

BRIGHT FUTURE SEEN IN LUMBER INDUSTRY

Coast Operators Convene to Study Future Problems.

SPRUCE MAY BE PRESERVED

Coast Lumbermen Declare Opportunities Are Good, Despite Cancellation of Federal Orders.

For the purpose of discussing reconstruction problems which face the manufacturing lumber industry of Oregon and Washington, approximately 200 members of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association will convene in Portland this morning at the Multnomah Hotel.

There is disposition among the lumbermen to view the future pessimistically, even though the cancellation of the Government aircraft program has placed the industry in a position of temporary suspense.

Reconstruction Problems Loom. E. B. Allen, secretary of the association, who arrived in Portland two days ago, and who has spent much time recently in conference at Washington, D. C., contends that only the immediate future is doubtful in available business, and that manufacturers are chiefly and sincerely concerned with securing a volume that will enable them to hold wages at their existing standard.

Prosperous Future Seen. "There is apparently a disposition to continue certain Government regulations of the lumber industry, among these probably the price-fixing regulation, the present period of which will expire on January 15.

"It has also been suggested in Washington that the present machinery within the War Industries Board should handle the allocation—and that's a typical Washingtonian word—of overseas business for the reconstruction work in Europe.

"There is no question but that a great opportunity exists in that field, though no person has as yet been able to determine the approximate volume or when the demand will begin.

"In general, with regard to their problems, the attitude of the West Coast people seems to be to go slowly. It is for the purpose of threshing out and straightening the situation from the standpoint of the entire lumber manufacturing industry that tomorrow's meeting has been called.

General Business Cut Off. "Contrary to popular conclusions, the wartime business did not noticeably result in a broadening of the industry. General commercial business has been practically cut off by the war industries board regulations, which did not permit the construction of buildings beyond certain very nominal sums, unless special permits were granted the builder.

"The big problem now before us, and one in which our manufacturers are deeply concerned, is to secure at once a sufficient amount of business to keep wages up to the new American standard of living.

Shipbuilding to Continue. "The wooden shipbuilding game is certain to continue. Government contracts now here will not be canceled, and will surely carry the wooden shipyards pretty well through 1919. Nor do the prospects end with this.

"It has been firmly established that there is only one place to build wooden ships, and that's Oregon and Washington. European nations recognize this fact, and there has been plenty of significant inquiry already.

"Charles Flex, vice-president and general manager of the Fleet Corporation, has been asked to give the necessary freedom for the acceptance of private accounts in the wooden ship industry by the elimination of the commandeering clause, which provides that the Government may take over any vessel built on private account if it chooses to. In consequence of the commandeering clause, both builders and foreign purchasers are wary of the private account. We have reason to believe that favorable action will be taken and that the commandeering clause will be abolished.

Spruce May Be Preserved. "With regard to the future of the industry in aircraft production, nothing is certain. It is possible, and discussion has already arisen on this point, that the Government may prohibit the cutting of spruce in order to preserve the airplane stock. It has been found to be equally as good, however, if it is not generally known that Germany, right here in Oregon and Washington, as a preliminary to the war, purchased what she thought would be a five year's supply of spruce for aircraft, without letting the purpose of her purchases become known.

"But there was wastage that she did not reckon with and the five-year programme fell down. As a consequence, during the closing chapter of the war, Germany was reduced to the use of oak and hickory in hollow construction, evolving slow and heavy planes—which fact accounted largely for many of the stupendously successful exploits of allied and American airmen.

"The enemy was 'easy picking' for the lighter spruce-built hawks of the allies."

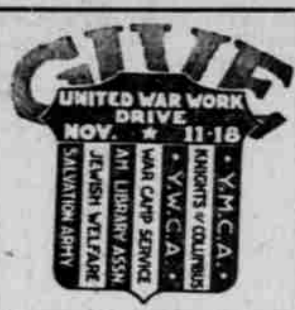
Box Outlook Is Promising. An informal preliminary conference of box manufacturers who are members of the association was held yesterday forenoon, when C. A. Pratt, of Tacoma, who recently toured the box markets of the East, made his report.

