Government Official Calls Sale of Army Surplus Foods.

Baker, After Visit to Seattle, Glad to Know Portland Doesn't Have to Purchase Fat Bacon.

Assuring Postmaster Frank S. Myers that he would be glad to assist in handling the problems of the postoffice at any time. Mayor Baker this of the postmaster directing attention to the food to be sold to the are to be secured. the postoffice department.

that the burden placed on Myers by that he would, therefore, be glad to

SUPPLY STILL AVAILABLE The proclamation follows: "To the public:

"It, has been called to my attention officially by the postmaster at Portland that a large amount of the surplus army foodstuff turned over by the war deparment to the postoffices of the country that may tend to combat unwarranted public is urged to avail itself of the supplies offered at the postoffice. By Portland so availing itself of those supplies quickly an increase in the allotment for this city may be possible.' GLAD TO LEND AID

Mayor Baker's letter in answer to one written by Myers follows: "I am in receipt of your sarcastic letter of August 21, which I read in the press some 24 hours before receiving

same through the mail. 'In answer will say that I am fully aware of the fact that the war department has turned over to the postal au- P. railroad to reach Grays Harbor. thorities a large amount of surplus foodallotment in short order as has been done in other cities where postmasters have put on live campaigns.

"Inasmuch as you have indicated in your letter that the department has put too big a task upon you and you need assistance. I shall be very glad to jump into the breach and give a hand in order high cost of living.

'I am informed that the food being sold is of good quality and that there is no government bacon in the assortment. As to the bacon which you mention in your letter, will say that I had occasion to be in Seattle a day or so ago and I had assurance from the mayor there as well as the mayor of Tacoma, that Portland was lucky that none of this bacon had been purchased, because it was virtually salt pork and no bacon. Seattle people were indignant over it. I had occasion to visit the city market and saw piles of this bacon awaiting sale at 35 cents a pound, but there were no takers. But as I understand wouldn't send overseas," declared Chisthere is none of this in your stock, we holm, using a logging term, "but it was was favored with the largest deposits

have nothing to fear in this line, and I will gladly come to your assistance in handling the problem the government "At any time I can be of any other assistance in helping you handle the problems of the postoffice, do not hesi-

reference was to the fact that before either the railroad or mills built at an QUESTION OF FACTORIES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IS UP could result in actual spruce production. Are factories to be erected in Portnear residential districts?

per cent of its reproduction value?

"I won't worry then," averred Light-

There were no further outbursts by

C. V. Stearns, now in charge of spruce

production, who, during the first day

and a half of heckling and grilling, he had charged with being a "Disque

agent" and "one entrusted with a \$20,-

000,000 business with no knowledge of

Chairman Frear was also moderate i

pany of affiliating logging companies,

The memorandum was signed

investigation of spruce production.

At one place it said: "When the gov-ernment first became interested in the

question of spruce production Major

Charles E. Sleigh was in charge of these

activities and located in Washington.

When superceded Major Sleigh appar-

ently held Major F. L. Leadbetter re-

sponsible for the change and has missed

to opportunity to make statements re-

Portlander. In the McIntyre memoran-

dum the names of another Portlander,

George H. Kelly, and the Northwestern

funds, and that this favoritism was due

to the fact that Major Leadbetter is a

director of the bank in question. It is

Army.' Also that on October 24, 1918,

cember 31, 1918, shows total deposits to

be \$18,849,696.41, of which \$2,673,698.05,

January 14, 1919, the spruce production

had been reduced to \$1,136,790.68."

OFFICERS ARE DIRECTORS

funds on deposit in the Northwestern

The remaining amount of \$2,605,996

was divided between 10 other banks lo-

In an unsigned statement forming part

"Why the Northwestern National bank

of these papers the following remarks

was not clearly explained. It was stat-

ed, however, that Captain Crisp, the first

that bank: Captain Bleakley, assistant

treasurer of the Spruce Production cor-

poration, who signs the checks, was in-

roduced, did the same; and evidently

Mr. Moore followed. It is interesting

to note, however, Captain Crisp was orig-

inally on duty in Washington. He came out here as disbursing officer. A state-

ment of the condition of the bank here-

with as of December 31, 1918, shows two

army officers, Majors Kelly and Leadbetter, to be directors of the North-

western National bank. It is possible

that Major Leadbetter recommended his

A minute investigation of Major Lead-

better's activities was recommended with the suggestion that it would probably show him not to have engaged in im-

