

PRICES OF LUMBER DOWN 28 PER CENT

Dealers' Association Makes Nation-Wide Reduction.

HARDWOOD CUT BIGGEST

Decrease in Prices of Flooring and Cheaper Grades of Building Material is Greatest.

BY JOHN J. LEARY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—On the eve of the session of the National Construction & Building Trades Congress, the American Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association, through L. R. Putnam, its managing director, today announced an average cut in lumber prices from last February's list of 28 per cent. The cut, nation-wide, is heaviest on hardwood flooring and on the cheaper grades of lumber used in concrete construction.

Meaning in mind that the call on the congress, issued at a meeting of building trades unions, contractors, engineers and architects, organized at Atlantic City last month followed general denunciation of the material men as gougers and profiteers, the announcement of the wholesale lumber men is interesting.

Letter is interesting. Of interest, as much because of what he does not say as what he does, is a letter to all building trades unions by John H. Donlin, president of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, warning them, lest they wish to invite destruction, to avoid strikes because of quarrels with other unions as to who shall do certain work.

These strikes, commonly called jurisdictional, have become practically non-existent since the establishment of the national board for jurisdictional awards in March, 1919.

The importance of Donlin's warning becomes apparent only when it is stated that one of the largest of the unions shows a record of having broken the traces and undo the work of the national board.

Harmony Need Help Recognized. Taken together, the action of the lumbermen and Donlin may be interpreted as recognition by two of the most powerful interests in the building trade that harmony and fair dealing must be the rule in the industry in the building season of 1921.

It is to be clear that the program of the congress meeting tomorrow is called. The moving spirit behind it is the American Institute of Architects, through which Robert E. Kohn of New York presented to the Atlantic City conference a request that united action be taken to put the industry thrown out of joint by the war on a healthy basis.

This conference agreed that the chief trouble lay in the high prices demanded and the gouging and profiteering being practiced by certain material men.

Other branches at fault, too. It was admitted, were not without sin, architects and union men, building contractors and engineers admitting faults of their groups, but all agreeing that until the material men came into line and behaved a settled condition was impossible.

Therefore, it is decided to hold a national congress, to which material men and bankers be invited, that a national survey of stocks be had so that a national building program could be laid down. By such a program it was agreed more stable prices might be had and artificial inequalities in price wiped out.

While no threats were made, it was understood, then, and it is understood now, that a large stick is ready for use on such malcontents as will not agree to work in the common cause and give up extra profits, as has been the rule.

GHOST OF QUEEN HAUNTS FRENCH VOW MARIE ANTOINETTE HAS WAVED TO THEM.

SHADE FLOATS GRACEFULLY AROUND VERSAILLES PARK; INDICATES RETURN OF KING, SAY ROYALISTS.

BUSINESS FAVOR MARKET STATE MERCHANTS' CENSURE "NOT REPRESENTATIVE."

EXECUTIVE FOR THREE ASSOCIATIONS IN STATE AND PORTLAND DEFENDS COMMISSION BILL.

That the action of the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association in condemning the state market commission act, to be voted upon this fall, is not representative of the opinion of most of the retail merchants of Oregon, is the declaration of Jared Wenger, secretary-manager of the Greater Portland association, secretary of the Oregon Retail Furniture Dealers' association, and assistant secretary of the Oregon Retail Clothiers' association. A statement issued by Mr. Wenger is in part as follows:

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CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Governor Cox made not the slightest impression on the women voters of the northwest with his leave of absence speech, but he has never seen the women more keenly interested in any subject than they are in this issue.

And it was to report to our women everywhere that the women of the northwest will vote overwhelmingly against Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cox and their league.

This was the statement made today by Mrs. Raymond Robins, who has just returned from a speaking tour of the northwest. Mrs. Robins will go into Ohio next week and then back to Wisconsin, where she begins a speaking tour that takes her to the coast, on the trail of Mr. Cox.

