

DOUGHBOYS SUFFER,
SPRUCE MEN TOLD

Planes, Lacking, Testifies Veteran of 91st.

FACTS ROUSE LEGISLATORS

"Food in Northwest Camps Not Fit For Dog," Soldiers' Statement; Conditions Are Deplored.

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When soldiers sent to actual conflict, and their duties and wage, and soldiers assigned to cut spruce at civilian wages.

"Where Was Spruce?" Query.

The witness testified that on the Argonne front the 91st division was utterly without airplane protection. After the removal to Flanders, he further testified, British planes arose, pursued and fought the German machines whenever they appeared above the American lines.

"It has already appeared in evidence here that not a single spruce plane nor a battle plane produced by American manufacturers was in service overseas," said Representative Magee, in remarks to a witness.

"Our observation planes, of which 212 saw service, had the tank mounted where the enemy planes could pour bullets into it, so that Rickenbacker and other American boys called these machines 'cannons' and I want your opinion of what became of all the spruce you say you produced."

"Please don't blame us," we did our part," returned J. J. Donovan, Bellingham lumberman and director of the spruce production corporation.

Lincoln Purchase Criticized.

Mr. Donovan also discussed the Loyal Legion, organized by Colonel Disraeli and narrated acts of sabotage practiced by the L. W. W. prior to that time. For the success of the spruce operations he paid full tribute to the Legion.

The witness was also closely questioned by Chairman Frear and Representative Magee regarding the tract of timber in Lincoln county, acquired by the spruce corporation after the armistice. He admitted that the purchase had been made practically by threat of condemnation proceedings for the reason that the Lincoln county spruce railroad, built to tap the Blodgett tract, would have been without value as an asset unless the government owned the timber.

Chairman Frear caustically branded this deal as unfair to the owner, inasmuch as the spruce was no longer needed by the nation.

Officers at Home Get Medals.

Representative Lea, joining with Mr. Donovan, called the attention of his fellow committee members to the fact that American factories were at all times abundantly supplied with aircraft stock and that 85 per cent of the spruce was sent to England, France and Italy for construction of aircraft.

"We cannot turn our eyes to the fact," objected Chairman Frear, "that there was something wrong somewhere. I don't blame these gentlemen. I blame the government for not doing its duty."

"It is easy to make them colonels, majors, generals and the like," said a boy who was over a second lieutenant, who fought from Chateau Thierry through and who came back a second lieutenant.

"I assure you, Mr. Frear," said the witness, with open feeling, "that the men of whom you speak wished a thousand times to be on the field of France, yet came out here and did their duty simply because it was their duty."

"Some of them, possibly," rejoined the chairman.

Chairman Frear catches a Tartar.

Chairman Frear of the house subcommittee literally caught a Tartar during the forenoon session, when J. J. Donovan, director of the Spruce Production Corporation, Bellingham lumberman and vice president of the Blodgett-Donovan-Miller company, took the witness chair as the first practical lumberman to be summoned whose opinion coincides with the policies pursued in the production of spruce.

While the initial questions were put by Representative Lea, democrat, who represents the administration in the inquiry, through the testimony of Mr. Donovan, the witness was brought to a thrashing bout with Chairman Frear.

"I want to know how my name was dragged into it, when I was 3000 miles away," demanded Mr. Donovan, when the inquiry touched upon the report made last winter by Major Day, prepared by the telegram sent to the secretary of war by Major Howes, whose inquiry was made at an earlier date. The Howes telegram named Mr. Donovan as a likely subject for investigation, and insinuated that he might have been concerned in the alleged plot of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road eventually to acquire the government's spruce road to Lake Pleasant in Clallam county as a part of its transcontinental system.

Chairman Retorts Hotly.

It developed that certain charges made in the Howes telegram had been given publicity in the Providence Journal, leading Mr. Donovan to believe that Chairman Frear was responsible for their publication. The witness said that he had immediately telegraphed to Representative Lin H. Hadley at Washington, D. C., protesting against the nature of the Howes message and the reflections upon himself. He offered the telegram to the committee. The concluding paragraph read, "Investigation welcome, but not by a committee which prejudices the cause and publishes a statement prior to the hearing."

