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Oregon planing mills soon will be given the opportunity of turning out birth and before America entered the parts for government airplanes. war, was a strong defender of Geropinion of former Governor Oswald West, who returned last night ever, he had been silent, moody and apfrom Washington, where, with Senators parently despondent. Police believe this Chamberlain and McNary he presented the matter before the aircraft production board.

"Colonel Deeds, head of the board gave us assurances that the board would take immediate steps looking into this," Mr. West said, "and that it would depend upon the ability of the

Oregon mills to turn out the work. "Under the present procedure the spruce is being shipped east in the rough for finishing in eastern airplane factories, and less than one-fifth of it This is, therefore, a useless burden on transportation. Colonel Deeds readily agreed that it was a poor sys-tem from a strict business standpoint, and said if the Oregon mills are capable of producing the work there is no reason why they shouldn't be given the opportunity.

"Owing to the war, building operations have decreased, and the work of the planing mills has naturally slackened. The Oregon mills are in a good position to do the work of finishing up the spruce and feel that they should get a share of the business, since the product is produced here. I am confident they will get it."

**Data Is Essential** 

committee is being held up by this in-All information and data on spruce vestigation and has been entirely sustimber and logs available for lumber pended for more than a week," for airplane construction is being sought lared Rolph "I expected that ultimately congress

by the United States signal corps. "It is imperative for the government to obtain a general inventory of spruce and spruce logs immediately, and reports from owners and others on s plies in their control or owned by other mittee with Senator Reed maintaining persons is sought," explained Colonel Disque, Thursday.

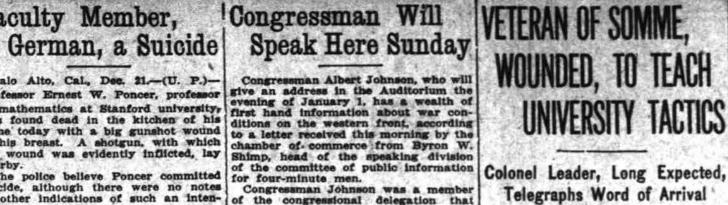
Data on the number of board feet work to attend the hearings. and location of standing timber and also on logs already in the water and how long they have been there i:

## **Commissioner of Boy** Scouts in Portland

H. D. ross, national field scout commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, is in Portland conferring with the local scout board concerning a definite future program for the organization to pursue

Mr. Cross has made a trip along the entire Pacific coast and states that although the boys have made splendid progress, war conditions have brought bout a crisis in their work that calls for a more intensive program for the development of scouting.

W. W. Cotton, president of the local board, and C. H. Davis Jr., chairman of the executive committee, are meeting with Mr. Cross to decide the definite activities for the Portland Scouts in of prosperous ranchers from the Northfuture work.



Colonel Leader, Long Expected, **Telegraphs Word of Arrival** at an Atlantic Port.

by a shell. He is touring the country under the auspices of the committee of University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., public information. Congressman John-son's home state is Washington. He is Dec. 21.-Colonel John Leader of the resident of Hoquiam, where he was British army, who was secured last engaged in the newspaper business be-fore going to Washington to represent summer by the University of Oregon to act as military instructor at the university, has landed in New York and will Delaware Company arrive in Eugene on December 29, ac-cording to a telegram which President P. L. Campbell has received from him.

Will Operate Here The word that he has at last arrived in the country comes as a relief to the university authorities, who have received telegrams from him for the past three Salem, Or., Dec. 21 .- The Mountain months saying that he hoped to sail soon. He experienced much difficulty in getting his release from the British itates Power company, a Delaware cororation with a capital stock of \$5,000,-000, Thursday filed its declaration of army and was further delayed when he purpose to engage in business in this state. The officers of the company are tried to get transportation across the Atlantic because of the scarcity of pasall Chicago people. Richard Shore Smith senger vessels. It is expected he will of Eugene is named as the agent for visit the war department at Washington the company in Oregon. Articles of in-corporation were filed by the Sanderaand also make an inspection trip to Harvard university, where a great deal

starting west.

Swafford company of North Powder Washington, Dec. 21.-(I. N. S.)-The Union county. It has a capital stock of sugar shortage on the Atlantic sea-board is being increased by the in-\$5000. The incorporators are: E. M. Sanders, J. F. Sanders and H. W. Swafvestigation now under way before a ford. ub-committee of the senate manufac-

of the congressional delegation that visited the front, and while in the

trenches narrowly escaped being struck

his district.



What is your age and occupation?" an immigration inspector asked of a frail looking Russian girl who had just arwould be blamed," answered Senator

rived There then followed a general disorient. "A soldier-a soldier of Russia," was cussion among the members of the comthe startlingly quick response. "My age is 15-old enough to fight for Russia that the members of the food admin-She was Riva Kopkin of the Russian istration were not required to leave their Legion of Death and today, with Miss Eva Lciontz, her comrade in arms, was

the housewives.

will set at 4:28.

testified that an official of the food administration approached him in November in an attempt to get cars to move sugar from Colorado. He de-

was found dead in the kitchen of his today with a big gunshot wound

The police believe Poncer committed

or other indications of such an inten-

Professor Poncer was of Germa

many's cause. In recent months, how-

NQUIRY ADDS TO

SUGAR SHORTAGE

Ralph Says Investigation Helps

Delay Work of Food Adminis-

tion in the East.

prompted suicide.

ures

today.

