

LUMBERJACKS IN FRANCE HAVE BIG CAMPAIGN AHEAD

Timber Will Be Cut According to Most Modern Rules Covering Conservation of Forests.

FRANCE IS SURPRISE TO MEN

Value of Resources Realized Long Ago; Government Took Steps to Save Them for Future.

C. S. Chapman, former manager of the Oregon Forest Fire association, with headquarters at Portland, is now a major in the "Lumberjack regiment," known as the Tenth engineers.

James A. Woodruff is the colonel. The regiment is recruited almost entirely from forest officials and from men who use as a home life the woods.

Of the 1200 men in the regiment, but two have had previous military experience. Colonel Woodruff is a West Point graduate and was an engineer officer with a rank of major prior to the war. One of the majors, R. E. Benedict, an American, was called from his work as administrator of British Columbia forests. The other major is Mr. Chapman.

Lumber is essential to the success of the submergins, and the shortage of ships, it would be absolutely impossible to transport sufficient lumber for use on the battlefront of Europe.

Not only is lumber essential for use in the trenches, but railroad ties, bridge timbers and building material are needed badly. The solution of the matter was the raising of a regiment of expert woodsmen to get out the needed timbers on the ground in France. The job of raising the needed regiment was turned over to the forest service.

From the summit of many a lofty mountain top where the forestry officials maintain lookout stations, the world was photographed or telegraphed, and the response was immediate. Probably no finer party of woodsmen and outdoor men have ever been assembled than this lumberjack regiment of the Philadelphia Public Ledger says:

"There are private among them who are graduates of Harvard and Yale and Michigan. There is Jack Hansen and Parker Anderson, who played, respectively, center and halfback on the football team of the University of Minnesota. There is a superintendent of a great sawmill who did not hear of the regiment in time to get a commission, and enlisted as a private. The sales manager of a New York lumber company who had worked up from the woods did likewise. There is a Belgian, a graduate of Rugby and a scientific forester, who is a sergeant in the regiment. A second lieutenant was forester for the Pennsylvania railroad, and has since done much organizing throughout the country.

"The men in forestry schools throughout the country presented themselves almost en masse, and many with actual experience were accepted. From all points of the compass the call to foresters got the cream of the calling. "Billy" Merphson, whose father owns the timber that covers two counties up Michigan way, is a sergeant; Frank McNally, of a well known New York lumber firm, is a buck private. Upstanding, two-listed chaps they are, who know how to take care of themselves and how to get that timber.

France Well Timbered
The timber lands of France were something of a novelty to them. It is a surprise, for instance, to learn that France is one of the best-wooded countries of the world. More than 25 per cent of the area of that country is covered with productive forests. All the forests of France are productive. Forests there are as carefully tended as are grain lands or orchards. Wherever there is an acre of land that is not capable of raising other crops it is put to growing timber. Every steep hillside, broken mountain stretch, rock promontory, is laid down in trees. Useful varieties are selected for planting. The undesirable are eliminated. Where trees do not come naturally they are planted. The woodlands are not allowed to become too densely forested or too thinly covered.

For 200 years France has been giving her forests this thoughtful care. In this way she has been controlling the tendency of her rivers to flood. Generations before Gifford Pinchot began his campaign to arouse the United States to the advantages of proper reforestation, France had been practicing all the lessons that he taught. He learned much of scientific forestation in France.

Government Owns Much
Much of this land is owned by the government. There are few large estates in France, and almost none like those in England, where much land is used by a few men of the upper class, who have an opportunity for seasonal shooting. Therefore the cutting of trees

WITH ENGINEERS IN FRANCE



Hugh Ritchie (left), James D. Ritchie (right), Portland boys with Tenth Engineers.

Two popular Portland boys who are with the engineers, "somewhere in France" are James D. Ritchie and Hugh Ritchie Jr., the only sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ritchie of 461 Lombard street. Hugh joined the Eighteenth engineer company at Camp A, and James was stationed at American Lake prior to his removal east. Ward of his ar-

is either on the government lands or on small and privately owned tracts that, in the United States, would be classed as wood lots.

