FAIR LUMBER TARIFF HOPE OF CANADIANS

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INVESTIGATOR IN NORTH

Eben E. Whitcomb Wins Respect of British Columbia Timber Men by Sympathy.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14.—(Special.)—That the United States government and tariff commission have decided to treat the lumber dealers of British Columbia in a fair manner in connection with any tariff which may be imposed on lumber going into the United States from Canada was evidenced this week when Eben E. Whitcomb, special investigator for the tariff commission, visited the British Columbia mills and market to get a close-up of conditions.

Mr. Whitcomb treated the matter with such intelligence and sympathy that he won the respect of the lumbermen here, who expressed the assurance that the United States was going to be fair when the commission had taken the trouble to send a man into this territory to view the conditions affecting the proposed tariff from both sides.

Co-operation Found Necessary.

Although not speaking officially, Mr. Whitcomb stated that he was convinced in his own mind that the commission would not recommend any duty that would be injurious either to lupmber or shingles, as it had been proven that co-operation was necessary in the manufacture of lumber for the different requirements of the North American continent.

The tariff question has become a live issue and under much discussion owing to the possible effects it may have on a market that has been taking 80 per cent of the domestic cut of the British Columbia mills.

The weekly report of the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' association shows that 77 per cent of the sawmills of the province operated during the last week, but the possible capacity working nine hours a day showed that 2916 hours should have been recorded in operation while the actual time in the aggregate reported by 36 mills was only 1543 hours, or 36 per cent of capacity. Fifty-four-hour capacity of mills reporting shows 20,024 thousand feet cut and the curtailment to be 4890 thousand feet.

Two of the mills reported one long on No. 2 dimension and another long on one and two-inch cottonwood.

Importations Are Listed.

The April 30 report of importations of lumber into Canada from the United States shows for the period from April 1, 1920, to March 31, 1921: Pitch pine, 35,327,000 feet timber, $71,872 worth; lath, 12,259,000 feet; shingles, $78,000; planks, boards and dressed on one side, 40,622,000 feet; dressed lumber, 2,600,000 feet.

Despite the fact that nearly all grades of lumber are being sold from $6 to $8 off the list all vertical grain stuff is from $8 to $10 above list. This is the first time in the history of the trade that edge grain flooring, stepping and finishing has been so high above the list with the other grades and classes nearly as far below. Spruce finish, for which there is an increasing demand, is selling $25 above list.

Generally speaking yard stocks are stronger while common rough is rather weak. The placing of a railroad tie order from China and another small one from India will give more side lumber and consequently more yard stuff. This yard cut is showing a keener activity in the United States markets while some buyers are taking the soft clears from the sides of Jap square cuts.

Big Movement Is Forecast.

Two prominent representatives of the British Columbia lumber industry who have been visiting the east state that there will be a gigantic movement of lumber to central and eastern states this fall, as there is a wide activity in housebuilding, particularly small houses.

Despite the break-up of the Pacific westbound conference the lumber rate is supposed to remain the same. There are now more outs than ins in the conference, as only five companies operating in the north Pacific service are members of a once 14-line conference.

For the purpose of trying to weld the conference, Representative Meehan of the North Atlantic conference is on his way from New York to the Pacific coast, as he fears a rate war all around the world, particularly from the Atlantic coast via the Suez canal.

Only one large order was placed this week in the foreign trade and that was for 1,500,000 feet of fir for South Africa, H. R. MacMillan & Co. capturing the plum. This order will augment the Hasting sawmill order for 1,500,000 feet for South Africa taken a few weeks ago and will go on the same ship, loading commencing May 28.

Timber Exporters Meet.

The Associated Timber Exporters met this week and decided to hold the price at $22 base, but new orders are practically nil. The last two cargoes going to Australia went by sailing ship and one was of spruce and the other redwood from California, so that the Douglas fir and cedar trade is that country is very slack.

Eighty per cent of the shingle mills are operating and there is a strong demand for 5 xs and Perfections. These shingles are selling at $3.15 and $4.55 respectively with prospects of a rise of 5 cents before the week is out.