"I have had perfectly wonderful meetings in Minnesota," said Mrs. Robins. "At Minneapolis I talked to a packed house in their great auditorium and it was perfectly amazing to me, an old-timer, to see the keenness with which the women have grasped the issue and mastered it so completely.

"My impression is that this issue is the paramount one with the women of the northwest. They are against the Wilson-Cox league almost unanimously, for they believe that it means more war.

"Another outstanding aspect of the situation in the northwest is the splendid organization that has been accomplished already among the new women voters. It is just wonderful, and I make the prediction now that they will surprise us all by their votes at their vote are counted. They are overwhelmingly for Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge."

VETERAN DIES AT REUNION

THREE 91ST BUDDIES HELD AFTER CELEBRATION.

Pistol Drops From Dead Youth's Pocket; Black Jack Found on One; All Had Been Drinking.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 26.—Arthur Azevedo, Sacramento overseas veteran who came here today to attend the reunion of the 91st division, is dead tonight and his companions, Frank Stone and Earl McCue of Sacramento and Fred Moreel of San Francisco, were held without charge by the Oakland police.

A police officer, who intended to show it on its merits, He did not cite the story himself, nor did anyone connected with the democratic campaign.

I understand he will accept no profits, but will get his money back. That is his legitimate affair and not the affair of this committee.

"I know nothing of the Stars and Stripes, except that this committee has had nothing to do with it. So far as this committee is concerned, Mr. Baruch is not officially connected, and he has contributed only \$5000.

Therefore, he can hardly be called the 'angel of a campaign' which ought to have at least \$2,000,000. I wish he were. Any man with record of public service and his interest in the world's greatest moral issue, the league, is a very welcome supporter of our campaign to any extent."

The league to enforce peace, in a statement tonight, declared that it is a non-partisan organization and the contributions of B. M. Baruch to its news bureau maintained in Washington last winter were not in any sense contributions to the democratic party.

The fact is known to every newspaper in the country, this statement said, "that the league to enforce peace gave a complete demonstration of its non-partisan character by doing everything in its power to keep the league of nations from becoming a partisan issue in the presidential campaign. The league urged the ratification of the treaty without regard to party. The news bureau was conducted in Washington for the same purpose."

MAN HIT, DRIVER SPEEDS ON. AMBERDEN, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—T. Mitchell, driving in the streets of Elma, coming out onto a paved street from his home heard an auto approaching rapidly. He stepped to the edge of the pavement, but not quickly enough to escape being hit by the fender. One arm was broken and he suffered other bruises. The driver of the auto did not slacken speed.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—An attack against secrecy in connection with Japan's diplomacy in the California problem is made in a statement by Marquis Okuma, former premier. He demands that the government respond to national opinion, which should be awakened to the gravity of the issue.

The presence of 100,000 industrious Japanese is no menace to America, says the Marquis. The real menace is from the anarchists and bolsheviks which are coming to the United States from Europe.

Fair Judgment Asked. After pointing out that many Japanese subscribed to the American liberty loans and made donations to the Red Cross and that some of them volunteered for army service, Marquis Okuma declares:

"We must appeal to the fair judgment of enlightened Americans and if necessary to the nations of the world. Moreover, there is ample ground for the Japanese to insist on their legal rights, so there is no need to jump at hasty conclusions and high-handed measures."

Negotiations between the Japanese and United States governments regarding the immigration question are entering "the serious stage," Baron Sakatani, former minister of finance, has informed the Koselaki party in the house of peers, reporting an interview with Viscount Uchida, foreign minister. Baron Sakatani quoted the foreign minister as saying both governments were making the utmost effort to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Commission to Be Urged. Tomo Uki, newspaper editor, says it understands the government will propose appointment of a high commission to deal with the problems. The newspaper editor Viscount Shibusawa, president of the American-Japanese society, as admitting that the commission project is being discussed, but saying he would recommend to Premier Hara that the result of the California anti-Japanese referendum be awaited. If it were unfavorable, he added, he thought representative Japanese should go to America and discuss the problem with men like ex-President Taft and Frank W. Vanderbilt.

