

UNSKILLED-LABOR SHORTAGE LOOMING

Supply of Skilled Workmen Still Exceeds Demand. Wage Advance.

LUMBER INDUSTRY AWAKES

Prospective Great Activity Fails to Extend to Other Lines of Industry—Little Construction Work Is in Sight.

Although Portland mastered fully 2000 unemployed men to work on the streets during the "big snow" two weeks ago, a serious shortage of labor for the lumbering and logging industry is threatened before the middle of March.

For the first time in more than five years, employers of labor actually are concerned over the problem of securing enough men.

This situation applies exclusively to the unskilled and semi-skilled labor market. The city has all the skilled men, craftsmen, mechanics and artisans that it can employ.

In the face of this situation the price of labor is advancing. Day labor went from \$2 to \$2.25 a day within the last two weeks. The market is firm at \$2.25. Employers predict that it will be \$2.50 before the activities of early spring are fairly inaugurated.

Lumber Industry Demands Men.

The principal demand for men today comes from logging camps and small lumber mills.

Scores of logging camps along the Columbia River and in various parts of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington have begun work within the last few days. Many are preparing to start within the next few days.

Hundreds of men are leaving Portland every day to take up work there. Additional lumbering are being recruited in the villages and towns in the immediate vicinity of the camps and mills.

The Nohalem Timber Company at Seapoope will begin operations today with about 150 men. More men will be taken on later in the month.

The Benson Logging Company at Clatskanie is preparing to start work soon. The advance guard of men went to work a few days ago.

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The Cathlamet Timber Company at Cathlamet, Wash., also is starting work and will require a large force.

The Standard Box & Lumber Company has started activities in its new mill at Scofield, Tillamook County, and has recruited scores of workmen from Portland and from towns on Tillamook Bay.

A large force of men has been enlisted by the Western Coopers Company, near Astoria. Activity is promised throughout the summer.

Another scene of activity on the Lower Columbia River is the plant of the Big Creek Timber Company at Bappa.

Over at Brookings, on the Oregon coast, the Brookings Lumber Company has started activity. Operations will begin in the latter part of the month.

Three big mills and their connected logging camps have been consolidated and are under the active direction of Messrs. Nattine, formerly at the Nattine Lumber Co., near Tillamook.

Larkin Bros. are working a large force at Blind Gulch, near Tillamook. They will require fully 200 men before the end of the summer.

Near Rainier, on the Lower Columbia, the Noyes-Hollan Lumber Company has a crew of men to work. They will cut over a large area of timber.

Coates Company Starts.

The A. F. Coates Lumber Company at Tillamook has started operations with 150 men and expects to increase their forces within a short time.

Other mills and other camps are getting ready now to begin work later in the season. The demand for logs continues and the price promises to advance. Activity also will be resumed on plants in the Willapa Harbor and Grays Harbor districts of southwestern Washington.

While the price of common labor has advanced substantially as a result of this wholesale activity, the price of semi-skilled help has gone up correspondingly. The following scale was the logging camps: Choice setters, \$3; rigging workers, \$3; snipers, \$2.75; donkey firemen, \$2.50; swappers, \$2.50; chute greasers, \$2.50; signal boys, \$2.50; dishwashers, \$2.50; cooks, \$2.50 per month and board.

Yardmen in the mills now are getting \$2.25 a day. A year ago the price was \$1.75. Big rustlers in the camps got \$2.25; a year ago the wage was \$2.75; fallers are paid \$3.25; last year they got \$2.50 and \$2.75.

Other Lines Are Quiet.

It is apparent, however, that comparatively little work will be done in the Northwest this year aside from the logging camp activities. Not much railroad construction work is promised. A. Guthrie & Co., who are lining the St. Johns tunnel in Portland for the O. W. R. & N. Company, now are employing about 250 men on that work.

It is probable that Twoby Bros. will put a force to work later in the year on the new line between Grants Pass and Crescent City, Or., and the Southern Pacific Company will need a small force for electrification work between Whitson and Corvallis.

Road work in various parts of the state will call for only small forces. The men generally will be recruited locally where the work is done.

Building construction in Portland will not be as active this year as in some years of the recent past. It is possible that work will be started on the auditorium and on the new post-office before the end of the summer. The Benson Polytechnic School will be under way within a short time, but none of these jobs will require large forces.

Several factors contribute to produce this unaccustomed situation in the local labor market.

First, the demand is heavier than usual; second, a substantial element of foreign laborers has gone to Europe to take part in the war; third, some of the semi-skilled men have gone East to enjoy the high wages prevailing in the steel plants and allied industries; fourth, prohibition has driven some of the shiftless and least desirable element of common laborers out of the Northwest.

