

ORDERS FOR PLANE SPRUCE ARE PLACED

Northwest Mills to Supply 4 Eastern Factories With Million Feet Monthly.

E. T. ALLEN IN CHARGE

Portland Man Represents Government and Allies in Negotiations With Lumbermen—Headquarters Opened.

Initial orders for airplane spruce, aggregating 1,000,000 feet a month, were placed here yesterday by E. T. Allen, representing the United States Government.

This business, as well as all subsequent airplane business to be placed here by the Government and the allies, will be handled through the newly organized Spruce Lumber Manufacturers' Bureau, which has been formed for the explicit purpose of co-ordinating all spruce deliveries to the allied nations.

Bureau Opens Headquarters. The bureau has established headquarters in the Yeon building, with P. A. Dooty as chairman and J. P. Keating as secretary. All spruce mills in Oregon and Washington are members.

All the business will be placed by Mr. Allen, representing the allied governments, with this bureau and redistributed by the bureau among the member mills in proportion to their capacity.

There is no question about the mills getting the business, Mr. Allen has placed a blanket order for the entire output of every spruce mill in the two states. However, he will make individual contracts with each mill so that both the Government and the individual manufacturers will be well protected.

Orders Expected Soon.

Mr. Allen's permanent home is in Portland, but for the last few months he has been in Washington, D. C., representing the lumber industry on the National Council of Defense. He came West with the airplane commissioners of the allied countries, but as Portland was the objective point of their journey the party broke up here and Mr. Allen remained. He will remain until the spruce movement is well under way.

As soon as the Eastern airplane factories can estimate their individual needs they will send in their orders. The United States will buy spruce not only for itself but for the allies. The price and specifications will be the same all around. The mills will fill orders indiscriminately on the same contract.

Price of \$105 Fixed.

The price has been fixed, tentatively, at \$105 a 1000 feet. This arrangement will be tried for a period of 30 days and if satisfactory all around at the end of that time it will be continued indefinitely.

The only step necessary to get the business going good is to provide inspection. Mr. Allen and the bureau officials now are in telegraphic communication with the mills on this subject. The manufacturers want the Government to provide their own inspectors. It is probable that experienced men will be inspecting the lumber for private interests on the Coast will be taken by the Government and given Army commissions with full authority to act. All inspecting is to be done at this end.

GREEDY PACKERS HIT

MEATLESS DAY PROTESTED BY OREGON STOCKMEN.

Ruin of Important Industry Is Seen in Beef Conservation in Eastern Part of State.

With beefsteak and all other meat products bringing the highest price on record in the history of the industry, the growers of Eastern Oregon are protesting against the proposal of "one meatless day a week" that demoralizes the market and ruins the livestock industry.

O. B. Robertson, cashier of the First National Bank of Condon, in a telegram to the Oregonian last night asserted that the cattle growers of his district are not getting profitable prices on the stock now, and declared the present prices for dressed beef are due to "the greed of the packers." He offers to send a committee to Portland to back up his contention.

Mr. Robertson's message in full follows: "Stockraisers of this section of Eastern Oregon resent the resolution adopting one meatless day per week and request a hearing before final action is taken.

"Prices on beef cattle are demoralized at the present time, due to the fact that the Portland market cannot absorb the supply. Many growers here are withholding shipments of their stock to Portland and are figuring on shipping to Eastern markets unless conditions improve.

"Our steers on last Monday's market at Portland averaged little better than 10 cents and cannot be raised profitably at this figure.

"This action will assist toward demoralizing one of our leading industries, and since there is an oversupply rather than a shortage this action is entirely illegal and uncalled for.

"If you are paying exorbitant prices for dressed beef it is due to the greed of the packers and not to scarcity of the product.

"Will send a representative to appear before a committee if you will advise convenient date."

WILSON'S TYPIST DRAFTED

President's Stenographer to Make No Exemption Claim.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 15.—Charles Lee Swem, private stenographer to President Wilson, was passed by division draft board No. 4 here today as physically fit for military service in the National Army.

He said he would not file a claim for exemption.

Huckleberries Are Plentiful.

KLAMATH FALLS, OR., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—An unusually heavy crop of huckleberries in the forests of Klamath County is reported. In both the Lake of the Woods district and at the "Big Patch" the supply is heavier than for several years. Huckleberries will bring from \$1 to \$1.50 per gallon this year in Klamath County.

YOUNG GIRLS APPEAR AS CHARMING SPRITES IN MOUNT TABOR PLAYGROUND PAGEANT.



LOCAL MEN NAMED

Government Organizes \$50,000,000 Corporation.

AGENCIES ARE PLANNED

M. H. Houser in Charge of Portland Branch and T. B. Wilcox Will Represent Coast on Millers' Regulatory Committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The food administration prepared today to take over the entire 1917 wheat crop if necessary to stabilize prices throughout the year. It formed a \$50,000,000 corporation with all the stock held by the Federal Government, to buy and sell wheat at the principal terminals.

The move was the first of a series to be taken to reduce the price of bread. Millers already have agreed to put themselves under voluntary regulations and to cooperate with the food administration a differential of profits. Distribution of flour by wholesalers and the baking of bread will be taken up next.