"That the subcommittee in the spruce probe had been named by committee members had only an impartial and impersonal interest in the investigation, but that they intended to carry it through, whether they were welcome or not, was the substance of Chairman Frear's instant retort."

"I received a letter from you," he reminded the witness, "which I understood had been given to the press, in which you laid stress on the fact that unless certain conditions were understood we would not be welcome."

Amenities resumed, when Chairman Frear had explained that he was not responsible either for the substance of the Ray report or the article in the Providence Journal, and when Mr. Donovan had admitted that an apparent misunderstanding had existed.

Soldier's Letter Read.

An instant later they were tilling again. Testifying that housing and food conditions were ideal and that soldier labor had nothing to complain of, so far as his company was concerned, Mr. Donovan observed that he had dined at the camp himself and found the food to be excellent.

The chairman beamed. He drew from

his portfolio a letter, written to him a few days ago by E. A. Madden, 1919 Valley street, San Francisco, a former sergeant in the 121st spruce squadron, detailed for work under the direction of the Blodgett-Donovan company at Bellingham.

The letter was unsolicited, he explained. Charging that food in the company camps was exceedingly poor and alleging that the Blodgett-Donovan company made deductions from the pay checks without rendering a statement, the ex-spruce production soldier wished the subcommittee well in its inquiry and felicitated Chairman Frear upon his attitude. Without a statement, in one instance, the letter declared, men of the 121st spruce squadron found their pay checks short \$2 each. Later they were told that this deduction was for lighting an old hotel in Bellingham where 45 enlisted men were housed for two weeks. The total bill for lighting, on this basis, was said to be \$175 the fortnight.

"The food they served us wasn't fit for a dog," wrote ex-Sergeant Madden. "and it certainly was a relief to get back to Vancouver barracks and Uncle Sam's grub again."

Statement Branded as Lies.

Each individual statement contained in the letter was branded as a lie by Mr. Donovan, the lighting charge, the condition of the hotel, the implication that soldier-laborers were "short-changed" and the characterization of the food as "unfit for dogs."

"The statement regarding the food is absolutely false. It was good," said the witness. "I have eaten there on the Northern Pacific for years. The company short-changed the men is a lie also."

Mr. Donovan, interrogated by Mr. Lea, answered that he became a director of the Spruce Production Corporation in August, 1918, together with Mark Reid of Shelton, Wash., and Amos Benson of Portland, Or., both well known lumbermen.

Questioning led to the fact that he had been a constructing engineer for various railroad construction companies. He saw the same class of construction carried on as when I was in charge of construction of the west half of the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific," said the witness, when asked his judgment of the character of the spruce line from the Milwaukee, at Joyce, in Clallam county, to Lake Pleasant and the spruce area.

"The character of this road was excellent, and that the choice of route was impelled by the fact that the projected line was paralleled its entire length by the Olympia highway, affording ideal transportation of supplies and permitting immediate construction all along, was a portion of the testimony. The character of the road, he added, permitted the hauling of extremely heavy traffic over the finished line, such as would not be possible on ordinary logging roads."

Road Cost Declared Not Excessive.

For this reason, the witness said, comparative figures of construction costs had been unfair. He did not believe that the expense of approximately \$112,000 a mile was excessive, when the elements of speed and safety were considered, and when it was further considered that inexperienced soldier labor built the greater part of the line at civilian pay.

"The road should bring somewhere from one-third to one-half of its actual cost," testified Mr. Donovan, regarding the present value of the line constructed by the Siemsen-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh company at an approximate cost of \$4,000,000 for 36 miles. "Its reproduction value is not based on one-half of what it cost, as it could be reproduced without haste and with efficient men."

Salvage receipts and the charge that England had been unfairly dealt with in the recent \$14,000,000 settlement of her partnership and purchases in the spruce operations, or at a basis of 10 per cent salvage, were discussed by the witness. "The understanding is that whatever has been billed against England will be corrected at final settlement," explained Mr. Donovan.