There is a division of opinion among the shingle manufacturers. Some think that a duty on shingles going into the United States would be disastrous while others consider that the class of shingles shipped from Canada being firsts, the buyer will take them even if there is 50 cents a thousand duty on them.

The log market is very weak, fir going from $14 to $19 while the best cedar logs can be bought at $16 a thousand. Hemlock is flat. One boom of fairly good wood sold for $8 this week.

Club Council Organized.

The Council of Oregon Outing Clubs, an organization consisting of delegates from the various outing clubs, the Boy Scouts, the Motor association and the Progressive Businessmen's club, was organized last week and is now ready to assist in the distribution of news on the scenic points of Oregon. T. H. Sherrard of the United States forestry service has been chosen as president and T. R. Conway of the Mazamas has been placed in charge of the speakers' bureau. The council announces that it stands ready to supply speakers and in some instances lantern slides to the various organizations for lectures on camping, mountain climbing and other outdoor activities.

LITTLE GIRLS, NOW IN WOMANHOOD, GUESTS YEARS AGO AT AFTERNOON TRACTION PARTY

Trusty Pilot of Last Horsecar Operated in Portland Recalls "Society Stunt" He Arranged for Pretty Maids in Form of Pleasure Jaunt Over Jim Crow Line.

YOUNG GUESTS GROUPED ABOUT THE CAR. INSERT—C. W. WEST, CONDUCTOR-HOST.

DID you ever hear of a street car conductor giving an afternoon party for the little girls of the neighborhood served by his car? Once upon a time there was such a party, a highly successful affair with many girls from 8 to 12 years as delighted guests.

The host was C. W. West, motorman, conductor, trackman and general handy man on Portland's last horse car. The party was given in the summer of 1894, just a few months before this last horse car ceased to operate here. The car ran from Cloverdale station, on Ainsworth avenue, to the Sandy road, and was drawn by either a horse or a mule.

It was in the days when "motormen" on horse cars knew intimately all about the residents of their districts. Mr. West, who always has been fond of children, took a special interest in the boys and girls who used to enjoy riding with him. One day he decided to give a party for the girls of Woodlawn and invited them all personally or through their mothers.

The girls "dressed up" and came in state with their "girl chums" for a free ride up and down the line. Just before they went home Mr. West had a picture taken of his guests grouped about the horse car. These girls are grown up now and many of them have homes of their own in Portland, says Mr. West, who has kept track of some of the children of what he used to term "his" neighborhood.

Mr. West came to Portland in 1889 from Wisconsin, where he was born. Before he went to operating the horse car on the Woodlawn line he was on the "steam" car which connected with the old Stark-street ferry. For a time he was conductor on the old cable car which ran up Fifth street. With the advent of electric cars he spent seven years in the service of the street car company on the Vancouver line and nine years on the Oregon City line.

He resigned several years ago and since has been interested with his son in operating the Red Rock Dairy company.

"The horse cars averaged five or six miles an hour," said Mr. West. "They didn't go very fast, but we didn't care so much about speed in those days. My car ran through woods most of the way. It certainly wasn't anything like the district around Woodlawn today."

GUILTY, SAYS EMBEZZLER

USE OF EMPLOYER'S FUNDS CONFESSED.

Man, Whose Love for Lady Barber Cost Firm $10,625, Changes Plea; Trial Is Set.

J. C. Johnson, whose love for a lady barber cost the firm by which he was employed $10,625, changed his plea of not guilty to guilty before Presiding Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday. He will be sentenced next Thursday. His case was set for trial Monday. Embezzlement is the charge.

As confidential secretary and bookkeeper for the Iver J. Rosten company, railroad contractors in the Lumber Exchange building, Johnson for a period of two and a half years systematically robbed his employers and turned the money, according to his confession, over to a lady barber named Rae Haddox, whom he met in a North Sixth street shop in April, 1918.

She promised to marry him, he declared, and to keep her love and furnish her trousseau he plied her with jewelry, clothing and money at the expense of the firm. His system was to make firm checks payable to himself but to enter on the stubs of the check books the amounts opposite names of concerns which Rosten company might be expected to owe money.

