

LUMBER MARKET NOW STRONGER

Strength and activity continue to feature the lumber market. Retail buying, consequent to active fall building, is voluminous, and industrial purchases are gradually increasing, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The mills reporting to the Southern Pine Association entered October with the heaviest order files they have had for months, and that business with them remains good as indicated by the association barometer, which shows that bookings recently have been above normal and have exceeded production by a good margin. Current stock sheets show lower and badly broken stocks, and new prices carry advances that run from \$1 to \$4 above the levels prevailing a few weeks ago. Common boards and dimensions are the strongest items and further advances on these are expected. While demand is largely for yard stock, there is also a good call for industrial items of all descriptions, as well as for export stock. Railroad ties are buying more heavily than for some time, both of timbers and car material. Complaints of car shortage are becoming more frequently heard, but production conditions generally are favorable.

Tremendous activity features the Douglas fir market. Orders are heavy and have lately been running considerably above normal and above production. Of bookings and shipment, forty-three per cent has been the recent average amount to move by water. California and the Atlantic seaboard have been heavy takers of fir lumber and, though Japan has not bought important quantities, there is much business coming from foreign markets. Demand from rail territory is heavy, but buyers find it hard to place orders, as manufacturers find so much attractive water business that they have little stock available for rail shipment. Fir prices are strong.

Leading hardwood producing centers both in the North and South report that demand continues to increase slowly but steadily, practically all large consumers coming into the market frequently for fair amounts of lumber. Dry hardwood stocks are badly broken, and buyers often have considerable trouble in securing their requirements. While there have recently been some readjustments in prices, whereby recessions have been made on some woods to bring them into line with the market, an upward tendency in the general market continues and is proportionate to the increasing shortage of dry lumber.

Seattle Officials Probe Into Wholesale Poisoning.

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—With victims all reported out of danger, county officials Monday will start an investigation of the circumstances under which 25 men and women attending a convention of a Parent-Teachers' association at Round Bay, were poisoned, supposedly by contaminated food served at dinner. Samples of the food served will be turned over to the county health department for chemical analysis.

Who Will Get Them?



Robert Howard, Jr., 2, and Catherine Bruce Gamble, 4, are now, according to wire reports, with their father, Robert Howard, in Florida. He refuses to give them up to his wife who obtained a divorce from him last July in Paris. She maintains he took them from her home at Huntington, L. I., without her consent.

Waiter, Mussolini's Army Trainer, to Visit Premier

LONDON, (AP)—The sergeant-major who gave Signor Mussolini his first military training when he joined the Italian army as a private in 1916, and who now is a waiter at an English seaside resort, will make a visit to Rome when his summer duties are over to accept an invitation to call on the Premier. Alfredo Carminati, the waiter, has become the idol of the Italian Colony in England since the advent of Mussolini and his position has been enhanced by the receipt of a letter from Italy's "iron man" answering congratulations in which he is invited to pay a call.

"I had heard of Mussolini," said Carminati, telling his story for the English papers, "but only as a Socialist orator in the streets of Milan. You can imagine my surprise when one morning in the winter of 1916 Mussolini and his Socialist friend, Credoni, presented themselves at the barracks at Cassinova and enlisted in the army."

"Both men were attached to my battalion and it was my duty to put them through their paces. It was quickly apparent that Mussolini was a born fighter. Although he had preached socialism he showed his extreme views as soon as he donned the uniform of an Italian private. His cry was 'New boys, get on with it.'"

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