

3 FOOD REASON FOR DEPRESSION GIVEN

Lumberman Says Compensation Laws, Waste and Untruthful Publicity Hurt.

UNSALEABLE STOCK BURNED

Smaller Mills Declared to Lack Facilities for Utilizing Low-Grade Material—Suggestions for Improvement Offered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Workmen compensation laws, failure to utilize waste material and "untruthful publicity" regarding the destruction of forests, with consequent appeal to people to use substitutes for wood, were given by E. A. Seifridge, Jr., of Willets, Cal., today as contributing factors in the lumber industry's depression.

Mr. Seifridge is president of a large lumber company. He appeared before the Federal Trade Commission in its opening session here. Wages, he said, had not increased operating costs, but the numerous laws had caused an increase of from 50 cents to \$1 on each \$100 of payroll, which ought to be met in some manner.

"Inability of the small mills to work profitably, trade material into refined products is responsible for a steady supply of fuel for refuse-burners," Mr. Seifridge said.

Unsatisfactory Stock Burned.
"Stocks were burned for lack of a market could be sold for enough to return at least a portion of the cost of manufacturing, under a properly organized and efficient selling organization."
Questioning by members of the commission added statements that the redwood lumber industry had not devoted attention to finding new uses for wood and that ignorance of trade conditions often caused small mills to "make ridiculous" prices.

Depression in the Industry, Aside from the immediate effects of the European war, was charged largely to the lack of co-operation.
Fear of running afoul of the law was given as one reason for redwood lumbermen's backwardness in organizing for trade.

Suggestions for Improvement Made.
These three suggestions for improvement of conditions were offered by Mr. Seifridge:

"Agreements permitting organization of selling agencies, each territory."
"Maintenance of a uniform freight rate on forest products to permit the closest utilization of raw materials as the stocks are possible."
"Modification of shipping and navigation laws to permit the use of foreign bottoms under American registry in international trade and to meet competition in the world's trade."

Among the plans suggested for relieving the situation was one by George X. Wenzling, of San Francisco, who advocates government regulation of the prices of lumber by the Trade Commission from the mill to the consumer, allowing profits in the retailer, but eliminating the wholesaler and the broker.

NEXT TO BEST NAVY URGED

Veterans of Foreign Wars Adopt Resolutions for Defense.

DETROIT, Aug. 17.—The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, assembled in National convention here, today adopted resolutions favoring a Navy second only to the Great Britain's, a regular Army of 125,000 men; a reserve force of 200,000, to meet in camp annually, and the appointment of a National council on military training to co-operate with all patriotic societies in the plans for adequate defenses.

During the discussion of the report of the resolution committee Rice W. Means, of Denver, the chairman said: "Preliminary to the adoption of plans for a larger Army and Navy the insurance companies of the United States should be taught or compelled by law not to discriminate against the man who enlists for National defense. Many barriers which now discourage men with families from enlisting must be swept aside."

MAN HONORED AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION AS OREGON'S FOREMOST CITIZEN.



Simon Benson, a prominent Oregonian, was honored at the San Francisco exposition as Oregon's foremost citizen. He was the only Oregonian to be so distinguished. Benson, a native of Oregon, has spent much of his life in the state, and his achievements in various fields have earned him this high honor. He was recognized as a leader in his community and a representative of Oregon's progress and industry.

DAY IS OBSERVED

Honors Heaped on Mr. Benson at San Francisco.

Thousands of people gathered in San Francisco to celebrate the day when Simon Benson was honored as Oregon's foremost citizen. The occasion was marked with speeches, parades, and various public events. Benson's contributions to the state and to the nation were widely praised, and his presence at the exposition was a source of pride for all Oregonians.

THROGS IN ATTENDANCE

Glories of Exposition and Hospitality of Many Hearts Combine to Make Climax of Oregon Week Memorial.

The Oregon Week Memorial celebration in San Francisco was a grand affair, drawing thousands of people from across the state and foreign lands. The exposition showcased the state's resources, including its agriculture, industry, and natural beauty. The hospitality of the San Franciscans to the Oregonians was noted as a highlight of the event.

Mr. Benson, vice-president of the exposition, presented a report on the state's progress. He spoke of the state's growth in various industries and its commitment to public improvement. His speech was met with great interest and enthusiasm by the audience.

