

## SOLONS SEVERELY GRILL SPRUCE HEAD

### Questions on Waste Fired at Colonel Stearns.

## DISQUE DRAWN INTO CHARGES

### Subcommittee Asks Why Railway Cost \$112,000 a Mile.

## MILLS HELD UNNECESSARY

### Chairman Frear Accuses Production Officials of Raising Wages Without Authority.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Colonel C. F. Stearns, chief of the spruce division and president of the spruce production corporation, faced the first grilling of the house subcommittee today, when members of that body, now in the Pacific northwest for the purpose of investigating alleged extravagant expenditures of spruce production during the war period, subjected him to a severe interrogation relative to his knowledge of logging operations while the nation was striving to place thousands of planes in service against Germany.

Back from the Olympic peninsula in Clallam county, where his subcommittee scrutinized the Selms-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh logging road from Joyce to Lake Pleasant, and the two mills constructed by the same concern at Port Angeles and Lake Pleasant, Representative James A. Frear, of Wisconsin, chairman of the investigation, launched a score of scathing verbal charges against the spruce corporation and its former head, Brigadier-General Eric P. Disque, now in New York.

### Extravagance Is Charged.

Other members of the committee are Representative R. W. Magee of New York and Representative Clarence F. Lea of California.

Chairman Frear sought to develop, by his questioning of Colonel Stearns, the Selms-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh logging road, 25 miles in length, has cost the government approximately \$4,000,000 at an average of \$112,000 a mile, and that it was constructed by covert understanding with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, to permit that company to acquire the line and penetrate the heavily timbered spruce district near Pleasant Lake, on the Milwaukee's coveted course to Grays Harbor.

Repeated questioning, often couched in rather sharp terms, failed to shake Colonel Stearns' contention that such had not been the aim, that no understanding had been made with the Milwaukee, and that the spruce road was built through that district for the sole reason that competent engineers declared they found insuperable obstacles to construction in other directions.

### Grilling Is Long.

But Colonel Stearns endured six sultry hours of questioning, before Representative Lea, democrat, came to his defense and took up the interrogation, near the close of the afternoon sitting.

Under this examination, Colonel Stearns testified that the probable entire expenditures of spruce production would not exceed \$20,000,000. Settlement has already been made with Great Britain, the witness testified, for \$14,000,000 and settlement on the same basis with France and Italy will bring the paid spruce statement of the allies up to \$20,000,000, leaving to America a balance of \$20,000,000. Salvaged property, he continued, will net \$10,000,000, leaving an actual expense to America, for all spruce production operations, of only \$10,000,000.

### Connections Are Criticized.

The present line of the Milwaukee runs from Port Angeles to Deep Creek, practically paralleling the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Inasmuch as the contract of the spruce corporation with the Selms-Carey people provides that the logging road shall connect at one point with the Milwaukee, Chairman Frear wanted to know why this connection had not been made at Deep Creek, the end of the line, where practical connections could have been made with the Merrill and Ring and Good-year logging roads, thence building direct to Lake Pleasant by a southwesterly course, a distance of a dozen miles.

The course taken is from Joyce via Lake Crescent, a 28-mile route through difficult country to Lake Pleasant and the spruce belt. It was also asserted by Chairman Frear that this course, according to the spruce division's own maps, runs its length through a country almost entirely devoid of spruce, while the shorter route would have tapped the spruce stock at its beginning.

### Knowledge of Rail Plans Admitted.

Colonel Stearns was asked if he was aware that the Milwaukee road had contemplated extending its lines in the

## GRAPE GROWERS' LOT IS FAR FROM RUINOUS

### VINEYARDISTS ARE PROSPERING DESPITE PROHIBITION.

Fruit in Some Cases Is Selling at Higher Prices Than Year Ago, Says Sacramento Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—C. B. Bills, president of the Pioneer Fruit exchange, Sacramento, said at the Palace hotel today that vineyardists are not experiencing the financial ruin predicted in pre-prohibition times, and added:

"Wine growers are selling their grapes for the same prices and in some instances higher prices than they received in past years. The fruit is shipped east for grapejuice purposes and non-alcoholic wines."

