

LUMBER MART VERY ACTIVE

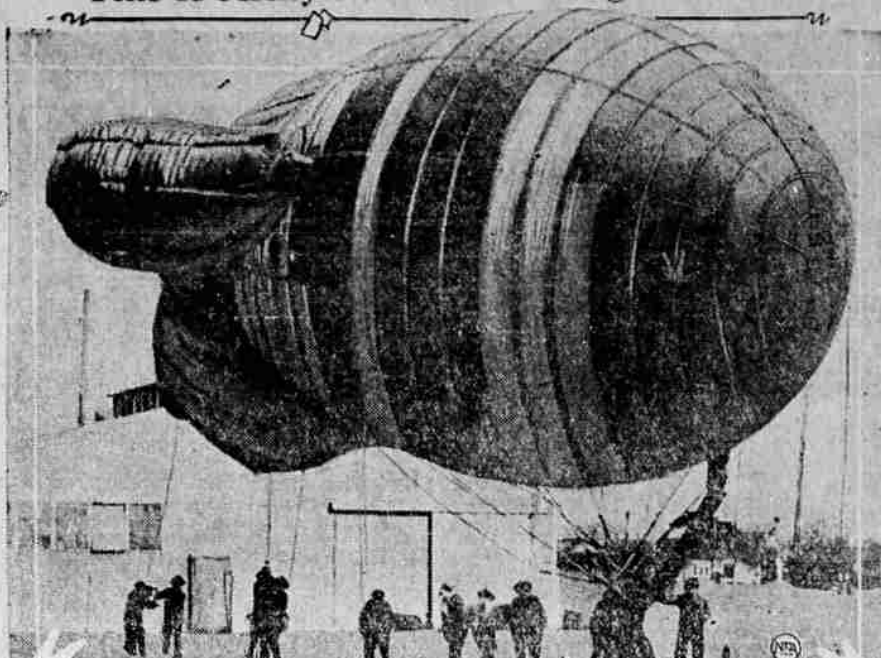
According to reports from all producing sections, the lumber market during the last week has been unusually active for this time of year, when inventories and the close approach of the holidays normally have a deadening effect. There has, of course, compared with the very considerable demand during the latter part of November, been some lessening, but this has not been nearly as marked as had been expected. Inquiries meanwhile are very plentiful, and all indications point to even more active trading by both retail dealers and industrial consumers soon after the first of the year, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The recent demand has depleted stocks of many popular items, and wholesalers report growing difficulty in placing orders, both in the South and on the west coast. The mills, having accumulated sizable orders show no eagerness for new business and are consistent in their refusal of orders for future delivery unless the price is left open; this because they have confidence in the market's strength. Prices are very firm in practically every wood and are steadily advancing.

Southern pine is in a most advantageous situation. Not only has it enjoyed a continued excellent demand from southern cities and agricultural districts, but has also had a good call from other sections, particularly the middle west. A most encouraging trade has begun to develop in the oil fields. Placements of railroad and car materials since the national election have had much to do with the present strength of the market. Exports have also improved lately and promise well for the next year. Douglas fir has enjoyed a big demand for rail delivery to the middle west and east, and for cargo delivery to the Atlantic seaboard. Shipments are being made as fast as the lumber is produced, and there are virtually no stocks available on the coast. Western pines have also benefited by the recent situation. While demand for shop lumber has remained relatively poor, that for yard stock has been heavy and has resulted in a materially stronger market. A good demand continues to be reported by hardwood manufacturers, with nearly all the consuming industries actively in the market. There is also an improved outlook for business from the automobile industry, which fact is especially encouraging to the hardwood mills. Hardwood prices have showed further strengthening practically all along the line, but have not advanced materially as yet.

Another Egg Record Claimed.

TACOMA, Wash. (AP).—The best official egg laying record ever established by a heavy hen is claimed for a Rhode Island Red owned by Mrs. E. G. Covey, of Toppenish, Wash. This hen was entered in the recent laying contest conducted by Washington State college. It laid 298 eggs in a year.

