NATIONWIDE FIXING OF LUMBER PRICES STILL EXISTS, SAYS REPORT

Commissioner of Corporations Makes Statement to President.

ASSERTION IS RESENTED

Head of West Coast Association Says Report Is "Rank Injustice" and "Most Surprising."

Says Mills Closing Down.

W. B. Mackay, president of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, and secretary-manager of the North Pacific Lumber company of this city, speaking for the association of which he is head, this morning declared the report of Joseph E. Davies an outrage against the lumber industry. He said:

"Anyone familiar with the conditions of today knows that such conditions as described in the report do not exist. Speaking for the North Pacific Coast mills, I think the report a rank injustice. It is the most surprising I have ever seen.

"Conditions in the lumber industry in the Pacific northwest, for which I am speaking, are so deplorable today that mills are closing down rather than lose more money. If a combination in restraint of trade existed some mills would not remain shut down tight while others in order to keep their head above water operate double shift.

"The discount list is an absolute necessity in the lumber business, as in other lines. Without it and established grades the entire business would be chaotic, for in ordering a buyer would have to go into the minutest details and even forwarding pictures of what he wanted that prices may be quoted intelligently."

Washington, April 30.—Nationwide price fixing in the lumber industry has never ceased, declared Joseph E. Davies, commissioner of corporations yesterday in a report to President Wilson.

Before 1906 price fixing was open, then it changed to more clandestine methods: First the publication of "Market Reports," or "Prevailing Prices," and later, the employment of "Basis lists" and "Discount" or "Concession" sheets.

Mr. Davies reported:

"Price combinations among lumber manufacturers have usually been effected through associations. There is no important region of production in which they do not have an association. Furthermore, they have an association that is national in its scope, and which is a federation of a number of the local associations.

"While some of the avowed purposes of the associations are to bring about and foster practices that are beneficial both to producer and consumer, the chief purpose apparently has been to increase profits by advancing prices.

"The wholesale prices of lumber have been higher because of the associated activities of lumbermen.

Prices Were Advanced.

"In the earlier years many of the associations openly attempted to curtail the output and to fix the wholesale price of lumber; later, because of fear of the law, they disavowed any such purpose, but the practices they professed to abandon were continued by subterfuge and indirection through the same groups of men who had formerly done them in the associations.

"The National Lumber Manufacturers' association has been active in its efforts to shape legislation. In 1909 it maintained an aggressive lobby in Washington to defeat a reduction of the tariff on lumber.

"From 1897 to 1907 there was a remarkable advance in lumber prices. This advance ranged from about 80 to 200 per cent, depending upon the kind of wood and the grade of lumber. While a large part of this advance was due to conditions of supply and demand and to general causes that affected the prices of all commodities, a part of it was undoubtedly due to the concerted efforts of lumber manufacturers. During this period, and since, the lumbermen through their associations and otherwise, were industriously acting in concert to maintain or to raise prices.

Method Has Changed.

"Before 1906 concerted activities were openly promoted by associations as part of their official work, and instances of agreements — written or oral—to maintain uniformly a certain price list, or to restrict output, were common.

"Since 1906 the method of combining to fix prices have been changed. In some cases the price list which was formerly the basis of the agreement was continued under such names as 'market report' or 'prevailing prices.' They purported to be compiled by the secretaries of the associations from reports sent to them. In other cases they were issued nominally as a private business enterprise by some friendly printing firm and purported to be compiled by the printer.

"In both cases there is evidence to show that the lists in question, by whatever name called or by whomever published, served, and were intended to serve, the same purpose as the former official association lists; and that the determination of the prices printed in the later list was the work of the same group of men who had previously openly determined the prices of the official lists.

"Basis Lists" Officially Adopted."

"This holds true when the 'market reports' or 'prevailing prices' were in turn supplanted by a system of 'basis' lists showing fictitiously high prices, which were intended to be used in connection with 'discount' or 'concession' sheets. The basis lists, with the exaggerated high prices, were officially adopted by the associations.

"The discount or concession sheets were sometimes compiled and issued by the secretary from what information he could gather about market conditions, while at other times they were issued by printing concerns or trade papers closely identified with the association. Here, as in the case of the price lists, the discount and consequently the prices really intended to be observed by the members, were determined by the same group of men who previously determined the official prices."