Mr. Benson received the medal amidst loud applause, and responded briefly but appropriately. He said in part:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Oregon is today a great state, a state of progress and opportunity. We have achieved much in our short history, and we are confident that our future holds even greater promise. We are committed to the welfare of our people and to the advancement of our state.

Though Oregon is thought by many to be a backwoods state, you will remember that Lewis and Clark first discovered the Pacific coast, and it is from Oregon that the great westward migration began. The state has a population of only 1,000,000. Why, then, should we not be justly proud of our achievements? Why should we not be justly proud of our resources? Why should we not be justly proud of our progress?

AMERICA'S TRADE BALANCE IS HUGE

British Expert on Credit Explains Abnormal Exchange and Offers Remedy.

GOODS STILL IN DEMAND

Curtailment of Tourist Travel Important Factor—Nations Must Have Credit if They Continue to Make Purchases.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Sir George Palaish, editor of the London Statist, gave to the Associated Press today a statement concerning the present abnormal rate of exchange and the proposals for rectifying the situation by establishing a large credit in the United States. Sir George is a recognized authority on international credit operations. Concerning the present situation he said:

"The fall in American exchange on London to a discount of about 4 per cent is due simply to the great purchases of American products by the peoples of earth. In normal years Europe pays the United States for goods purchased largely by means of gold. This year there have been naturally few tourists visiting Europe from the United States.

Moreover, Europe this year is buying from the United States much greater quantities of goods than normally, American exports to all the world in June having been not less than 20 per cent greater than normally, while her imports from the rest of the world were smaller than usual. Thus the trade balance in favor of the United States is quite exceptional.

"For the six months ending with June, America's imports were reduced some \$11,000,000. Her exports, on the other hand, expanded \$54,000,000. Her tourist expenditures, which normally are at least \$200,000,000 a year, were practically nothing.

"Last year, however, she was borrowing money from Britain and Europe, whereas this year she has been buying securities back from Europe. After allowing for all outgoing the trade balance in favor of the American people in the first half of 1915 was nearly \$700,000,000 and they took payment of this vast sum in about \$120,000,000 in gold and the balance in securities and credits.

Balance Continues to Grow.
"But in the June half of the year America's exports were much smaller than they will be in the December half of the year, and in the next six months probably will be much larger. It is the volume of exports to Europe that depends upon the American people themselves. If they wish to sell their goods they will have no difficulty in doing so.

"Obviously it is quite impossible for Europe to buy upwards of two thousand millions of dollars of goods from the United States in a single year unless

less the American people are willing to do what the British people always have done—take payments for goods in securities. American exports will be limited in the current half-year only by the ability of the European and other nations to pay for goods, first by shipment of their own products to the United States; second, by shipment of gold; third, by sale of securities, and fourth, by means of credits. If the American people are dubious about giving credit, then it is obvious the amount of goods they sell must be reduced to the amount for which the nations can pay for by other means."

Future Depends on America.
Sir George Palaish says the question whether Great Britain will continue to buy or will enforce drastic economies at home depends on the United States. He adds:

"As the American people are desirous of extending the foreign trade and wish to make the United States a great international money market, I have no doubt that they will, when they know what is needed, gladly provide all credit facilities necessary to enable European and other nations to buy their wheat, corn, cotton, fruits and many other products of agriculture and manufacture, not only to a normal extent, but the abnormal and vast quantities essential at this time of war.

"None can question the present unparalleled opportunity for America to extend her trade and commerce, as well as to gain for her a reputation as a great money market, and no one who knows the American people can doubt they will rise to the occasion and by granting necessary facilities sell greater

THESE are the very newest Fall suits I am showing at special prices.

Fabrics and models that exhibit the best skill of weaver and tailor; weights suitable for early Fall wear along the Pacific Coast.

Shown here at three attractive prices:

Special \$14.85
Special \$19.85
Special \$23.50

Look at the men's new topcoats in knitted fabrics; extremely smart and stylish.

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth



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FARM SPECIALIST COMING

Agricultural Department to Send Man for Oregon Survey.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 17.—(Special).—According to the Agricultural Department, a specialist in farm management will be sent to Oregon to survey the state's agricultural conditions and to report on the most effective methods of production.