Mr. Bills asserted that the Armour's are buying large quantities of grapes, indicating a sound basis for the grape industry. Fruit crops this year are larger than those of last year, according to Mr. Bills. Touching labor costs he said:

"The high cost of labor, supplies and operation of orchards and canneries will mean higher prices for canned fruit. Peaches, for example, may possibly retail for as high as 40 cents this winter."

## BOOK WRITTEN IN EXILE

### Hood River Man Tells of Presence of Ludendorff in Sweden.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—General Ludendorff, of the German high command, whose personal history of the Prussian trial at arms will soon appear serially in The Oregonian, wrote a good portion of his memoirs while in Sweden.

Axel N. Rahm, who has just returned to resume his residence here after living for ten years in Helsinki, Sweden, says the German leader fled to a farm near Helsinki at the time the Kaiser escaped to Holland.

"For several weeks," says Mr. Rahm, "the world did not know what had become of Ludendorff, but news of his exile at the Swedish farm soon became public. Then Sweden, to preserve her neutrality, had to take cognizance of his presence. The general, however, applied for permission to remain a month and write his memoirs."

## FIGHT MAY PROVE FATAL

### Chehalis Man Gets Serious Knife Wounds in Back.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Orville Barnett, member of a pioneer Chehalis family, is at his home suffering from what physicians say probably will prove fatal wounds inflicted last night by an assailant, who stabbed him twice in the back during an altercation in a soft-drink resort.

Barnett was playing solitaire when his assailant, whose name it was impossible to learn, entered and challenged him to play poker. Barnett declined, saying he did not know poker, but offered to play another game. Hot words followed, and a fight ensued.

The knife blade, it is said, penetrated Barnett's kidneys and he is bleeding internally. He is a cook by occupation and is married.

## STRIKERS FIGHT TROOPS

### Labor Trouble in Upper Silesia Looks Like Revolt.

WARSAW, Aug. 20.—The strike movement in Upper Silesia, which is said to have been developed largely by spartacist propaganda, now is reported to have assumed somewhat the character of a genuine insurrection.

Engagements are said to have been fought between the insurgents and German troops, resulting in the proclamation of martial law by the Germans. Poles are said to have obtained control of a number of places, including Katowitz, Boleskow, Edlin and Cichow.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING BEATEN

### Senate Stands With House in Voting Down Veto of Repeal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Repeal of the daylight saving act was accomplished today, when the senate voted to sustain the house in passing the repeal measure over President Wilson's veto. The vote was 87 to 19.

The repeal of the act becomes effective when the stocks are turned back to normal in October. It is one of the very few measures which have twice been vetoed by a president and have become laws in spite of the veto.

## PRINCESS OF SULU ARRIVES

### Sultan's Child to Study in Chicago. Miss Aguineldo Also Here.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 20.—Princess Kiram, 15-year-old daughter of the sultan of Sulu, arrived here today on her way to Chicago, where she is to enter school.

One of her companions on her journey across the Pacific on the Japanese liner Katori Maru was Miss S. A. Aguineldo, 17-year-old daughter of Emilio Aguineldo, former Filipino rebel chief.

## SAWMILL NEAR BEND AFIRE

### Little Hope Felt of Saving Plant Valued at \$75,000.

BEND, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Fire, from a cause as yet unascertained, started tonight at the Pine Tree Lumber company's mill, seven miles from Bend. The city fire engine was rushed to the scene, but with little hope of saving the mill, which is valued at approximately \$75,000.

## 2-YEAR EMBARGO ON ALIENS ASKED

### Immigration Bill Proposed Drastic Restriction on Entry.

## SLACKERS TO BE SENT OUT

### Admission at End of Closed Period to Be Restricted.

## JAPANESE COOLIES BARRED

### "Gentlemen's Agreement" With Tokio Would Be Literally Fulfilled Under Johnson Measure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A bill to stop all immigration for two years and to deport all aliens who withdraw their first papers in order to escape military service during the war was introduced today by Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee.