Owner of Stolen Car Will Not Prosecute

W. M. Killingsworth Declares He Knows Trio, But They Were Drunk When Theft Was Committed.

Three young men who stole the automobile of W. M. Killingsworth, 229 Alberta street, are known to the owner, who refuses to give their names to the police because he says the men confessed to him, blamed liquor for their wild auto ride, and took the pledge.

Many automobiles left on the streets have been stolen of late, and the police believe the three men who took the Killingsworth auto may be guilty of other thefts.

In the Killingsworth case, however, the car was stolen from the family garage on Alberta street. Later that night a repair man of the Covey Motor Car company was called to Troutdale to repair it, as the wheel broke. Mr. Killingsworth offered a reward of $25 for the return of the auto and $100 for arrest of the thieves.

Two days later, on April 24, the three young men notified the owner by telephone where he could find his machine. Later the trio confessed to him. It is said the young men are members of well known families in Piedmont.

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EMPLOYES OF BAKERS UNDERGOING STRICT MEDICAL SCRUTINY

Plan to Obtain Additional 5 Per Cent Rating When the Scores Are Given, Reason.

CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Inspection Is Designed to Prevent Any Person Having Disease From Handling Foodstuffs.

Practically every bakery and restaurant in Portland is having its employes undergo a stringent medical examination in order to secure an additional rating of 5 per cent when the scores are given by the local health bureau. The scoring is being done now and will be completed soon.

According to City Health Officer Marcellus, it is not necessary for the employes to have any special designated physician perform the medical examination, although statements have been made that such is the case. Dr. Marcellus wishes it understood that the health bureau is not naming the physician in any case.

The employes are to be examined for all diseases and unless the restaurant or bakery proprietor can show a physician's certificate concerning the good health of the workers, no extra 5 per cent will be allowed. According to Dr. Marcellus the department does not require the examination of employes, but if bakery and restaurant owners wish to secure a high rating which may be done with an addition of 5 per cent, the inspection may take place.

Regular physician's certificates are required by those making the score ratings. The inspection is aimed to prevent people having diseases from handling any foodstuffs or substance used for human consumption.

REPRESENTATION REQUESTED

Lumbermen Appear Before the Building Code Committee.

Requesting that a representative of the lumber interests be a member of the building code revision committee, so that all of the lumbermen may be kept informed as to what rules are formulated for the construction of all buildings, a delegation of lumbermen appeared before the city building code revision committee yesterday afternoon. A meeting is to be held tomorrow with Commissioner Dieck to discuss the proposed appointment.

The meeting yesterday was the result of statements made at the recent joint meeting of the city and county commissioners and members of the school board that fireproof school buildings could be constructed of fireproofed Oregon materials at a cost of from 25 to 50 per cent less than by the use of steel and concrete. The lumbermen asked that their materials be recognized when buildings are to be constructed. Seven different companies were represented at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

New Ordinance Planned.

As a result of the circuit court deciding that the existing ordinance for condemning deteriorated buildings was unsound, an entirely new ordinance has been prepared by City Building Inspector Plummer and will soon be presented to the council for adoption.

The campaign waged by the city building department to require owners of unsafe and unsightly buildings to remove them has been stopped temporarily, but as soon as the ordinance is adopted it will continue again.

The new ordinance provides that a building found 40 per cent deteriorated may be ordered condemned and razed within 10 days after notification from the building department. The ordinance provides for appeal to the council from decisions of the building department.

Laborer Sues City.

Because a fire horse kicked him and caused him to be three months in the hospital, E. Rano, a laborer, wants damages from the city. The claim was filed with City Auditor Barbur this morning. Rano contends that while he was working on Washington street, near Seventeenth, last February one of the fire horses which was being exercised, without provocation kicked him and has resulted in one of his legs being shorter than the other.

ELECTION FOR MEXICO IS PLAN PROPOSED BY THE THREE MEDIATORS

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ministration's attitude toward the Mexico government.

It was this:

The United States is sufficiently big and powerful and ought to be generous enough not to insist on humiliating conditions from Mexico.

