

LUMBER TRUST STORY IS TOLD

Government Report Shows Combine Greater Than Standard Oil.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Producing some startling statistics, Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith sent a special report to congress asserting that a lumber trust is now being organized which will make the Standard Oil monopoly look like a pigmy.

Smith declared that four-fifths of the country's standing timber is privately owned. Three of these holdings, he says—those of Weyerhaeuser Timber company, the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific, comprise 238,000,000,000 feet or 11 per cent of all the privately owned timber in the United States.

Interesting Statistics.

Commissioner Smith, in his report, says:

"These holdings have enough standing timber to build an ordinary five or six room frame house for each of 16,000,000 families. If it were sawed and placed on cars it would make a train 100,000 miles long.

The largest holders of timber in this country are not cutting it. Thus they are reserving to themselves incalculable profits which will accrue with the country's growth, and the consequent diminishing of the public supply or any further conservation or control thereof.

Protests Received.

"Many protests are being received against such a concentration of control of standing timber of the country which, if it is permitted to continue, makes probable the final and complete control of the lumber industry by these interests, which ultimately holding the bulk of the timber, can set their prices at what they will. When the timber is finally cut, the land remains. There is being created, therefore, not only the framework of an enormous timber monopoly, but an equally sinister concentration of land.

Power Would Be Great.

"Finally to the concentration of land and timber is added the closely connected railroad domination. The possibilities of this combination in the Pacific northwest and elsewhere are most important. The possibilities of power involved in the concentration of the land ownership, irrespective of the ownership of timber, are enormous, and the danger of the abuse of this power, in the absence of legislative restrictions, is obvious. "These dangers are multiplied because these few largest owners of land occupy dominating positions in the railroad transportation over great sections of the country.

"Many of these interests are protesting against conservation and the national forest system because, they say, it ties up natural resources, while they themselves are deliberately tying up farm lands for their private gain."

Commissioner Smith declared that the Southern Pacific railroad was the largest individual owner of timber, holding under its control 10,000,000,000 feet.

WANT EARLY DECISION.

Russian Paper Says China Must Comply Soon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Feb. 17.—The Novo Vremya in discussing today the announced purpose of Russia to make a military demonstration in Illi, a province in Chinese Turkestan, describes the note presented at Peking by Minister Korotvitz as a semi-ultimatum as it does not specify the term within which China must comply with the demands of St. Petersburg. The paper adds however that if the Chinese government fails to act before the lapse of a fortnight the semi-ultimatum will be amplified.

FAVOR HOBSON BILL.

Committee Approves Aid For American Merchant Marine.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The Hobson bill to encourage the development of the American Merchant Marine to promote commerce and national defense was reported favorably to the House today by the Committee on Merchant Marine by a vote of 9 to 3.

MRS MAGARY PASSES AWAY

Well-Known Woman Succumbed to Complication of Ills Last Evening.

Mrs. Mary Jane Magary, an old resident of Coos Bay, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. McKay, in North Bend last evening after an illness of several months from a complication of diseases due to her advanced age.

Mrs. Magary was born in Pennsylvania seventy-six years ago and came to Coos Bay about twenty-five years ago. Her husband was killed in an accident at the Stave mill about twenty years ago.

Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Magary and twelve of these, about forty grand children and two great grand children survive her. The children are Will Magary of Eatonville, Wash., John Magary of Wheaton, Wash., Charles Magary of Marshfield, Mrs. Walter Robertson of Eastside, Mrs. Davis Jackson of Eatonville, Wash., Mrs. Jensen of Nebraska, Mrs. A. H. McKay of North Bend, Mrs. Little of Lodi, Cal., Mrs. Low of Canada, Mrs. Flora Longmire of Eatonville, Wash., Geo. Magary of Canada and Edward Magary of Idaho.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 from the Seventh Day Adventist church in West Marshfield.

HEYBURN HOLDS UP VOTE.

Idaho Senator Principal One Blocking Vote On Popular Elections.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Friends and opponents alike of the joint resolution providing for the amendment authorizing the election of senators by direct vote began at the session yesterday with the expectation it would bring forth important developments regarding the measure. Senator Borah was determined to press the measure. Heyburn, a colleague of Borah, apparently is the only senator unwilling to have a day named for the vote. That the senate is sitting supine and disgracefully unresentful while accused of "crimes blacker than those which occupy the attention of the criminal courts," was asserted by Heyburn. His comment was due to newspaper reports that an extra session will result if the bill is not passed. "A charge that any member of this body could be influenced by the 'crack of the whip' is a charge of cowardice," said Heyburn. "Can we sit silent under such charges affecting the dignity and honor of the senate?" No other senator took up the matter.

PRELATE IS BURIED.

Funeral of Archbishop Ryan Greatest Held in Philadelphia.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 16.—The body of the late Archbishop Patrick John Ryan today was entombed in the Crypt beneath the high altar of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in this city following funeral services that were imposing. It was one of the greatest funerals ever held in Philadelphia.

HILLMAN'S DEFENSE.

Says He Only Lacked Money to Carry Out Promises.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Counsel for Clarence D. Hillman, the townsit seller on trial for using the mails to defraud, made their opening statement today. He promised to prove Hillman acted in good faith on the Boston Harbor and Birmingham Townsite promotion and that he intended to make all improvements advertised but could not raise the money needed.

BIG CATHOLIC POPULATION.

Over 23,000,000 of Denomination Under Stars and Stripes.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.—There are at present 14,618,781 Roman Catholics in the United States according to the 1911 official Catholic directory now on the press. This does not include the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico. If these are added, the number of Roman Catholics under the stars and stripes is over 23,000,000.

BAD FOR HILLMAN.

Seattle Real Estate Man Sold Same Property Twice.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Expert accountants of the Department of Justice today gave evidence compiled from the books of Clarence D. Hillman, millionaire real estate operator, to show that duplicate sales had been made on properties in the townships of Boston Harbor and Birmingham.

Naval Reserve Bill Passes.

R. O. Graves of the Marshfield Naval Reserves this afternoon received a telegram announcing that the naval reserve bill had passed the House and Senate. This is most gratifying news as it was feared that the measure which puts the reserves on a solid basis might fail. Governor West it is expected, will approve of the measure at once.

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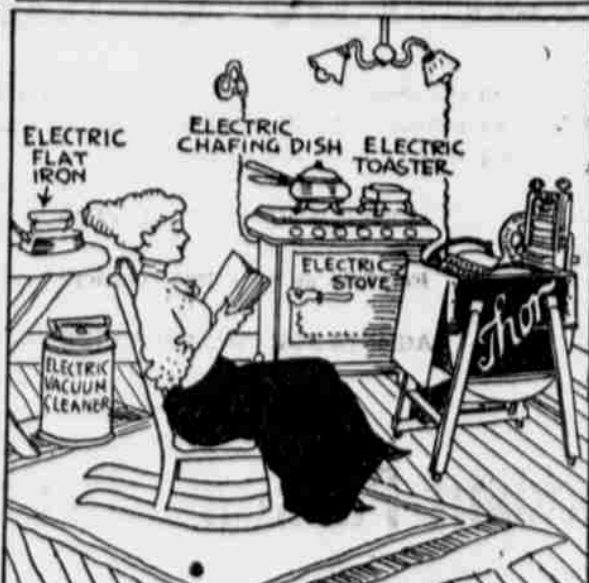
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