

COMMISSION HEARS OF BUSINESS ILLS

Federal Board Asked to Give Suggestions

LUMBER TRADE HURT MOST

Witnesses Blame Speculation and Over-Production.

FRUIT MEN WANT COMBINE

Importance of Timber Industry to Others of Pacific Northwest Related, but Representatives of Each Explain Depression.

Business in the Pacific Northwest is bad—that was freely and frankly admitted almost unanimously before the Federal Trade Commissioners yesterday.

All witnesses were agreed, however, that the commission can be and should be of material assistance in bringing about the improvement.

There was universal agreement, too, on the proposition that the lumber industry is the backbone of business in the Pacific Northwest, and that the lumber industry, more than any other, is experiencing distressing demoralization.

Lumber Situation Has Stage Center. Most attention was given to the lumber situation in the hearing that occupied the attention of the commission for four hours yesterday morning.

War Blamed for Condition. The various elements that have contributed to the present stagnation of the lumber industry were presented for the commission's review.

Foremost in the list of causes was placed the diminishing demand due to the European war, but next in order and closely behind it were placed careless financing and speculation.

Shingle Men Deplore Tariff. The commission also received some written testimony in addition to the oral evidence, and some of these documents emphasized the tariff as the probable cause of depression in some branches of the lumber industry.

Fruit Men Also Ask Combine. The fruit men, as well as the lumber men, appealed to the Federal officials for permission to combine, under the commission's direction, for the purpose of exploiting their wares in foreign trade centers.

GERMAN CONFIRMS ATTACK ON ORDUNA

VESSEL MISSED BY TORPEDO BECAUSE OF MISCALCULATION.

Submarine Commander Says in Report When Warning Was Disregarded Vessel Was Shelled.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND. (Special correspondent of the New York World. Copyright, 1915, by the Press Publishing Company. Published by arrangement.)

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The Ministry of Marine informs me that an official report has been received from the commander of the submarine that recently attacked the Cunard liner Orduna.

The commander of the submarine says that he saw the Orduna through his periscope and took the liner for an English steamship of about 6000 tons. He fired a torpedo but miscalculated the size and speed of the Orduna, and the shot failed to strike.

The Minister of Marine tells me that he has not yet received a report about the sinking of the Iberian, on which two Americans lost their lives.

234,771 PLAY IN PARKS

Popularity of Grounds and Tanks for Children Shown by Figures.

The popularity of Portland's playgrounds and swimming tanks is shown in a report prepared by the park bureau, giving 234,771 as the total attendance in all playgrounds during June and July of this year.

WEED BILL LAWS PASSED

Cutting Assessments Made Against Property as Liens.

Ordinances assessing against property owners a total of \$1218 for weed cutting done a year ago were passed by the Council yesterday.

NAVY SWINDLE CHARGED

Clerk Accused of Taking Pay for Transfer of Enlisted Men.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—George D. Will, a clerk in the bureau of navigation of the Navy Department, was arrested today on a warrant charging conspiracy in that he was concerned in a scheme to obtain sums of money from enlisted men of the Navy for transfers.

APPEAL TO MEXICO ON WAY TO LEADERS

Document Sent in English to Capital.

FRIENDLY EFFORTS CONTINUE

Washington Hopes to Win Over Carranza Generals.

SCOTT STAYS ON BORDER

Chief of Staff of Army Expected to Do Important Missionary Work.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Pan-American appeal to all elements in Mexico to cease fighting and join in a movement to restore constitutional government began to go forward from the State Department tonight.

First, the document was directed to the various Latin-American legations, whose attaches will translate it into Spanish and deliver it to the military leaders in that vicinity.

EASTLAND NEARLY RAISED

Federal Engineers to Examine Vessel's Interior at Dawn Today.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—When the work of raising the steamer Eastland, which capsized in the Chicago River July 24 and drowned nearly 1900 persons, was stopped by darkness tonight, United States District Attorney Cline announced that the vessel had been raised 73 per cent of the distance necessary to right her.

YOUNG TURKS SCORN CHIEF

Decision on War Minister's Plea for Break With Italy Postponed.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 13.—Reports have been received from Constantinople that the Young Turks held a meeting at which Enver Pasha, the Turkish Minister of War, argued the necessity for breaking relations with Italy and thus freeing Turkey from the "leading spy," namely, the Italian Ambassador, and simultaneously adopting severe measures against the Italians.

BRITAIN AROUSES SWEDEN

Embargo on Coal Purchased for Navy Causes Public Feeling.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Aug. 13.—The British government has refused to permit two shipments of coal purchased by a Swedish firm for the Swedish navy to leave England.

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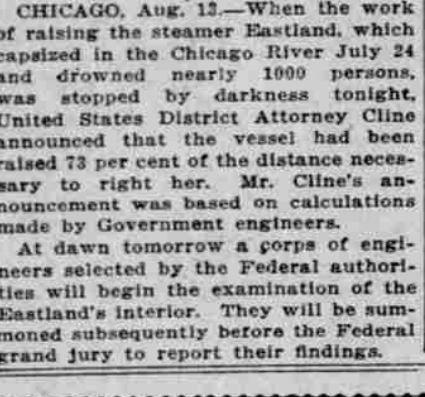
YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 78 degrees; minimum, 65 degrees. TODAY'S—Saturday fair; northwesterly winds.

GIRL LOST LIFE IN CREEK

Sapling Thrown by Companion Saves One in Swimming.

ESTACADA, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Presumably in an attempt to rescue one of her two companions from drowning, Miss Ruth Githens, 16, a popular student of the Estacada High School, lost her life in Eagle Creek near here late today.

TOO HEALTHY.



PACIFIC MAIL SELLS FIVE BIG VESSELS

Steamers to Go to Atlantic Coast

FLAG NOT YET DETERMINED

Manchuria, Mongolia, Siberia, Korea, China Transferred.

SEAMEN'S LAW IS CAUSE

Chief Objection Is to Clause Requiring Crew to Speak Language of Officers—But Others Contribute to Result.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, in pursuance of its plan announced some time ago of disposing of its fleet and other property, has sold five of its steamers to the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia.

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Intimation Given That Dacia May Be Released Conditionally.

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Friday's War Moves

FIELD Marshal von Hindenburg personally has taken command of the German army attacking Kovno, and, according to the German official report, has made further progress in the fighting against the Russians in that region.

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Argentine Money Conditions Said to Be More Favorable—American Prices Also Said to Be Regarded as Excessive.

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FOUR WED 1000 FEET UP

Divorced Pair Marries Others in Same Ceremony on Mountain.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Setting up their wedding altar on the summit of a bluff high above the Grand Ronde River at Rondova, two couples who live in the timbered highlands of Western Willough County, were married Tuesday afternoon.

TWO BIG FIRES IN WOODS

Blaze Does \$20,000 Damage at Mine and Burns 300 Acres.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Aug. 13.—Timber on 300 acres of land has been destroyed in a forest fire that is raging along Twin Creek, which empties into Pend d'Oreille Lake in the northern part of the state.

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