Employers and employees are unanimous in their verdict that prohibition has brought about a decided improvement in the class of laborers now in the local field.

Juneau Land Officials Named.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson today nominated Frank A. Boyle, of Juneau, Alaska, as receiver of public moneys at Juneau, and Clyde B. Walker, of Juneau, as register of the land office there.

GENERAL VIEW OF GERMANY'S LARGEST PRISON CAMP, WHERE THOUSANDS OF ALLIED PRISONERS ARE HOUSED.



SCENE IN PRISON STREET AT KOENIGSBRUCK.

—Photo by Underwood.

Germany has shown the same spirit of organization in her prison camps for war prisoners as she has in the rest of her military plans. At Koenigsbruck, Germany, is located the largest prison camp in the country. Here over 10,000 allied prisoners of war compose the population of a newly-erected city where the prisoners do useful work and live with tolerable comfort, at least safe from the bursting bombs and whistling bullets.

TWO ZEPPELINS LOST

Air Raids to Cost Germans More, Says Kitchener.

WARNING GIVEN CITIZENS

Promise of Perfect Defense Is Impossible, Declares Secretary for War, but Methods Are Showing Improvement.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Earl Kitchener

announced in the House of Lords today that during the last Zeppelin raid it was certain that the English accounted for one airship, which was lost at sea, and that there was good reason to believe a second airship had been put out of action.

He probably referred to the Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North Sea shortly after the last raid.

Lord Kitchener added:

"Up to the present a hostile air invasion of England has had no influence whatever on the military conduct of the war, and, regrettable as is the loss of citizen life and damage to private property, I do not believe the people desire to give too great importance to these attacks nor to allow them to affect military operations.

"It must be realized that in war it is not always possible to insure safety everywhere, and some risks must be accepted in order to be strong at important points.

Assurance is impossible.

"It is beyond our power to guarantee these shores from a repetition of these air incursions, but we shall make them more costly each time.

"The government will leave no stone unturned in the efforts to prove to the utmost our defenses against Zeppelins," declared Lord Kitchener. "The responsibility for defense will be in the hands of Viscount French, with Sir Percy Scott as his chief adviser."

In reply to a question regarding the use of aeroplanes at night, Lord Kitchener said no order has yet been sent to a pilot of the Royal Flying Corps to make an ascent at night to attack a Zeppelin. He added:

"It is not possible to intercept when the time comes to ascend to intercept a Zeppelin. The decision as to whether to fly or not is left to the senior officer on the spot. If he decides that the weather conditions are favorable, he is the first to ascend."

Defense is threefold.

"Outlining the system of our defense in Great Britain Lord Kitchener said: "The defense is threefold: First, good advance information regarding the movements of hostile aircraft; second, defense by anti-aircraft artillery; third, attacks on raiders by aeroplanes."

"As regards the first, we now have a system which gives us sufficient warning of impending arrival and probable movements of the enemy. As to artillery, the construction of aircraft now has precedence over other ordnance, and now the guns as fast as produced will be distributed to the best advantage throughout the country.

"Attack by aeroplanes at night is attended with great difficulties, but I believe that with more extended practice we shall overcome the difficulties."

SWEDEN ASKS FOR HELP

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"In a war like this," said the bishop, "we cannot separate combatants from non-combatants. The strengthening of the blockade against Germany involves the making of war on women and children. If we could send a hundred aeroplanes to drop bombs on the business part of Frankfurt, the effect produced would be felt from end to end of Germany, and the sending of Zeppelins to this country would be noticed as blunder as inexcusable, as a crime. If a son of mine were asked to join in a punitive expedition on a German town I would advise him to go and do his duty."

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THE HAGUE POSTAL CONVENTION, IT NEVER-

theless seems to his majesty's government that the British procedure, in the form and extensiveness of practice, would be invalid, even with regard to ordinary express goods, and that this seems particularly evident when the seizure of parcel post is directed against a means of conveyance under guarantee of sovereign powers. Besides, great personal inconvenience is connected with seizure of this kind.

"However, England's present practice of censoring also first-class mail, sent by neutral vessels from one neutral country to another, is an even greater violation of the rights accorded neutral powers by the rules of international law.

Practice Contrary to Law.

"It is not necessary to point out how contrary this practice is to the stipulations in the above mentioned Hague convention, which stipulations or rules must be considered to have been in existence even before the promulgation of this convention.

"The royal government, therefore, now appeals to the Government of the United States for co-operation for the purpose of seeking to bring about a discontinuation of the violations of international law, at least so far as the same concern first-class mail, and it solicits as early an answer as possible, whether Your Excellency is willing to take appropriate action in co-operation with the royal government, and, eventually, the governments of other neutral countries, for the purpose of causing that the rule which the question involves—and which is one of the fundamental stipulations in international law—be observed."

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