



U. S. SPRUCE HELD ECLIPSED IN B. C.

Probe Committee Hears Northwest Is Behind.

PORTLAND INQUIRY IS OPENED

British Columbia Superintendent Testifies to Production.

OREGON WASTE HELD BIG

Spruce Committee to Inspect \$1,000,000 Plant at Toledo; Disque Arrives to Answer Charges.

While the United States spruce production corporation headed by Brigadier-General Bruce P. Disque was marking time in the production of actual airplane stock, British Columbia loggers and mills were producing airplane spruce for the imperial munitions board in proportions utterly to eclipse the output of Oregon and Washington combined, though the industry in the Canadian province is but one-tenth as large.

Such was the fact developed yesterday at the first Portland sessions of the congressional committee on spruce investigation, held in the assembly hall of the Portland Press club, when Frank E. Pendleton of Everett, Wash., an anticipated witness, was summoned by Chairman James A. Frear, representative from Wisconsin.

Disque to Answer Charges. The testimony of Mr. Pendleton, held to be of high importance, vied in public interest with the announcement that Bruce P. Disque, former brigadier-general, commander of the spruce production corporation, had arrived from New York to make personal reply to the flood of adverse testimony against his administration.

"Well, that simplifies matters," drawled Representative W. W. Magee of New York, when informed of Mr. Disque's presence. "It saves this committee a special trip to see the gentleman."

Early this morning the members of the congressional committee will leave for Lincoln county, where they will spend the next two days in a personal inspection of the spruce railroads in the Toledo district, as well as the \$1,000,000 government mill at Toledo. Having acquainted themselves with the general nature of the spruce industry, the committee will return to Portland, where sessions will be resumed Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Pendleton Practical Lumberman. Through a chance meeting with Frank E. Pendleton, of Everett, Wash., an old-time friend, Chairman Frear learned that Mr. Pendleton had spent 15 months as superintendent of spruce production for British Columbia, his services having been sought by the imperial munitions board of the British government. The special session yesterday was convened to hear Mr. Pendleton's testimony as to methods of spruce logging employed in the Canadian province.

In summary, Mr. Pendleton testified that he is a practical lumberman, with mills and camps on Vancouver Island, near Red Gap, a lumbering hamlet which derives its cognomen from certain famous yachts of current magazine fiction, and that he accepted the gratuitous post of superintendent of British Columbia spruce production in January, 1918.

Canadian Methods Described. His testimony disclosed important contrasts in method, the most radical being that British Columbia loggers and lumbermen, experienced private operators, took to the spruce area of the Queen Charlotte island at the call of their government and there worked to such effect that 25,000,000 feet of accepted airplane stock were shipped during the period from March, 1918, to the close of November. Under the plan of the spruce production corporation, as promulgated by General Disque, loggers of Oregon and Washington had little share in American spruce production, it has been testified, the policy being to center activities in two or three large contracting operations.

With a production rate of but one-tenth, as compared with the logging industry of Oregon and Washington, testified Mr. Pendleton, the British Columbia spruce operators cut, milled and shipped a greater amount of finished spruce than did the combined operations of the spruce production corporation and the spruce division in one year and seven months of war.

Spruce production figures for Oregon and Washington give a total of 123,000,000 feet of spruce lumber, not all of which would be accepted stock. The witness testified that the proportion would approximate 15 per cent of accepted airplane stock, resulting in an approximate total of 21,450,000 feet of spruce fit for airplane construction.

Cost of Operation Unknown. "No one knew what it would cost to operate. So we fixed the payment on the market price of logs, less the cost of stumpage, and agreed to move the equipment. A little spruce was being produced at two small mills on the island, less than 200,000 feet per month."

Mr. Pendleton told the committee that initial delay, after Queen Charlotte island had been decided upon, was

EAT WHOLE ANIMAL, STOCKMAN ADVISES

CITY DWELLERS ACCUSED OF UNWISE BEEF BUYING.

Forequarters Sell to Retailer for 8 Cents, to Consumer for 32, Probers Are Told.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Interjecting some sharp advice and warning to city dwellers as to meat prices, western stockmen today laid before the senate agriculture committee further protests against the Kenyon-Kendrick bills to regulate the packing industry. "I'm going home and tell my neighbors that we'll have to curtail production to the point where consumers will eat the whole beef carcass," said George T. Donaldson, president of the Kansas State Livestock association. With J. H. Mercer, cattle commissioner of that state, and others, he said, he had been investigating the distribution of meats in all the larger cities. "Right in your city of Washington," he told the committee, "I have found the forequarters of beef selling to the retailer for 8 cents a pound, and selling to the consumer at 32 cents. We learn there are 700 places here where meat is sold, and we think that 150 would be ample and reduce the cost to consumers, too."

