

CEDAR SHIPMENTS TO ORIENT LARGER

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LUMBER MARKET IS QUIET

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Cedar log shipments to the Orient have taken a sudden jump forward and during the past few weeks more than 30,000,000 feet have been booked on various steamers bound for Japan.

To save space, eliminate carrying of unnecessary bark, and to assist in complying with the provincial government regulations of manufactured lumber instead of logs going out of the country, this cedar is, in most cases, slabbled and squared until it is now known in the lumber world as cedar Jap squares, and is rated as such on the ship papers.

The demand for cedar in Japan is increasing and the British Columbia market is finding difficulty in supplying the requirements. Cedar logs of dimensions to meet the large specifications are difficult to get and the shingle manufacturers assert that this export of cedar in large squares and logs is having the effect of keeping the cedar log market so strong that shingles cannot be made and put in the market at prices that are attractive to the trade. Shingle prices are slack now and no firming is in sight to warrant the manufacturer paying the prices that are asked by the loggers. Considerable cedar is also going to mills on Puget sound. This helps to swell the general export and reduce stocks in the British Columbia market. While the majority of the logs going out of the country are of the No. 2 class, the shingle men, nevertheless, contend that the general market is affected.

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CAT CAUSES 2 DEATHS

Man and Wife Asphyxiated When Tabby Opens Gas Jet.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A cat's effort to steal fish from a frying pan resulted in the death of David Frisch and his wife Freda from gas poisoning and the illness of eight other persons in a three-story Brooklyn tenement today.

The cat brushed against a gas range, turning on a regulator.

PAIR WEDDED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Treber Celebrate Anniversary.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Treber, for more

LEAGUERS OF IDAHO AND LIBERALS UNITE

Non-Partisans Effect Merger With New Organization.

Platform Is Announced

Movement Designed to Combine Independent Vote of State Against Old Parties.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The predicted merger between the non-partisan league and the liberal party, which has the backing of the committee of 48, has taken place in the state of Idaho. At a conference held at Nampa this week, it was decided to accept the third of three alternatives proposed by the league.

League leaders disliked the first proposition. They were absolutely opposed to joining with the democratic party, and they believe they see in the liberal party movement an opportunity to combine the independent vote in this state and make a strong showing at the polls.

Platform Is Promulgated. The formal action in agreeing upon the consolidation or merger resulted in the promulgation of a platform to which the non-partisans and the liberals subscribe.

The political history of the non-partisan league in this state, so far as actual success in acquiring office is concerned, has not been the best, although the league polled more votes in the last general election than ever before. The organization's strength is among the rural residents of the state—the farmers. It has an influence among the independent voters.

The amalgamation, leaders in the other political parties believe, is not going to be seriously detrimental to them, although they say they are not discounting it and in their plans for the coming campaign, will give careful consideration. The movements of the non-partisans and the liberals have been carefully checked. Party leaders declare they know exactly what is going on and will be prepared to meet any attack that the amalgamation may make.

In his address to the conference at Nampa, Ray McKaig, recognized leader of the non-partisans, took to task the major parties for their alleged failure to economize in state affairs in Idaho and to lighten the tax burden.

Democrats Flirt With League. He openly charged that one of the leaders of the democratic party had approached him with a proposition for the union of that party with the league. He said he had given the union was impossible. The charge created a sensation. McKaig said that he would name the democrat if the telegram was signed by Walter T. Liggett, acting secretary of the American committee for Russian famine relief.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 11.—Governor Shoup has resigned as a vice-president of the American committee for Russian famine relief, according to an announcement made today at the annual meeting of the committee. It was stated that the committee, it was believed, was using money for the spreading of communistic propaganda.

RELIEF HEADS PROTEST

RUSSIAN FAMINE COMMITTEE DENIES HOOVER CHARGES.

President Asked to Give Hearing to Defense Before Judgment Is Passed on Case.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Executives of the American committee for Russian famine relief today telegraphed to President Harding a request for an opportunity to "meet and refute" the charges said to have been made against them by Secretary of Commerce Hoover in a report to President Harding, in which he stated that more than 200 such relief organizations operating in this country are "rankly communistic." The telegram follows in part:

"Millions of innocent children in Russia will die unless every available legitimate relief agency is utilized, and we think it would be a crime against humanity to have our widespread machinery of relief halted because of what we consider merely unfounded suspicion.

"The personnel of our advisory council, comprising as it does highly respected members of congress, clergymen, editors, educators, governors, mayors and many men and women of unquestioned Americanism, is the best possible guarantee of our entire integrity of purpose, and if given the opportunity we are confident we can convince you the work we are doing is entitled to your endorsement.

"Will you kindly put in possession of the allegations made by Mr. Hoover and allow us to lay before you the full facts of the case?"

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GROUND'S WHITE COVERING IS SPECTACULAR SIGHT.

Reports Tell of Heavier Fall at Towns Not Far Away; Workmen Are Clearing Highway.

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A gang of men has been put to work on the Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Myrtle Creek, with instructions to keep the road open at any cost. More snow was expected tonight.

One automobile was wrecked on the highway about four miles south of here in an attempt to avoid a collision with a truck. The driver and his three passengers were injured.

FAITH IN PARTY URGED

Governor Davis Says Reform Is Dependent on Organization.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 11.—Governor Davis of Utah, in a Lincoln day banquet address here tonight, uttered a plea for faith in the doctrine of party organization.

"There is a dangerous mental condition which is breeding the spirit of the mob," said the governor, "the belief in the power of wealth and developing hypocrisy in seekers after political preferment."

The governor said the republican party was faced with the task of restoring the people's confidence in honest government. He said he would do this he said the party leaders should "preach the old-time doctrine of party organization. There is no other way to effect reform except through party organization," he declared.

ASHLAND MAN CANDIDATE.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Thomas J. Ashland, a candidate who served by appointment as county commissioner of Jackson county for several months after the death of George Owens and refused to accept a candidate for election to the office at the next election, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner.

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Word has been received that a statement of the French official attitude was being transmitted from Paris, it was said.

The communication was expected to supplement advice from Paris received yesterday, which stated that Premier Poincare had suggested a postponement of the Genoa conference for three months.

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CHURCH ASKS 40 MILLION

EPISCOPAL PRELATE INFORMS PORTLAND OF PLANS.

Bishop Sanford of San Joaquin Is in City for Conference With Diocesan Officials.

Plans for raising \$40,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 will be devoted to a general church work, and \$15,000,000 for diocesan programs, were laid before representatives of the local diocese Friday when the Rt. Rev. Louis C. Sanford, D. D., bishop of San Joaquin, spent the day in Portland as the official representative of the presiding bishop and council of the Episcopal church.

Bishop Sanford said that at the general convention to be held in Portland next September a splendid program of forward work will be laid before the delegates. At night he addressed a large meeting of clergy and laity, before whom he set forward the new plans of the church.

Representatives who greeted the distinguished visitor were from the First Central, Trinity, St. David's, Grace Memorial, St. Michael and All Angels, Church of Our Savior, St. John's, Sellwood, St. Philip's, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's covering practically all Episcopal churches in the city. Dr. Wilson Johnston presided in the absence of Dean Vincent.

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