"Claims have arisen from every source under the sun," laughed Mr. Donovan, at another point in the inquiry. "In instances they have arisen simply because there was a conversation between some logger and some second lieutenant who had no authority. Some operators even proceeded without any authority, and are now offering claims."

Many Claims Disallowed.

The claim board has rejected 158 claims, aggregating \$5,587,000, for \$1,594,194.33, he testified. A total of 59 claims have been disallowed entirely in the amount of \$1,529,266. He admitted that he first opposed selective logging as a lumberman, and later became convinced that it alone would meet the government's pressing requirements.

Referring to the testimony of E. B. Chinn of the Loggers' Information Association and other witnesses, Mr. Donovan told the subcommittee that those men were not representative of the entire industry, and that their offer to take over the Siemsen-Carey contract for \$20,000,000 was a desperate ploy, was actuated by pique at seeing the stranger concern in the field. But seven loggers out of a representative attendance at the hearing for the proposal when it arose, he testified.

The witness expressed his confidence in the ability of Siemsen-Carey cost-plus operators with the \$25,000,000 contract to carry out the government's provisions, and said that this opinion was generally shared.

The private operator who tendered the government their services were equally competent, he admitted, but a change would have resulted in the approximate loss of 30 days.

"Do you know of any instance where General Disque was ever connected with any fraudulent or criminal act?" asked Representative Lea.

"No, sir," was the emphatic response. Replying to charges insinuated in the Howes telegram, the witness reported that he had no interest in the Port Angeles railroad, later acquired by the Milwaukee, and that he was not a personal friend of John D. Ryan, former director-general of aircraft production, and director of the Milwaukee road.

The members of the house subcommittee will spend tomorrow in Rainier National park as guests of local business men. They do not expect to conclude their Seattle inquiry until Tuesday or Wednesday, when they will leave for Portland.

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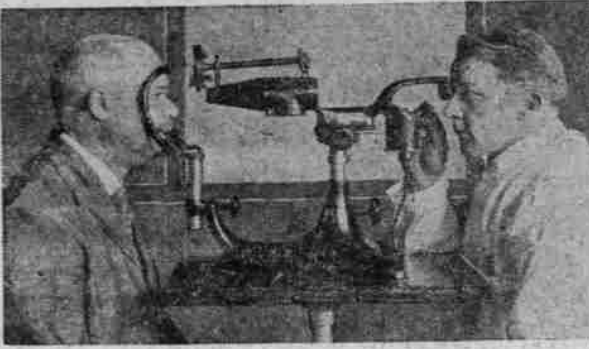
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UTAH CANNER FEARS RESULT OF REGULATION PLAN.

Federal Trade Commission Report Not Twisted, Witness Tells Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—James A. Henderson, a Morgan, Utah, canner, who said he was both a competitor of the five big packers and a source of supply for products they sell, told the senate agriculture committee today that regulation proposed in the Kenyon bill for the packing industry was unnecessary and dangerous.

Monopoly ought to be regulated, Henderson conceded when Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, presented the question.

"But monopoly doesn't exist now," he added.

"Suppose the federal trade commission, in a report to the president, has declared the packers to be in possession of a monopoly," Senator Kenyon continued, "would you want regulation?"

"I don't want to express my opinion of the commission," Henderson said, "but I've had enough experience with their investigations of my own business to lose confidence in them."

Henderson's experience with the commission arose from the sales to the government during the war.

WOMEN DO NOT GIVE UP

Hope of Securing Special Session to Ratify Suffrage Amendment Strong.

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form letter signed by Senator Robert S. Farwell, of Multnomah county, and received at the executive offices here today.

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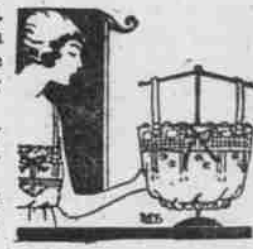
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