

CHECKING UP ON FOREST WEALTH

Forests Section of National Conservation Commission Shows Up a Hard Situation and What Must Be Done About It.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 11.—The first figures of the inventory of the forests of the United States which the National Conservation Commission has made have been presented to the conference by Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman of the section of forests of the commission. Senator Smoot's report is a summary of the great mass of statistics which the first inventory represents. The report represents six months' work on the part of the forests section, and presents the most striking figures of the forests inventory. In part the report is as follows:

What Forests Do.
"Next to our need of food and water comes our need of timber. Our industries subsisting wholly or mainly upon wood pay the wages of more than 1,500,000 men and women.
"Forests not only grow timber, but they hold the soil and they conserve streams for all useful purposes. How far forests increase the rain is not yet known. It is well known that they check wind, and work against excessive heat or cold. That they make for the fiber, health and happiness of each citizen and of the nation has been known since history began.
"The fish which live in forest waters furnish each year \$21,000,000 worth of food, and not less than four-fifths of it is furnished by the game which could not exist without the forest."

What We Have.
"Our forests now cover 550,000,000 acres, or about one-third of the United States. The original forests covered not less than 850,000,000 acres, or nearly one-half.
"Forests publicly owned cover one-fourth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber. The timber privately owned is not only four times that publicly owned, but it is generally more valuable.
"Forestry is now practiced on 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned and on less than one per cent of the forests privately owned, or on only 18 per cent of the total forest area."

What Is Produced.
"The yearly growth of wood in our forests does not average more than 15 cubic feet per acre. This gives a total yearly growth of less than 7,000,000,000 cubic feet.
"We take yearly, including waste in logging and in manufacture, 23,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood from our forests.
"We use each year 100,000,000 cords of firewood, 40,000,000,000 feet of lumber, more than 1,000,000,000 posts, poles and fence rails, 115,000,000 shingles, 100,000,000 staves, over 133,000,000 sets of heading, nearly 500,000,000 barrel hoops, 3,000,000 cords of native pulpwood, 1,000,000 cubic feet of round mine timbers and 1,250,000 cords of wood for distillation."

What Is Wasted.
"Since 1870, forest fires have each year destroyed an average of 50 lives and \$40,000,000 worth of timber. Not less than 50,000,000 acres of forest is burned over yearly.
"One-fourth of the standing timber is left or otherwise lost in logging. The boxing of longleaf pine for turpentine has destroyed one-fifth of the forests wood. The loss in the mill is from one-third to two-thirds of the timber sawed. The loss in the mill product, through seasoning and fitting for use, is from one-seventh to one-fourth of each 1000 feet of lumber are used, for each 1000 feet which stood in the forest.
"We take from our forests each year, not counting the loss by fire, 3 1/2 times their yearly growth.
"Our lumber cut has increased less than 16 per cent in the last seven years. But the average price of all kinds of lumber at the mill has risen 49 per cent, and the rise will continue.
"We invite by overtaxation the misuse of our forests. We destroy by fire enough standing timber in one year to last the nation for three months. We should plant to protect farms from wind and to make stripped or treeless lands productive, an area larger than that of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia combined. Not so far lands successfully planted to trees make a total area smaller than Rhode Island. And year by year, by careless cutting and by fire, we lower the capacity of existing forests to produce their like again, or totally destroy them.
"The condition of the world supply of timber makes us already dependent upon what we produce. We send out of our country 1 1/2 times as much timber as we bring in. Except for finishing woods, relatively insignificant in quantity, we must grow our own supply or go without.
"Where We Might Stand.
"By reasonable thrift we can produce a constant supply beyond our present need, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation and power.
"Under right management our forests will yield over four times as much as now. We can reduce waste in the woods and in the mill at least one third, with present as well as future profit. We can perpetuate the natural stores industry. Preservative treatment will re-

ATTELL READY TO MEET WOLGAST

Little Champion Compelled to Extend Himself to Regain Popular Favor.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—If Abe Attell has not gone backward he should whip Ad Wolgast at Naud Junction pavilion tonight. The boys are to meet in a scheduled 10 rounder which bids fair to be a hummer while it lasts.
Although Attell is an 8 to 10 favorite over Wolgast the latter has lots of friends who believe that he will lay the present champion low. There is not much brisance in the betting market. Nettled by his loss to Welsh and suggestions that he may soon be fighting preliminaries Attell has been trading with a vengeance at the East Side club with Dick Hyland. Hyland himself is anxious to meet Welsh but the latter is paying no attention to him.
A decisive victory over Wolgast would send the Attell stock soaring again, as Wolgast has made a good impression here since his arrival.
Wolgast knocked out Danny Webster in 15 rounds and stoned away Young Kid McCoy in two. Although he appears to lack the cleverness of Attell, he is wonderfully strong in physique, besides possessing a knockout punch. "Aw you know me, he might land it on a sucker but not on me."
This was Attell's expression yesterday after he had finished his day's work. Abe professes to believe that Wolgast will not be able to land on him.
In addition to the main events there have been arranged several preliminaries.
Young McGovern and Frankie Sullivan are to meet in a scheduled 10 rounder. Black boy has deposited \$500 with the Los Angeles Record as a guarantee and there will be a lot of rooting when these two come together.
Jimmy Assala and Willie O'Keefe travel the six round route. A battle royal between two negroes is also carded.

