MILLS SUSPEND FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD

Operators Inclined to Await More Favorable Market.

MATERIAL COST TOO HIGH

Owners Say It Is Impossible to Sell Lumber at Profit Under Present Conditions

No less than one-half the lumber mills in and about Portland are closed down or will be closed down tomorrow. down or will be closed down to many for indefinite intervals. Conditions in the industry have not improved in the past two weeks and many owners are inclined to await better prices and more favorable trend in the trade.

Millmen declare that the high cost of materials and labor make it impossible to the make it impossible to the

sible for them to obtain a reasonable profit on the prevailing market. Some of the operators have explained the closing down of operations merely as a holiday observance, extended possibly to permit of making plant repairs. The inability to realize a profit is frankly said by others to account for the shut-

O. M. Clark, president of the Clark & Wilson Lumber Company, said yester-

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"We will shut down Monday, nominally to make repairs, but I cannot say when we will resume. The market is not holding up as it should. The mills can't put lumber into the yards for the price they get for it.

"Our firm has its own stumpage. Others which have not are in a worse predicament. We can run whenever we get value out of our stumpage, but many mills cannot. Fully half the mills about here are 'down' and it will take readjustments to cause them to operate again. Material, logs, labor operate again. Material, logs, labor-everything is very high." Among the mills mentioned as hav-

ing either ceased operations or having such step under consideration are:
Bridal Veil Lumbering Company, Clark
& Wilson Lumber Company, Monarch
Mills, Eastern & Western Lumber
Company, Cascade Locks Lumber Company, Oregon Lumber Company, Oregon
Ship Timber Mills, North Portland Lummpany and West Oregon Lumber

PORT ADVANTAGES ARE TOLD BY MAJOR SAMUEL WHITE.

Speaker Urges Organization of Company to Build and Operate Line of Ships.

"We want Portland-owned lines plying to South American and other Pacific ports," said Major Samuel White last night, who is in Portland on 10 days' leave of absence from staff duties at the headquarters of the Western Department of the Army at San Francisco. Major White is on the staff of General Morrison, and is one of the two representatives of the Judge Advocate-General's department engaged in fired.

review work at headquarters.

"All Pacific Coast cities are reaching out for Pacific trade. We do not want Portland to be the tail-ender in this matter. I am satisfied that if 25 substantial Portland men would band themselves together and organize a company, the stock would all be subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a substantial portland men would be subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a substantial portland men would be subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a substantial portland men would be subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a subscribed quickly in Oregon to see a subscribed provided the form the balconies of the Rue St. Catherine as the gay throng marched to the Allee de Tournay, the center of Bordeaux, where the American band opened the festivities by rendering the National anthems of France and America.

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ports to the north and south are alive to the situation and getting ready for the greatest activity in commerce that has ever been known. The Pacific Ocean is to be the great commercial center of shipping. Let Fortland men wake up to the matter at once and make their plans to get into the shipping development without delay.

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ping development without delay.
"For several years to come there is going to be more money made in ship-ping than in any other line of busi-ness, I am convinced. There are lots of the men in Oregon who are willing to do their part in financing Portland-owned ships, and I believe it is the time of for some of them to act. Unwise legis-lation in the past caused the American for some of them to act. Unwise legislation in the past caused the American merchant marine to decline from the once proud position of commanding more than 25 per cent of the ocean commerce of the world. Some of the errors have already been corrected and it is an opportune time for restoring the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of commanding the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of commanding the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of commanding the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of commanding the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of commanding the American flag to the sea. Those ports that are most called a position of the ine and substituting a ministering to the needs of the men of the 149th and 159th Field Artillery. Shoulder to shoulder with them, he went through the same hardships as they did until he took down with influenza.

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RAILROADS FACE BIG JOB Approximately 7,250,000 to Transported to Homes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- Demobilizavashikerics, Dec. 21.—Demobilization of the Army will place upon the railroads of the country the task of carrying approximately 7,250,000 men, according to estimates today by Director-General McAdoo. This includes the transportation of both the expeditionary and the home forces to the camps where they are to be seen to the camps where they are to be mustered out and then to their homes. The estimate is based largely, it was said, on figures showing that in the creation of the Army and transportation of part of it to the seaboard for embarkation, the railroads had carried \$,700,000 men.