Mr. Donaldson opposed the regulatory measures and Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, asked him if he had read the federal trade commission report on the subject.

"I have," replied Donaldson, "and I regret to say I haven't as high regard for the federal trade commission as an American citizen of my age ought to have."

U-88 REACHES SAN DIEGO

Captured German Submarine Used as Stimulus to Recruiting.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 29.—The U-boat 88, captured German submarine, arrived here this morning under convoy of the U. S. S. Bittern, while on a cruise to all the principal points in the country.

The navy department is displaying the ship to the general public, partly to show the people what it is like and partly as a stimulus to recruiting.

The submarine has already been visited by 250,000 Americans since the war, regular visiting hours being maintained at every port and the public being admitted freely to inspect the ship from end to end.

HEARSE IS USED AS BUS

Funeral Car Carries Passengers During San Diego Strike.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 29.—Conspicuous among the nondescript production vehicles crowding the highway between Los Angeles and this city is a large automobile hearse which has been pressed into service as a passenger conveyance owing to the interruption of railroad traffic.

The converted funeral car was reported from Ocean side headed south and carrying no less than 16 passengers. Seats had been arranged along the sides of the car and the occupants appeared cheerful and carefree.

LAW IS BROKEN IN AIR

Aviator Fined \$25 in Missouri for Flying Too Close to Roof.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 29.—On a charge of flying his airplane within 100 feet of the roof of a farmhouse, Charles H. Levy was fined \$25 and costs today for disturbing the peace. The case was brought in a justice court at Dodson, Mo.

In his testimony plaintiff charged that flights over the farm had frightened his chickens "as if the planes were hawks," had caused a horse to break its leg and made so much noise he "could not hear over the telephone."

MADONNA PAINTING STOLEN

Francis Masterpiece of 13th Century Taken at Bologna.

Bologna, Italy, Thursday, Aug. 29.—Francis's masterpiece, "the Madonna and child," has been stolen from the Accademia di Belle Arti, and a colored photograph substituted for it. The photograph was pasted in the frame to conceal the theft. The masterpiece dates back to the fifteenth century. The police suspect some visitors at the gallery last Sunday and have their names.

BOND BUYING AUTHORIZED

War Finance Corporation Issues Value Is Fixed.

SENATORS SLASH PEACE PACT AGAIN

Committee Passes Three More Amendments.

BRITISH POWER IS FEARED

Two Modifications Aimed to Reduce Empire's Hold.

KNOX HAMMERS TREATY

Pennsylvanian Calls Terms Harsh; Demands Separate Deal With Germany.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The treaty of peace was aggressively assailed by its senate foes again today, the foreign relations committee approving three more textual amendments to its provisions and Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, a republican member of the committee and former secretary of state, advising the senate that the only safe way to deal with it was to reject it altogether.

Acting by a vote of 3 to 5 in each case, the committee adopted without extended debate amendments designed to equalize British and American representation in the league of nations, to prevent the British dominions from participating in a league decision affecting any one of them, and to curtail the power of the American representative on the reparations commission, which is to collect Germany's reparation bill.

Democratic committee members presented a solid front against all of the proposals and were joined by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, who also had voted against the two amendments adopted prior to today's session. Only one proposed amendment now remains on the committee's calendar, though others may be presented when consideration of the subject is resumed early next week.

Knox for Separate Peace. In his senate address, Senator Knox declared that the full purpose of American participation in the war had been accomplished with the armistice, and that there had been no reason for projecting the nation into the European settlements. He said a complete peace basis could be established by action of congress as soon as three of the other principal powers had ratified the treaty, and that such a course would free the country from many dangerous possibilities of foreign entanglements.

The peace terms imposed upon Germany, he said, went beyond the pale of (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

INTERVENE IN MEXICO, GOV. HOBBY URGES

TEXAS EXECUTIVE ALSO CALLS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Make the World Safe for American Citizens, Is Demand Voiced in El Paso Speech.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 29.—Intervention in Mexico and the adoption of the league of nations "to make the world safe for American citizens" were urged by Governor W. P. Hobby of Texas in a speech made tonight at a dinner given in his honor by friends here.