What Must Be Done.
"For each 1,000,000 acres of forest in public ownership, over 2,000,000 are privately owned. The conservation of public forests is the smaller task before the nation and the states. The larger task is to induce private forest owners, which means 3,000,000 men, to take care of what they have. Public forest users, which means every one, how not to waste.
"If these things are done they will conserve our streams as well as our forests. If they are not done, the usefulness of our streams will decrease as fast as the usefulness of our forests.
"We must stop forest fires. By careful logging, we must both reduce waste and leave cut-over lands productive. We must make the timber loggers go further, by preservative treatment and by avoiding needless loss in the mill, the factory and in use. We must plant up those lands now treeless which will be most useful under forest. We must so adjust taxation that cutting can be held for a second crop. We must recognize that timber costs no less to grow than it does to log and saw.
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MORGAN'S GIFT TO BAY CITY CHURCHES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 11.—J. Pierpont Morgan has subscribed \$100,000 to the fund for the rebuilding of the Episcopal churches of San Francisco. Bishop William Ford, who, with Rev. James A. Emery, archdeacon of the diocese of California, is here raising money for the San Francisco churches, is delighted with the gift, particularly as the indications are that an additional \$100,000 will be raised among eastern church people, who have responded generously to the bishop's appeal.
The original plan offered \$100,000 to the cause on condition that an equal sum should be raised from other sources. This condition, made two years ago, has been met. The bishop and his committee interviewed with him. His gift has been made this time without any reservations.

BURGLARS WHO HAVE SANTA CLAUS TASTES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 11.—Postal substation No. 5, located in Carr's pharmacy, Elk and Chestnut streets, was robbed of stamps aggregating \$32 in value and of 200 blank money orders. The burglars also secured \$15 in cash from the till of the drug store and a large quantity of leather handbags.
Presumably the same men entered two other stores. Articles aggregating \$150 in value were taken from the sporting goods store of Harlin E. Johnson. From this point the robbers went to C. M. Sherman's book store and secured four pearl handled gold pens and two fancy cigar cases. In all three cases the robbers broke windows in the rear of the buildings and made their entrance.
Notaries Commissioned.
(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to R. P. Boise, Salem; E. O. McCoy, Haines; Percy J. Jones, Bay City; M. Albright, Roseburg; Alfred C. Sanford, Madras, and R. W. Wilbur, J. J. Hill and C. K. Butters, Portland.

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PRICE RISES WITH DENIAL

Sultan's Peculiar Style of Finance Worries Austria—Balkans War Talk

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Vienna, Dec. 11.—Just what amount Turkey will accept from Austria in compensation for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to prevent war is the question that is worrying Franz Josef's diplomats. The sultan at one time intimated through his representative that \$1,000,000 would be acceptable. This was contemptuously refused by the Austrian foreign minister, and since that time Abdul Hamid has raised the demand to \$4,000,000.
While it is believed the sultan would accept half that amount, the Austrian government officials realize there is little time left for dickering. The European powers are becoming more pressing for a speedy settlement, as without the consent of Turkey it will be impossible to arrange the most desired conference on Balkan matters.
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OPPOSITION TO POSTAL BANKS

Senator Carter Will Introduce Bill but Expects Hard Fight.
(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Senator Carter's bill for the establishment of postal savings banks is the calendar order in the senate for December 14, when he hopes to get it to a vote, or at least bring it into a position whence he may at any time bring it before the senate for final action.
Opposition already develops from Republican sources, as well as from Democratic, and discussion has been carried on in the columns of the eastern press. It is noticeable that supporters of the measure cite that the Chicago platform plainly indorsed postal savings banks, and that campaign orators kept it before the people during the fight. They also quote Postmaster General Meyer as jointly with Senator Carter devising and urging the bill, and considerable is made of the fact alleged to be established by the campaign record of the postal savings banks must be created to redeem one of the specific promises of the dominant party.
Senator Carter remains confident of success in passing his bill through the senate, but realizes that in the House Chairman Overstreet of the post office committee may elevate obstacles not to be overcome, although strong effort will be made to do so by other members who favor the measure.
That some device has been demanded by the country for either postal savings banks or some form of guarantee is conceded by most of the leaders of both parties, and advocates of postal banks press the success achieved by the rope by that form of banks. It is also called to attention that the Chicago platform indorsed postal banks, and the Denver platform indorsed them a second in desirability to guarantee of deposits.

Nominations Confirmed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate today confirmed the president's nomination of Martin A. Knapp as interstate commerce commissioner and of Herbert L. Satterlee, as assistant secretary of the navy.

WIFE MURDERER THOMAS GUILTY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 11.—The jury in the J. K. Thomas murder trial, who heard the last of the testimony and arguments yesterday afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty in the second degree last night. Thomas was on trial for killing his former divorced wife in July. In a confession Thomas admitted he shot the woman after forcing his way into her house. He pleaded alcoholic insanity. Thomas slept beside the corpse in a drunken stupor and afterward buried it in his garden.

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