Mr. McAdoo stated that the troop movements in December would total \$60,000 men, due to the double transportation practically of all troops.

ALASKAN SOCIETY PLANNED

Former Residents of Far North Meet

to Organize. Seventy-five former residents of Alaska, at present residing in Portland. attended a get-together meeting at the Imperial Hotel last night. The meeting was held with a view to organizing an Alaskan Society here similar to the various state societies already in existence. The gathering was called at the suggestion of Mrs. Eva L. Wentherred.

Committees were appointed to han die the various matters of organization and a schedule of regular meetings will be announced soon. Headquarters of the society will be at the Imperial

PEDESTRIAN IS RUN DOWN man, sisters, live in Seattle. funeral will be given later.

Matero Calabsa Struck by Automo-

Henry, 665 Ladd avenue. The front of the car passed over his body.

The injured man, who resides at East St. Johns, was taken to Good Samari-tan Hospital in a very serious condi-tion. He was severely bruised about the head and chest, and it is believed that his skull is fractured. At a late hour last night he had not regained consciousness.

consciousness.

The driver of the automobile that struck Calabsa reported to the police that he was driving north on the approach to the Broadway bridge when Calabsa, who was crossing the bridge, stepped in front of his machine. Mr. Henry took the injured man to the hos

John Kuebrich, 57, of 490 Twenty-ninth avenue Southeast, suffered pain-ful bruises to the head and shoulders when he fell from a streetcar on Twen-ty-ninth avenue Southeast. Mr. Kuebrich fell as he was stepping from the

PORTLAND YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION IS LAUDED BY ARMY OFFICER.



Private William Harold Morrow. Mr. and Mrs. William Morrow, 928 East Davis street, have re-ceived a letter from Captain Severs, with the 91st Division, concerning the death of their son, William Harold Morrow, who was killed in action September 28. Captain Severs writes:

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"I wish to extend to you my sympathy on the death of your son, Harold, who was a member of my company. He had been sick for several days before going into action, but remained with the company for fear that he would be set to the beautiful before the be sent to the hospital before the fight. During the action he act-ed as squad leader and would have been recommended for pro-motion had he survived. Several times on the first two days of the battle he came under my ob-servation, leading his group in a cool and soldierly manner. He was killed while advancing through a barrage."

platform to the street. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

BAKER MURDER HAS SEQUEL

Men Returning From Funeral Are Fired Upon From Ambush.

ALLEGED FUGITIVES TAKEN

Roseburg for Theft. |

Inspectors Howell and Graves. He is booked as a fugitive from Roseburg.

According to the information given by the officers Louis is charged with stealing a \$70 guitar and substituting a cheaper one. It is said that Louis is a member of a musical troups.

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The fact that M. Radek, who conducts the Bolshevik propaganda bu-reau, was in close touch with the or-ganization headed by Dr. Karl Liebknecht, is generally accepted as proof that the funds furnished by Joffe were liberally placed at the disposal of the Spartacus element, who suddenly were put in a position to establish an offi-cial organ and otherwise conduct an extensive terrorist campaign.

Reckless Driver Sentenced.

William Stoores was sentenced to erm of 100 days in jail yesterday in Municipal Court for driving an auto-nobile while intoxicated. Stores, who mobile while intoxicated. Stores, who the police say, is a switchman for the Co-W. R. & N. Company, was arrested Wednesday afternoon by Sergeant Ervin. The officer reported that previous to his arrest Stoores had collided with a machine at Fifteenth and Everett streets. Judge Rossman administered a stern rebuke to the driver when he was sentenced.

Murderer Hangs Self.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 21. -H. Piper, charged with the murder of Frieda Weichman, of Chicago, commit-ted suicide in his cell in the County Jail early tonight by hanging. The body was discovered by Attorney Charles B. Cross, who had called to consult with him. Piper was last seen alive about 7:30 o'clock.

Old Resident Dies.