"It is into this sort of timber that the Tenth engineers (forestry) has some. These French timberlands are to be fully utilized, but as growing forests they are not to be injured. This means that the principles of scientific forestry are to be applied to all that is done. The trees that are of a size for usefulness are to be cut. This is timber that has attained a diameter of from six to 18 inches.

"This would be regarded as mighty small timber in the United States, but the European standards are different from those in America, with her forests that are as yet stranger to the ax. Must Save Forest
"Whenever a tree is cut it must be done in such a way that in falling it will do no damage to the growing crop of timber. A tree that has used up 10 years in getting half grown must not be broken down. The logging must be done carefully, that the forest be not injured. Then there is the problem of utilization. In France there is no waste of any part of the tree. The body of it is made into lumber or trench timbers or railroad ties. The smaller limbs serve lesser purposes in building or are used for wood to be burned.

"The charcoal industry in France is great, and any valuable wood is utilized in its manufacture. The twigs and branches of each tree are cut up and bound together as fagots for fuel for the peasants. Finally the leaves are gathered and used for bedding for stock from which service they find their way to the fields, where they serve as manure.

Save the Sand Dunes
"Generations ago France came to appreciate the menace of the sand dunes along her coast. For miles inland there was a useless stretch of shifting sand, and observations showed that it moved a little way inland each year, eating into the fertile lands of the farmer people. The farmers were powerless to stop the onward march of the sand dunes. Then France, after much experimentation, determined to stop these sands from shifting by planting them in trees.
"The result is a great stretch of pine lands of the very best varieties on what were formerly sand dunes. It is from these pine trees that the French turpentine comes. The sands no longer shift and the encroachments on the farm lands long ago ceased. Captain Eldridge has long known the lesson, and has sought to introduce the methods into Florida. Likewise he has urged that the shifting sand dune country of New Jersey be planted into these pine trees.
"The regiment in its service in France is broken into fragments. It is organized into crews to serve the specific purposes of marking, logging, skidding, sawing the timber. Each crew is highly skilled in its specialty and sticks to its last. Most of the timber to be cut is hardwood—oak, beech, hornbeam and the like. Even the underbrush is carefully cut and utilized."

Heavy Yield From One Acre
Santa Rosa, Dec. 8.—On seven eighth of an acre near Sacko, E. H. Omsney has raised 236 bushels of potatoes which he has sold at \$2 a bushel, thus realizing \$472. He did not use fertilizer. He planted the seed a foot and a half apart, and when he came to dig the potatoes were in the ground. He was filled with potatoes. He was amazed. So were his neighbors.

Special Announcement To The Public

All unfinished business of the Allied Red Cross Bazaar will be transacted at a central location in a few days. Announcement will be made in the daily press at an early date.

Chairmen of the various booths at the Bazaar are requested to be at the Auditorium at noon today to care for their merchandise.

Allied Red Cross Bazaar Committee.

Unique Feast Ends Hotel Men's Meet

War service dishes tickled the palate of the members of the State Hotel Men's association at the dinner held at the Multnomah hotel last night. The banquet, which was a most unique and successful affair, marked the close of the annual convention of hotel men in Portland.

Beef soup, soy bean salad, Kentucky braising bread, oatmeal war bread and cran loaf, were a few of the nutritious and appetizing dishes served.

Mrs. Caroline King, food conservationist of Philadelphia, was in charge of the preparation of the menu. Miss King explained how to prepare the dishes. Addresses were also made by Phil Metachan Jr., who spoke on "The Hotel in Portland," Fred Wait, of the Fry Hotel, Seattle, who discussed "Cooperation," Richard W. Childs, who spoke on "Hotel Courtesy," Mark Woodruff, of the telephone company, an independent bureau to boost for Portland as a tourist center, and Mrs. Dan J. Moore. Richard W. Childs was re-elected president and F. E. Beach secretary.

