JAPANESE BUYING MORE BIG TIMBERS

Price on Large Logs Jumps In British Columbia.

ORDERS PUZZLE DEALERS

Use to Which Nipponese Put so Many Heavy Stocks Causes Much Speculation.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 11.—(Special.)—There is no downing the Japanese square orders from the islands across the Pacific, as this week, when the British Columbia lumbermen had about decided that there would be no more trade of this nature for some time, a large order for timbers 18 by 18 inches, 40 feet long, and 24 by 24 inches, 50 feet long, arrived in the market and there was another wild scramble to obtain logs of the right dimensions to meet the requirements of the order.

The price of large logs went high again, and there was a general search instituted among the surplus booms in the harbor to get enough to supply the demand. Just where Japan is putting all these large timbers that are going across the Pacific, is a conundrum to the British Columbia lumbermen. In three months this year the Nipponese market has taken more lumber from British Columbia mills than has been purchased by Japanese buyers in any one year since 1912.

Columbia River Mills Bid.

Smaller squares, or those in the 12 by 12 and 16 by 16 class, went to the Columbia river mills, as despite the large log surplus in this market the trade continues to quote $24 for Japanese squares here against Columbia river mills at $21.50.

Washington mills also report having had this inquiry, but the question of delivery affected the placing of the order, and many of the Washington mills are crippled with their own strikes or the backing up of stocks owing to the marine strike.

Shipping companies are swamped with orders for space to carry this new Japanese square business, and although the $12.50 rate agreed on by the Pacific west-bound conference recently does not go into effect officially until July 1, there is no space to be had out of this port at the old $10 rate even now, the new rate having gone into effect automatically with the increased demand for space.

Higher Rate Asked.

Shipping companies contend that the inconvenience of handling Japanese square and their inability to stow them satisfactorily makes it impossible for the carriers to take them at the same price as lumber that fits into cargo space easily and packs the ship to easy riding. Therefore, it is expected that after the marine strike is settled there will be an increase in the rate on Japanese squares over other lumber of several dollars per thousand.

Huge quantities of cedar logs from 7 to 13 feet in length and any thickness are also on order for Japan, and every steamer leaving for the orient has a barge drawn alongside for several days prior to departing loading these small cedar cants. There is a large consignment of this class of timber now in the harbor awaiting transportation facilities.

Grade Not Important.

Last year the Japanese demanded No. 1 cedar only on these can shipments, but this year there appears to be no particular grade outbound, the shipments including even the tops of the trees and down as low as No. 3 grade. When asked the destination of this cedar and what it is to be used for, the Japanese state it is for pencils, but the lumber trade contends that judging from the amount of this material that has gone out Japan must be expecting to get several years' supply of pencils on hand to cover the entire demands of the world.

Cuba asked for quotations this week on No. 1 and No. 2 boards, and as the mills have an oversupply of this class of lumber in stock and are looking for a place to unload, Cuba got a very low price on the requirements. No business has been placed and the local market has insisted that credits be established before any shipment goes forth.

Credits Are Narrowed.

Credits in the lumber trade have narrowed considerably lately, but Japan continues to keep her orders well covered, while China has all the finances necessary to move her tie order already on this side of the water.

From Australia and New Zealand there are a few parcel orders of from 25,000 feet to 150,000 feet coming for the various regular boats, and credits always accompany each order. Nearly all the antipodean requirements are for specialties, as the Australian market is fairly well supplied with standard stock.

There was an inquiry for 400,000,000 feet of railway ties in the market from England, but specifications were so incomplete and no mention of credits being ready to cover this big order, nor any of the thousand little details which usually accompany such an inquiry, that the jobbers and local operators, while eager for the business, came to the conclusion that the inquiry was just a feeler of tie conditions on the Pacific coast.

South Buys Lumber.

California and Mexico are stilll buying lumber here in small lots, while lath orders are as numerous as last week, and many lath mills that were closed a few weeks ago are running overtime now to meet the demand.

