

RUNAWAY LUMBER MARKET FORECAST

West Coast Orders Exceed Present Production.

DEMAND IS ON INCREASE

Yard Stocks Exceedingly Low and Intensive Spring Building Campaign Is Begun.

Demand for lumber during the past week were strong and the opinion that perhaps this demand may lead to a "runaway" market is forming in the minds of the leaders of the industry. During the week was heavy and many orders came from California, Japan, the Atlantic coast and the railroads.

The report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 22 showed that the mills reporting to that organization were producing lumber within 5 per cent of normal and that orders were far in excess of production. For the same period the reports of Southern Pine association indicated that the mills were 46 per cent above production and shipments 18 per cent above production. This fact is evidence that the prosperity that has overtaken the lumbering industry in general and not confined to the mills of the northwest.

Orders Ahead of Output.

One thing that leads to the belief of a coming "runaway" market is the discrepancy that is found between orders and shipments. A shortage of cars undoubtedly would lead to such a condition. In many places mills are reluctant to take orders due to the fact that they have ahead of them all of the work that they can do for a few days.

The one thing that is causing the increased demand for lumber is the resumption of building. Yard stocks are exceedingly low. Spring weather is here and the carpenters are at work starting an intensive building campaign. In a recent issue of the Review the following is found:

"In view of the far-reaching influence of developments in the building industry on general business throughout the country, the special survey is interesting and timely. Reports from nearly 40 centers in widely separated sections of the United States demonstrate that the revival of building activities which there has been multiplying evidence during the recent months, is steadily gathering momentum and the future is regarded with optimism."

Record Year Indicated.

"Practically without exception, the dispatches show that a protracted period of deferred undertakings has been followed by a resumption of work on an important and enlarging scale, with accompanying expansion of demand for construction materials, and favorable prospects for further improvement in those lines. The reduced costs of labor and materials and the pronounced shortage of housing accommodations, both in the cities and the suburban towns, had clearly foreshadowed a renewal of building operations of magnitude and advances from some points indicate a record year. In not a few cases, permits for new construction in the spring have reached the highest mark in several years, in number as well as in value, and in certain instances all previous totals have been surpassed."

The "spurt" in buying may end after a time when the yards of the country have been again significantly stocked, but the orders required to fill these years will keep the big mills running for a long period of time.

Logging Conditions Better.

Logging conditions are rapidly improving. Some of the camps on the higher levels are unable to operate due to the deep snows which still cover the ground, but generally speaking, every donkey and wheel possible is moving. In many places camps are being enlarged and the operators are expecting a big business. In other places second and third shifts are going on. This not only indicates prosperity for the lumber business, but in a measure solves the unemployment problem. The long winter put many of the camps behind at least 30 days on their normal schedule, so there will be no marked surplus of logs for a couple months.

One Loyal Legion operator stated Saturday that one of the managers of a big paper manufacturing company told him last July that the company's logging camps had been put to bed for a period of two years or longer. Those camps today are operating in view of the pessimism that overcame the manager nine months ago.

Rail Demand Weakens.

The weakest spot in the lumber situation at present is the lack of demand on the part of the railroads for roadbed materials such as ties and timbers. This condition does not spell prosperity for the small mills that are largely dependent upon the railroads for their operations.

In making its weekly survey of lumber conditions the West Coast Lumbermen's association does not take into consideration the small mills not sending in reports. These mills are the real sufferers in the industry today. Without the demands for rough materials from the railroads they are not experiencing healthy financial conditions.

It has been reported that the buying from California will fall off for a short period of time, in the near future. This condition will be brought about solely by a congestion at the lumber receiving points and not because of slackening demand.

Rough Clears Ordered.

The demand for rough clears for factory purposes was one of the features of the market during the past week. Also there was a demand for common dimensions by the retail yards. These facts were indicative that the buying was largely for house building.

There was also an increased demand for material from the agricultural districts. Farmers are anticipating a better price for their crops than was received last year and are going into the market for lumber with which to make the necessary repairs and improvements around their homes. Should the farm trade improve it will open an avenue of sale for the lower grades of lumber, that are today the "fly in the ointment" of the manufacturer.

PRINCES ARE DEFICIENT

Schools to Be Established for Scions of Turkish Royalty.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.—Turkish princes have been found lacking in educational qualifications by the council for the affairs of the imper-

rial family, which has decided to establish a secondary school exclusively for the use of young scions of royalty. An investigation by the council disclosed that since 1908 only three imperial princes have been well educated in military matters, and they are graduates of German institutions. One of them now holds the rank of major, while the other two are captains. Omar Farouk Effendi, son of the heir-apparent, is a graduate of the Vienna Theresianum.