The woman in the case purchased a barber shop in Aberdeen, Wash., and has refused to come to the rescue of her erstwhile lover, it is said. Johnson signed an affidavit in which he swore that all he took from the company went to the lady barber in the hope that it might be possible to replevin some of it. He declared that the suggestion that he alter the books came from the woman.

25 ARE TO BE GRADUATED

Cottage Grove Class to Start Commencement May 22.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Another large class will graduate this year from Cottage Grove high school, 25 being on the roll. The commencement week programme includes the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, May 22, by Rev. E. R. Spearow, of the Presbyterian church of this city; the class programme on the Wednesday night following and the commencement programme on the Friday night following. The commencement address will be given by Professor W. G. Beattie of Monmouth normal and former superintendent here while most of the graduates were in school. Miss Marian Lowry is class salutatorian and Miss Enid Veatch valedictorian. The complete class roll is as follows:

Miles Wicks, president; Lucile Davidson, vice-president; Thomas Matthews, secretary; Thelma Breedlove, treasurer; Bert Hatch, sergeant at arms; Claude Coffman, Mary Davis, Earl Fullmer, Beulah Hanna, Edith Hickey, Mildred Hopper, Mildred Horn, Leslie Hull, Grace Jones, Marian Lowry, Louise Mattheyer, Stewart Mitchell, Currin Purvance, Claud Sherman, Clarence Smith, Mary Snauer, Myrtle Teeters, Enid Veatch, Ermine Violette and Hallie Willits.

SECRETARY OF OREGON GROCERS SPEAKER AT CONVENTION.

—Bushnell Photo.

Mrs. Phoebe Felcher Jones.

One of the speakers at the National Wholesale Grocers' association convention in Cincinnati May 10 to 13 was Mrs. Phoebe Felcher Jones of Portland. Mrs. Jones is secretary of the Oregon Wholesale Grocers' association. She will go from the convention to Saginaw, Mich., to attend a family reunion and the birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. G. P. Felcher.

CHECK OPERATOR CAUGHT

Man Posing as Wool Buyer Gets Cash From Salem Store.

SALEM, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—H. Sugermon, who, according to the police, arrived in Salem recently and posed as a wool buyer, was arrested today and is being held for investigation.

Chief of Police Moffitt said that Sugermon was introduced to the officers of a local bank, and upon the strength of this introduction was allowed to cash a check in the sum of $30 at a Salem clothing store. The merchant later became suspicious and the police were notified. Subsequently, the police said Sugermon attempted to pass checks at two other stores.

When arrested Sugermon said his wife resided in Denver. A telegram sent to that city brought the information that he was not known there and that his wife could not be located.

In a suitcase found in Sugermon's possession the officers located women's clothing valued at $200, together with a number of checks issued by banks in San Francisco, El Paso, Denver and other cities. He also had $200 in currency, and wore a number of expensive diamonds.

FACULTY MEN TO SPEAK

43 Corvallis Professors to Give Commencement Addresses.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 14.—(Special.)—Forty-three college faculty men have been engaged to give high school commencement addresses. Requests are coming in daily and every effort is being made to fill the engagements.

J. F. Brumbaugh, professor of psychology, will speak next week at Boardman, Ione and Lexington. Dr. Sherman Davis, chemistry department, will speak at Myrtle Point and North Bend. Other speakers for next week are L. B. Baldwin, assistant professor of English, Plainview; R. R. Hewitt, assistant professor of political science, Vale; J. B. Horner, professor of history, Banks; E. T. Reed, college editor, Rainier; E. D. Ressler, dean of vocational education, Milwaukie; M. Elwood Smith, dean of service departments, Grants Pass and Malin, and Dr. G. R. Varney, instructor in public speaking, Dufur and Moro.

Professor Brumbaugh will give the commencement address at The Dalles on June 10, and Professor Reed at Bend June 3.

BRIDGE ISSUE UP AGAIN

Site Will Be Selected for Span Across Upper Umpqua.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—A. T. Mercier, superintendent of the Southern Pacific division, and State Public Service Commissioner Williams will be in this city the first of the week to meet with interested persons to select a site for a bridge across the South Umpqua to the park site which is to be donated to the city when the bridge is built.

