CAR SHORTAGE ACUTE BUT RELIEF SIGHTED

Problem Is to Ship Lumber Without Carriers.

MILL PRODUCT PILED HIGH

Abolishment of Seattle Pool by Recent Ruling May Throw Necessary Stock Here.

"How is the car shortage?" echoed back a lumber mill owner in response to a question of the reporter. "There is a car shortage, all right, and as my memory serves me, it has been a matter of a year since there have been anything like enough boxcars available to take care of the demands of shippers. Boxcars appear to be the most sought and least available articles that are regarded as essential, but which shippers are compelled to get along without."

Whereupon the shipper, whose lumber yard is larger and the piles higher than ever before, toyed with a paper weight on his desk bearing the symbol of an eastern railroad, and then continued: "We rarely see cars of these eastern roads out here any more. Time was when freight trains of empties were coming westward every day and recently has come assurance that boxcars would be sent to load lumber, but it is too soon to expect them to begin arriving. To be sure, some should be picked up along the roads, but the promised relief is coming slowly.

Oregon Loses Share.

"There was an order issued yesterday, however, that may afford some relief. Car Service Manager Roth of the railroad administration issued an order from his Seattle office discontinuing relocation of cars between lines. That should help Portland. Oregon lumbermen have been deprived of hundreds of cars every month that went to Puget sound points for loading. Now the rule has been established that each road must bring its own cars. Under this arrangement the northern lines will not be able to take the boxcars that the Union Pacific brings out. Some of the mills have been receiving a few cars. In fact there has been a feeling of relief by some of the shippers loading on the Southern Pacific lines, partly due to the fact that the Southern Pacific receives a share of the new cars turned out at the Portland factory of the Pacific Car & Foundry company.

"Seattle terminal has been a pool in more senses than one. Under the ruling heretofore in practice of pooling cars the Seattle terminal was a pool into which the boxcars of the Union Pacific were dropped and drawn out by the northern lines. Discontinuance of relocation of cars between the lines ought to help Portland shippers on that account. When each line is under necessity of bringing cars to load its own traffic, none of the lines can count upon taking cars that belong by every right to the rival roads."

Products Piling Up.

Another lumberman whose mills have continued operating though constantly threatening to close down was a little more optimistic. He said: "We played in pretty good luck this week. For goodness sake don't mention our mill or location, but we received 14 cars one day. Haven't the slightest notion in the world how it happened, but it is the best day we have had for months. I hope that it means relief is in sight, for it has been a hard proposition to continue stacking up the cut of the plant and keep the saws humming when it looked like it was impossible to get cars to send it to the consumer."

From a traffic representative of a lumber company came the suggestion that when considering the car shortage people do not really attribute it to the real cause. In his opinion it is due to lack of sufficient power on the railroads. With the heaviest traffic in history to move, the railroads have not been supplied with new locomotives, and so great has been the demand upon the engines that there has been no opportunity to put those on the roads through the shops to keep them in the best of condition. With sufficient power there would be less lost motion in rolling stock and by more efficient use of the cars the needs of shippers would be much better cared for. If anyone knows of a few heavy-type freight engines that are not working, the railroads would like to use them in shifting a few cars around to where they are needed.

THRIFT WEEK INDORSED

GOVERNOR OLCOTT ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

Recognition of Movement Urged by State Executive—January 17-24 Designated.

National thrift week, which is being conducted throughout the nation from January 17 to 24 under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., is strongly indorsed by Governor Olcott in a proclamation to the people of the state, just issued. That it is necessary to give serious thought to this subject if the problem is ever adequately solved is the governor's contention in urging recognition of the week.

The governor's proclamation is as follows:

To the people of the state of Oregon: National thrift week of the Young Men's Christian association is to be observed this year from January 17 to January 24, inclusive. I understand this movement has the full support of the United States treasury department and of the leading financial, commercial, civic and educational organizations throughout the United States.

It is necessary that our serious thought be given to the problem of how to lessen foolish extravagance and waste. I believe a well-defined programme of education in the matter of thrift will have a salutary effect, and I trust that national thrift week will assist in inculcating those lessons which must be of benefit to every citizen in every community.