The statement was made in the presence of Mexican Consul General Garcia and other Mexican officials were guests at the dinner.

"Our glorious victory in the great war has made the world safe for democracy," Governor Hobby said. "Now we must have intervention in Mexico and a league of nations to assure that safety to every place else in the world. The lives and property of American citizens should be protected in Mexico and all over the world."

"I glory that our nation had its big share in bringing victory for the allied cause and that the men who wear its uniform did so much to increase the respect of our flag in foreign lands. Now is the time for us to demand that proper respect be paid American citizens—all over the world," Governor Hobby concluded.

Major-General Robert L. Howze, the newly-appointed commander of the El Paso military district and Brigadier-General James B. Erwin, retiring commander of the district, were given ovations when they started speaking.

ELY MINE STRIKE ENDED

Agreement Reached Will Send Men Back to Work Today.

ELY, Nev., Aug. 29.—Under an agreement accepted today by a committee representing striking workmen of all grades in the Ely district and signed by C. B. Lakeman, general manager of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company, work will be resumed in all departments of the company's plant tomorrow morning.

The men forfeited all claim to wage increases in lieu of a guarantee by the company for improved working conditions and the establishment of an elaborate company commissary. The strikers will vote tonight on the ratification of the agreement, and the workmen's committee assured Governor Boyle, who offered the compromise, that it would be ratified.

HEAD OF DRY SQUAD KILLED

Denver City Detective Is Victim of Unknown Assassin.

DENVER, Aug. 29.—George Klein, a city detective, died today from wounds inflicted by an unknown assailant late last night.

Klein was head of Denver's prohibition squad and had actively engaged in running down illicit liquor dealers since the state went dry.

WILSON TO SPEND ONE DAY IN OREGON

Speech Set for Portland Evening of Sept. 15.

REPUBLICANS WILL FOLLOW

Anti-Treaty Orators to Be Sent in Wake.

ATTACKS MADE ON TOUR

Two Resolutions in House Request President to Stay at Desk and Tackle Domestic Task.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson will pass only one day in Oregon, which will be at Portland, Monday, September 15, the White House said today.

Senator Chamberlain called at the White House today in response to an invitation and conferred with Rudolph Foster, executive clerk, with regard to the Portland visit. He gave Mr. Foster the address of the chairman of the committee to receive the president in Portland. The president's itinerary precludes even platform speeches elsewhere in the state.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—As the final itinerary for President Wilson's speaking tour in support of the peace treaty was announced today, republican senators began conferences to decide on plans for sending opposition speakers along behind him.

The president's plans call for speeches in 30 cities throughout the west between the time he leaves here next Wednesday and his return to Washington September 30.

While resolutions were being offered in the house by republican members calling upon the president to abandon his tour and engage himself in Washington with domestic affairs of the nation, republican senators who opposed the treaty met with Senator McCormick of Illinois. Nothing was finally decided and another conference will be held tomorrow after which it is expected a definite programme will be announced.

Leaving Washington on a special train the president will swing through the middle west, thence across the plains states to the Pacific coast at Washington and down the coast as far as San Diego. On the return trip he will speak in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, his last address being at Louisville, September 29.

Under the itinerary as announced to (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

WOMEN TO WEAR 'EM IF THEY WISH, IS EDICT

COURT NOT MAKING CRUSADE ON KHAKI TROUSERS.

Department Must Be Proper; One Arrested Is Released; Says She Was Playing Sleuth.

There is to be no crusade in Portland against women who desire to wear men's habiliments, providing they comport themselves properly in all other respects.

Such was the edict yesterday of Municipal Judge Rossman and Deputy District Attorney Deich, following the arrest and acquittal of Mrs. Jeanette Van Eggen, who was taken into custody Thursday evening while dressed in men's trousers.

The arrest of Mrs. Van Eggen threw a fright into a large number of women of the city, who kept municipal court officers busy explaining over the telephone that the police are not attempting to start something with those who wear khaki cutting trousers. A considerable number of women telephoned to ask if they would be arrested for appearing on the streets in khaki trousers.

Mrs. Van Eggen, in police court yesterday, put up a sufficient argument to procure her release. She was after a fellow who, she said, had beaten her out of a board bill, and wishing to play detective, she adopted the methods of Philo Grubb and effected a disguise which she thought would land the victim.

MAN, 79, GETS SCHOOL

Lands Job in Coos County After Travelling 500 Miles.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Jasper N. Miller, aged 79 years, perhaps the oldest rural teacher on the coast, has obtained another school for this year, having resigned his position as teacher of a school on Spencer creek in Lane county last spring.