The consensus of opinion among the box manufacturers is that their business will be vastly accelerated by the shipment of supplies for reconstruction and rehabilitation work in Europe, where vast stores of clothing and foodstuffs, practically all of which will be moved in boxes, are awaited.

Manufacturing lumbermen who will attend today's conference began arriving early yesterday and will be here in force this forenoon. Their assembly opens at 10 o'clock in the ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel. Complete representation will be present for the West Coast, from Bellingham, Wash., down to Coos Bay, Or.

Fire Causes Damage Suit. VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Swan Hullin have started suit against Henry Wagner and William Wagner for \$5000, alleged to be due on account of negligence of the defendants, who are alleged to have set fires to burn brush September 28, causing the Hullins to lose \$5000 worth of property, including their barn filled with hay, their pasture land and chicken house.

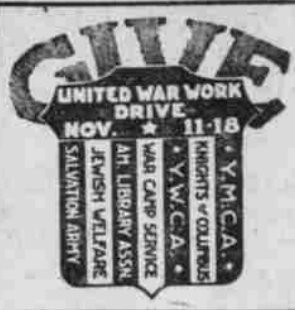
One hundred and sixty-five million tungsten filament lamps were sold in the United States for the year 1917.



"Crashing Thru to Berlin" or "Why the Allies Won" Will be shown at the STAR THEATRE for one week beginning today, auspices National League for Woman's Service.

Store Opens at 9; Closes at 6 Meier & Frank Co. The Store of the Christmas Spirit? The Store of Sensible Gifts

Wednesday, Nov. 20, Last Day to Send Gifts Overseas No Christmas box can be sent without coupon received from your soldier in France.



Now Let All Prepare for a Holiday Season of Great Cheer Christmas Shopping Should Be Resumed at Once We Are Ready With the Stocks and the Service Use the Escalators Carry Small Parcels

The Girls' Shop Has Ready for Immediate Service and for Holiday Giving Plenty of Charming Practical Things for Girls



A few suggestions are given here: New School Dresses Many attractive new styles in school dresses of checks, navy and brown serges and corduroys.

Jack Tar Dresses We have just received three new models in regulation dresses made of navy serges. One and two-piece middy styles with pleated and box-pleated skirts.

Good Warm Coats Children's coats of velour, khaki cloth, chinchilla, corduroy, cheviot, zibeline and novelty cloths.

New Serge Skirts Children's navy serge skirts in full pleated styles with white muslin waist attached.

Children's New Bloomers New black satene bloomers with hand and elastic waists. Sizes 4 to 16 years, 45c to \$1.98.

New Slip-Over Middies New slip-over middies in white jean, also white galatea cloth, some with light and dark galatea and flannel collars.

Don't Envy a Prosperous Looking Man—Be One Just as ambition opens the door to opportunity, proper attention to one's clothes and general appearance is often a passport to a better position.

To those who wish to be well and warmly dressed at moderate cost we recommend MEIER & FRANK'S Men's and Young Men's Overcoats \$35

The best makes in the country are represented in this showing. Here are overcoats in ample assortments from Society Brand Hickey-Freeman and others of like renown.

Every Coat Is All Wool Every One Hand Tailored Coats of character. Coats that are a business asset.

Coats that make a man's progress quicker and easier—he goes farther and so does his clothes money. Portland's finest—at \$35.



Very Special Values in Fall and Winter Coats For Misses and Small Women

\$45.00 Coats \$37.50 Coats \$33.75 \$29.50

Rare values await the misses and small women who come to our Apparel Shop today. One can choose from either of these groups with equal assurance of making an advantageous purchase.

Finely serviceable coats of pom pom and velours in the newest models. Full lined garments, many warmly interlined. Fashionable shades of brown, green, plum, Burgundy, Pekin and taupe.

—Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

New Models in Women's Neckwear For Self and for Gifts Collars, \$1.25-\$1.75

Attractive imitation Filet lace collars in flat and roll style. These are in the natural shade and are particularly desirable for wear with coats and dresses.

Filet Collars, \$4.75 Real hand-tied Filet lace collars that will make very acceptable and useful Christmas gifts.

New Plush Scarfs New plush scarfs with plain and fancy linings. Some have fringed ends.

