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LUMBER COMBINE IN WEST CHARGED

Primary Purpose Held to Fix Prices.

REPORT GIVEN TO CONGRESS

Collusion Scented by Federal Trade Commission.

PRODUCTION IN HARMONY

Evidence of Concerted Control Declared Obtained From Files and Prominent Members.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Lumber manufacturers of Idaho, western Montana and eastern Oregon have organized and conducted the Western Pine Manufacturers' association for the primary purpose of agreeing on the prices of their lumber, the federal trade commission declared today in submitting to congress the fourth of a series of reports dealing with the lumber industry.

The activities of the association in advancing prices by concerted action were contemporaneous with a steadily rising price level between 1915 and 1929, the report asserted, adding that in periods of depression members of the association acted in concert to regulate production so as to maintain prices.

Price-Fixing Charged.

The association has a separate organization in Montana which fixes prices within the state, the commission also charged, and "there has been active co-operation between the Western Pine Manufacturers' association and the West Coast Lumbermen's association, with the purpose and effect of harmonious action on prices and production."

The conclusions submitted in the report were declared to be based on documentary evidence "secured from the files of the company and its more prominent members."

"It should be understood," the commission said, "that this rather detailed presentation is far from exhausting the documentary evidence in the commission's possession."

Other ultimate conclusions of "fact" contained in the summary of the report published by the commission include:

Pre-War Levels Untouched.

"Notwithstanding price reductions from the peak of the runaway market of 1919-20, ranging as high as 88 per cent on the lower grades, most of the present prevailing quotations are far in advance of war-time levels and none touch pre-war levels."

"The price advances made by prominent members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association during the runaway market of 1919 were characterized by the more conservative members and manufacturers as radical, 'incredible' and 'tremendous.' When prices had reached their peak in February, 1920, and demand was waning an advertising campaign proposed to stimulate it."

Production Held Regulated.

"In periods of depression the association members have resorted to concerted regulation of production for the purpose of maintaining the prices arrived at through concerted action and as a basis for recurring cycles of increased prices when demand springs up again. In the fall of 1921 prices were again advanced on the basis of depleted stocks brought about by a reduction of more than 50 per cent below normal in the 1921 output. Notwithstanding a nation-wide housing shortage members estimated that their production for 1922 will not be more than 50 to 60 per cent of their 1921 production and there is trade talk of another runaway market."

Approximately 80 per cent of the lumber output of their territory is in the hands of members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association. Since the ownership of standing timber in this territory is in the hands of a relatively few strong concerns, most of which are members of the association, the power of the association over the market for its woods will almost inevitably increase, unless restrained by judicial action.

Box Bureau Maintained.

"The association members have been prominent in the maintenance of a box bureau, through which prices of boxes and box material have been fixed by concerted action. The prices so fixed have been a direct charge upon the fruit-growing industry of the so-called inland empire and mountain states as well as upon the meat packing industry centered at Chicago."

Order to make the uniform prices promulgated by the association effective not only at point of shipment, but at destination, the members have adopted a common freight basing point. This frequently involves additions to mill prices in the shape of unpaid but arbitrarily calculated freight.

As an adjunct to maintenance of uniform prices, the Western Pine Manufacturers' association has endeavored to standardize the discounts from the official prices which its members allow wholesalers. Powerful retail concerns have been given the

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STRYCHNINE CAUSES DEATH OF CHILDREN

SALTS GIVEN BY MRS. RHODES MIXED WITH FATAL DRUG.

Chemical Analyses Show Package Contained 10 Per Cent Poison and Probe Is Continued.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Chemical analysis of the package of Epsom salts from which Mrs. Edward Rhodes of Boisfort said she took the medicine which killed her five children last week has shown that 10 per cent of strychnine was mixed with the salts, according to a report to County Prosecutor Allen today.

The analysis was made by Chemists Ayers and Taylor in the office of the state food inspector at Seattle, and was said to have been corroborated by analyses made by commercial chemists in Seattle.

