

# INVENTORY OF FORESTS MADE

## Nation Taking Stock of its Forests and Woods; Chief Forester Greeley Makes a Report.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—As never before the world is taking stock of what it needs, Chief Forester William B. Greeley says in his annual report, "Not the least important of these things is wood, he says, and to take stock of how much wood we have and what we shall need is an important step in determining our future attitude toward our forests."

"As a background to this broad inquiry," Colonel Greeley continues, "forest service investigators have recently completed a unique and exhaustive compilation of the forest resources of the world. One startling revelation is that so far as our great structural and all purpose wood—the softwoods—are concerned, we must become self-sufficient or go without. Siberia has great forested areas, yet if all the Siberian timber were at the disposal of the United States the quantity available for annual export would hardly amount to one-fourth of our demands. Further, a great part of the forests of Siberia lie within the interior of the continent and never will be available. There is an immense reservoir of hardwoods in the tropics, which can be used for building and special purposes that seemed at mahogany prices. But the struggle for the world's supply of softwoods will become more and more intense, and those nations will fare best that produce their own suitable waste lands for growing coniferous woods. This year, since the dream of those who rely on importing the timber we need when our own is gone."

"The situation is not hopeful when we turn to our own forests. There has been a marked and fairly steady decline in our national output of lumber from about 48,000,000 board feet in 1906 to less than 34,000,000 board feet in 1922. This downward trend, which seems unlikely to turn permanently upward again at any time that can now be foreseen, has taken place in spite of a large increase in population, with its increasing demand for housing,

furniture and wood in many other forms. The decline in the production of lumber and the increase in population have resulted in a striking drop in the per capita consumption of lumber—from over 500 board feet per person in 1906 to about 320 board feet in 1922. This decline in the consumption of wood unquestionably means a decline in the standards of living. Of this declining standard the shortage of housing is an impressive example.

"The shortage of lumber, with its corollary of high prices, has followed the westward sweep of lumbering, while the bulk of our population and the greatest demands for lumber remain in the central and eastern states. The nation's lumber shipment in 1922, a recent forest service study shows, was no less than 2,076,000 carloads, and the average haul for each carload was 455 miles. According to the best estimate the forest service is able to make, the freight bill on lumber for that year was \$272,000,000. This sum merely gives one measure of the cost of treating our forests as mines instead of timber farms. A fraction of this sum wisely invested each year in forest protection and re-plantation would grow timber where it is needed, reduce the national freight bill, cheapen lumber, and release vast amounts of railroad equipment and labor for unavoidable transport. Coal and iron can not be grown but timber can be."

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He was released on habeas corpus proceedings.

### STATE EMPLOYE RESIGNS

SALEM, Jan. 11.—Miss Marie Marshall, who is to be married to Trevor Kincaid of Portland early in February, has resigned her position as chief clerk in the office of the state labor department. She will be succeeded by Miss Erma Gordon. Miss Marshall has been employed in the state house for the past eight years.

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# COUNTRYLESS MAN EXISTS

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# PILOTS READY FOR DANGERS IN NORTH

(By Associated Press)

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 12.—Pilots of the western division of the United States Aerial Mail Service have been ordered by Claron Nelson, superintendent, to carry with them snowshoes and extra food. Nelson said he decided upon this measure because of the recent accident which befell Henry G. Boonstra, pilot, whose plane was wrecked recently during a blizzard in northwest Utah. Boonstra, who had no snowshoes or extra food, underwent many hardships during a thirty-six hour fight to reach shelter.

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