Speculation to Be Ended.

The hope of the Administration is to establish a scale of prices from the farm to the grocery store, eliminating undue profits and ending speculation. The maintenance of a standard price for wheat, its officials believe, is the first and most necessary step.

In announcing the formation of the wheat corporation, the food administration also made known the personnel of a committee which will fix a price to be paid for this year's wheat yield, and the names of 13 men who will act as purchasing agents for the corporations at terminals.

Hoover as Chairman.

The wheat corporation will be put under the Administration's grain division. Its chairman will be Herbert Hoover and its vice-president, Julius Barnes, a Duluth exporter, now serving as a voluntary aide in the food administration. The price-fixing committee will be headed by President Garfield, of Williams College, and will comprise 12 members, representing producers and consumers.

The wheat corporation will handle all grain purchases and will do the buying for the American Government. If found advisable, it also will serve as a broker for the milling interests, purchasing wheat for the flour mills to keep the market steady.

Grain Men to Give Entire Time.

All of the grain men who are taken into the food administration's grain division will disassociate themselves from business and give their entire time to the Government without remuneration.

The Oregon Field Hospital unit will be the 3rd Field Hospital of the 117th Sanitary Train, included in the Division mobilized at Camp Mills.

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BLUE GROUSE EATING HAY

Klickitat Farmer Begs Permit to Shoot Game Out of Season.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Del Brooks, owner of a farm in an isolated section on the Klickitat River near the mouth of the Little Klickitat, was in Goldendale yesterday trying to get a permit from the County Game Warden to shoot blue grouse before the season opens on September 1.

Mr. Brooks says the absence of native feed for the birds, owing to the continued dry season, has caused them to accumulate in such numbers on his ranch that they are destroying his entire crop of bundle hay.

WEST TO GET MORE CARS

Railroads' War Board to Distribute 20,000 Freight Carriers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—More than 20,000 railroad freight cars have been ordered out of territory east of the Allegheny Mountains by the railroads' war board for use of roads of the Pacific Coast, the South and Middle West, according to a telegram received here from William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Company and chairman of the Western division of the board, who is in New York.

CAMP SITE IS SELECTED

Oregon Men to Be in Force Mobilized at Mincola, Long Island.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The National Guard Division to go to France, representing 26 states and the District of Columbia, will be mobilized at Mincola, L. I., at a camp named Albert L. Mills, after the late Brigadier General Mills.

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Farewell Given to Unit Off to Join "Rainbow" Division.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—La Grande is lonesome today. Only the home guards remain to lend the military air that has been La Grande's. First, Company M, Third Oregon, stationed here four months, departed. Last night saw the farewell to the La Grande Field Hospital unit.

News that the unit is to be part of the "Rainbow" division to see service in France at once came a few hours before the train left, adding pangs to the grief of mothers and sweethearts and ginger to the joy of the youngsters at being away to active duty so soon.

Not since the days of the Spanish-American War has there been such scenes as last night. The midnight farewell was devoid of hysteria.

YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEER ILL

Otis Wagner, of Estacada, Taken to Post Hospital at Vancouver.

ESTACADA, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Otis Wagner, a sophomore in the high school, who enlisted in the first call for volunteers, was taken from his home here today in a Government ambulance to the post hospital at Vancouver, B. C., where he will be placed under Government physicians in an attempt to restore his health.

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The standard touring models will be advanced as follows: FOUR from \$985 to \$1050 SIX from \$1250 to \$1385 Other models will advance proportionately. Order your Studebaker Car at once and save money

The Studebaker Corporation of America Wholesale Only—Chapman and Alder Streets Oregon Motor Car Co. Park and Davis Sts. Phone Broadway 616

FIVE JAPANESE ESCAPE

SAILORS SWIM ASHORE FROM STEAMER KENKON MARU. Immigration Inspector Watkins Fails to Locate Missing Men, and Vessel Put to Sea Short-handed.

Between the time the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru VIII left here Tuesday night and daylight yesterday morning, five little brown men made their escape by jumping overboard and swimming ashore. They were not missed until noses were counted yesterday, and hardly had a check been made when a sixth took advantage of an opportunity as the vessel passed Puget Island, and overboard he went.

THREE BROTHERS ENLIST

Wives Are to Run Aberdeen Store While Men Serve Country.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The three Hilliard brothers—Clarence, Andrew and Lewis—who operate a grocery store here, all volunteered today for the Naval Coast Reserve Service.

Forest Fire Dangers Lessened.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—State Forester Elliott said today that forest conditions, as far as fire danger is concerned, have been materially improved the last 24 hours. Dangerous winds have died down, and while no rain is reported from any section, nevertheless he believes the danger is materially decreased.

Oil Jumps 20 Cents a Barrel.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Aug. 15.—An increase of 20 cents a barrel, said by producers to be the largest single advance in the history of the mid-continent field for crude oil, was posted here today by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. The new price is \$1.90.

GRAPE-NUTS Starts It Off Nicely Nothing quite like a strengthening, sustaining dish of GRAPE-NUTS FOOD to begin the day right.