Eight or ten other packages taken from the Carlson store, where Mrs. Rhodes bought the salts, also were tested, but no poison was found in them. The store had purchased 12 packages of the medicine. Some of them had been sold, but were obtained by the authorities and sent to Seattle for analysis.

County Attorney Allen today went to Portland to interview Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes again. He was reticent concerning his trip, but it was understood that Mrs. Rhodes told him the package was a new one, and that she broke the seal on it when she obtained the medicine for her children.

Search of the Rhodes premises for a package similar to the one containing the salts proved fruitless, it was said. The authorities were said to have wondered if Mrs. Rhodes might not have made a mistake in the package and have taken the supposed salts from another container holding strychnine. It was felt that the Rhodes, as farmers, might have produced the strychnine to kill squirrels or other rodents. It was understood that this theory was dismissed after the searchers satisfied themselves that there had been no strychnine package in the cupboard from which the salts were taken.

BONOMI VICTORY LOOMS

Italian Premier Stands by Old Cabinet in Political Crisis.

ROME, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A majority vote in favor of Premier Bonomi's government, began his term before the chamber of deputies tomorrow with the same cabinet that offered its resignation a few days ago, was predicted today in quarters conversant with the Italian political situation.

It is anticipated if the premier's cabinet should be defeated, President De Nicola's chamber of deputies is considered as one of the most probable candidates to succeed Premier Bonomi.

FIGHT FOR OREGON BEGUN

Preservation of Battleship Sought by Mr. McArthur.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—A fight to have the Battleship Oregon, which may be preserved under the naval treaty, sent to Portland to be kept there permanently, was started today by Representative McArthur, republican, Oregon, a member of the house naval committee.

The transfer of the old ship was taken up by Mr. McArthur with the navy department and it is understood that he will be ordered to Portland if the people of Oregon guarantee to pay the annual cost of maintenance.

BONZANO TO BE CARDINAL

Apostolic Delegate to United States One to Be Honored.

ROME, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pope Pius has not yet announced his decision regarding the new consistory, but it is still believed that his first consistory will take place in April or May when the new cardinals already decided upon by the late Pope Benedict will be created.

It is not expected here that any new American cardinals will be created at this consistory, but Monsignor Bonzano, apostolic delegate in the United States, will be raised to the purple.

ROAD TO SPEND MILLIONS

St. Louis & San Francisco System Will Be Rehabilitated.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 15.—The St. Louis & San Francisco Railway company will expend approximately \$8,000,000 in improving, repairing and purchasing rolling stock during the current year, according to an announcement made today by company officials here.

The programme calls for spending \$7,500,251 on equipment and maintenance, more than \$5,000,000 of this amount to be spent in bringing freight and passenger equipment up to date.

HARDING MAY SEE COAST

President Planning to Make Western Trip in July.

MARION, Or., Feb. 15.—In a letter made public here last night, President Harding expressed reasonable certainty that he would be able to attend a centennial in Marion the middle of June, adding:

"If a later time is fixed I think my participation is quite unlikely, because I am hoping successfully to work out plans to leave early in July for a trip to the Pacific coast and Alaska."

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BONUS MEASURE STUMPS CONGRESS

Plans for Raising Cash Discussed Informally.

EXPENSE CUTS PROPOSED

Leaders Searching for Place to Trim Budget.

PRESIDENT KEEPS MUM

Harding Understood to Be Preparing Letter Setting Forth Views on Subject.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The soldiers' bonus bill tonight was very much in the air.

Congress was without any official word from President Harding as to his views on the subject, and meantime the committees which have been handling the problem continued to mark time.

Among senators and representatives generally there was considerable private discussion and conjecture, with the revival on the house side of talk about a slashing of annual appropriation bills as a means of providing the necessary finances for the bonus.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, and some other leaders in the house were understood to be giving this proposal close study. Mr. Mondell called at the White House early in the day, but did not see the president. He said afterwards that the supply measures would be examined carefully to determine whether much of the sum needed for the bonus could not be obtained from that direction.