In Portland and vicinity the week's observance is under the general direction of Raymond Van Valin, secretary in charge of the Y. M. C. A. department of employment and occupational readjustment. He announces that practically all of the active civic clubs have assured him of their cooperation.

Packers' Business Doubles.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—With annual reports showing increase of its business from $100,000 in 1918 to $200,000 in 1919, the H. & S. Meat company announced today plans for expenditure of $10,000 in extension of its facilities.

Portland Agency for Carter's Knit Underwear for Men, Women and Children—Gossard, Nemo and Bien Jolie Corsets—Ladies' Home Journal Patterns—Richardson's Quality Linens

Take Down Town Luncheon in the Tea Room on the Fourth Floor—Manicuring and Hair Dressing Parlors on Second Floor—Kodaks, Cameras, Supplies, Main Floor—Rest Room, 2d Floor

Ribbon Remnants
At Special Prices
Main Floor—Inventory Sale of hundreds of Ribbon Remnants suitable for hairbows, fancy work, etc. Plain and fancy effects—narrow or wide widths.

$5 DOWN AND $5 A MONTH BUYS A HOOVER OR SWEEPER-VAC ELECTRIC CLEANER —3D FLOOR

The Standard Store of the Northwest
Olds, Wortman & King
Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

CITY AND OUT-OF-TOWN MAIL ORDERS FILLED AND FORWARDED SAME DAY AS RECEIVED

Inventory Sales in Basement Store
—Special low prices on Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Children's Coats and Dresses, Embroideries, etc., etc.

Annual Inventory Sales All Over the Store

Special Low Prices on All Broken Lines, Small Lots, Remnants and Odds and Ends—Extraordinary Savings

Double Trading Stamps Given Today With All Charge or Cash Purchases

Women's $25 to $33.75 Coats Special
$17.50

Second Floor—A rousing one-day sale of Women's and Misses' Coats that will crowd the Garment Store today. High-class Coats from regular stock—lines that have sold down to one or two of a kind. Zibeline, Cheviot, Diagonal and Homespun materials. Belted and loose effects with large collars of fur, plush or self material. Full or partly lined. Coats formerly priced from $25.00 to $33.75—special **$17.50**

Crepe Waists $4.28
Center Circle, First Floor—A very special offering for today. Women's Crepe Waists in plain or figured effects. Braided, beaded and embroidered models. Excellent assortment of styles and good selection of colors. Take advantage of this great sale of Crepe Waists. Special **$4.28**

REMNANT SALE
Main Floor—Odds and ends and short lengths of Plain and Printed Georgette Crepes, Silk Nets, Cotton Nets, Chiffons, Embroidery Insertions, Beadings, Bands, Skirtings and Flouncings, Novelty Laces, Ornaments, Medallions, Metal Laces—hundreds of pieces AT SPECIAL LOW PRICES.

Dress Fringes ½ Price
Main Floor—Odd pieces and short lengths of Dress Fringes in plain or knotted effects—narrow to wide widths; excellent assortment of desirable colors. On sale today at just **½ Off**

Baby Week Specials
Second Floor—Infants' Double Blankets with fancy pink or blue borders **$2.19**
—Knit Sweaters; Sacques **$1.79**
—Infants' Knit Leggings **$2.19**

Sale of Men's Shirts
—$1.50 Shirts Special at $1.15.
—$6.00 Shirts Special at $4.95

THE Great Annual Inventory Sale of Shirts starts this morning in the Men's Store. Portland men are accustomed to looking forward to this event with expectations of getting Shirts of dependable qualities at low prices, and we have never yet disappointed them. This time we offer over 800 high-class shirts in Arrow, Savoy, Metric and other good makes in soft or stiff cuff styles. Some are a trifle soiled or mussed from display. Large assortment patterns to select from.

—$1.50 Shirts $1.15
—$2.50 Shirts $1.98
—$3.00 Shirts $2.45
—$3.50 Shirts $2.95
—$6.00 Shirts $4.95

Men's $4.00 Hats Special at $2.45
Main Floor—Special offering of an odd lot of men's hats—various styles, including cloth hats. Broken sizes. While they last **$2.45**

—Splendid Savings in the Sale of
Bedding
—And customers are buying generously because they realize such savings are decidedly out of the ordinary even here where low prices are the rule. The sale continues Friday and Saturday.—Dept., Third Floor.