After the end of the two-year suspension period, aliens would be entitled to admission to the United States only under a passport or on their written declaration to become an American citizen. They would be required to register annually until citizenship was conferred. Fraudulent entry would be punishable by five years' imprisonment and \$1000 fine, to be followed by deportation.

### Exceptions Permitted Few.

Few exceptions to the prohibition of immigration for two years are permitted by the bill. Alien residents of the United States might send for their parents, grandparents, unmarried or widowed daughters, or sons under 16 years old, unless these relatives had been alien enemies, for whom special authorization for admission would be required. Alien labor also might be imported under existing law and foreign officials, tourists, students and professional men might come into the country temporarily under passports.

The bill is regarded as the most drastic measure of the kind ever presented to congress.

Adoption of the bill would mean, its framers say, liberal fulfillment of the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" between the United States and Japan with respect to immigration and would keep out Japanese coolies.

### Agreement Held Violated.

Under the Root-Takahira agreement Japan is obligated to send no coolies to this country, but it is charged that the records disclose that they arrive by the thousands, with passports as merchants, students and the like. Once here, it is alleged, they remain, send for "picture brides," raise families, and their children become citizens of the United States by right of birth.

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## GENERAL LUDENDORFF'S STORY OF WAR TO BEGIN IN THE OREGONIAN



The story of the great war, told by General Ludendorff, the man who dictated Germany's military moves in the central part of the long struggle, will begin in The Oregonian Sunday, September 7. It is a confession of the most colossal failure of might against right in the world's history. It is not a defense or justification of Germany's crimes, but a remarkable narrative of the principal actors of the drama that rocked the globe and tumbled through the allied side of the war we know much, but Germany's troubles have been shrouded in mystery. But Ludendorff's disclosure of Germany's real condition just before and during the war. His story will be complete. It is without parallel in the history of the press and will be presented in The Oregonian beginning Sunday, September 7.

## COURT UPHOLDS DRY ACT

### Emergency Still Exists in View of Federal Judge.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Holding that the war emergency still exists, Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand, in an opinion handed down today, refused to grant a temporary order sought by Scatena, Lawson & Perelli, owners of vineyards in California, with a place of business in this city, to restrain federal authorities here from enforcing provisions of the war-time prohibition act.

In asking for the order the wine manufacturers alleged that the law was unconstitutional for the reason that no war emergency now exists. In his decision Judge Hand said:

"It is plain from the terms of the act that among its objects is the regulation of the liquor traffic during the period of demobilization. That is a critical period, more critical in some respects than that of actual hostilities."

## FORMOSA CITY WRECKED

### Storm Does Heavy Damage Also on Japanese Island of Kinshu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—A storm on the island of Formosa off the Chinese coast, has destroyed the city of Taino, one of the principal points on the island, according to a cablegram received here today by the New York, a Japanese daily paper.

Storms also did considerable damage on Kinshu island in the Japanese group, the cablegram said. No further details were given.

## SHOES ADVANCE \$3 SOON

### Dealers Predict Rise Before Deliveries Are Made in September.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—An advance of from \$2 to \$5 a pair on all grades of men's and women's shoes will go into effect after the September deliveries of shoes are made, according to shoe merchants of this city.

The advance is said to be due to a shortage of hides in this country and abroad.

## MEXICAN SEEKS U. S. WITHDRAWAL

### Consul Urges Action by His Ambassador.

## CAVALRY STILL ON HOT TRAIL

### Punitive Expedition Enjoying Better Conditions.

## 62 TANKS SENT TO BORDER

### Three Thousand Rifles Forwarded; Significance of Shipments Is Not Explained.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Mexican Ambassador Bonillas has been urged by the Mexican consul at Presidio, Texas, to obtain from the war department an order for withdrawal of the American forces now in Mexico. The consul's telegram, made public at the embassy tonight, said that since Mexican federal troops were in pursuit of the bandits which held two American aviators for ransom, withdrawal of the American troops would "avoid difficulties."