Fifteen other princes are said to have little if any military education and but limited schooling in general subjects. Essad Pasha, ex-minister of marine, has been instructed to draw up plans for their education and select a site for the royal school.

CHURCH SPURNS NEGRO

JACK JOHNSON'S MEMBERSHIP IN FLOCK IS DENIED.

Intent to Mortgage House of Worship for Forger Disclaimed by Preacher.

That Jack Johnson, confessed negro forger, who had a hearing in police court Friday, is not a member of any church, was the declaration yesterday of Rev. R. Albert Moore, pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion church.

"The better class of negroes are no more ready to protect criminals of their own race from the law than any one else," he said. "On the contrary they are ready to support the law at all times."

"I also can affirm that no mortgage on a house in the city of Portland is made by a negro," he said. "I have no objection to Johnson's release from charges against him."

The announcement of Rev. Mr. Moore was made after Johnson had offered in court to place a mortgage on the negro church where the forger was said to worship, to take care of the amount which he had forged.

Johnson had forged a check for \$25, passing it on J. L. Miller, north end merchant, to get money to sit in a crap game.

The friend of Johnson, who Friday in municipal court offered Deputy District Attorney Mowry a mortgage on one of the negro churches in the city, evidently was unauthorized to act and has maintained a discreet silence about his offer ever since.

Johnson was taken to the county jail Saturday and will have a hearing and sentence today. Efforts on the part of friends to "square" him with his victims and win the favor of the court have so far been futile.

MINISTER "SKY PILOT"

Pacific County Boasts Character in Rev. Mr. Greening.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Pacific county boasts a real "sky pilot." He is Rev. H. E. Greening, pastor to loggers and lumbermen in southwestern Washington. Equipped with an auto, Rev. Greening travels from camp to camp in this section and when his car has gone as far as it can over country roads, he sets out, alone, a pack on his back and hikes into a camp.

Rev. Greening says that practically all the time he spends in the field is spent attending to him is directly after a meal, when they are feeling good. The "sky pilot" thinks that there are few "scobblers" in the camps now.

Rev. Greening teaches a Sunday school at 4000 and is gathering a library for the men in the hospital at Raymond.

RATINGS HELD IGNORED

90 Out of 92 Postal Appointees Declared Not First in Tests.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Ninety out of 92 postmasterships went to republicans under the present administration, although the appointees were not first on the civil list, the National Civil Service Reform league declared in a statement tonight.

The league denounced the methods of naming fourth class postmasters and declared that their investigation in 20 states proved that politics is the dominating influence in postmaster appointments.

SEED HOUSE IS DAMAGED

Spokane Company Sustains Loss of \$105,000 by Fire.

SPokane, Wash., April 30.—Fire of undetermined origin did \$105,000 damage to the stock and warehouse of the Spokane Seed company this afternoon.

According to L. C. Barrett, manager, \$80,000 worth of seeds and fertilizer was destroyed. The loss is covered by insurance.

BOY, 16, SLAYS YOUTH, 19

Pair Stalk Each Other From Behind Trees in Rifle Duel.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A 19-year-old youth was slain by a 16-year-old fellow camper near Jamaica, L. I., today, as the climax of a rifle duel in which the two had stalked each other from behind trees.

The fight started in a quarrel over the spilling of a can of soup.

PASTOR BOUND, GAGGED

(Continued From First Page.)

Mr. Irwin declared that efforts also had been made to destroy the motion picture equipment installed in the church by Hannon.

Rev. Mr. Irwin declared recently that numerous efforts had been made to intimidate him and force him out of Lawton. He said three men confronted him as he was leaving the church one Sunday night last March and at the point of guns warned him to get out of town.

The pastor served notice, nevertheless, that he intended to "stick to the bitter end," and announced that he had obtained a permit to carry arms.

He characterized the charges brought against him as "trivial" and blamed "intense bitter political feeling and enmities of the church."

Pantries Stocked With Smelt.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Residents of Cascade Locks and Stevenson, Wash., made the most of the recent smelt run up the Columbia to the foot of the rapids below the Cascades, and many pantries have been stocked with dried and salted fish. A. J. Pratt, a Stevenson, Wash., man, who captured 1600 pounds of smelt, salted and smoked them. His shrinkage, he reports, was 86 per cent, as he now has left 275 pounds of kippered smelt.

Best grades of coal well screened. Diamond Coal Co., Bldg. 2027.—Adv.

50 PERSONS ROUTED FROM BEDS BY FIRE

Arrests May Follow Blaze in Mount Hood Hotel.

FIRE MARSHAL TO PROBE

Two Other Small Outbursts of Flames Cause Alarms in Early Morning Hours.