Morris Ball, a resident of Portland ince 1868, died late last night, aged 74 years, at his residence, 210 Twelfth street, where he lived with his eisters, Mrs. H. Morris, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Zelena and Mulvena Ball. Michael Ball, a brother, and Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Cole-

City Attorney to Speak. bile and Seriously Injured.

Matero Calabsa, 56, was struck and knocked to the pavement on the approach to the Broadway bridge last night by a machine driven by Harold and Removal of Swan Island."

W. J. LaRoche, City Attorney, will be the speaker at the meeting of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday. His topic will be "Reclaiming Adjacent Shores and Removal of Swan Island."

Eugene Pastor Tells of Effect of News on People.

EXCITING SCENES FOLLOW

Rev. J. A. Moran Returns From Year's Service With Knights Columbus

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-How France, with every nerve timestrengthened in its determination to defeat the invading Hun by four hard war-heard, paused in a stupor that could not comprehend nor bring itself to a realization that their goal had been achieved, received the news of the signing of the armistice and then broke into a wild spree of jubilation, is graphically told by Rev. J. A. Moran, wso returned last night to the pastorate of St. Mary's Ctaholic Church, of this city, after a year's ab-sence on the firing line in France as a Knights of Columbus worker.

Father Moran was in Bordeaux when the news of the signing of the armistice spread over France. "I was on my way to my hotel in Bordeaux," said Rev. Mr. Moran, "when I heard of the signing of the armistice. No official streets were unchanged. The sam crowds, the same buying and selling. I mentioned the good news to some French people, but they were slow to believe—unconvinced of their good for-tune. Four years of war is a long time, and they could not, in a mo-ment, shake off the horrors of the past.

People Slow to Believe. "I walked on, down the Rue St. Catherine, to the Knights of Columbus head erine, to the Knights of Columbus head-quarters, and as I drew near, the glad news of the signing of the armistice was shouted by hundreds. The papers contained the joyful tidings. The peo-ple gazed anxiously at the glaring headings, and, for a moment, all was still. A sort of stunned silence seemed

o enthrall them "The great goal for which they had long prayed, had been reached, and finally the windows of their memory opened. A long, loud hurrah rent the air, caps went soaring high, men danced and hugged each other, while women wept. They were tears of joy, maybap, but who shall say they were not also tears of sorrow, for even in her hour of triumph France could see the graves of her soldier dead.

"Marie the Franch maid of the

'Marie, the French maid of the Knights of Columbus recreation room, was standing in the doorway, arms akimbo, humming the 'Marseillaise.'
"'Marie,' I said, 'Tonight you will celebrate, you will go zig-zag.'

"Ar, non, monsieur, she answered. 'zig-zag non monsieur, pas zig-zag ma tete.' (My heart will have a great time; ny head will steady.) Wise maid o

France.

"Just then I awakened to the realization of peace. A great shower of confetti caught me in the face, almost blinding me. The crowds were begin-ning to celebrate. They blocked the streets for miles around and there was no alternative but to be whirled away in happy maelstrom. Flowers were showered from the balconies of the Ruc

company, the stock would all be subscribed quickly in Oregon to send Portland-owned ships to the ports of the
world.

"Seattle and San Francisco and other"

"Seattle and San Francisco and other" me to my land of heart's desire. The and tide wait for no man, but I we compelled to stop a hundred times my way to the wharf to shake the hands of the French soldiers, who greeted me as a comrade and some-times emphasized their camaraderic by George Louis, 19, was arrested last kissing me on both cheeks. One could

against machine gun fire at all stage and the casualties were heavy. The ac curacy of the Hun fire told on ou secretary to the National Ministry of curacy of the Hun life told of Justice. Cohen left here yesterday for troops as they attacked strongholds Moscow, estensibly on official business and pill boxes. These battles will long remain in the memory of the Yank remain in the memory of the Yank wart and came through. The who took part and came through. The relief which the armistice brought will to a large extent, help to relieve the tension which the battles caused, but I looking back the hardship and suffer

TAXPAYERS O. K. BUDGET

Clackamas County Goes Limit Under 6 Per Cent Limitation.