This Is Army's Newest Barrage Balloon



Air service men and attaches of Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, O. are seen here filling the army's newest barrage balloon in preparation for an experimental flight. It has reached an altitude of 20,000 feet in one test. The ship carries instruments for recording weather conditions, wind velocity and other data. The time of its ascent and rate of the expansion and contraction of the skin.

Bootleggers Turn To Smuggling of Aliens

GRAND FORKS, N. D. (AP).—Tightening of the immigration restrictions has turned many erstwhile liquor runners to the less hazardous occupation of smuggling aliens into the United States from Canada, according to William Flynn, director in charge of this immigration district. Two hundred men keep watchful eyes on some 1,200 miles of border line under Mr. Flynn's direction, and it is inevitable that this small force cannot keep under constant observation every mile of the line. There are two principal methods employed in smuggling aliens, according to Mr. Flynn. One is for the alien desiring to enter the United States to work his way to some city near the border and then watch for an opportunity to walk across the border. The other and more common method is for veteran smugglers to load an automobile with aliens and drive across the border, dumping them down at almost any place, with no particular regard as to the possibility of the aliens being taken into custody within a short time. These smugglers invariably leave the aliens with very little money, Mr. Flynn declares, and it is easy for the smugglers to average 100 for each person thus illegally transported. As a rule the foreigners are driven only a mile or two across the border, but occasionally they are taken to some town on the United States side, perhaps several miles from the line. While deportation has been common practice, prosecution is being

followed in this district and "is getting good results," Mr. Flynn said, as "the prospects of from three months to a year in prison is not so inviting to alien as the mere prospect of being deported."

The alien runner has been known to make from \$50 to \$2,000 on one trip. Unlike the running of liquor, there is no original investment and no prospect of losing out, as he collects in advance from his clients and then dumps them at the first available spot without danger to himself.

CHERRY MEN ORGANIZING
SALEM, Ore.—Cherry growers from all sections of the Willamette valley met here today and decided to affiliate with a proposed organization to include cherry producers from the states of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho. The growers also went on record

demanding that the import duty on foreign cherries be increased from 2 to 5 cents a pound. Another meeting will be held in Portland in January, at which cherry growers from the four western states will be represented. An effort will be made to have Oregon's representative in congress attend the session.

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department that the trophy, which cost nearly \$10,000, be exhibited in the national capital rather than in Oregon on account of the danger of breakage in shipment. The trophy weighs nearly half a ton.

Public Gatherings Taboo.
EUGENE, Ore.—All public gatherings of every nature in Oakridge have been ordered closed on advice of Dr. R. M. Kerron, county

health officer, on account of the evidences of diphtheria there. The little son of A. Jones, who died of diphtheria this week, had exposed a number of children at school and at a moving picture show and a number of other cases have already developed. The schools have been closed for a number of days and all moving picture shows, churches and dance halls have been closed until further orders.

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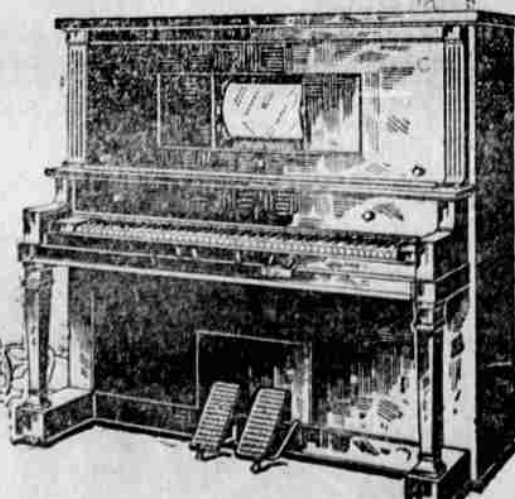
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