Proposal Well Received.

This proposition met with considerable response from members of the house, where apparently there is a growing desire to put the bonus through. There were suggestions that as a result of the agreement for a naval holiday as much as \$200,000,000 could be cut from the naval bill, and that another large sum could be saved by cutting down the size of the army. Mr. Mondell and other leaders were not prepared, however, to make estimates until a more careful study of the subject had been made.

With the executive known to look with disfavor upon either the suggested eight-point tax programme or (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

SCIENTIST DECLARES GHOSTS NOT CLAMMY

DESCRIPTION IS GIVEN TO ACADEMY FOR FIRST TIME.

Professor Richet Says Visitors Have Personality and Old Idea Must Be Abandoned.

(Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.)
PARIS, Feb. 15.—(Special Cable.)—The old idea of "a cold and clammy ghost with clanking chains" must be abandoned along with so many other picturesque notions that have been destroyed by modern science. The ghost of today has body and substance, hands that are warm to the touch, eyes that see and turn in their orbits, a voice that can be heard, breath that throws off carbonic acid, feet that move and fingers that clutch.

This is the deliberate statement made by the distinguished Professor Charles Richet, member of the Institute of France, before the Academy of Science yesterday when he presented his new book on metapsychism to the academy. Never before has this temple of science received officially a communication on occult subjects and the problems of the spirit world.

Professor Richet, who has made a life study of so-called spiritism and psychic phenomena, admitted it required much courage on his part as a recognized scientist to devote himself to the study of such questions and to present the result of his investigations to the world. But "the duty of science is to discover truth."

Professor Richet declares that the reality of the materializations produced by mediums cannot be denied. These visitors from the spirit world, he says, have personality and intelligence and all the attributes of life. Curiously enough, he is not convinced that levitation can actually be accomplished, although he considers that the possibility of exercising a material influence from a distance is proved. Richet's book of 800 pages is packed with observations, analyses and phenomena, including those already related by Sir Crookes and others.

JOHN D. JR. AWES CHINESE

Capitalist Rides as Doomed Man Through Celestial Streets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—John D. Rockefeller Jr., addressing the Westchester county chamber of commerce today, told another story on himself and his recent visit to China.

In one town he visited he caused removal of the top of a sedan in which he was being carried so that he might better see the sights.

The populace greeted him in such a peculiar manner that he made inquiries, eliciting the information that he was riding in a state accorded only to criminals on their way to be executed. All other persons in China, he was told, rode with their sedan tops up.

BANK TO CALL IN MONEY

Tighter Rates Expected as Result of Meeting Treasury Certificates.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—To meet payments due on outstanding certificates of indebtedness issued by the treasury department the local federal reserve bank will call in \$50,000,000 of deposits from member banks.

Withdrawal of this vast sum is expected to cause temporary tightening of money rates, which have been especially easy in the last few days.

OCCUPATION GROUPS TO WORK FOR CHEST

RECANVASS METHOD SLATED TO PRODUCE RESULTS.

Teachers and Pupils Show Interest in Campaign; Total Obtained Aggregates \$491,709.

All colonels in the community chest campaign will be reached by a letter of general orders sent out from G. H. Q. at the Multnomah hotel today by General Robert E. Smith directing attention to the recanvass for funds by occupational groups instead of the former method of geographic solicitation.

This letter directs the colonels to transmit at once to headquarters a complete list of all captains and lieutenants who have been enlisted in the drive, together with their business connections and addresses. These data will be used in aiding those who will have charge of the canvass of occupational groups.

Much is expected from this new method of mopping up in the big drive. Instead of being approached by entire strangers, those to be solicited in future will, for the most part, be seen by business associates and friends. In this way it is believed a more friendly reception will be given the chest message than would otherwise be the case.