Catholic Clergymen And Laymen to Meet

Catholics, both clergymen and laymen, of this diocese will assemble at the Cathedral hall, Seventeenth and Couch streets, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, in the first meeting here of the Society of Holy Name.

Nine delegates are called from each of the 27 Catholic parishes and will be in attendance, and members of both clergy and laity.

BOLSHEVIKI MISRULE IS LOSING OUT IN RUSSIA

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The Kerensky regime have been transferred to Kronstadt, it was declared, in order to prevent possible attacks.

All the information here set forth was brought to Haparanda by arrivals from Petrograd Friday night.

The pendulum of public opinion in Russia is swinging back from ultra radicalism to conservatism. Some delegates actually pledged to a renewal of the monarchy have been elected to the constituent assembly.

Cossacks Ready to Attack
General Kalodine and his Cossacks await only the assembly's order to attack the Bolsheviks, and the Trotsky-Lenin ring apparently will agree to quit or join with a coalition government just as soon as their peace objectives are accomplished, according to reports here today.

Every word tells an increasingly vivid story of the Bolshevik incapacity for government. It first hand proved, indeed, one only has to cross from Haparanda to Tornea, Russia's gateway city, to see it. The Bolshevik administration of Tornea is fantastic. It would be laughable, were it not for the cruel turning back from the gateway into the supposed new land, the deplorable promise of the sick and infirm and aged, the turning back in the bitter semi-Arctic cold of this region.

Orders All Contradictory
There are a dozen different contradictory orders. On just one point do they all agree. That is to turn back from Russia every man, woman and child.

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Monarchists Among Delegates
At Tornea it was stated that the Miliukoff adherents of the Cadet party were showing remarkable strength in the elections for the constituent assembly. Some predictions were that they might dominate that gathering.

Professor Miliukoff was one of four Cadets and six Bolsheviks who were elected in Petrograd. A four to six ratio in the city where the Bolsheviks are supposed to be strongest is significant.

Civil War Threatens
Here and in Tornea it was reported the Bolsheviks, if they find the constituent assembly will not support them, will attempt to disband that body. If they attempt to carry out such a plan, civil war will follow.

OLD HOME FOLKS HUGGING STOVES IN MIDDLE WEST

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shifting cargo caused the steamer suddenly to capsize. Six survivors were rescued by men after they had clung to protruding bit of one hull for more than an hour.

Snow Is Reported
A foot of snow was reported in southern Indiana, northern Kentucky and the Ohio river valley. A precipitation only slightly less occurred in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, northern Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Central and southern Illinois also reported heavy snowfalls.

Railroad and interurban traffic has been impeded by the snow and low temperatures.

New York, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The east tonight was in the grip of its first storm of the winter.

Railroads already congested, were further crippled by a mixture of rain, hail and snow that deluged the principal routes from St. Louis, Chicago and other distributing points to the east.

The barrel of a new concrete mixer, which can be belted to an automobile engine for power, can be tilted at various angles and continues to revolve while being dumped.

Hoosier Girl Made Marshal of Town

Yeadersburg, Ind., Dec. 8.—Miss Anna Ansberry, a comely girl of 27, has been made marshal of this town. She figures how to shoot and can wield a club with powerful effect. She has served notice to all law violators that she will uphold the law and will see that the city is properly policed.

MORE GAINS NEAR CAMBRAI MADE BY GERMANS, SAID

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Every inch of ground is demanding a bloody sacrifice. Today's official cables described the increased use of asphyxiating gases and overpowering artillery all along the Asiago front. Already the entire arch forming the first line Italian defenses has been eliminated.

Monte Sismool Cleared

Berlin, via London, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The Italian defenders were completely cleared from prepared positions at Monte Sismool today's official statement declared.

Prisoners Number 16,000

Venice, via London, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Prisoners taken in the great renewed Italian drive today reached a total of 16,000, the war office announced.