But it can recognize neither President Huerta nor his government. However, it will be glad to do all in its power to aid the mediators in setting up either a commission or an individual administration to manage Mexico's affairs until a really representative election can be held and a new president and congress chosen.

Ready for Proposals.

The mediators had so far cleared the ground that they were ready to begin drafting proposals. They did not expect either side would accept all the conditions likely to be named at first but by gradual modifications, eliminations and concessions it was hoped a compromise would be agreed on finally.

Secretary of State Bryan would not discuss the progress of mediation negotiations.

Presidential Private Secretary Tumulty officially denied a report that a United States warship had bombarded Manzanillo. He said he thought the rumor was due to an incendiary fire which destroyed a number of buildings on the Manzanillo waterfront.

Bombardment Tale False.

Tumulty added that there was no question concerning the correctness of his information, Admiral Howard himself having wired specifically that the bombardment story was baseless.

The report that United States forces had landed at Salina Cruz was also, said Tumulty, entirely untrue.

He expressed the opinion that these rumors were started deliberately in Mexico City for the purpose of creating anti-American sentiment.

Naval commanders everywhere, he asserted, were under orders to make no aggressive moves.

Man Charged With Shooting at Boats

Captain of Mimare Complains to Officials A. P. Anderson Fired at Craft While Passing Sauvies Island.

Charged with firing upon a vessel under the jurisdiction of United States maritime statutes, A. P. Anderson, living on Little island, a 20 acre shoal 100 yards out in the channel from Sauvies island and about eight miles below the Willamette lighthouse, was arrested early this morning by Customs Inspector H. F. McGrath and Deputy United States Marshal D. B. Fuller.

The Mimare, a power boat, en route to Ridgefield from Portland late yesterday afternoon, passed through the channel. According to Captain Henrici, Anderson, standing on the float of his houseboat, ordered the boat to get out of the passage. Captain Henrici did not obey and Anderson is said to have fired at the craft.

Anderson was arrested this morning. Assistant United States Attorney E. A. Johnson said he had communicated with District Attorney Dillard of Columbia county with a view to prosecuting Anderson under state statutes.

Anderson, who is 72 years old, said that the boats had been rushing through the narrow channel at high rates of speed and had caused swells which shook his property to pieces. One houseboat that he had had for 20 years was destroyed by swells last summer, he said.

MEDIATION OF THE COLORADO WAR IS PLAN OF WILSON

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pected that the regulars would occupy Walsenburg this afternoon and the militia withdraw.

Union leaders promised that the strikers would surrender all arms and ammunition to the regulars as soon as the militia had left the strike zone.

Major Holbrook this morning conferred with John Brown, William Diamond, Armando Pellizarri and other local strike leaders. Later Holbrook issued the following statement:

"As a result of my conference with strike leaders, I believe that satisfactory relations have been established and that acts of violence in Las Animas county will cease. Representatives of the strikers seemed most willing to give us all the assistance in their power."

Major Holbrook this afternoon ordered Captain C. S. Smith, with 65 regulars, to take charge of Huerfano county.

Secretary Bryan received a message today from Governor Johnson, of California, asking investigation of a complaint that D. H. Harroun, a Berkeley mining engineer ,with his wife and daughter were held prisoners by the Mexican federals at Aguas Calientes.

A message received at the navy department from Admiral Howard said federals and rebels were fighting both at Mazatlan and Acapulco.

Up to this afternoon the administration had no request from the mediators in the Mexican matters for the declaration of an armistice. It was stated, however, that President Wilson took it for granted hostilities would cease while negotiations were in progress.

Secretary of State Bryan confirmed United Press dispatches to the effect that the plan was to reserve the status quo except in the event of unseen occurrences. "The envoys," he added, "have considered the armistice proposition but have not actually asked for one."

It was known, however, that the mediators were thinking of an effort to persuade General Carranza and President Huerta to suspend fighting temporarily.

Villa Still Fighting.

Juarez, Mexico, April 30.—General Villa's campaign to sweep the federals from northern Mexico will not be delayed by mediation negotiations. General Carranza will consider no proposal for an armistice between his troops and President Huerta's.