A canvass of the Lents district was started yesterday by the Salvation Army in active charge. Major Sophia Harris commands this group of about ten active workers and good results are at last expected from Lents.

Hitherto in the campaign prevailing sickness has prevented much being accomplished in that district. The residence division, Mrs. C. B. Simons, chairman, despaired of Lents because workers sent out there invariably reported the situation hopeless with so many residents impossible to solicit because they were kept in bed by illness. But with the enlistment in the cause of Salvation Army workers, a more hopeful aspect of the situation is seen.

Miss Hazel Carnes, in charge of the solicitation of the schools, both teachers and pupils, reported considerable interest in the campaign throughout the schools. She showed collections of \$1260 in the schools on Tuesday.

Yesterday's total of the whole chest campaign was \$491,709, showing it was slow in mounting toward the \$788,777 desired.

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DIRECTORS VOTE CURB ON DANCES

Rules Governing School Affairs Are Adopted.

ONLY MR. THOMAS DISSENTS

Official Declares Regulations Not Drastic Enough.

AFTERNOON PARTIES HIT

Popular Methods Among Students of Raising Funds Are Abolished Altogether Hereafter.

Another chapter was added to Portland's school dance controversy last night when the school board, by a vote of five to one, adopted a set of rules and regulations recommended by a special committee for government of high school dances. The one dissenting vote was that of Director George B. Thomas, who branded the regulations as "not drastic enough" and made an unsuccessful attempt to have the vote postponed until a later meeting of the board. Director Martin was absent.

From the standpoint of the pupils, the most drastic of the new regulations is that doing away with afternoon dances and the so-called "jitney" dances, popular as a means of raising funds.

Regulations Are Listed.

It is understood that high school dances are those dances held in the respective high school buildings under the direct supervision of the principal and faculty.

1. That a definition of high school dances shall be printed on high school report cards.

2. The number of dances shall be limited to four in each semester and shall be held in high school buildings only.

3. They shall be held on Fridays only, beginning at 8 P. M. and closing not later than 10:45 P. M.

4. No afternoon dances shall be permitted and "jitney" dances shall be prohibited entirely.

5. The principal and dean of girls in each high school shall be a committee in charge of the dances and shall be empowered to appoint the following assistants: (a) at least five members of the faculty in addition to the principal or his representative; (b) at least ten patronesses; (c) a floor committee of five from the student body.

Admittance By Invitation.

6. That an invitation list shall be submitted to the dean at least 48 hours in advance of the dance, admittance to be in accordance therewith.

7. Parents shall be requested to notify the dean of any tardy arrivals at home after attending high school dances.

8. The character of the music and the program of dances shall meet the approval of the dean in charge.

9. Unchaperoned pupils shall not be permitted to leave the dance until the close of same.

10. All dances shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the American Association Masters of Dancing.

The committee further recommends that the managers of hotels and clubs be notified that all high school dances are held in high school buildings and that they be requested to co-operate with the board to the extent of denying the use of their halls to any so-called "high school dances."

Mr. Thomas Makes Appeal.

The committee which drew up the set of rules consisted of Chairman Newell and Directors Clark and Eisman of the school board, D. A. Grout, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Ella Elmhurst Wilson, dean of Franklin high school; Miss Caroline Holman, dean of Jefferson high school; Mrs. W. G. Bathgate, president of Portland Parent-Teachers association; Mrs. D. B. Kelly, Woodstock Parent-Teachers' association, and Mrs. Jackson of the Glencoe Parent-Teachers' association.

A vigorous appeal for postponement of action on the regulations was made by Director Thomas before the vote was taken.

"The matter is so important that I think the directors should have time for thorough consideration of these rules," he said. "I don't know whether or not these recommendations will regulate dances if adopted. I am on record as being in favor of stopping the dances entirely if regulation does not cure the evils we know are growing out of the high school dances."

"I don't believe the regulations are drastic enough. If the matter is put to a vote, I'll vote against their adoption. I want to consider the proposition further."

Shall Ready to Vote.

