

ROAD OF CONGRESS WILL BE INVOKED

Lumbermen to Hold National Convention to Discuss Car Shortage.

IN CHICAGO NEXT MONTH

Reciprocal Demurrage Bill Will Be Drafted and Presented at Present Session—Roosevelt's Indorsement to Be Requested.

Congress will be asked to relieve the car shortage. National legislation on the subject of rolling stock supply will be sought at the present session. As a means of reaching an agreement on the bill to be presented, a great convention of lumbermen from all parts of the United States is being arranged, to be held at Chicago during the first week in January.

Nearly 2000 lumbermen have been asked to give their views on remedial measures by the American Lumbermen's Association of Chicago. The editor of this publication, J. B. DeFebaugh, has sent telegrams to every prominent lumber manufacturer in the country during the past two days, and next week will publish their opinions on the advisability of asking aid from Congress.

Fred H. Gilman, of Seattle, manager of the Pacific Coast department of the Lumbermen's Association, was in Portland yesterday and explained the purpose of his journal in inaugurating the move. He says that everywhere encouragement is being given the convention plan, and that there is little doubt that the gathering will be held. But little time remains to draft a bill, and it is the earnest desire of many lumbermen to have Congress pass without delay a measure which will aid the lumber industry by compelling the railroads to supply cars in sufficient quantities to move lumber products to market.

The opinion of lumbermen all over the country on National reciprocal demurrage is being asked by the Lumbermen, and it is expected the response will be indorsed by the convention will take this form. Pressure will then be brought to bear on Senators and Representatives from all the states to enact a reciprocal demurrage bill at once.

Will Be Second of Kind.

The Chicago gathering of the lumbermen will be the second of its kind. In 1897 the American Lumbermen issued a call for a convention in Cincinnati to demand the restoration of the tariff on lumber. The conference followed the passage of the Wilson bill, which admitted Canadian lumber free of duty. Following the election of President Roosevelt, the American Lumbermen's Association of the United States assembled in January, 1897, to petition Congress for the restoration of the duty on lumber. The purpose of the convention was to secure the passage of a bill to relieve the car shortage.

That the business of the lumberman is in as serious a plight now as it was then is the belief of Mr. DeFebaugh, who recently made a trip through the lumber districts, where he found almost complete demoralization, due to the inability of the railroads to take to market the products of the mill. It is believed that conditions on this Coast are even worse than in the East, where a shortage of rolling stock has caused untold loss.

It is believed that the lumbermen will join heartily in the movement to obtain National legislation.

The subject will be brought up at the meeting of the Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association today at the Chamber of Commerce, and it is expected that that organization will cooperate heartily in the movement. Shippers in other lines are expected to aid in securing shipping legislation. Wheat and four shippers have suffered almost as greatly as the lumbermen, and they are in the great wheat sections of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Sound Shippers in Line.

"Lumbermen on the Sound think the plan a splendid one," said Mr. Gilman yesterday on his arrival from Seattle. "Quick action is necessary, but I think the lumbermen are going to reach out to do everything that can be brought about the success of a National movement."

"Shippers do not care about collecting demurrage from the lumbermen, their object is to get cars moved. Any money in lieu of cars would be small compensation. It is likely all shippers would work with the lumbermen, for they are embarrassed by the present condition."

"The plan is for the lumbermen to get together and talk the matter over and make a basis on which a bill can be prepared for presentation to Congress. States can accomplish a great deal, but it will take National legislation to give complete relief. Washington has a reciprocal demurrage law, I understand, but it has never been enforced. I am told it cannot be made to apply to interstate traffic, and that an act by the Congress is the only thing that will bring about a change in conditions."

The matter is of such importance to the shipping interests of the country that it is hoped a special message from the President can be secured on the subject, thereby bringing his influence to bear in having the law passed with the least possible delay.

Text of the Telegram.

Following is the text of the message sent out to the millowners by Editor DeFebaugh, of the Lumberman:

We want your explicit views on a National reciprocal demurrage bill to be reached us by 4 P. M., December 15, Send Western Union collect marked "Special press rates."