This statement was given authoritatively to the United Press this afternoon in response to inquiries concerning the news that the mediators were urging a suspension of hostilities pending their efforts to effect a settlement.

"General Villa," said the United Press' informant, "will attack Saltillo immediately. It would be the height of folly to permit the 15,000 Federals in northern Mexico to concentrate in Saltillo during an armstice."

A number of American and European refugees arrived here today.

Rebels Occupy Border Town.

Eagle Pass, Texas, April 30.—General Murgias' constitutionalist force today occupied Piedras Negras on the Mexican side of the frontier opposite this place.

To Withdraw Guardsmen.

Sacramento, Cal., April 30.—Adjutant General Forbes stated this afternoon that the national guardsmen along the Mexican border, in all probability, will be recalled on Friday. He has been advised by Major General Murray of the western division that the regular soldiers will be able to provide ample protection by tomorrow. It has been costing the state $1000 a day for the maintenance of the militia on the border.

"Astoria Boosters" Round Up Members

Roll of Ports of Columbia Commercial Club Nears Three Hundred Mark and Goal Is Placed Still Higher.

Astoria, Or., April 30.—Before 6 o'clock tonight the membership of the Port of Columbia Commercial club, better known as the "Astoria Boosters," will pass the 300 mark and the success of the organization will be assured. The club will make its debut into actual activities about May 1, when Wallace R. Struble, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways association, will arrive in Astoria to take charge of the work, and to assist the officers and members in their effort to promote the interests of the community. Over 300 have already signed the membership roll, and the members are determined to reach the 500 mark within the next 10 days.

Trout Day Tomorrow.

North Bend, Wash., April 30.—The first trout day in the history of this state will be celebrated here tomorrow, May 1, when all business houses will close and the day devoted by everyone to catching fish. Appropriate prizes, to stimulate interest, have been offered by local merchants for various catches. Men, women and children will participate.

One way to dodge a breach of promise suit is to buy a wedding ring.

OREGON-MADE GOODS OF MANY VARIETIES SHOWN AT EXHIBITION

Manufacturers' Ass'n Opens Interesting Exposition in Meier & Frank Basement.

"BUY AT HOME" IS URGED

Speakers Tell Visitors How They Can Increase the Number of Full Dinner Pails.

With speeches, in which the buying public, was urged to give preference to goods made in the state, a "Made-In-Oregon" exhibit was opened this forenoon in the basement of the Meier & Frank store, under the auspices of the Manufacturers' association of Oregon.

Half the big basement on the Morrison street side was jammed full of booths, in which are displayed all manner of articles ranging from canned salmon to hair mattresses and shoes. There are in all 55 exhibitors, and there would have been considerably more save for the fact that the space to house them is not sufficient.

The exhibit was gathered with an idea of giving Oregonians an opportunity to see for themselves the number and diversity of the manufactured products of the state.

No Admission Charged.

No admission is charged and at many of the booths samples of products are being given away. Entrance is gained from Morrison street.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, R. W. Raymond, manager of the association, mounted a platform and introduced Julius L. Meier, who made a short address of welcome. Among other things he said that the "Made-in-Oregon" goods deserve more attention from merchants and the public within the state.

He was followed by Colonel David M. Dunne, president of the Manufacturers' association, who announced that the present exhibit is only a forerunner of a big fair to be held this fall.

"People who visit this exhibit," he said, "see only a small portion of the manufactured products of this state. 'Made-in-Oregon' goods are equal to those bearing the eastern label and cost no more. If the big firms and the citizens of Oregon ask for goods made at home, they will be doing themselves and the state and manufacturers all a good turn and will aid in upbuilding the state."

Big Dinner Pail Brigade.

Frederick Hyskell, chairman of the home industry committee of the Portland Ad club, urged a general demand for state made goods. "If the buying public asks for things manufactured in Oregon it will not take long to build up a big full dinner pail brigade in the state," he declared. "Always give home goods a trial."

The united efforts of all business organizations to push the sale of home made articles was urged by Chester Hogue, chairman of the "Made-In-Oregon" committee of the Business Men's club.