Frost testified that he and others engaged in logging had offered to log the Blodgett tract in Lincoln county, Oregon, at cost plus a total profit of \$20. because they wanted to demonstrate as unnecessary the "waste and ineffi-ciency" of the Siems-Carey-Kerbaugh

company in Washington and the War-ren Spruce company in Oregon. Mr. Frost admitted that their offer was not made until July, 1918, and the contract

was not completed until after the armis-

tice was signed in November. He said

he declined to take a sub contract

under Siems-Carey-Kerbaugh corpora-

tion because, "I didn't want to be mixed

It was said by spruce production representatives later testimony would show

that a majority of Washington loggers declined to take over the logging in Clallam county because the Siems-Carey

corporation, though without previous

logging experience, was in the best position to go ahead. Frost introduced

several reports showing railroad cost estimates in Clallam county to hover around \$10,000 a. mile. - The road built

for spruce production division by Siems-

Carey cost about \$112,000 a mile. It has

been stated that the nature of the work and war prices legitimately account for

The second day's harrying of Colonel

Stearns, commander of the spruce production division, by Representatives

Frear and McGee, Republican members

of the spruce investigation committee, had its expected result just before noon

Thursday.

The hearing temporarily blew up in a

row. Representative Lea, Democratic member of the committee, characterized lhairman Frear's examination of Stearns

as outrageous, brow beating and insult-ing. He threatened to go on the floor of

congress and denounce with "all the vehemence I possess the way the hearing is being conducted." He named it an out-

rage that a representative of the con-

gress of the United States should be

guilty of endeavoring to read his pre-judgment of spruce production into the record by statements disguised as ques-tions to the witness.

Lea repudiated the stigma placed

FREAR MAKES ANSWER

bank as a good one to do business with."

WANTED TO SHOW OTHERS UP

cated in Portland, Seattle, Vancouver

the bank show so carried: 'Major U.

flecting on Major Leadbetter's personal

and official integrity."

BIG FUNDS IN BANKS

proceeded Thursday afternoon.

asked Chairman Frear.

business.'

This question will be settled by the city council next Wednesday when the application of the Ukase Investment ompany for permit to erect a factory City Executive to Assist in for automobile springs at Fifteenth and Couch streets is called for final tion to reach the Clallam spruce at about half a million WATER ROUTE BEST mended that the application be de-

iled. Citizens have filed strenuous EXCHANGE OF LETTERS MADE protests against location of the indusry at that point. Commissioners Wednesday, however, ook a decided stand against the remonstrators. Commissioner Bigelow declared the protests are overdrawn and Carey railroad today," said Lightner.

> tories and payrolls. CITY ADVISED TO PAY ADEQUATE SALARIES FOR GOOD ENGINEERS

Commissioner Mann said he is for fac-

F. H. Newell, president of the American Association of Engineers, professor of engineering at the University of Lilinois, and former director of the reclama-Carey railroad. tion service, this morning told the city council that adequate salaries must be cool calm following a thunder storm, paid by the city if competent engineers the congressional spruce investigation

"Great sums are to be spent on improvements in this city I am told," Newell said, "and if you are to obtain Representative Frear against Colonel economy and efficiency in the expendithat his letter to the mayor indicated ture through dependable engineers, you must pay them proportionately. gineers are notoriously underpaid, and the department was too heavy, and if the right kind of men are to be procured, this city must pay the price.

Resignations of two engineers have recently been submitted to the city. It is predicted that others will follow if the municipality refuses to advance wages.

Factory Permit Granted

Permission to erect a building at Fifteenth and Couch to be used as a stand Frear read into the record a factory for automobile springs was memorandum addressed to the directors for sale, is still available in Portland. granted the Ukase Investment company of air service, dated March 5, 1919, but In view of the existing high prices of this morning by the city council over which has been kep! so secret that the necessities of life and the need of the protest of property owners in the Frear said he had only read it just bethe people cooporating with the govern-ment and the municipality in every move permission after officials pledged to The memorandum was signed cooperate with the building inspector Major General Frank McIntyre of the prices, profiteering and price fixing, the to see that smoke would not damage general staff. It dealt with the Ray

COST FOR SPRUCE

(Continued From Page One) the shortest route for the C., M. & St Witness Chisholm attacked the way stuff for sale through the postoffices, troops were handled by Colonel Hitchand I feel that the move is an excellent cock of the spruce production division near the public should have the benefit thereof. With the prices right, to work because underfed, he declared. as they apparently are, it should not be They were lodged in tents where they a very great task for the postoffice de- could not dry their clothing. Complaints partment in Portland to dispose of its brought only officers to investigate "until to his eyes there seemed half as many officers as men.