Every mail brings new orders from San Diego, San Pedro and Los Angeles for lath, as the small house-building campaign down there has created a large increase in lath requirements.

The rail trade is slowly improving both in United States orders and from the Canadian prairies. Chicago reported this week that offers advanced from $2 to $3 on British Columbia fir, but that common boards were very weak. The central states improved their requirements about 6 per cent over last week. Ontario placed a few orders, and was estimated to have bettered last week's business by about 2 per cent.

Siding Is at Premium.

Clear cedar and clear spruce for siding is at a premium. The demand for this class of lumber is keen in both the United States and Canada, and the cedar mills find it difficult to keep orders filled. One big mill here that specializes in cedar lumber is oversold two months and is turning down orders.

Sawmills of British Columbia operated about 62 per cent capacity last week and there were numerous reports from the mills of overstocks of 2 by 4, 2 by 8 and 2 by 10, while some of the other mills report considerable cedar in sizes 1 by 4, 6 by 8 and 8 by 10 on hand.

Shingle orders continue to pour in, and cedar logs suitable for the manufacture of 5X and Perfection shingles have jumped from $17 to $20 per thousand and stand firm at that figure. Ninety per cent of the shingles on order here are routed by the Panama canal and the marine strike in the United States is having some effect on the deliveries.

Every boat that manages to elude the strikers, or flies the flag of another country, is very successful in obtaining a cargo of shingles at this port for Atlantic points.

All fir logs of sizes suitable for the big Japanese square trade are firm, but those from which big timbers cannot be cut are a drug on the market and are rapidly accumulating. Hemlock logs are going across the boundary line to the Puget sound box factories and some of the single mills in Washington are finding it profitable to buy cedar logs here.

TENTS TO HOUSE VISITORS

KIWANIS CLUBMEN TO CAMP IN CLEVELAND.

Delegates to Convention June 20 Prefer Outdoor Life to Hotel Accommodation.

CLEVELAND, O., June 11.—Public parks of Cleveland will present the appearance of tented cities during the sixth international Kiwanis club convention here the week of June 20.

Several hundred delegates have arranged to camp in tents during convention week, preferring the pleasures of outdoor life to the conveniences of modern-day hotels. There will be a total of 8000 delegates and visitors here for the Kiwanis convention, which will be one of the biggest gatherings of professional and business men ever held.

Among Kiwanis clubs which have arranged for camps is the Canton, O., club. It has arranged for 150 tents to be erected in Lakewood park. A big dining tent also will be erected, with kitchen chefs in charge of Thomas Hart, who had charge of kitchen arrangement for the second national convention of the American Legion here last fall. Another large tent will be used for auditorium purposes, the Canton club arranging for a nightly entertainment programme. The Canton delegates will drive here in automobiles.

Thirty-two boys, belonging to the Grand Rapids Newsboys' band, who also will drive in automobiles to Cleveland to take part in the convention entertainment programme, also will camp in tents in one of the city parks. They too, will have their own kitchen chefs.

Several other clubs are planning to join together in another convention camping party.

Special convention trains, thus far scheduled, will leave Philadelphia the night of June 20; St. Louis, June 21; Chattanooga, June 20; Cincinnati, June 21; Fort Worth, Tex., June 18; El Reno, Enid and Wichita, Kan., June 18; Topeka, Kansas City and Rock Island, June 19; Chicago, June 20; special boast will leave Duluth, June 15; Chicago, June 18; Buffalo and Detroit, June 20 and 21.

ROAD SALESMEN FROLIC

Council of Three States on Record for Lower Hotel Rates.

BOISE, Idaho, June 11.—(Special.)—The selection of Ogden, Utah, for the 1922 council session and the election of officers tonight closed the business sessions of the United Commercial Travelers' grand council of Utah, Idaho and Montana. Today a trip to Arrowrock was the feature, followed by a picnic luncheon at Tourist park at noon and afternoon of athletic events on the school field.