BAR LICENSE DUE SEPT. 15

Lewis Treasurer Sends Statements to Sallowkeepers in County.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special).—County Treasurer Raught has mailed to the saloonkeepers of Lewis County statements that their taxes will be due and payable by September 15. His action is pursuant to an order of the State Board. It is planned to collect all of the taxes of the county before the license expires from time to time, prior to December 31, when the state will go dry.

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For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

Information for Tourists

Mountain, River and Beach Resorts Where to Take a Short Trip Out of Portland

Herewith is a list of short trips in and about Portland. If you are in doubt about any point, or the trip you have heard about is not mentioned here, call at the Information Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce or phone them—Bell Phone, Broadway 440, or Automatic, A 6091. Information will gladly be given. Literature of interesting points furnished—Time Cards, Beach and Mountain Resort literature. The Oregonian asks the names and addresses of tourists for publication. Enclose your business card with name of your party to Summer Resort Dept., The Oregonian, Portland.

MOUNT HOOD RESORTS. Cloud Cap Inn is a delightful retreat, 6000 feet above sea level, on a sheltered spur of the very mountain itself, and is located just at the upper edge of the timber line. The trip to the Inn usually is made by rail to Hood River and thence by stage. The round-trip rate, including all traveling expenses is \$12.50. Service begins July 1 and continues to September 15.

WELCH'S RHODOCENDRON AND TAWNEY'S are located on the south side of the mountain. Automobile from Estacada, Canby, Bull Run cars leave First and Alder every four hours, daily and Sunday, every hour as far as Gresham. Good points for basket picnic.

Portland to either resort, round trip, each \$5. Oregonian on sale at these resorts.

COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY
A scenic drive of rare beauty, built along the south shore of the Columbia River, a distance of about 40 miles from Portland. A series of remarkable waterfalls, rugged peaks and deep canyons are among the attractions.

Electric carline to Boring, 34 miles; automobile to Welch's Rhodocendron and Tawney', round trip from Portland, \$7.75. Same as above with horse stage all the way, \$12.50.

Peninsula Park-Sunken Gardens—A city park and well worth a trip. Take St. Johns or Kenton car.

WELCH'S HOTEL Oldest resort in the Mount Hood district. Good water, fine dining, fishing, horseback riding, etc. Rates \$2 per day, \$10 per week.	SOL DUC HOT SPRINGS AND SANATORIUM The greatest health and pleasure resort on the Pacific Coast, in the heart of the Olympic Mountains, open for the season. For full information address: The Manager, Sol Duc, Wash.	RELIANCE MT. HOOD AUTO STAGES Daily to Mount Hood resorts 8 A. M. Round trip \$5; Gov. Camp \$7.50. Special rates for week-end and climbing parties. Information, reservations and tickets at ROUTLEDGE SEED & FLORAL CO., 160 2d St., Main 900 & 511, or Irving's Garage, East 12.	HOTEL MOORE Seaside, Clatsop Beach, Oregon. The Pacific Coast's most popular ocean resort. Directly overlooking the ocean. European plan. Rates \$1.50 a day, special week-end rates. Dining-room service a la carte from 6:30 A. M. to 8 P. M. Grand evening entertainment. Hot salt water baths, bathing, natatorium for indoor swimming, canoeing on the Necanicum River; good auto roads. Automobiles leave Hotel Moore for Elk Creek and Cannon Beach. DAN J. MOORE, Prop. Hotel Moore, Seaside, Or.
THE WARREN CANNON BEACH. The only hotel on the beach front. Good fishing, hunting and surf bathing. Unsurpassed table, excellent service, large airy rooms and bungalows. Auto stage meets all trains. P. O. Box 61, Mt. & Warren, Prop.	SHIPHERD'S HOT SPRINGS The Ideal Health and Recreation Resort. Summer Cottage and Camping. CANNON, WASH.	FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, is the day of our Annual Factory Shoe Sale, during the sensation of WRIGHT'S COR. FOURTH AND ALDER STS.	CLATSOP BEACH Is the Nearest to Portland of Any Coast Resorts—a Four-Hour Trip Along the Lower Columbia River. CLATSOP BEACH RESORTS. GEARHART and SEASIDE. HAVE VISITED BY ONE DAY, HOUNDTRIP, FROM PORTLAND. SEASIDE LIMITED, 8:30 A. M. 8:30 WEEK-END SPECIAL, 1:30 P. M. 8:30 SEASON ROUND TRIP Stop over en route to or from California Expositions.