Nearly 50 persons were routed from their rooms in the Mount Hood hotel, 15 1/2 Fifth street, by the first of three small fires which occurred in a space of two hours yesterday. Arrests may follow the final investigation of the fire marshal today.

The fire broke out in a barber shop at 304 Burnside street and was caused by hot ashes put into a can with combustible materials. The can was a regulation container, but Fire Marshal Day said it was a violation of the fire ordinance to put ashes in a can and refuse in a metal ash can. The can was placed against a wooden wall and several hours after the barber shop was closed a small fire started. It ate its way through a second-hand shoe and clothing shop at 304 1/2 Burnside street, and then burned through the wall into a kitchen used by the landlady of the Mount Hood hotel. Miss Dora Cameron, who was away at the time, As soon as the blaze had reached the hotel the interior alarms were sounded, awakening the 50-odd guests in the place. These all dressed and went down to the street, where they remained until the blaze was extinguished. Damage to the hotel was slight and confined to the kitchen, and that to all three places will not exceed \$500, Captain Day said.

The alarm was sent in at 2:10 A. M. and chemical company No. 1 responded alone. Captain Heath, in charge, succeeded in getting the fire out without calling for extra apparatus.

The first fire occurred at 12:15 A. M. in the Patisserie restaurant, 51 Union avenue, run by Jim Souleous and Bill Daklos. It started back of a gas range and burned in behind a sheet iron wall to the attic. Here it spread over the confectionery store of J. J. Murphy, 525 Union avenue, before it was extinguished. Murphy's place suffered a loss from water damage amounting to about \$100, and the restaurant was damaged to the extent of about \$500.

Fire thought to have been caused by a careless smoker broke out near the bootblack stand in the barber shop of the Raleigh building about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. It was quickly put out, causing a little trouble and scarcely any damage.

MR. McARTHUR THANKED

HARDING APPROVES WORK ON NAVAL AMENDMENT.

Personnel Fixed at \$6,000 as Result of Efforts of Oregon Representative and Colleague.

Appreciation of President Harding for the efforts of Representative McArthur in his work in the house for an increased naval personnel was voiced in a letter received here yesterday, forwarded from Mr. McArthur's Washington office.

It was the McArthur and Vane amendment, introduced jointly by the Oregon and Pennsylvania representatives, that prevailed in the house after a rather warm fight as to the future size of the United States navy. It was proposed that 67,000 be the total personnel, which is 1500 men less than Japan's navy comprises and 37,000 below the total of the British navy. The efforts of Representative McArthur and his colleagues, together with such support, as they could rally around them, resulted in fixing the total at \$6,000. President Harding's letter was as follows:

"Now that the naval bill has been satisfactorily disposed of by the house of representatives, with every prospect of cordial approval by the senate, I am writing to thank you for the very effective service you rendered in persuading the house to make provision for a navy which is in accord with other nations at the international conference on the limitation of armament. Your enthusiastic and influential activities were very helpful in bringing about the desired results. Please know my gratitude."

PIONEER OF 1852 IS DEAD

Demodille Talbot Succumbs at Home Near Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Demodille Talbot, a pioneer of 1852, died at his home near Walla Walla today. He was born in Booneville, Mo., September 25, 1839, and crossed the plains in 1852, locating at Portland. He was the owner of a portion of the land on which East Portland later was built.

He was a nephew of Ben Holladay, the noted stage and railroad man of early days. In the latter part of the 70s he came to Walla Walla and since had lived here and in the Astoria country. He leaves a widow and nine children.

BOY, 6, IS KILLED BY AUTO

Lad at Centralia Is Run Down by Machine Driven by Woman.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Roger Stone, aged 6, was injured fatally this afternoon when he was struck by an automobile driven by a young woman named Ward. The boy was said to have dodged in front of the machine. He died an hour later. The accident occurred at the corner of Main and Pearl streets.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stone, living on West Locust street. The father is in California at present.

No lawyer has been attached to the driver of the car for the accident.

Bold Burglar Gets 71 Cents.

A bold burglar jimmied the front door of Yong Yee's Peerless Produce company, 177 front street, yesterday afternoon, getting away with 71 cents in cash. Mrs. Yee found the door open at 5 o'clock when she called to feed the chickens. Police have pointed on the burglar and expect to restore to Yee his 71 cents.

Robber Escapes in Auto.

A lone robber, who escaped in an automobile, last night held up J. T. Dollard, 524 Mill street, at Fourteenth and Mill streets, according to a report made to inspectors. He procured \$15 at the point of an automatic pistol.

S. & H. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., coal and wood. Broadway 5253. 560-21.—Adv.

Pir knots for furnace and fireplace. Ediefen's, Broadway 70.—Adv.