Personally, Viscount Shibusawa is quoted as adding he believed extension of the naturalization privilege to the Japanese in California would be the best solution of the difficulty, as they and their posterity would thus escape "further persecution" by Americans.

Foreign Minister Uchida today conferred with Field Marshal Yamagata, supreme military councillor and president of the privy council, regarding the California situation.

IRISH CONVENTION CALLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—California members of the order of Friends of Irish Freedom will hold their state convention at Fresno, Cal., November 25, it is announced by Andrew J. Gallagher, San Francisco, state president. The order claims a state membership of 300,000. Plans to win official American recognition for the "Irish republic" will be discussed at the convention.

WARNING ISSUED TO UNIONS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—A warning to building crafts that unless they resort to reason and put an end to jurisdictional disputes the unions may be destroyed and the open shop come into vogue, has been issued by John H. Donlin, president of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

PAVING PLANT IS BURNED.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Sept. 26.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the plant of the Barber Asphalt Paving company near here, which covered several acres. The fire will throw 2000 men out of work. It was estimated, and the loss will be over \$1,000,000.

ANATOLE FRANCE TO WED.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Anatole France, the author, is to be married soon to Mile. Emma La Prevotte, according to an announcement in L'Oeuvre.

KISS UNDOING OF ROBBER

Woman Routs Youth When Enforcing Osculatory Demand.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—A youthful robber, dissatisfied with the amount of money given him, demanded kisses from his fair victim, whom he had held up, together with her husband, in their apartment at 2 o'clock this morning. He was routed

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He is held on an open charge by the police while Miss Blackstead is in the city hospital, suffering from painful bruises. Skinner is married and the father of five children.

Skinner, who is a pipeman with hose company No. 20, appeared at the house where Miss Blackstead lives with several other girls and forced his way in and frightened off the answerer of the door bell. He had a suitcase with him and gave it to the ordering her to pack up her clothes and go with him.

When she refused, he produced a gun and told her he would kill her if she did not obey his command, she told the police. She packed up her effects and accompanied him down town on a street car, she said. He kept the gun in his pocket during the trip on the car, but repeatedly warned her against making an outcry, saying that she would be sorry if she did.

The couple got off the car at Second avenue and Pine street, where he seized her arm and told her to follow him to his room. She demanded the gun, saying that if she had it she would go with him. He unloaded the weapon and gave it to the ordering her to follow the passing of the gun that Miss Blackstead appealed to the luckless stranger who was taken up and frightened off that Skinner was arrested in his room.

WOMAN FALLS, HIT BY CAR

Mrs. Emma Burroughs, 59, Sustains Scalp Wound.

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The car struck her head, inflicting a scalp wound. She was taken to Good Samaritan hospital.

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Three Bullets From Rifle Pass Through Body and House.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Charles E. Pollard, 39, a longshoreman, was found dead in his room at Everett, Wash., late last night, and is believed to have been murdered, according to advices from the Everett police received here.

The body was found by L. E. Smith of Seattle. Three bullets from a high power rifle had passed through the body and through the side of the house, police investigators said.

BODY TAKEN FROM MORGUE.

The body of Mrs. Ivy McBride, who committed suicide Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Minnie Starr, 2020 East Gilman street, by drinking carbolic acid, was removed from the morgue yesterday to the Gable undertaking parlors, 1923 East Gilman street. Funeral arrangements will be announced today.

COMMUNITY SERVICE TO MEET.

For the purpose of considering neighborhood development Community Service will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in Library hall. The principal speaker will be Dr. F. A. Parsons, professor of sociology at the University of Oregon.

INJURED WOMAN HOME.

Miss Margaret White, who was injured in the motor car accident on the Mount Hood railway Saturday, has been brought to her home at 420 Fourteenth street, where she is suffering from serious injuries. Miss White had been in New York City last two years and was on her way to visit her place at Trout creek station, near which the car was struck by an engine. Her sister was waiting at the station.

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