The site chosen by the city was objected to by the railroad company on the ground that the proposed grade crossing would interfere with improvements the railroad company expects to make in the near future.

Since the public service hearing last month several new projects have been advanced and these will be examined.

Postoffice Annex Needed.

BOISE, Idaho, May 14.—(Special.)—The last congress failed to act on the bill introduced by Representative Smith of this state to appropriate $350,000 for construction of an addition to the Boise postoffice, so Mr. Smith has reintroduced the bill in the present house. The addition is needed to care for the rapidly growing business of the postoffice here.

BIG GATHERING ASSURED

WEALTH TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION.

500 Delegates Expected at Meeting Here in June of Building Owners and Managers.

That the annual convention of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers, to be held here June 21 to 25, will be the largest ever held, both in point of numbers and value of property represented, is the declaration of S. D. Vincent, chairman of the programme committee, who returned home yesterday after an extensive trip to the large cities of the country.

While many conventions held in Portland have registered larger attendance than this one will, there have been none as significant, viewed from the standpoint of property value represented, Mr. Vincent said, declaring that property valued at from $250,000 to $30,000,000 per delegate will be represented. He estimates the number to be present from points throughout the United States as 500.

Gordon Strong of Chicago, president of the association, will be here to preside at the sessions, Mr. Vincent said. Clarence T. Coley of New York, manager of the Equitable properties, is expected. Waldo Avery, owner of the Majestic building in Detroit, is coming. Cleveland, O., probably will send the largest delegation, having already made reservations for 30. New York has asked for 15 reservations to date. Boston will send at least 4. All of the large cities of the country will be represented.

Plans for the entertainment of delegates are under way and are designed to show the visitors Portland at its best. Everything possible will be done to make their stay pleasant and profitable.

"My trip of six weeks took me to all of the large cities of the United States," said Mr. Vincent. "I came into contact with some of the best minds in the financial world and from these men gathered valuable information. There is a general feeling of optimism among the really big men of the country, although it is no secret that business has not fully recovered from the strain of war.

"Several vital factors in the country's welfare still are disarranged. The railroad situation is perhaps the most troublesome thing of all now left to untangle. It is evident that there must be a reduction of wages, in keeping with the cost of living, and then a lowering of rates in accordance with reduced wages."

Present-day Maoris are nominally Christians but there are many old chiefs who are still fond of their ancient totem poles. Their religion is that of nature worship combined with the veneration of ancestors.

PORTLAND GIRL ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT.

Miss Mary Lofquist.

Miss Mary Lofquist has announced her engagement to Carl Sahlin of this city. She will be one of the many Portland girls whose marriage will be solemnized in June. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lofquist.

WOMAN TO REBUILD WAR-TORN VILLAGE

Modern Structures to Spring From Ruins in France.

FARMS AGAIN PRODUCING

Return of Godmother of Hattonchatel, near St. Mihiel, to Be Celebrated by Populace.

NEW YORK, May 14.—(Special.)—The pious villagers of Hattonchatel, a little French town on a hilltop near St. Mihiel, are expecting the arrival of their fairy godmother and preparations are going forward for a magnificent procession in honor of her return.

Miss Belle Skinner, sitting in the library of her home here, arched her eyebrows humorously as she asked, "Can you imagine me walking with grave dignity at the head of the procession just behind the statue of Joan of Arc?"

There are so many villages in ruin! While keenly sympathetic with the work of their restoration, which she pronounces "wonderful," Miss Skinner has remained outside the general committee. She had adopted her village before the armistice and "would not give it up." The rebuilding of Hattonchatel has gone forward with her help and under her personal supervision. It is her village. The French government in recognition of her services conferred upon her the Medaille de Reconnaissance Francaise in 1919, and in 1920 made her a Chevalier of Legion of Honor.

German Indemnity Counted On.

"When you adopt a village," Miss Skinner explained, "you become responsible for improved living conditions, sanitation and such matters. France rebuilds her own villages. She counts on the German indemnity for money with which to repay the villagers in full for their losses. But a law has been passed that no village can be rebuilt exactly as it was originally. That means, among other things, that there must be better sanitation in the new village. Great care is being taken that the old beauty shall be preserved, but dark corners must be done away with. When you adopt a village you put in the water system, you are responsible for the improved schoolhouse and town hall, you build the lavoir, or village laundry.