Cover fully. The progressively increasing car shortage continuing from year to year has reached a point where it threatens the prosperity of the country and the lumber industry. Laws and court decisions relate only to the railroad interest, while reciprocal obligations as common carriers are ignored.

Believing the time has come for National action and that the matter is urgent, as anything introduced at this session of Congress should be presented promptly, I propose, on behalf and with the approval of the lumber industry to issue a call for a meeting of the representatives of the lumber associations and individual shippers, together with representatives of other great shipping industries, to be held at Chicago during the first week of January, 1907, to prepare an argument in behalf of reciprocal demurrage, and to draft a bill to be presented to Congress, we hope in a special message from the President, backed by the weight of such a convention, providing for an amendment to the Interstate Commerce Law, which shall provide for just and adequate reciprocity in car service.

In such a law lumbermen will concede National demurrage regulations, while demanding equivalent penalties from the railroads for failure to perform their duties as common carriers.

LUMBERMEN MEET TODAY.

Conference on Car Shortage at the Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a meeting of lumbermen of Oregon and several representatives from the State of Washington in the Chamber of Commerce Hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock, to discuss legislation

WORK PROGRESSING ON FILL IN MONTGOMERY SLOUGH, LOWER ALBINA



VIEW SHOWING FILL AT PRESENT STAGE OF OPERATIONS.

Progress is being made on the big fill under way in Lower Albina across Montgomery slough. Over 10,000 cubic yards of material will be needed to complete this embankment. Work has gone forward rather slowly, but the Pacific Bridge Company has sublet the contract for dumping the dirt from the Foster block into the slough to Rebell & Co., and they are now pushing the work with scrapers and dump wagons at the north end of the old trestle. It is estimated that 30,000 cubic yards will come from the Foster block. The sub-contractors have a considerable plant on the ground, and it is expected that the embankment will be completed within reasonable time. Also a considerable portion of the material will be brought in by dump cars. While the work on the fill is in progress the passengers on Lower Albina cars walk across the trestle, as it is not considered safe for cars. Waiting-rooms have been built at each side of the slough and the walk on the trestle is lighted by incandescent lamps.

MORMONS MENAGE

Henry Z. Johnson, of Boise, Tells of Idaho Situation.

IMPORTANT ISSUE THERE

He Declares the Mormons Are Flocking to Oregon and Some Day Will Demonstrate Their Power Politically.

The Mormon question is a very considerable issue with the people of Idaho and the time is fast approaching when the people of Oregon will have to contend with it. The Mormons are rapidly gaining numbers in Oregon and when they are strong enough they will come down to Salem and tell the people of this state what's what. You know little of their strength now and your people will not realize it until the thousands have the upper hand. Then they will be heard from.

So says Henry Z. Johnson, a prominent lawyer of Boise, who is a guest at the Oregon Hotel. Mr. Johnson although he never ran for public office in his life believes that Idaho politics must be cleansed of Mormonism and is of the opinion that the two great parties of that state will some day unite against the Latter Day Saints. He believes that Oregon should have a common interest with Idaho in disfranchising the Mormons as he thinks they will soon be a powerful if not the all-powerful factor in politics in this state.

CHOSEN FOR WIDER FIELD

Barrett to Reorganize Bureau of American Republics.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 14.—

Ever since Secretary Root made his visit to South America and he became convinced not only of the immense possibilities of our commerce with that part of the world but of the importance of bringing about closer relations of friendship and intercourse with all the Latin republics from Mexico to Argentina, he has, in co-operation with the Ambassadors and Ministers of those Nations, been working on plans to make the International Bureau of American Republics a great and powerful institution. He believes that it should be the principal agency in the Western hemisphere both for promoting commerce between the United States and the Latin Republics and for providing all kinds of information about the progress and growth of every Pan-American country. In short, he would have it a clearing-house of information, investigation and action, and with the universities, colleges and educational centers, in order to develop closer intellectual and social association.

