

## LUMBER ON RISE, MILLMEN DECLARE

Plants Now Are Overcrowded With Orders.

## SURPLUS STOCKS DECREASING

Tacoma Meeting Decides to Broaden Operations.

## EASTERN AGENT PLANNED

Booth-Kelly Official Says Concern Has Refused Several Offers and Other Companies Have Taken Solicitors Off of Road.

## TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 26.—(Special.)

In addition to statements showing market conditions have greatly improved and prices advanced, members of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association this afternoon at the quarterly meeting showed evidence that the lumber industry is on the upturn of better times. There were about 75 lumbermen present, most of whom attended the banquet and informal good time tonight, which included a mock trial.

## Prices Are Rising.

Facts brought out at the meeting indicated that drop in prices had advanced \$5 within the last few weeks, and orders have been turned down at that figure, which is within \$8 cents of the 1912 price; stocks on hand at 55 mills reporting for this year, 1914 and 1915 show decreases over last year at November 1st from 50 to 55 per cent in nearly every grade and 60 per cent in every grade of lumber except No. 1 and No. 2 vertical grain flooring. 1 by 4 inch have increased until they are now about level with the 1912 price and in some instances ahead.

The trustees of the association at their morning session voted to change the name to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, to broaden the scope of the membership.

## Oregon Mill Refuses Orders.

Optimism was expressed by every lumberman who talked at the meeting and it was plainly brought out that the lumbermen are standing together as never before in being the industry out of its depression. Establishment of an Eastern inspection office was announced by Secretary Thorpe Babcock, the association's inspector to be located at Minneapolis within a few days.

## Seattle Operators Declared.

Seattle operators declared that the Southern mills had taken their traveling men off the road because they had all the business they could produce. He said prices in the Northwest should advance and that the mills should quote no prices for future delivery.

More optimism about prices, strengthening of the weaker mills, more of the booster spirit and better relations between the industry and the Government were suggested as needed in a paper read by Austin Carr, special agent of the Bureau of Commerce, who has been investigating lumber conditions on this coast since last year. Carr has completed his work and is returning East.

## 25 CARS ARE SHIPPED DAILY

Eugene Mills Are Selling Rapidly and New Cars Are Available.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Twenty-five carloads of Oregon lumber are being shipped every day from Eugene and surrounding towns to points in California, according to Colonel J. L. May, transmaster of the Southern Pacific, who arrived in Eugene today from Portland.

The shortage in freight cars that has been prevalent in the Upper Willamette Valley for several months is gradually lessening, according to Colonel May. He said the company was sending empty freight cars to Eugene and the lumber towns on the branch lines as rapidly as possible. With the increase of the number of freight cars the shipping of lumber will increase comparably.

Colonel May formerly had charge of the Eugene and Roseburg district, with headquarters in Roseburg. He will remain here a short time.

## BOMB PLOT FRUSTRATED

Attempt to Wreck Factory Menaces Important Lakes Canal.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.—The discovery today of a bomb near the Montreal Trucking Company's factory frustrated the police believe, an attempt to wreck the Lachine Canal, on the banks of which the factory is situated.

## MIKADO INFORMS HIS PREDECESSORS

YOSHIHITO COMMUNES WITH SPIRITS OF ANCESTORS.

Formal Announcement of Conclusion of Accession Made at Imperial Mausoleum Near Kioto.

KIOTO, Nov. 26.—Accompanied by the whole court, Emperor Yoshihito left here this morning for Inagunomura, in the suburbs of Kioto, to visit the mausolea of the Emperors Kokaku, Ninko and Komei. This was to permit the Emperor to pay his respects and formally announce the conclusion of the accession to the spirits of several of his imperial predecessors, as he had done previously before the mausolea of Emperor Jimmu and Emperor Mutsuhito.

Emperor Kokaku was the great-grandfather of the late Emperor Mutsuhito, Emperor Ninko the grandfather and Emperor Komei the father of Emperor Mutsuhito. The tombs of those Emperors are at the same place in a peaceful hamlet named Inagunomura. The ceremonial conducted before the mausolea was the same as at the mausolea of Emperor Jimmu and Emperor Mutsuhito.