W. R. Williams of Salt Lake was elected grand counselor; R. B. Bichers of Butte, junior grand counselor; J. G. H. Graveley of Boise, grand secretary; William Lund, Pocatello, grand treasurer; F. L. Walters, Salt Lake, grand conductor; H. S. Harwood, Billings, Mont., grand page; F. A. Rose, Ogden, grand sentinel; C. H. Brown, Great Falls, Mont., past grand counselor.

Representatives to the supreme council session at Columbus, O., June 22 are F. G. Brooks of Salt Lake, W. T. Haney, Great Falls, Mont., and C. R. Sutton of Butte, Mont.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution favoring a reduction of hotel and restaurant rates. In connection with this action it was decided to have a representative from the grand council appear before the National Hotel Men's association meet to be held at Salt Lake and present the matter.

GRAM SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Labor Official Not to Enter Race for Multnomah Sheriff.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, will be a candidate to succeed himself at the next republican primary election and will not enter the race for sheriff of Multnomah county to succeed T. H. Hurlburt. This was announced by Mr. Gram today following the publication of a story in a local newspaper to the effect that he probably would seek honors in Multnomah county rather than attempt to succeed himself as labor commissioner.

It was said today L. J. Simeral, prominent in local labor circles, may be a candidate for state labor commissioner. Mr. Simeral is a republican. W. A. Dalziel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, who also has been mentioned in connection with the campaign for state labor commissioner, today denied he had any intention of becoming a candidate for this office.

Convict Returned to Prison.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—George Evans, who escaped from the state penitentiary here on May 22, was returned to the institution today from Kemmerer, Wyo., where he was captured a week ago. Deputy Warden Lewis made the trip after the prisoner.

Evans and Lee Holliday escaped from the prison while employed as teamsters. Holliday has thus far made his escape, and is believed by the officials to have made his way into Canada.

OFFICERS TO HURRY BONUS ACT DETAILS

Delays Loom Despite Desire to Speed Up Machinery.

COUNTY PLAN SUGGESTED

Member of Commission Would Employ Abstractors to Investigate Applicants.

SALEM, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—Apparently there are many ex-service men in Oregon who have the impression that because the voters last Tuesday approved the so-called soldiers' bonus amendment, the money to meet their claims will be available within the next two or three weeks.

This was the opinion expressed here today by George A. White, adjutant-general, and James Crawford, deputy state treasurer, after they had received letters from service men who said they were ready to file applications for relief under the law and desired to know when the money would be available for disposition.

In the states of Washington, New York and Michigan practically six months were required to put the bonus machinery in operation and place the bonus and loans at the disposal of the applicants. Although there is a disposition on the part of the Oregon officials to work fast, Mr. White expressed the opinion that it would be at least three months before actual distribution of the funds would be under way.

Votes Must Be Counted.

Mr. White based this assertion on the probability that it will require 15 or 20 days for the secretary of state to canvass the votes cast at Tuesday's election and other necessary preliminaries. Under the law it then will be necessary for the governor to issue a proclamation putting the amendment into operation.

Another delay may be encountered, Mr. White said, in case the officials feel that a legal interpretation of the bonus act is necessary properly to deal with the soldiers. In this event it would be necessary to file a friendly suit in the supreme court and raise the question as to the constitutionality of the act. Preparation of an opinion by the court covering this angle of the law probably would require from 20 to 30 days.

With the constitutionality of the law determined, the so-called soldiers' aid commission created by the last legislature to administer the act, then would be called upon to issue the bonds authorized by the constitutional amendment and complete negotiations for their sale. These bonds would have to be advertised the statutory length of time, thereby making another delay of several weeks.

Two to Be Named.

The soldiers' aid commission, as created by the legislature, is composed of the governor, secretary of state, adjutant general and two ex-service men to be appointed by the governor. While Governor Olcott had not intimated up to yesterday who he would appoint as members of the commission, it is believed here that the men will be named within the next few days. A meeting to organize the commission then will be held.