Woolnap Blankets Reduced
—$6.50 Gray Woolnap Blankets, with fancy colored borders. Large size. Sale **$5.85**
—$6.00 Fancy Plaid Woolnap Blankets; good large size—Inventory Sale special at **$4.89**
—$8.00 White Woolnap Blankets with fancy borders. Large size. Inventory Sale **$6.75**
—$9.00 White Blankets in good large size. Wool-finish. Inventory Sale special at **$7.95**

Wool Blankets Reduced
—$13.50 White Wool Blankets with fancy borders. Large size. Inventory Sale price **$9.90**
—$15.00 White Wool Blankets; fancy borders. Large and heavy. Sale price **$12.65**

Crib Blankets
—Fancy Colored Crib Blankets of good sizes and quality. Regular $1.25 kind. Sale price **97c**
—Regular $3.75 Crib Blankets priced special **$3.29**
—Regular $5.00 Crib Blankets priced special **$4.25**

Model Grocery
—Fourth Floor
—Experienced telephone clerks at your service, 8 A. M. to 5:45 P. M.

20c Pkg. Crackers Special 15c
—Graham Crackers, regular 20c size. Priced special **15c**
—Snowflake Soda Crackers, regular 20c size; special at **15c**

—25c Crescent Sardines—can 19c

Women's Silk Lisle Hose Special 69c

Bargain Circle, First Floor—Women's Silk Lisle Hose of superior quality. Fine gauze seamless style with reinforced heel, toe and garter top. Black and several colors—the pair **69c**

Silk Hose $1.15 Pair
—$1.75, $2.00 "Seconds"
Bargain Circle, First Floor—Women's Silk Hose; irregulars of standard $1.75 and $2.00 grades. Brown, black, white—a pair **$1.15**
—Double Trading Stamps given with all charge or cash purchases.

Sale of Enameled Ware
Supply Your Kitchen Needs and Save!

At 25c —Drinking Cups, Seamless Mixing Bowls, Pie Plates, Basting Spoons, Coffee Cups, Saucers, Soup Ladles, Deep Plates, and many other articles.
At 50c —Lipped Sauce Pans, Soup Strainers, Seamless Mixing Bowls, Deep Pudding Pans, Milk Pans, Baking Dishes, Dippers, and other articles.
At 75c —Deep Lipped Kettles, Seamless Covered Buckets, Seamless Milk Pans, Seamless Pudding Pans, etc.
—AT $1.00—Covered Kettles, Sauce Pots, Lipped Kettles, Tea Pots.
—AT $1.50—Sauce Pans, Straight Kettles, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots.
—AT $2.00—Dish Pans, Double Boilers, Covered Pots, Handled Pots.
—DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS with all charge or cash purchases.

Candy Sale
—Main Floor
—Basement
—Ye Old Time French Mixed Candy; special, a pound **38c**
—Old-fashioned Chocolate Drops, assorted flavors; lb. **43c**
—Hard Mixed Candies in colors and best flavors. On special sale today, a pound **dainty 33c**
—Real Peanut Brittle, on special sale today, a pound **30c**
—Cocoanut and Fruit Caramels, priced special, pound **27c**
—Taffy Chews, assorted flavors; special, the pound **25c**

Housekeepers' Week
—Now is a good time to lay in a supply of home needs for the spring and summer months. The great Inventory Sale offers savings you cannot afford to overlook.

Sheets, Sheetings Bed Spreads
—Bleached Sheets, size 72x90 inches; special **$1.98**
—Bleached Sheets for ¾ bed. Priced special **$1.75**
—Pillow Cases, 45x38½ inches; 35¢, or 3 for **$1.00**
—Sheeting, 2 yards wide; half bleached; the yard **60c**
—Bedspreads in good large size; priced only **$4.48**

Linens
—Pure Linen Table Cloths, size 2x3½, at **$16.00**
—Mercerized Cotton Cloths, 55 x 58 inches **$1.58**
—Mercerized Napkins, size 22x22 inches; doz. **$4.75**
—72-inch Mercerized Damask on sale today—special, a yard **$1.00**
—Double Stamps with purchases.