In accordance with this plan, the Secretary of State and the leading Latin-American Ambassadors and Ministers, who constitute the governing board of the International Bureau, have asked John Barrett, United States Minister to Colombia, to take the Directorship of this bureau and carry out their plan for reorganization and extension. Barrett, the Secretary of State, returned from South America, President Roosevelt had intended to promote Mr. Barrett for his position as Minister to Colombia to be Ambassador to Brazil, as a reward for the hard work done in Colombia to bring about better relations between that country and the United States and Panama, but, after Mr. Root's return and his informing the President of other plans for Mr. Barrett which involved greater responsibility and opportunity than that of the post of Ambassador to Brazil, the President changed his intention and advised Mr. Barrett to take the bureau. Although the position has been offered to Mr. Barrett, he has not yet definitely decided to accept, and as there is a bare possibility that he may have to return to Colombia in connection with the final negotiation of the pending treaties, no formal action has been taken by the Board. He has the ministerial advice and will probably decide in the near future.

Barrett left Washington on Tuesday, December 11, directly for Portland, and should arrive there tomorrow night. He will remain until after Christmas, returning here to take over the International Bureau of American Republics, in the event he accepts, at the beginning of the year.

LADIES' SHIRTWAIST SALE

Today, at Le Palais Royal, 318, at batross, mohair, etc., waists worth \$3.50, your choice \$1.95. 375 Washington St.

PLAN FINE THEATER

Russell and Blyth Behind \$500,000 Building Project.

SUPPORTS THE MAYOR.

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The Mayor's request that the warrants which he signs be based upon documentary evidence, showing fully the history of the transactions involved, certainly seems reasonable, and anything short of this method can hardly be regarded as proper and efficient handling of the city's business.

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If the ditch is established as proposed it will include more than 4,000 acres in the watershed, 400 acres of which is waste land and will be reclaimed. It will include within the benefited district a greater area of land than the famous

MONROE-HARRISON DITCH

Some statistics on this big ditch are as follows: Total number of yards to be excavated, 1,023,750; number of miles of open ditch, 2.5; number of miles of drains, 122.5; total number of miles in district, 147.7. In the widest place the width of the bottom will be about 40 feet and the depth will exceed 12 feet. It follows the general course of Mud Creek and flows into the Des Moines River a short distance southeast of the town of Bancroft.

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Thousands of women, who suffer untold misery for years from backache, headache, dizziness, etc., do not know until too late that it is their kidneys.

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that it is to their advantage to join in this movement. We have suggested that from 50 to 60 business men and property owners subscribe \$500 of the stock each. If they do this, nothing can prevent Portland from having one of the finest play-houses in the West."

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. F. O'Neil, a banker of Wallace, Ida., is a Portland guest.

E. G. Ames, of Port Gamble, Wash., a member of the Puget Sound Lumber Company, is registered at the Portland.

A Vreeland, a popular travelling salesman who has visited Portland regularly for several years, accompanied by Mrs. Vreeland, is at the Portland. The Vreelands are at their honeymoon.

H. B. Smith, of Seattle, traveling passenger agent for the Erie Railroad, and J. F. Jack, chief clerk in the offices of the general passenger agent at New York, were in Portland yesterday. This is Mr. Jack's first visit to the Coast. He is much impressed with the city.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Astoria, Or.—Florence; Misses Flavel.

From Seattle—Rand; C. M. Sheaf.

SUNDAY TRIPS TO SEASIDE

The A. & C. R. R. will run an excursion to Seaside every Sunday at the round trip rate of \$1.50. Take advantage of the low rate and see the ocean. Tickets for sale during the week at 238 Alder street and at the Union Depot, Sunday morning.

On Sing Will Test Ordinance.

On Sing, a Chinese pig merchant who was brought into the Federal Court on a writ of habeas corpus, will be given a hearing this morning before Judge W. J. Conroy. The habeas corpus proceedings are brought to test the new ordinance against Chinese pig sellers, whom the city is trying to drive out of business.

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