At the conclusion of the speaking Miss Alice Husby, "Made-In-Oregon" candidate for Rose Festival queen, made a short speech asking for support in her race.

The exhibit was gotten up on the shortest possible notice. Four days ago it was learned that the space in the basement would be available and since then the great mass of articles on display have been collected and booths constructed.

Firms With Exhibits.

The exhibition will be open from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. each week day and in the afternoons there will be music. Among the Oregon manufacturers exhibiting are:

Oregon Chair company, Carman Manufacturing company, Clossett & Devers, Jobes Milling company, Frei Pickle company, Crown Mills, Pacific Coast Syrup company, Pacific Face Brick company, F. F. Haradon & Son, Theodore Bergmann Shoe Manufacturing company, Hollan Knitting company, Zan Bros., Mason, Ehrman & Co., Independence Creamery, Wadhams & Co., Union Meat company, Albers Bros., American Brush & Broom company, Hoody Peanut Butter company, Portland Hair company, Oregon Brass company, Art Plating company, Herman Metzger Co., Multnomah Trunk & Bag company, Fielschner, Mayer & Co., Pacific Ladder Works Hazelwood company, Dwight Edwards, Columbia Neckwear, Wadhams & Kerr Bros., Columbia Milling company, Northwest Rug company, Universal Bed company, Doernbecher Manufacturing company, Elcar Desk company, Hudson & Gram, Portland Flouring Mills, Oregon City Manufacturing company, Modern Confectionery company, Alliance Iron and Wire, Woman's Exchange and Dougherty Shoe Manufacturing company.

ONLY ONE NAME IS STRICKEN OFF LIST BECAUSE OF ERROR

Opinions Rendered by District Attorney Evans and Attorney General.

Upon opinions from District Attorney Evans and Attorney General Crawford that minor mistakes on petitions of candidates for places on the county central committees do not disqualify, County Clerk Coffey will cross but one name from the ballot, that of W. H. H. Dufur, Republican, of precinct 178, because of irregularities. At least five more will not run because section 3506 of Lord's Oregon Laws, a portion of the corrupt practices act, makes it impossible for employes of candidates for reelection to become members.

The petitions of 91 candidates had been attacked by Charles E. Lockwood because the words "precinct committeeman" had been used where "county central committeeman" should have been and because men who circulated their own petitions failed to sign the petitions in the body of the petitions. Evans said that in the latter case the circulator had given all information necessary under the law in the petition proper and that there was no reason for disqualifying such petitions. In the former case he said the statute was not clear and he believed either phrase might be proper, as neither misleads the voter.

Dufur's petition was circulated by Edward Cullen and the latter failed to sign the petition in the body of the petition as required. The deputies who cannot be candidates are: Deputy County Clerks John W. Cochran, precinct 43; Seth L. Smith, precinct 110; Eugene Willis, precinct 146; Deputy Constable F. E. Druhot, precinct 59, and Deputy Sheriff Fred J. Phelan, precinct 268. All are Republicans except Phelan. Deputies who belong to political parties other than those of their chief are not disqualified, which will permit Deputy County Clerk Sanfield MacDonald to remain the Bull Moose candidate of precinct 249.

Arrested When He Goes to Get "Coin"

Youth Who Says He Is From Baker, Or., Arrested in Spokane on Charge of Attempted Blackmail.

Spokane, Wash., April 30.—Caught by detectives as a messenger was delivering a dummy packet of "money" to him, George Barlet, 20 years old, who says he is from Baker, Or., late last night was jailed for alleged blackmailing of August Paulsen, Spokane millionaire. Barlet confessed that he had written Paulsen threatening to kill him and blow up his home unless he sent him $1000. The letter said the writer would repay the money with interest.

Paulsen sent a fake package, detectives following the messenger in a taxi.

Barlet says he wanted to get a homestead in Canada.

Not in Directory.

Baker, Or., April 30.—The name of George Bartlett does not appear in the city directory and no such person can be located through the police or the hotels. No one has been found here who knows such a person.