After finishing his worship the Emperor and the imperial retinue returned to the imperial palace here.

## \$700 IN LOOT NOT CLAIMED

Wife of Special Patrolman to Get Unidentified Goods.

Goods as yet unidentified and valued at nearly \$700 will be returned to Mrs. H. F. Courtney, wife of the special patrolman who was caught robbing one of the stores he was employed to watch, unless they are claimed within a few days, announced Detective Heller yesterday. That which has been identified as stolen will be returned to the original owners today.

## WAR TAKES KAISER'S ROOF

Metal to Be Used in Making Munitions for Army.

BASEL, Switzerland, via Paris, Nov. 26.—The copper roof is being taken from the imperial castle at Donaueschingen, Germany, and will be used in the manufacture of munitions of war. This roof weighs many tons.

## WOMEN SAFE AT BITLIS

Anxiety for Two Missionaries in Turkish Town Allayed.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—Anxiety for the safety of Miss Grissell McLara and Miss Myrtle O. Shanon, missionaries at Bitlis, Turkey, who had been reported killed, was allayed today when the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions learned through the American Embassy at Constantinople that they were well.

The two women were the only mission workers to remain at Bitlis after the evacuation of the country in the vicinity of Van last June.

## NEW LINER OFF FOR ISLES

Great Northern Has 400 Passengers for Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—The liner Great Northern sailed from here today with a passenger list of 400 on her initial trip to the Hawaiian Islands to establish a four and one-half day service between here and Pacific Coast ports. She will call at Los Angeles and Hilo, T. H., on the voyage to Honolulu, but will return directly from Honolulu to San Francisco.

## GERMAN CRUISER IS SUNK

Frauenlob Reported Victim of Allies' Submarine in Baltic.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The German protected cruiser Frauenlob has been sunk by a submarine of the allies off the southern coast of Sweden, according to a semi-official announcement made at Petrograd today by a dispatch to the Central News Agency.

## NAVY TO GET DIRIGIBLE

Engineers Estimate New Balloon Will Be Ready in Month.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 26.—Work on a dirigible war balloon for the Navy will begin at the Navy-yard here on December 15, it was announced today. The airship will be 175 feet long and 50 feet in diameter. It will cost \$25,000 and Naval engineers estimate the work will be completed in a month. The trials will be held in this vicinity.

## LISTER DECLINES TO GO

SHATTLE, Wash., Nov. 26.—Governor Lister sent a telegram to Henry Ford today, declining the invitation to become a member of the peace mission to Europe, because of pressure of official duties.

## WILSON MAKES NO PLEDGE TO WOMEN

Peace Advocates Call at White House.

Time Declared Opportune

Visitors Say Practical Results Would Be Attained.

## FORD'S SCHEME IS SIMPLE

Out of Trenches by Christmas and Never Back Again.

Automobile Maker Tells Mass Meeting in His Motto.

## WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Efforts to win President Wilson's support for a conference of neutrals to initiate peace proposals in Europe reached a climax today when Mrs. Hoarka Schwimmer, of Hungary, and Mrs. Ethel Snowden, wife of a member of the British Parliament, called at the White House with a personal appeal and word that they had definite information that the majority of the belligerent nations would not turn deaf ears to suggestions from a neutral gathering.

They talked with the President for more than half an hour and went away much pleased over their reception, though the President had made no promise.

## 400 Accompany Callers.

About 400 peace advocates, fresh from a mass meeting held at a Washington theater, accompanied the President's callers to the White House, applauding them as they entered and left the executive offices.

The President was urged to initiate a peace conference or at least to signify that he would appoint a delegate from the United States if another neutral nation called on him. He was told that women peace advocates who have visited every belligerent and neutral nation in Europe believe from talks with officials abroad that practical results would follow. He also was informed that Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, here to cooperate with the women, had in his possession statements, some of them signed, from officials in some of the principal countries on both sides of the European conflict, to the general effect that they would interpose no objection to the calling of a conference of neutrals to make peace proposals.

## Wilson Believed Impressed.

Mrs. Schwimmer, who saw the President several months ago on the same subject and who was not optimistic then, said tonight that she believed the President was deeply impressed with the information laid before him.