James Reed, chairman.

food administration that there was 1,250,000 pounds of sugar in Michigan which could be moved more easily. Sommerville did not know whether the Michigan crop had been moved. In answer to a question from Senator lones, he declared that the car supply for beet sugar manufacturers in Michi-

gan has been as good this year as ever **Railroad Official Visits** 

Robert R. Ritchie, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, with headquarters at San Francisco. is a Portland visitor today. Mr. Ritchie reports a bigger holiday traffic this year than in 1916. "There are thousands western states going to California to port a record tourist traffic."

"What did these orders include for ach man?" asked Senator Weeks. English Plan Advocated "They were equipment C, or cloth-ing and tents to last three months," re-plied General Sharpe.

"You know you now haven't enough clothing for your men, don't you?" asked Senator McKellar.

"Yes," said Sharpe, "that's due to the way the men have been called out." "It's because of the methods of purchasing through the council of national

defense, isn't it?' demanded McKellar. "No," said Sharpe. "We've got to have some system like that. If we did switch to the English plan we would be even better off. They have a purveyor general of supplies, through whom or-ders for ordnance, food and clothing come from the heads of the three divi

sions. Draft Delay Is Desired

"How much clothing is General Pershing buying in England?" asked Senator Hitchcock. "I don't know," said Sharpe. "He asked permission to buy and did not

state the amount." Sharpe said that the British embarge on Australian, wool has been removed as far as this country is concerned and 

"This condition has been brought to

"The medical department con-

said

the attention of Secretary Baker and

curred in the view of the shoe man

that the wearing of these short shoes

would endanger the foot-health of the

**Red Tape Is Criticised** 

General Sharpe said that as a re-

of the medical department,"

that American manufacturers are now working Australian wool into cloth for uniforme Sharpe said he hoped there would not be another draft' call soon, as his department had been flooded by 700,000 new' enlistments in the regular army which had upset its program, and that they would be ready for a new call

sometime in January. Shoes Do Double Duty of military instruction is given, before Asking if there had not been some

Weeks.

men.

trouble as to shoes, Senator Wads-President P. L. Campbell, who left worth said he had heard that at Camp last night for Washington, expects to Custer half of an infantry detachmen meet Colonel Leader in Kansas City. was marched out to target practice and Colonel Leader has had 21 years exthen returned, giving their shoes to the perience in the army and in the present other half so these men could practice. onflict he took the Sixteenth Royal Sharpe admitted such a condition exists. Irish rifles through the Somme cam-Senator Weeks declared that a Massapaign, in which he was wounded, being chusetts shoe manufacturer who exthen invalidated home to England. He amined the shoes issued to 20,000 men will arrive on the campus in time to reported that about 80 per cent of the take charge of the university military men were wearing shoes too short for drill for the second semester. them.

CLOTHING IS LACKING.

Sharpe replied. "Prior to that time we lidn't have coats for all the men.'

Major L. Hardeman of the quarter

eral Sharpe, said there were sufficient "How did that come?" he was asked. "Because in most draft cantonments the men are larger physically than those in the regular army and in the guard,"

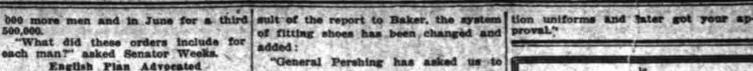
"Has ever man in the army an over-"As far as requisitions have been nade." Hardeman replied. nade."

**Big** Order Authorized

tailing how, at the time the army and the national guard were mobilized for desican border service, his department had bought clothing, practically exhausting its funds.

When demobilization of the national guard was halted, Sharpe said he got Secretary Baker's approval to an order

being approximately the number of authorized by Baker to order for 500,-



omit some narrower widths because his men are wearing heavy woolen socks." Sharpe placed the blame for improper fitting of shoes on company commanders and medical officers.

He criticised the department red tape that sends telegrams, contracts and au-thorization for action through a half dozen officials before action is had. He dvocated adoption of "business meth-

Overalls Used for Uniforms "Did you ever suggest a change? sked Senator Weeks. "Yes, to the secretary of war."

"Who is respon "Well, this has been a matter of coniderable controversy ever since the Civil war," said Sharpe.

Senator Wadsworth asked why blue overalls were issued to men in canton-ment. Sharpe said the overalls were given to protect uniforms from dirt in

"I was informed," said Wadsworth "that one division commander bought the overalls because he had no regula-



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master's department, testifying for Gen-Of All the Year

said Hardeman. oat today?" Senator McKellar asked. Saturday the daylight hours will begin to lengthen and Dame Nature will begin

Sharpe read a long memorandum de-Lovers who are accustomed to spoor the dark and gladsome hours will find their sphere of activities waning when two minutes are substracted from the nocturnal hours Saturday.

According to the weather prognosti cator the sun rises today at 7:50 and

for clothing for 500,000 additional men, the national guard and the army at war strength. In April, this year, he was

on a Dutch steamer from the

admitted to the United States. They bring stories of bloody scenes which pre ceded the Bolsheviki overthrow of Ke-

Today is the shortest day in the year

cut down the lighting expenses for

spend the winter and the run of tour-

before. All transcontinental

ists from the East is greater than ever

lines

TO-

Rolph was taken from the stand temporarily in order that James A. Sommerville of St. Louis might testify. Sommerville declared he was a member of the car service committee of the rensky

American Railway association. Today Is Shortest

clared he had told the official of the



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