"I'm willing to vote now," said Director Shull.

"You were willing to vote before the investigation," snapped Director Thomas.

Director Eisman declared that he was willing to abide by the wishes of the majority of the board, but that he wanted to go on record as having "absolute faith in the young people of Portland, the finest in the world."

"Charges against the morality of high school dances were based on idle street rumors that may be found on any street corner," he said. "The allegations made by enemies of the school dance were not founded on fact or evidence. The so-called 'dance scandal' was merely the scandal of money."

"One of the most horrible bogies in (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

EX-PUGILIST ADMITTED TO HARVARD CLASSES

FIGHT OF KID WEDGE FOR EDUCATION REWARDED.

Under Influence of Wife One-Time Lumberjack Turns From Arena to Studious Life.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 15.—Fredrick R. (Kid) Wedge of Prescott, Ariz., 40 years old, ex-lumberjack and prize fighter, was admitted to Harvard university as a student of the graduate school of education today. He has come across the country in freight cars to register, only to find that he was uncertain of admission.

Wedge's admission to Harvard marks the latest step in his fight for an education. After battling his way out of the Wisconsin lumber camps by his boxing prowess, he became a fairly successful participant in battles of the prize ring in Nebraska, Colorado and other western states.

Then under the influence of "the young woman who became his wife, he turned to obtaining an education, obtaining a degree from the University of Arizona, and acting for a year as principal of a high school at Prescott.

"Our delay in admitting Mr. Wedge," Dean Henry W. Holmes of the school of education at Harvard said today, "has had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that he was formerly a prize fighter. His remarkable struggle for an education counted in his favor."

"The delay was due to other questions concerning his record and qualifications."

POLICEMEN WASTE TIME

Cleveland Chief Orders Attention Paid to Major Criminals.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—At a conference with police captains today Chief of Police Frank Grant issued instructions that the entire efforts of the department be directed toward ridding the city of major crimes and criminals.

"Officers are wasting their time watching private homes where friendly card games are in progress," the chief declared. "There is no need for it. A man can play cards or dice or drink his own brew in his own home and with his friends, and it is not necessary for a policeman to watch from a vantage point for the chance to make a raid."

"Rid the city of major crimes and criminals and the others will take care of themselves."

FAMOUS TAVERN TO CLOSE

Candy Shop or Cafeteria May Replace San Francisco Resort.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The saccharine monotony of a candy shop or the clutter of a cafeteria may replace the gilt and glittering and the gaiety of Teahau tavern, for 21 years a gathering place for the city's bon vivants, which will close its doors as a pleasure palace on Saturday night.

High rent and prohibition provided the combination which brought an end to the particular phase of the city's Bohemianism, which for almost a quarter of a century has been known to revelers from all over the country who have visited San Francisco.

"We don't know anything about Hollywood—cover so they wanted to work. Europe—well, Europe's an impulse with me. I see a steamer down here in the harbor and I hop aboard, but we're not going now. No, we have to go home and work just as soon as Mary gets her lawsuit fixed. She's been sued for 10 per cent of a contract she signed with Zukor in 1916, by Mrs. Wilkoning, a play agent, even since she was raised and up—she's a matter of principle. Mrs. Wilkoning wants \$139,999 and it's costing about three times that to keep her from getting it, but my wife, as you see, is a very determined person."

Suit Causes Delay.

Douglas, meanwhile, was giving his views about New York and Europe and Beverly Hills, "B-H, or below heaven," wherever the Fairbanks-Pickford menage is established, near but not in Hollywood.

"I don't think smoking ought to be forbidden though—they'll be taking away our tea and coffee next," she added.

Taylor Her Director Thrice.

Asked if William Deane Taylor had ever directed her in pictures Mary gave the names of these: "How Could Eugene," "Johanna Kallata" and "Captain Kidd, Jr." Then her husband cast her a warning glance. "I never know he had a wife and daughter in New York—no, indeed," she added. And that was all about that.