Boys' Suits Only $8.49
—Inventory Sale!

Main Floor—If parents but knew what splendid suits these are the entire lot would be closed out in one day! Made up in sturdy long-wearing mixtures in medium and dark colors. Waist-seam and belted styles. Broken sizes 7 to 17; at **$8.49**

Boys' Overcoats At $8.49
Main Floor—Many of the Overcoats in this lot were formerly priced at $12.50. Only a few sizes—mostly for large boys. Plain color materials. Special at **$8.49**

Boys' Blouses at 85c
Main Floor—Odd lines priced for quick cleanup. Plain color chambrays and figured percales. These are well made and the materials are of splendid quality. Broken sizes. Boys' Waists at only **85c**

Boys' Wool Sweaters at $4.45
Main Floor—We offer these good Sweaters at the above price on account of sizes being broken and because there is but one shade—cardinal. Made in coat style with large collars. Sizes 34, 36, 38—**$4.45**

One Minute Washer
—A Mechanical Marvel!

—The modern washing device for modern Twentieth Century folk, is the One-Minute Electric Washer—an efficient electrical mechanism that will do a week's washing with as little fuss and worry as starting an automobile with an electric starting device.
—The One-Minute is built to give unvarying, perfect washing machine service—without adjustment and without trouble.
—It will last a lifetime with ordinary care.
—If you have never had the opportunity to see a One-Minute in operation take a few moments' time and visit the Housewares Dept.

$2 DOWN--$2 A WEEK
—will bring a One-Minute Washer to your home at once. See Demonstration, daily, in department on Third Floor.

Basement Millinery Sale
—Children's Trimmed Hats 50c
—Women's Untrimmed Hats 50c
Basement—Children's Trimmed Hats, Tams and Sport Caps in many different styles and colors. Values to $2.00 at **50c**
—Women's Untrimmed Hats in black and colors. Large and small effects. Formerly priced to $2.69. On sale at only **50c**
—BANDED HATS for Boys and Girls. Smart stitched brim effects. Shown in black and brown. Regular to $2.00 values at **50c**

Women's $11 Boots $8.95
—Dept. Main Floor
—At this special price Friday only. Women's Laced Boots of dark brown Russian calf. Neat pointed toe last with Cuban heel and blind eyelets. Smart, dressy boots for street wear. Regular price $11.00 a pair. On sale today—only **$8.95**

Women's Shoes $7.95

—Laced or Buttoned Shoes of black or brown kid. Cloth or leather tops, high or medium heels. Sizes from 3 to 6—priced special, a pair **$7.95**

BELGIANS, LED BY MERCIER, ASK KAISER TO STOP DEPORTATIONS

"Life and Liberty of Great Number of Our Fellow Citizens, Whom We Love as Brethren, at Stake," Cardinal Says.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S STORY. Including his correspondence with the German authorities in Belgium during the war, 1914 to 1918, edited by Professor Fernand Mayence of Louvain university and translated by the Benedictine monks of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, England.

The Marquis de Villalobar, who urged Cardinal Mercier to draw up the direct appeal to the Kaiser concerning the deportations, was an ideal type of old world diplomat.

His Spanish inheritance of courtliness and the social graces failed to exert a profound impression in the upstart Prussians with their vulnerable assumption of good breeding. He was a past master of the fine points of international technique, and to his post of Spanish minister to Belgium he brought accomplishments and abilities which speedily made him a dominating figure throughout the years of German occupation.

Above all, his sense of justice was unimpeachable. At the outbreak of the war, in common with many of his compatriots, he was disinclined to believe in the dark iniquity of the German empire. It all seemed too incredible, too preposterous.

Furthermore, Spain was bound to Austria, who had ignited the spark of conflict, by numerous powerful ties. A son of a Hapsburg mother sat on the throne of Spain. A Hapsburg, who was also king of Spain—Charles V—had once been virtually master of continental Europe.