Under the law creating the commission, the body is clothed with authority to make its own rules and regulations and may employ a secretary. Although not officially agreed, it was suggested at a conference held here a few days ago that ex-service men entitled to benefits under the bonus act should file their applications with the county clerks of the counties in which they reside. Also that three so-called abstractors be employed by the commission in each county for the purpose of making investigations of the applications and filing reports thereon.

The applications, if approved, must set out that the applicant was a resident of Oregon at the time he enlisted, actual length of service, whether he has received other aid and evidence that he received an honorable discharge. For administering the act there has been appropriated the sum of $30,000.

The amendment provides that the state shall issue bonds not to exceed 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state to raise money to be loaned in amounts not to exceed $4000, or paid as a bonus of $15 for each month of active service. In no instance shall the bonus exceed $500. The bonus law enacted by the legislature conflicts with the amendment, however, and places the loan limit at $3000. To obtain this loan the applicant must have collateral 25 per cent greater than the amount he desires to borrow.

Court Action Probable.

Two sections of the law, local officials said, probably would have to be legally interpreted before the act can be placed in operation. These sections refer to deductions.

One section reads:

"Any person who has received from another state a bonus or gratuity equal in amount to that provided by this act, or any person who received for such military or naval service extra compensation equal to or exceeding the bonus provided by this act, shall not be entitled to receive a bonus hereunder; provided, however, that any persons, otherwise qualified, who received from another state a bonus or gratuity less in amount to that provided by this act, and any person who received extra compensation from any source, government or private, for such military or naval service less in amount than the bonus hereby provided, shall be entitled to and receive the difference between the amount so received from another state as a bonus or gratuity, or as extra compensation, and the amount such person would be entitled to as a bonus under this act; provided, however, that the allowance of $60 paid by the federal government at the time of discharge shall not be deemed a bonus or extra compensation within the meaning of this section."

The other section follows:

"Any person who has received the benefits under the act providing for state financial aid to soldiers, sailors and marines for educational purposes shall make a refund to the state of the amount so received before he shall be entitled to receive a loan or bonus under this act."

If literally interpreted, attorneys here agree that an ex-service man who has received educational aid, necessarily would have to return any amount of money he had received on this account to the state treasurer before he would be entitled to a loan.

Other equally knotty problems may be encountered by the state's legal advisers before the bonus law is actually in operation, according to local lawyers.

Tank Unit Starts for Camp.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 11.—(Special.) — Company L, national guard tank corps, left Centralia shortly after noon today for Camp Lewis for two weeks' maneuvers. The guardsmen will camp on the road tonight. Five army trucks arrived here this morning from Camp Lewis to transport the company's tanks. Company L will remain in camp until June 25. The major portion of the maneuvers will be devoted to instruction in driving and maintenance of the tanks.

Highway Paving Completed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—Paving on the Pacific highway north of Tenino will be completed the middle of next week. Traffic over the road will be resumed about 30 days afterward. Improvement of the highway across the Cowlitz river from Toledo, including elimination of a sharp turn in the road toward Salmon creek, was started this week. Gibson, Medley & Graham recently received a contract for the improvement from the state highway department.

Coos Books to Be Audited.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—W. H. Wann, North Bend accountant, has been engaged by the county court to audit all school district finances for the years 1920 and 1921, where the districts are of second and third classes. The custom is a new one here, and was suggested by requests made from several quarters.

Five Aliens Naturalized.

CONDON, June 11.—(Special.)—Five persons were examined for citizenship at the June term of the circuit court here. All successfully passed the examinations, their names being: Nick L. Murlokas, Greek; Daws A. Swart, Hollander; Pete Monohan, Irishman; John Fritz Ramke, German, and Tom McIntyre, Irishman.

Practice Shoot Scheduled.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—Chehalis Gun club will hold its regular weekly practice shoot tomorrow at its grounds southeast of the city. Next Sunday the clubs from this section will go to Index, where a tournament shoot will be held.

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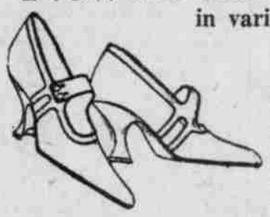

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