"It is the plan of the government to put France on her feet industrially as soon as possible. She is so agriculturally already, for all the old farms are now producing. The permanent rebuilding of private homes will have to wait until the last.

"Hattonchatel was occupied by the Germans for four years. They were bombarded out of it, and the bombardment set the village on fire. There was no water on the top of the hill, so it burned until it burned itself out. Before they retired the Germans destroyed the water system they had installed and poisoned the springs.

"There were originally 280 inhabitants of Hattonchatel. Of these 250 are now returned. I am quite proud of that record, for it is very unusual.

"I chose this particular village because of its picturesque location. The hill on which it stands recalls Mount Holyoke, that faces the town in which I lived. When I found it I fairly went down on my knees in happiness, and I made a proposal to the French government at once that I adopt it.

France to Rebuild Church.

"Hattonchatel has a long ecclesiastical history. The first church was built in the 10th century, but all that remains of it today is a crypt underground, in an excellent state of preservation. During their occupancy the Germans used this as a place of meeting, and when I first entered it the German decorations of the preceding Christmas were still festooned about the walls and pillars. In the center was a chandelier made out of a cart wheel, the spokes twined with green. The lights were candles. It was very ingenious and satisfactory.

"The second church belongs to the 15th century. It was a beautiful piece of pure Gothic, but was destroyed all but the belfry and a part of the cloister. I have rebuilt the belfry to hold the bell and the government will rebuild the church."

There are two committees working in France to rebuild the churches, one a Catholic and the other a Protestant. Miss Skinner said she is not identified with either. It is pleasant to notice that while she is herself a Protestant, her village is Catholic, and it is the village cure, the Abbe Thierry, who is her friend and advisor in all her undertakings. It is at his house that she visits. "I spend a week in Paris and a week in the village alternately," she said.

Besides the crypt and the church Miss Skinner spoke of a third historical monument, the market, a perfect piece of Romanesque architecture.

As the village stands today there are 15 out of some 45 or 50 dwellings rebuilt. The other villagers live in the rehabilitated cellars of their old homes. The water works has been completed, a beautiful building, housing the gasoline engine which pumps the water, supplying the four village water taps. The "lavoir," or public wash house, is in process of construction.

Motor Roads Repaired.

"How often do the villagers have wash day?" was asked.

"They would tell you once a week," replied Miss Skinner, somewhat enigmatically.

The next work to be done is the building of the schoolhouse, which will serve also as a place of town meeting. While Miss Skinner did not exactly admit it, she is also rebuilding the homes.

"If I do," she said, "when the money comes in from the government it will be so much ahead."

"The greatest difficulty," she continued, "has been with the problem of transportation, though that has improved beyond what anyone could have believed possible a year ago. The canals are now repaired, the railroads are repaired and the motor roads are being repaired.

"There is no scarcity of building materials and I have been able to secure any machinery I needed in small quantity. I have presented a threshing machine and reaper, which are passed around to the seven towns of the commune. Germany has been forced to supply cattle, but a great many of the cows obtained in this way have died. I have also given chickens and rabbits which I obtained in Normandy.

"At the bottom of the hill I have established a dispensary with a French nurse who goes about on a bicycle, serving seven towns."

Monument Is Considered.

Miss Skinner spoke with interest and pleasure of a possible honor that may come to Hattonchatel. The state of Massachusetts has under consideration the construction of a monument in commemoration of Massachusetts citizens who gave their lives in France. A special commission consisting of Walter A. Robinson, chairman; Axel E. Zetterman and General Edward L. Logan reported in favor of erecting such a monument in the St. Mihiel area. Two were in favor of placing it at Hattonchatel, and one at St. Mihiel.

"I have a dream—it is only a dream, of course—of such a monument in my village taking the form, not of a conventional shaft, but of a beautiful old windmill that used to be there centuries ago. I found pictures of it in the archives in Paris, and it was a lovely thing!"

