weyerhaeuser in time came to control most of the logging done on the Mississippi. He was able to fix the price of logs, the price of handling them on the rivers, the price of sawing them, and the price of the finished product.

And in all this, he shunned publicity like the Grand Lama of Thibet. Though possessed apparently of an unquenchable ambition, he has never made a display of his wealth. The simple life of their earlier days has satisfied him and his family. He has never cared for yachts, automobiles, fast horses and other luxuries common to the millionaire class. His four sons all received excellent educations, but were obliged to work in the lumber camps and go through the mills as their father did before them.

Kaiser to Travel.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Prince Adalbert, the Kaiser's third son will sail shortly for Brest aboard a German battleship, to make a tour of the German settlements, according to an announcement just made.

**COMMISSION APPOINTED TO
FERT OUT IMPROVEMENT.**

Great Skill Shown by Army Men in
Packing and Unpacking Mules.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(Special).—To study the problems encountered in mountain artillery work, a special board has been created by the Secretary of War, which will give its entire attention to this phase of artillery studies in the United States army.

The board consisting of three artillery officers has been ordered to take a station at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, and will act as a substitute to the general field artillery board. At Fort Russell the department has two companies of mountain artillery and the topographical environment is especially adapted to this practice.

Considered technically the problems of the mountain artillery service are identical with those of field artillery. The distinguishing feature is the problem of transportation. Guns and equipment must be provided which can be taken into places that are inaccessible to the ordinary heavy artillery batteries.

The much abused army mule plays a leading, if not the principal part in mountain artillery transportation. Gun, gun carriage, ammunition, and all the different parts are packed upon mules and the field of a mountain battery are practically unlimited, a mule can reach places almost inaccessible to man.

The gun used is almost universally of 2.95 inch bore, and fires two sizes of shells, weighing 12.5 and 18 pounds respectively. These guns are short and stubby, being only 31 inches in length. They are effective at 4,000 yards, which, considering the shortness of the barrel, is a remarkable demonstration of the advance in artillery since the Civil War.

In a level country this gun may be hauled by a mule, but in the hills it is always taken down and the various parts divided between several different pack mules. The gun barrel is loaded on one mule, being placed on a specially constructed saddle.

Upon a second, the cradle of the gun is placed, while a third carries the trailer of the carriage, and a fourth the wheels and fixtures for loading and cleaning the gun. Other mules are loaded down with boxes of ammunition, usually twenty rounds to a mule. The loads are so divided that each mule carries about 330 pounds.

Soldiers assigned to mountain batteries become highly proficient in the packing and unpacking of guns. The feat of unloading the parts of the gun from four mules, assembling them, loading the gun and firing it has been performed in less than twenty-five seconds. Packing upon mules is an art within itself and requires long study.

Mountain artillery has been put to practical use against the Moros in the campaigns in the Philippines. The Moro country is a succession of mountains and swamps. Officers who have seen the necessity of mountain artillery are very enthusiastic over the possibilities of the use of these weapons in the development of the Philippine islands.

**LOCUST YEAR IS
AT HAND**

**LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY EXPECTS
PLAGUE AGAIN**

Some Method of Protection Has Been
Devised by Farmers There.

Chicago, Feb. 23 (Special).—This is the year of the 17-year and of the 13-year locust, which will cover the Mississippi valley, particularly its lower half. The famous 17-year brood largely will play their shrill drums in the eastern states. In 1898 a very careful study of the 13-year locust was made by L. O. Howard, Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and also by entomologists of several states including Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. In a report just issued by the Bureau of Entomology Mr. Howard says: "The periodical cicada when it appears in great numbers, naturally causes considerable alarm and fear for the safety of shade trees and orchards. The actual damage, however, is usually slight except in the case of

newly planted orchards and even here, by vigorous pruning back after the cicada has disappeared much of the injury caused by the punctures can be obviated." For any one who has intended to plant young trees this year, the following advice is given for protective measures:

"Ordinary repellent substances, such as kerosine emulsion or carbolic-acid solutions, seem to have very little effect in preventing the oviposition of these insects. Some more recent experience, however, indicates that trees thoroughly sprayed with Bordeaux mixture or lime wash are apt to be avoided by the cicada, especially if there are other trees or woods in the neighborhood on which they can oviposit. The most reliable means of protecting nurseries and young orchards is by collecting the insects in bags or umbrellas from the trees in early morning or late evening, when they are somewhat torpid. Such collections should be undertaken at the first appearance of the cicada and repeated each day."

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