New Boudoir Caps Boudoir caps of silk messaline and crepe combined with shadow and Val laces and ribbons.

A Fine Assortment of Fall and Winter Hats Specially Priced



Styles for Women's and Misses's Wear Of Lyons and Panne Velvet Were \$7.50 to \$9.00

\$5.95 Black and all the leading shades included. Every fashionable shape. Large, small and medium-sized hats.

—Meier & Frank's: Millinery Shop, Fourth Floor.

The West's Greatest TOYTOWN Is On Our Fifth Floor



It is simply full of toys and games of all kinds made in the U. S. A.—the best made. It is, this year above all, an educational Toytown—lots of the toys will prove of real help in developing young minds.

Dollville deserves special mention. Big dolls, little dolls, all kinds of dolls. Made in America, of course—and wonderfully life-like.

Bring the kiddies today. —Meier & Frank's: Toytown, Fifth Floor.

Meier & Frank's Is Prepared With Immense New Assortments of Women's and Children's Hosiery and Underwear

In All the Winter Weights and Styles We have great new assortments of all the standard makes in women's and children's winter hosiery and underwear.

Drug Sundries Pebecco Tooth Paste, 45c Pepsodent Tooth Paste, 50c 4711 White Rose Glycerine Soap, box 65c, cake 22c

Woodbury's Facial Soap, box 65c, cake 23c Phenolax Wafers, 25c Spigits of Camphor, 2 oz. 25c, oz. 15c

Glycerine, 3 oz. 25c, oz. 10c Glycerine and Rose Water, 4 oz. 25c, 2 oz. 15c Beef, Iron and Wine, pint 75c

Castor Oil, pint \$1.25, 3 oz. 25c, oz. 10c —Meier & Frank's: Drug Shop, Main Floor.

Little Men are not consulted as often as they should be about the clothes they have to wear.

Overcoats we are showing from the house of Sampeck to make up your minds that "I want a Sampeck."

The New Models for Winter are as fine as anything Sampeck's famed skill ever produced.

—Meier & Frank's: Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

Sampeck Clothes The Standard of America



BAKERS' EXPERIENCE GOOD WARTIME RESTRICTIONS BRING VALUABLE LESSONS. Limitations Imposed on Trade Make Possible Elimination of Many Wasteful Practices.

They are back to the old status again, with never a wartime substitute to worry them, but the bakers of Portland, to whom the lifting of wheat flour restrictions was a pronounced relief, are as one in declaring that the lessons of the past year are of permanent value.

The burden placed upon the baking industry was accepted gladly though it was no small task to comply, said H. H. Haynes, chairman of the bakers' division of the Oregon Food Administration.

The chief obstacle was that the substitutes contained no gluten and the fermentation of the dough is based on the mellowing of the gluten. Yeast raises bread and gluten binds and holds it after it is raised.

"When wheat flour had to carry so much substitute an extra burden was added which the wheat was unable to carry. And that is why a 60-50 bread was impossible.

VICE FIGHT CONTINUES MAYOR BAKER REPLIES TO WAR SECRETARY'S APPEAL. Portland Has No Intention of Relaxing Efforts to Stamp Out Social Evil.

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TWO DIE IN AUTO ACCIDENT Camp Lewis Solicitors Victims on Tacoma-Seattle Highway.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—Sergeant James J. Moore, of the 75th Infantry at Camp Lewis, was instantly killed and Private Frank E. Wardell, Company K, First Infantry, was seriously injured early Friday morning when an automobile in which they were riding from Seattle to Tacoma skidded and overturned on the Pacific Highway near Auburn.

Jack Wright, driver of the machine, suffered a fractured hip and was taken to a Tacoma hospital. Wright attempted to dart between two cars going in opposite directions.

Auxiliary Plans Big Dinner. Auxiliary to the Sixty-ninth Artillery is planning to give the boys just as near an "at home" Christmas dinner as possible this year, and to this end funds are being raised to send to the boys. Relatives and friends of the boys of the Sixty-ninth, wishing to contribute to this fund, may communicate with Mrs. T. R. Stephenson, treasurer of the auxiliary, at the Waverley Court Apartments, East 26th and Clinton streets, Sellwood 3746.

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