"The President made no definite promise," she added, "but I think you will hear something from the White House before long."

At the White House it was said that there would be no statement regarding the call. Up to this time the position of the President has been that he has heard nothing from Europe which leads him to believe that the time is opportune for him to take any step. At the mass meeting today resolute.

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## \$10,000 RAISED FOR JEWS OF PALESTINE

Rabbi S. S. Wise Gets Sum in Half Hour.

## PLIGHT OF RACE BRINGS TEARS

Story of Plague and Starvation Graphically Told.

## BEN SELLING GIVES \$1500

Julius Meler Contributes \$1000 and Mrs. Sigmund Frank \$650, Followed by Several Gifts of \$500 Each—\$150,000 Sought.

Generous-hearted members of the Congregation Beth Israel raised \$10,000 in less than half an hour last night to buy food for starving Jews in Palestine, where, as in the Biblical days of old, the people are afflicted with famine.

## Flight of People Is Pictured.

He told how men and women and children are starving because of the heavy burden of war taxes, imposed by the Turkish government, added to which is their loss of income due to the shutting off of all exportation of the products of the country.

## LAND IS SOLD FOR TAXES

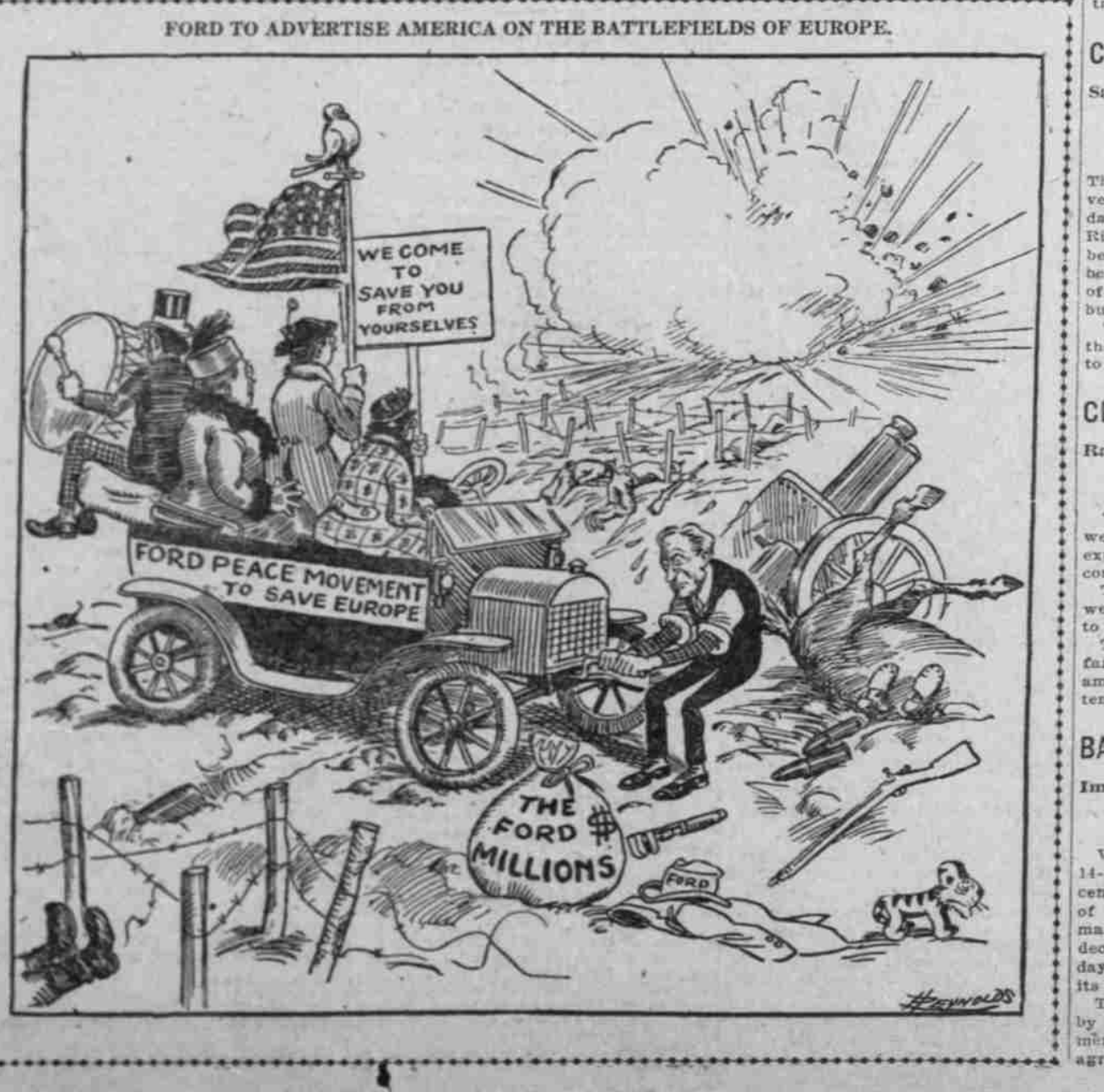
City Disposes of 23 Parcels, While 52 Owners Pay Up.