MARFA, Tex., Aug. 20.—After 36 hours of campaigning in Mexico below the Big Bend border following "hot trails" of the Mexican bands who held Lieutenant Peterson and Lieutenant Davis for ransom, American cavalry troops went into camp in the mountains tonight for the second time during the punitive expedition after Jesus Renteria's band.

Since the troops crossed the Rio Grande early Monday morning they have been riding constantly during daylight hours in pursuit of bandits. The only contact with the bandits reported resulted in the killing of one of three Mexicans who fired on an American airplane yesterday. According to the aviator's report upon return from the field the fight lasted 20 minutes. The aviators were unharmed.

### Country Too Rough for Planes.

Reports from the field are meager. As a result of the broken country south of the border the troops have been forced to scatter and follow such trails as they can pick up. The country is too rough for airplanes to effect a landing below the border without great danger.

A cryptic message—"Still following trail"—brought to the border by airplane today was the only definite word from the expedition. No officers commanding troops in the field have yet returned to the field bases on the river.

Major-General Joseph T. Dickman, commander of the southern department, is expected to reach here tomorrow morning on an inspection of posts and camps along the border between San Antonio and Marfa.

While his visit here at this time is (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

## THEATERS CLOSED BY SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

### SIX CHICAGO HOUSES "DARK"; MONEY REFUNDED.

Walkout Is Threatened Also in Vaudeville and Burlesque Establishments.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Six theaters were "dark" here tonight as a result of the strike of musicians and stage mechanics. Only burlesque, vaudeville and moving picture theaters were able to give performances. Matinee advertised for this afternoon were not given and the managers spent the day refunding money to persons who had purchased tickets in advance.

J. F. Winkler, president of the Chicago Federation of Musicians, and Dick Green, president of the Chicago Federation of Stage Mechanics, stated that their members would remain on the "sympathetic" strike until the actors and managers came to an agreement in the present controversy. They said more than 300 members of the two unions walked out.

A walkout in burlesque and vaudeville houses has been threatened, but so far nothing official has been done about calling a strike.

Hazel Dawn of the "Up in Mabel's Room" company at Wood's theater was questioned today, when Master in Chancery Zeisler resumed hearing of testimony in injunction suits brought by Chicago theater managers against the Equity Association of Actors and Artists to prevent closing of additional playhouses by an extension of the strike.

Asked what causes had led her to go on a strike with other members of the company last Saturday night, which resulted in the closing of Wood's theater, Miss Dawn declined to answer on the ground that her replies might incriminate her when the content of court charges are heard, August 26.

## PROHIBITION HITS HORSES

### Saloon Troughs Empty and Beasts of Burden Suffer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Poor old Dobbin, tongue hanging out with thirst, is the latest to be affected by prohibition, according to the annual report of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Since July 1 many saloons have quit business and as a result the water troughs in front of them have ceased to spout refreshing drink for the horses.

To relieve this condition the society plans to erect several additional troughs to the 20 now maintained by it, said Secretary Matthew McCurrie today after the annual election.

## LONDON'S BODY COMING

### Remains of Murdered Portland Soldier Positively Identified.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The body of the killed soldier, is the latest to be identified at a special inquest in the morgue today as that of Cecil E. Landon of Portland, Or., who recently returned from overseas. Sergeant Alfred Voss, 547 West 158th street, a friend, assisted in making the identification.

The special inquest was held by Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, so the body might be released from the jurisdiction of the police. An undertaker took in charge the remains of Oregon welcoming committee, who represent the father of the dead soldier. It will be shipped to Portland.

## CHURCH PLATE IS ROBBED

### Yakima Thief Steals \$30 From Sunday Night Collection.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—A sneak thief stole \$30 from the collection plate of the First Christian church Sunday evening while the attention of the church secretary, Miss Viola Rockett, was taken elsewhere.

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