Mr. Miller has been engaged to teach in district No. 82 in Coos county. He traveled 500 miles before he secured a school to his liking. At Astoria he failed to get a position and went to Curry county, being unable to find a school and returned here.

Mr. Miller says a man is as young as he feels and declares he feels no older than half of 79 years.

COLLEGE LETS CONTRACT

Experiment Station at Puyallup to Get New Dairy Plant.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The building committee of the board of regents of the state college today awarded the contract for the construction of the new dairy plant at the western Washington experiment station at Puyallup.

The Warrenton, of Tacoma, received the award for \$23,950. The plant will consist of two barns, one to contain stalls for 20 cows and testing stalls for official records work. H. C. McGroskey of Garfield, William Poase of Seattle and O. L. Waller, vice-president of the state college building committee, met with W. A. Linklater, superintendent of the experiment station.

PERU WINS RECOGNITION

Facto Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Recognition of the de facto government of Peru was announced today by the state department.

Secretary Lansing instructed the American legation at Lima to advise the minister of foreign affairs that the United States recognizes President Leguia as head of the de facto government of Peru.

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PRESIDENT MEETS LABOR UNION MEN

Gompers Leads Delegation to White House.

STRIKE SITUATION DISCUSSED

Wilson Asked to Help Steel Workers in Fight.

POLICY OF DELAY SEEN

Chiefs of Organized Employes May Be Willing to Await Promised Cut in Living Costs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—After two days of conferences with other officials of the American Federation of Labor, President Samuel Gompers, who returned from Europe this week rather unexpectedly, discussed the disturbed labor situation over the country with President Wilson today at the White House.

No announcement was made on behalf of the president, and Mr. Gompers and the union officials who accompanied him, including representatives of the steel workers, steadfastly refused to discuss what had been considered.

It is known, however, that the president was asked to intervene in the dispute between the steel workers and the United States Steel corporation over wages, hours, working conditions and the right of collective bargaining.

Effort to Force Strike Charged. Before going to the White House the committee of steel workers made public a telegram to the council at Gary, Ind., in which they charged that the steel corporation was discharging union men at a number of its plants in an effort to force the strike issue before the president could act. The men were urged not to strike until all efforts at a peaceful settlement had been made.

The federation's executive committee held two sessions during the day. The utmost secrecy was maintained, but it was understood that a number of labor disturbances over the country were discussed with particular attention given to the situation as it affects railway and steel workers.

Labor Leaders to Wait.

Some officials saw in the messages sent to the railroad shopmen yesterday and to the steel workers today a disposition on the part of the labor leaders to follow the suggestion of President Wilson that the matter of wages and working conditions be held in abeyance until government agencies had had time to carry out their programme looking to a reduction of living costs and a general restoration of conditions to something approaching normal.

While the federation officers were meeting with the president the labor situation was discussed at the capitol. Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington, urged speedy action on his resolution asking the president to call a conference between representatives of capital and labor. Chairman Kenyon of the senate labor committee said the house and senate committees planned joint action.

REUNION WILL BE HELD

Roseburg to Entertain Men of Civil, Spanish, World Wars.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—A four days' reunion of veterans of the civil, Spanish-American and world wars will be held in Roseburg September 18 to 21. The event will be under auspices of the Southern Oregon Soldiers' and Sailors' association.

Camp will be pitched in a beautiful grove about one-half mile from the Oregon soldiers' home and it is expected that many of the civil war veterans will tent on the grounds during the reunion. Local committees are already at work, according to an announcement by Judge Fullerton today, preparing for entertainment. Wood, water and light will be provided free to all tenters and straw will be furnished for their beds. A big camp fire each night will be a feature. A rate of one and one-third fare has been secured for those coming by rail, providing 250 tickets are sold.

DILLINGHAM QUILTS POST

Hippodrome's Managing Director Acts for Strikers' Benefit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Charles B. Dillingham, managing director of the Hippodrome, whose stagehands and musicians joined the strike of the Actors' Equity association last night because he was a member of the Producing Managers' association, today announced his resignation from the big playhouse.

CHINESE IN FLYING CLUB

Name of Victoria Association Looks Like Tail of Kite.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 29.—"The Jong-Kok-Fay How-Hok-Wow" is the name of a new Chinese flying association organized here. The members plan to study aviation. Fifteen of the members plan to purchase airplanes.