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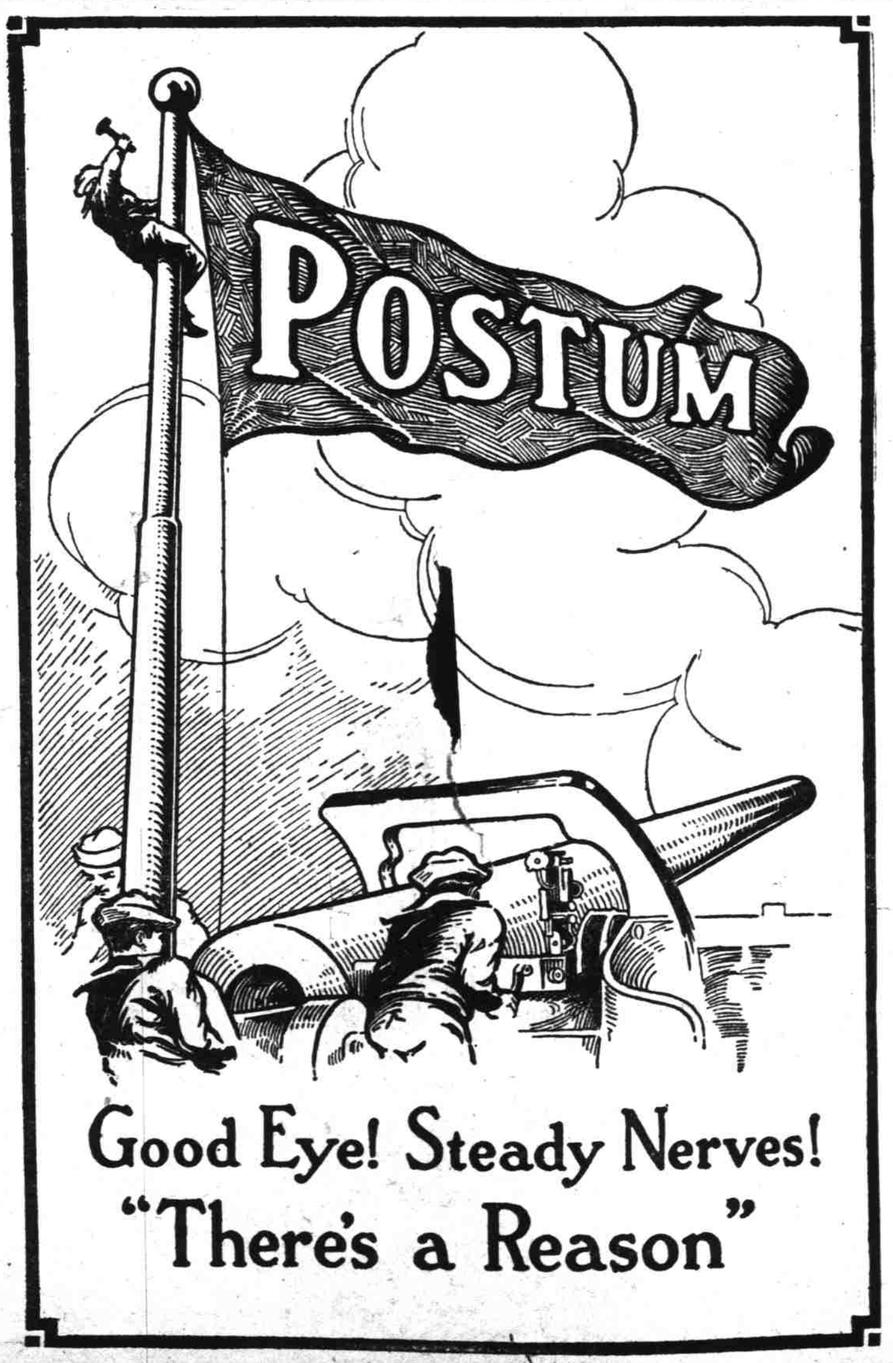

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WEEK BEGINNING April 27 — Keating & Flood present Tommy La Rose and Edna Marble in the farce comedy, with music, "Turning the Tables." Something doing every minute. Monday night, amateurs, some fun; Tuesday night, Athletic contest; Thursday night, 50-piece dinner set for 5c; Friday night, Chorus Girls' contest.
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