PAID CIVILIAN WAGES He said the field kitchen provided a fact that Major Leadbetter is a dicould only feed 25 men, and that 20 to rector and that the printed reports of 150 soldiers were on the ground at

various times. Under Representative Lea's questions the total on deposit in three other banks that this food may go to the consumer he spoke with approval of the custom of in Portland, Or., was \$4,500,000, whereand play a part in the fight against the paying civilian wages to spruce pro- as \$10,500,900 was on deposit in the duction soldiers. To do otherwise would Northwestern; that the statement of the have disrupted labor conditions, he said. Northwestern National bank dated De-"Do you think soldiers building railroads and cutting spruce 6000 miles from the front should have been paid several or practically one-ninth, were funds of times as much as soldiers in the front the spruce production division; that on line trenches?" asked Chairman Frear. "I claim the men who came back from the trenches weren't used right," said

"Two million men at the front risked their lives and a few thousand worked over here out of danger. Was that a and Pittsburg, Penn. square deal to pay the latter civilian

wages?" asked Frear. 'CULLS" FOR SPECIAL WORK

"Those few thousand were 'culls' they appear:

"Hard Boiled" Knocked Out "Did the loggers in Clallam county have sufficient facilities to get out spruce for the government?" inquired Representative McGee. Oregon Veteran Used Gun "They did it?" said Chisholm, whose

THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, PRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1919.

Siems-Carey-Kerbaugh contracts Hillsbore, Aug. 21.-Grant Dor-H. U. Lightner, general manager for service man, is not unacquainted with on the ground among the scattered bits the Goodyear Logging company, owners of a billion feet of timber in Clallam lieutenant - and that acquaintance county, testified he and other loggers meant a courtmartial trial of Dorestimated the cost of railroad construc-

land and a triumphant acquittal. With less loss of time, he said, spruce as guard, always c rried a list of those could have been handled down Hoko prisoners not allowed to leave the stockriver, towed from Cialiam bay and dis- ade when prisoners were sent out to tributed to the mills of which there are,

he said, a sufficient number to saw it. "Hard-Boiled" walked out where Dorland stood guard one day and asked him "I can move spruce by water at \$1 for the list. Dorland saluted, and dived thousand less than over the Siemsinto his pocket for the paper. It came out, and with it flut cred a little photo-"Even if it is sold for salvage at 10 graph, which had come from the hills of Wrshington county, and which inidentally was very dear to the soldier. per. He said building the Siems-Carey late. "Hard-Boiled" beat him to it, and mill at Port Angeles was a mistake. tore it to pieces in front of the dismayed was an impossible contract." he guard. Dorland forgot it was a case stated in reference to the entire Siems- of officer and man-with him it was a case of man to man just then, and he With a quietness that suggested the came from stock that fought Indians in the Northwest in pioneer days.

> upon the motives of Colonel Stearns by "I have no power to control the hearings of this committee," said Representaoutrageous that the representatives of and pursue these brow-beating and in-

his treatment of John F. Frost, manager ness who, by his manner, shows he is a of the Airplane Spruce Products com- gentleman endeavoring to tell the truth. "I shall, if this method of examinawhose examination occupied the rest of tion and conducting this investigation attorney general sat at his elbow and Thursday. But while Frost was on the continues, go to the congress of the United States and upon the floor of congress denounce with all the vehemence I possess what I deem to be an outrage.

Frear answered: "When this committee was first organized, it was organized by unanimous vote of congress. Every Democrat on torted.

COMMITTEE IS SLANDERED

"When the appointment on this committee came to the chairman he refused to take it from the speaker. On the day before the first witness was called-the secretary of war-the chairman placed his resignation in the hands of the speaker, who refused to take it because of interference that was promised in the conduct of the examination. The chairman then stated that there would be no effort to cover up anything in this investigation from start to finish or he would have no connection with it.