Outwardly the marquis preserved an impeccable neutrality. He was, however, observing and fast coming into contact with unanswerable facts. Belgians close to the cardinal have declared that within a very few weeks after the invasion of their native land the sympathies of the Spanish minister swung fervently to the side of the allies.

Although from the diplomatic standpoint it was impossible for the Germans to find official fault with his conduct, he was, with Brand Whitlock, Herbert Hoover and others, of the greatest assistance in the administration of the relief of Belgium. He did his utmost to save Edith Cavell. His adroitness smoothed out many a situation which would have resulted otherwise if handled with passion. In association with the cardinal—a close friend—the marquis was a factor of great influence in a season of terrorism.

It is typical of Villalobar's taste for the ironic that he took Crown Prince Rupprecht into the ministerial residence and saved him from the infuriated Belgians in November, 1918, when the German machine collapsed.

(Continuation of Chapter XXX—The Deportation of the Unemployed.)

ACTING on the advice of the Marquis de Villalobar, the Spanish minister in Brussels, a number of prominent Belgians, animated by a desire to exhaust every possible means to put an end to the deportations, had recourse to a direct appeal to the emperor. On Sunday, February 11, the Spanish minister and M. Levie, minister of state, repaired to the archbishop's house to acquaint the cardinal with their plan and to ask him to join hands with them. The interview resulted in an agreement that the cardinal should draw up the appeal and that M. Levie should be commissioned to gather the signatures.

On Wednesday a copy of the document was handed to the Spanish minister. He in turn passed it on to Baron von der Lancken, who at once dispatched it to Berlin. On Thursday, the 15th, M. Levie, Baron de Faverreau and Prince de Ligne, on the introduction of the Marquis de Villalobar, handed the appeal officially to Baron von der Lancken, who was shortly to leave for Berlin. The chief of the political department promised his active support, as well as that of the governor-general, in order to obtain from the emperor the favorable answer to the appeal.

The text of the petition runs as follows:

"Imperial Majesty: The signatories of this appeal with heavy hearts have seen and still see every day thousands of their brethren torn from their families and dragged forcibly into exile, where they are compelled to choose between starvation and work which offends their dignity as patriots. The representatives of the various public bodies in Belgium, ministers of state, the hierarchy, members of parliament, the magistracy and the bar, commercial and industrial magnates, trade unions and workmen's societies, have raised their voices on behalf of their countrymen and have brought to the notice of the general government with that candor which is the mark of a free people the deep distress of the nation, the causes that have brought it about, those that foster it and those that day by day augment it.

"If your majesty has leisure to peruse these documents and will deign to verify the grounds on which they rest, there can be no doubt that you will be inclined to do us justice. You can hardly imagine the wave of indignation which would pass over your empire, if ever your own subjects were unreasonably expatriated and coerced into consolidating by their work a foreign domination.

"Your imperial majesty prides yourself on your loyalty to your faith. May we not then be allowed to remind you of the simple and yet striking words of the gospel, 'Do unto others that which you would have done to yourself'?

"The emperor of Germany will understand how repugnant to our national amour-propre is soliciting as a favor what in normal times we could justly claim as a right.

Life and Liberty at Stake.

"But the life and liberty of a great number of our fellow citizens, whom we love as brothers, is at stake. We have had the courage to stifle every other feeling in our breasts but that of brotherhood. We venture to hope that your majesty will be guided by but one sentiment—that of humanity.

"The undersigned, representing the religious, political and judicial, economic and social authorities of the Belgian people, hope that your majesty will give the necessary orders to cease deporting Belgian workmen and to repatriate those who have been driven into exile.

"They offer to your majesty their respectful homage.

"Brussels, February 14, 1917."

Signatories:

Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines, primate of Belgium.

Ministers of state—Viscount de Lantsheere, Baron de Favereau, J. Devolder, Count Woeste.

Relief and victualing committee—M. Ernest Solway, president.

Senate—Baron de Favereau, president; Baron d'Huart, secretary; Viscount de Jonghe d'Ardoye, quaestor; Alexander Braun, Max Hallet, Prosper Hanrez, Em. Vinck.