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safely in the cash register until she checked up her cash. Approaching the counter, he drew a \$20 bill from an envelope he carried in one hand, saying that he had intended to send it to a friend. He put the bill back in the envelope while Miss Mueller counted out the change, but by sleight of hand he again removed the bill before putting the envelope in her hands. She found it to contain only blank paper. In all of his work the short-changer has used Oregon hotel envelopes.

Other places in which his con-game was successful were the Broadway Hazelwood, the Millionaire's Club cafeteria and the Federal Bakery store on Third street between Alder and Morrison streets. A description of clothing is not to be depended upon, as he has changed for each job, but he is neatly-dressed, dark, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds.

VICTIM STILL DELIRIOUS

NO LIGHT CAST ON INJURY OF JAMES O. DEWELL.

Officers Wonder Whether Hurts Have Any Connection With Coming Trial for Embezzlement.

No light was thrown on the mystery surrounding the injuries to James O. Dewell of McMinnville yesterday. Although considerably improved, Dewell was still delirious and efforts on the part of attendants at St. Vincent's hospital to get the story of how he sustained a fractured skull were unsuccessful.

The injured man was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Saturday after he had been found unconscious, lying on railroad tracks between Timmer and Cochran, near the hotel of his employers, the Dooty Lumber company. Dewell was indicted in January for embezzlement of funds from the Southern Pacific railway while he was employed as agent at McMinnville. He has since been in jail, but has come up on May 8 but will now have to be postponed. Federal agents are wondering whether his injuries have any connection with the approaching trial. While delirious he talked a great deal about the difficulty he is in.

AUTOIST HITS TWO OTHERS

Woman Is Injured and Offending Driver Is Put Under Arrest.

Edward Paquet was arrested last night on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated as a result of crashing into two other machines in the course of an attempt to steer a zig-zag path across the Hawthorne bridge.

Paquet was said to have been weaving back and forth across the span when he smashed into two machines occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Todd. Mrs. Todd, who was carrying her baby in her arms, was bruised somewhat but not seriously injured. Todd is with the O-W. R. & N. company and has offices in the Wells Fargo building.

Paquet had not proceeded much further before his car crashed into one driven by Alfred Gordon of 165 Fifth street. Gordon was injured, but Paquet will be arraigned today.

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EXCUSE FOR WAR FOUND

BERLIN ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF AUSTRIAN ULTIMATUM.

Ex-Bavarian Minister's Letter Says Germany Knew of Contents of Message to Serbia.

LONDON, April 30.—(Special cable.)—In a libel suit, which Herr Fechenbach has brought against a firm of publishers in Munich, the prosecution has introduced a letter, which, the lawyer written by Count Hugo Lerchenfeld, formerly Bavarian minister at Berlin, to Count George von Hertling, then Bavarian prime minister. The letter goes to show that Berlin knew the contents of the ultimatum which Austria sent to Serbia—thereby finding an excuse to precipitate the war—either on or before the day the ultimatum was sent.

The London Times publishes a translation of the letter today.

"It is clear to me from certain documents that your excellency had learned the principal contents of the Austrian ultimatum note from report of the charge d'affaires at the time Herr von Schoen, dated July 18 of this year, and numbered 188. But Herr Schoen in his report pointed out that Germany would maintain that it was just as much taken by surprise by Austria's action as were all the other powers. This attitude Germany must persist in and statements that your excellency knew the contents of the note before its presentation must therefore be unconditionally denied."

Le Matin points out that it cannot be supposed that what was known in Munich at that time was not known in Berlin.

Candidates to Be Guests.

All the candidates for the gubernatorial nomination will be coming to the primaries will be guests of the Pro-

gressive Business Men's club next Thursday at the Benson hotel. According to announcement of Hugh H. Herdman, vice-president of the club, an interesting political programme has been arranged.

TYPHUS GERM ISOLATED

Discovery of Bacteria by Russian Doctor Is Confirmed.

MOSCOW, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The discovery and isolation of the typhus germ by Dr. N. Kitch, a woman, under the guidance of Professor Harakini, director of the Moscow biological institute, confirmed by Dr. Walter F. Davenport of Chicago, acting head of the medical department of the American relief administration in Russia. Dr. Kitch is director of the laboratories of Sokolnichesky hospital at Moscow, where she has been engaged for two years in searching for the germ. Announcement of the discovery was made before a conference of 25 Moscow doctors.

"So far as it has gone, it seems to be one of the most important medical discoveries of the century," said Dr. Davenport today.

"So far as the hygiene or curative serum has been developed, but this may come later," he said.

Mayor Baker to Speak.

Mayor Baker will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Mount Scott Improvement club to be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Delta branch library. "Law and Order" will be the subject of his address.

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