Major Leadbetter is a well known "One of the first wtinesses called be fore the committee was a man who had National bank of Portland enter. It slandered the committee, including the Democratic member, claiming that this "Among other things it is insinuated hat the Northwestern National bank about as a smellin committee to find of Portland, Or., was favored in the out things without any expectation of matter of deposits of spruce production

land, a Washington county overseas that musket and crack the officer between the eyes. Hard-Boiled Smith lay "Hard-Boiled Smith," the notorious of that valued photo-and Dorland saw of Leavenworth prison for life But the court martial which later tried the soldier voted that Smith had transcended his authority and freed the Dorland was one of the guards at the guard. Perhaps those officers on the military prison not far from Paris, and court martial had some photographs themselves which had arrived some quaint little hamlet back in the states, and they felt like sentencing Hard-Boiled to solitary confinement for

thousand years. Dorland has married since he came back from France, but you can't get him to tell who that photo represented The returned soldier says that Smith was heartily despised by all who were serving under him. Smith was brutal not only to the prisoners, but he was a martinet with the men under his authority. He has heard Smith say: They call me 'hard-boiled,' and by G-Dorland says he has heard at least 50 service men now returned to pri-vate life say they would like to get

any inquiry. One Democratic member was placed upon this committee, as is the usual course in every investigation and every hearing, and every witness tive Lea, "but I want to repudiate, and proving of any importance that member I disapprove of, the manner in which this of this committee has cross examined, something never known before in the history of any investigation with which the American congress would come here I have had connection-governmental or otherwise.

"just one swing at Hard-Boiled."

sulting methods in questioning a wit- BROWBEATING IS CHARGED "We have been sent here at the reques of Mr. Hughes personally and by his report. In the Hughes investigation the

> never a question did he ask. "As to the efforts to get at the facts in this hearing from the start, there has been a purpose to cover up, and or one, this member does not propose to stand for it."

"That is what I object to," Lea re-orted. "Your methods are not directed the floor of the house voted for that re- to elicit the facts. The disposition is to browbeat the witness and deprive him of the right to give the facts. It is your of examination that have forced me to cross examine witnesses. I am not going to remain in silence the congress of the United States and permit this sort of examination. I am willing to go with you if you are going after the facts and give the witness a fair chance. The witness is a man that is apparently an honest man and I wish him to be given the right to tell the facts and I will give you every aid in my

STEARNS GROWS INDIGNANT The answer of the member of the committee that has just been made is

characteristic of some of the answers tile witness," said Frear. The storm broke during the question

ing about salvage of spruce produc-

Stearns took exception to Frear's as-pertion that in the \$14,000,000 settlement sertion that in the \$14,000,000 settlement diamonds and valued at \$600. with Great Britain we were playing with Hoffman is an American citizen. loaded dice. The officer said that the left for Washington last night. and that Captain Thompson of the Britsh army had examined the accounts of the spruce production office in Portland immediately after the armistice He indignantly repudiated the implication that low salvage value had been placed on property so that it could be bought up cheaply—for instance so that the Siems Carey Kerbaugh corporation could buy for a song the mills the gov-ernment paid the corporation \$2,200,000

BURN RATHER THAN SELL "I would rather see properties scrapped and burned up than turn them over to private operators at a great sacrifice to the government," he ex-

to build in Clallam county.

American Robbed of \$12,500 by Mexicans

Laredo, Texas. Aug. 22.—Albert von Hoffman of St. Louis, Mo., reached here Thursday from a visit to his coffee plantation in the state of Vera Cruz, and reported to federal authorities he had



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been robbed of \$12,500 by Mexicans. While en route to the border, von Hoff-man said he was held up on a train by Carranza soldiers, robbed of \$10,000 in cash and a Masonic charm studded with

Astoria Legionites Would Get Behind

Astoria, Aug. 22.—The Astoria post

President Hinman telegraphed S Secretary Elvers to get the op other posts in Oregon and if they are favorable to the bill to wire Oregon enators to support it. The A Johnson's Measure post is engaged at the present time in a bitter fight against alien slackers and against the Toveri, Finnish daily, which the legion contends has slurred

Both loud and soft tones can be of of the American Legion was clated tained with a new phonograph ne



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