Chamber of representatives—Alphonse Harmignies, vice-president; Mansart, secretary; Xavier de Bue, quaestor; Bertrand, Michel, Levie, Paul Van Hoedgarden, du Bus de Warnaffe, Fulgence Masson Wauters, Franck, Emile Tibbaut, P. Wauwermans.

Court of appeal—Eug. Dupont, first president; Georges Terlinden, procurator-general.

The bar—Edmond Picard, batonnier de cassation; H. Botson, batonnier d'appel.

National bank of Belgium—Jean Jadot, governor.

Prince de Ligne.

Count Jean de Merode, grand marshal of the court.

Count John d'Oultremont, honorary grand marshal.

Baron Hermann de Woelmont, grand master of the household.

Count Leo d'Ursel.

Count Jacques de Liedekerke.

Viscount de Parc.

Baron Goffinet, grand master of the household of her imperial majesty the Empress Charlotte.

Proof Sent to Germany.

A copy of the appeal to the emperor, to which was appended certain documentary evidence consisting of reports, statistics, etc., was handed in to the governor-general.

On March 9 Baron von der Lancken transmitted orally to Baron de Faverreau, president of the senate, the answer given by the emperor to the petition of the Belgian notables. He declared that his majesty had decided to have minutely examined the demands contained in the appeal addressed to him, reserving to himself the giving of a definite decision. Meanwhile he had given orders to send back to Belgium persons deported by mistake as unemployed and to suspend till further orders the transfer into Germany of Belgians unemployed.

The deportations ceased after this and little by little the unhappy men who had been taken away by force into Germany were able to return to their country. The lamentable condition in which they were found on their return proved to the hilt what privations and sufferings they had gone through. A large number, exhausted by the hardships inflicted on them in forcing them to work, had to be looked after in the hospitals. The cardinal made his voice heard once again in favor of these victims of German barbarity in a letter addressed to Baron von der Lancken, in which he pleaded the cause of various condemned persons. He wrote in part as follows:

"It is a traditional practice for the archbishop to consecrate his suffragans. Thus I was invited to consecrate the new bishop of Ghent on Tuesday, May 1, and joyfully accepted the invitation. And now a pass to Ghent is refused, though I had in my request for a permit indicated the whole of my itinerary. But all these petty grievances I put up with without protest.

"In return, may we not hope that the German authorities will lean more toward clemency? Will you not use your influence to bring them to this way of acting? I deem it my duty to remind you of the delays made in repatriating our workmen; of the lamentable condition in which they return to us—a clear evidence of the treatment they have undergone. The war will not last forever. You who see things from a broader point of view than the militarists should make them understand that they can have no interest in arousing against them the indignation of all right-thinking men on the day conditions of peace are discussed."

Von der Lancken Ignores Plea.

In his reply to this letter Baron von der Lancken passed over in complete silence the cardinal's protest against the manner in which the repatriattion of the deported was carried out.

(To Be Continued.)

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Corbett Grange Installs.

CORBETT, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Columbia grange No. 267 has installed officers as follows: Master, James Binfuld; overseer, Clara Smith; lecturer, Mrs. Ada O'Connell; steward, Beth Pounder; assistant steward, Fred Knurium; chaplain, Mrs. George Knurium; treasurer, James Ross; secretary, Herrick Vee; gatekeeper, Fred Binfuld; Ceres, Minnie Pounder; Pomona, Grace Binfuld; lady assistant steward, Aletha Knurium.

MARSHFIELD MEN TOUR

Member of Port Commission to Inspect Columbia Docks.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—A. H. Powers, Anson C. Rogers, C. S. Winsor, Peter Loggie and Henry Sengstacken, port commissioners, left yesterday for a tour of the Columbia river from Portland to Astoria, and will inspect docking facilities provided by the various ports.

The port of Coos Bay soon will place a large bond issue and the commissioners are now in the north to post themselves regarding the best methods of constructing wharves and docks. One or two mills at Reedsport are planning on shipping lumber to Coos Bay when the large docks are supplied for trans-shipment to other Pacific ocean harbors.