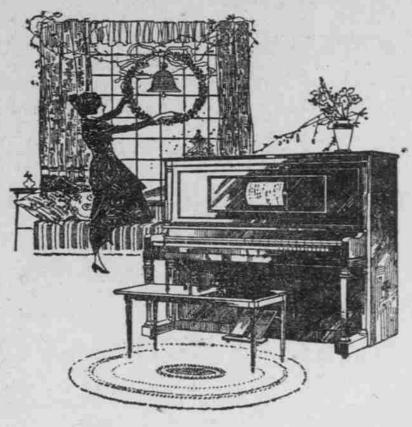
OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The taxpayers of Clackamas County, at the annual budget meeting here today, appropriated all of the money available under the 6 per cent

The appropriation of \$42,750 for hard surface paving was increased to \$57,600. The item of \$7125 for state cooperation was increased to \$35,000 to provide for grading the Pacific Highway between the west end of the Willamette River suspension bridge at West Linn and the Multnomah County line. An increase of \$1200 was given the County Surveyor's office for salary and expenses of an assistant, and a ¼-mill levy for a sinking fund for the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette at Oregon City.

The inaugural ball preceded by a reception, and ball will take place the same evening. The Boise Commercial Club has taken charge of both. The reception will be held in the main section of the new State-house. The ball will either take place in the ballroom of the Elks' Temple or in the ballroom of the Elks' Temple or in the mosque of the Masonic lodge. Representative men and women from all parts of the state will be in attendance. The grand march will be led by Governor-elect D. W. Davis and Mrs. Davis. The reception and ball will

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DEMOCRATS PREPARE TO OVER SEE FUTURE ELECTIONS.

Usual Formal Inauguration Ceremonies Replaced by Elaborate Reception and Ball.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-The established precedent of the past few years in Idaho will be abandoned when the new administration comes into power and, instead of the formal inauguration, there is to be a brillian; entrance, which will reach a climax in an inaugural ball preceded by a recep-tion.

will be the state capital's welcome to he new state officials and the Legis-

Martin White, of St. Helens, Asks
Recount of Ballots.

The present administration of the present The present administration is wind-ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)

Martin White, defeated candidate for County Judge, has filed proceedings asking for a recount of the votes. W.

J. Fullerton, successfull candidate, is banking interests. Attorney-General walters will return to his former home in Caldwell to resume the practice of that he has discovered irregularities in the count of the vote in several precincts. The official canvass gave Mr.

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"On nose running; relieves sick headache, duliness, sev

as proved the case in the last primary when the Non-partisans captured the Democratic nominations. It is proposed that a primary for the nomination of party candidates on the state ticket be done away with; that in its place there be substituted county-wide primaries to elect delegates to state conventions which in turn will nominate the party candidates.

Paving the way for the reclamation

Or idano and the United States Government.

Copies of the act have been received by C. C. Fisher, acting project manager of the Boise-Payette project with head-quarters here.

The bill primarily seeks to provide homes for soldiers and sailors who enlisted in the recent world war. A soldier settlement board and fund are created. This board is to be composed of three members, one of whom shall

the Snake River and lands north of missioner. He is made chairman The

Millions Use

were re-elected, will continue on the job.

One of the most knotty problems the next Legislature will have to deal with is the direct primary law. There is strong sentiment that it be repealed for be so modified and safeguarded that in the future it will be impossible for the capture of a political party in toto as proved the case in the last primary when the Non-partisans captured the

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STRONG AND HEALTHY

Thinks Epidemic of "Flu" Found Many With Low Vitality

Matter of Precaution - Take Tonic of Iron, Herbs and Roots.

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ing no alcohol or habit-forming drugs.

If you are weak, nervous, tired, sluggish and get no strength from your food you need a tonic.

If neuralgia pains, headache, backache, stomach distress assail you—a tonic is your crying need. If frritable, hysterical, sieepless and you worry and fret without reason, you need a tonic. If you are thin, anemic, "Bloodless" and Ill nourished: if you catch cold If you are thin, anemic, "Bloodless" and ill nourished; if you catch cold too early; if you tire with slight exertion and you are melancholy because of your inballty to live and enjoy lire as others do, surely a tonic of iron, root and herb extracts will help you.

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