BOMB PLOT TALK PUTS QUICK END TO BAZAAR

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Major Baker, with Mrs. Baker, was attending a birthday party at the home of a friend in East Fifty-seventh street when he received word from Chief Johnson.

He then called a conference of leading men, in attendance the details of the information in Chief Johnson's hands were hurriedly, though carefully considered, with the conclusion that the crowd should be gotten out without delay.

Fearing the result it might have from the standpoint of a rush for the entrance or a panic, it was decided that it would be folly to announce the cause of the decision. So Mayor Baker arranged with the electrician to throw off some of the lights and "flicker" the others.

The mayor announced that the wires were overloaded and that in fear they would fall it had been decided to call the event off. Then began the movement toward the corridors.

The police estimate that there were between 800 and 1000 people in the building at the time.

"I feel that I did my duty," said Mayor Baker after the crowd was out. "I sweated blood for awhile. Some might feel inclined to criticize, but it was the only thing to do. We had no positive way of checking up on the report. All we knew was the report and that at any minute the building might go up. Had I not ordered the building cleared and something had happened, I would have felt like jumping in the brinik."

Building Is Searched
Chief Johnson, accompanied by over 20 officers, took a complete change of the investigation of the building and conducted a thorough search.

"We went into every nook and corner in the quietest possible way and we could get over the ground," he said, "we found nothing of a suspicious character."

Miller was called to police headquarters after the mayor and chief had concluded the search at the Auditorium. He told the city officials that two men had entered his lunchroom and began talking. One made a remark to the other, he said, and the second man told Miller. His description of the men, though vague, was such as to warrant a search for them by detectives, who started out at once.

Bazaar Great Success
The bazaar was a tremendous success from first to last in point of attendance, excellence of wares offered and liberality of patronage. A conservative estimate places the paid admittances at 40,000 and the total receipts will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. There is no question but what the loss on account of the early closing Saturday night cost the bazaar several thousand dollars. A shot will be opened down town, where the remainder of the stock will be offered for sale at attractive prices. The automobile was not awarded Saturday night on account of lack of time in the hasty closing of the Auditorium. The award is in the hands of William MacFarlane, president of the bazaar, who will announce details later.

The proceeds from the bazaar will be expended through the executive committee of the Bazaar association to the Red Cross organizations of Great Britain, France, Russia, Roumania, Serbia, Italy and Belgium.

Part of the success of the bazaar is due to the service of the bands of the city. The Musicians' union volunteer band paraded the business section Saturday noon. During the week music was furnished afternoon and evening by the Portland Bagpipe band, the Felice band, Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway band, Oregon-Washington Railroad Navigation company's band, Italian band and Washington High School band. All these organizations gave their services free. The committee in charge of music consisted of William McMurray, chairman; A. G. Finley, Mrs. Henry Metzger, Mrs. Helen LaCarbett and Mrs. Thomas Carvick Burke.

Firewomen Are Ness
Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—"Firewomen" are next. According to Fire Chief William H. Murray, the city is in the process of training women to be taken into the bureau of fire, not only for clerical duty but for active work on the engines, trucks and ladders. Chief Murray painted an attractive picture of daring, heroic housewives.

Combination Bread Price Frowned On

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The federal food administration will frown upon the combination price of bread fixed by the Retail Grocers' association, Ralph P. Merritt, California food commissioner, announced tonight. Merritt also declared that his office was vested with the authority to proceed against wholesale bakers, under license, whose prices might be deemed unjust or unreasonable, and that retailers who charged too great a margin of profit would have their supplies cut off.

The new prices, which become effective Monday, coincidentally with the operation of the new license upon bakers, using in excess of 10 barrels of flour a month, are to be the subject of severe scrutiny at the hands of government agents.

Playing the Part

From the Washington Star
"I can't quite make up my mind whether young Weems is trying to be a desperado or a mollycoddle."
"Neither. He is conscientiously endeavoring to resemble the hero of the novel his best girl is reading."

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