Twenty-three parcels of property in various parts of the city sold at auction yesterday for \$137,000 at a sale held at the City Hall for delinquency in street and sewer assessments. There were many bidders. The property was sold only for the amount of the assessments against it.

## KITCHENER VISITS ROME

British War Secretary Confers With Italian Officials.

ROME, via Paris, Nov. 26.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British Secretary for War, today had an hour's interview with Premier Salandra and later conferred with Baron Sonnino, Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Earl Kitchener took luncheon at the British Embassy, the Italian Ministers of War and Colonies being present. In the afternoon he saw General Porro, under-chief of the general staff.



## WARDEN REFUSES TO HANG PRISONER

ARIZONA OFFICER IS THREATENED WITH CONTEMPT ACTION.

Condemned Man Declared by Physicians to Be Insane, Though Death Warrant Signed.

## ASTORIA RATE FIGHT AIDED BY PORTLAND

Parity With Ports on Puget Sound Asked.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTS

Proportionately Lower Charge for This City Proposed.

## LOCATION IS ADVANTAGE

Resolution Adopted by Board of Directors Leaves No Doubt as to Position, as Defined by Transportation Bureau.

## 50 MILLIONS LENT BRITAIN

American Banks Are Protected by Government Bonds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The committee of bankers which recently was organized to perfect an additional British commercial credit today announced that a six months' loan for \$50,000,000, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest and secured by \$11,000,000 British government bonds had been arranged.

## FIRE HORSE DIES OF GRIEF

"Bob," One of Oldest in Service, Closely Follows Mate in Death.

A broken heart is given as the cause of the death yesterday at Forest Grove of "Bob," one of the two oldest fire horses in the Portland service. He died while "on pasture" after 15 years in the fire service.

## JOYRIDERS ARE INDICTED

Unauthorized Use of Auto Leads to Grand Larceny Charge.

A joy ride taken Sunday night by Dr. Francis C. Johnson, a young dentist, and Stanley Johnson, a borrowed automobile, resulted in their being bound over to the grand jury on a charge of grand larceny yesterday morning.

## CREW FOR PORTLAND ILL

Sailors on Sovereign Are Stricken With Beri Beri.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Nov. 26.—The four-masted Norwegian bark Sovereign, which sailed from Liverpool 151 days ago in ballast for the Columbia River, put in here today with six members of her crew suffering from beri beri. One sailor, Harry Snalberg, died of the disease November 1 and was buried at sea.

## CLEARING WEATHER IS DUE

Rainfall in November Nearly Equals Average for Three Months.

With the barometer rising the weather man says Portland is due to experience merely occasional and not continued rain for the next 24 hours.

## BABE NOT TO BE DEPORTED

Immigration Permits Belgian Orphan to Stay in America.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Jeanne, a 14-month-old Belgian baby girl, recently brought to New York by a woman of England, will be permitted to remain in the United States, under a decision by the Immigration Bureau today, overruling a deportation order by its officers at New York.

The case was brought to the bureau by counsel for Mrs. Percy Proctor, formerly Baroness von Blaufuss, who has agreed to adopt the child.