Miss Skinner said there is one village that she knows of which is further along in its process of reconstruction than hers. This is Vitrimont, which has been rebuilt by the California committee in a very charming way.

"All the committees have done splendid work," she said. "Because I happen to think that village adoption is the way to help France is after all my own opinion. Every one can help, each in his own way."

SUN SPOT MAN HONORED

'PADRE OF THE RAINS' PRIEST NEARLY FIFTY YEARS.

University of Santa Clara Will Commemorate Jubilee of Father Jerome S. Ricard May 30.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., May 14.—University of Santa Clara will do honor here May 30 to Father Jerome S. Ricard, its "padre of the rains" in commemoration of his 50 years as a member of the Society of Jesus. Father Ricard, a noted astronomer, has attracted much attention by his success in forecasting weather conditions, which he ascribes as being entirely due to spots on the sun. Earthquakes, he believes, are due to the same causes.

The celebration will begin with athletic games and end with a banquet, at which, it is expected, speakers will be Father Ricard, Archbishop E. J. Hanna, Father Timothy L. Murphy, president of the university; John J. Barrett, James Smith, former governor of the Philippines; Colonel Charles E. Stanton, of "Lafayette, we are here" fame, and others.

Father Ricard was born in southern France June 1, 1850. He joined the Jesuit order at Turin, Italy, when 21 years old and began to teach at Santa Clara in 1875. He was ordained a priest by the late Cardinal Gibbons in 1886. In appearance he is short and stocky, with a ruddy complexion and his temperament is friendly and genial.

Father Ricard became interested in astronomy in 1890 and ten years later began to pay particular attention to sun spots. After six years of careful study of the spots and comparison with the earth's weather, he became convinced that by noting the position of the spots forecasts could be made more accurately than by use of the elaborate system employed by the government weather bureau. For years he has issued weather predictions from 30 to 40 days in advance and with high average of success, although his theory cannot be said to have been accepted universally by others.

The principle laid down by Father Ricard is that when a spot reaches a point three days from the western limb—or rim—of the sun, a storm appears on the Pacific coast. It is not always accompanied by rain or snow, but a pronounced disturbance is invariable. With the three-day principle as a basis, Father Ricard made deductions which he said gave him 27-day periods to work on with fair accuracy.

"There are, in all," he said, "four critical positions; three days before the spot reaches the western rim; three days before the spot reaches the central meridian in back; three days before the spot reaches the eastern rim and three days before the spot reaches the central meridian in front. When a solar disturbance reaches any one of these four positions, a new storm arrives on the Pacific coast, either rising from the ocean directly or descending from Alaska, or ascending from the mouth of the Colorado river in Lower California." It requires nearly 27 days for spots to travel around the sun.

As the winds move from west to east, due to the earth's rotation, Father Ricard explains, the weather for the United States usually can be determined in advance by conditions over the Pacific ocean and Europeans may be warned likewise by conditions over the Atlantic. Storms on the Pacific coast cross the continent in from 5 to 7 days. Although sometimes delayed by sectional conditions that make their movements eccentric, they always cross. The passage of the Atlantic ocean to Europe is made in about three days.

The cause of the formation of sun spots, Father Ricard says, may be explained simply, and earthquakes likewise. The sun is a gaseous envelope, which burns practically inexhaustibly. When two or more of the planets, say Venus and the earth, are in conjunction with the sun—strung out in a straight line in space—an electromagnetic pull is exerted on the sun that causes a portion of the gaseous mass to reach out toward the planets.

The same tremendous electromagnetic force is exerted on the earth's surface when planets and sun are in conjunction, and at the place where the shell is least strong an earthquake takes place.

HOME HELD U. S. BULWARK

Preservation Declared Security Against Red Enemies.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 13.—If American home life is maintained the country has nothing to fear from either anarchists or bolshevists, Robert G. Woodside, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, declared at a luncheon of veterans here today.

"Should an unscrupulous minority ever attempt to force its opinions upon the American people, the veterans of foreign wars, to a man, would unite to overthrow such an attempt," said Mr. Woodside.

Commander Woodside is touring the country, forming state organizations of the foreign war veterans' associations.

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