

# TIMBERS THE CHIEF ASSET OF OREGON; DEMAND INCREASES

## Camps and Mills Working Double Shifts to Fill Orders for Domestic and Foreign Markets

# CAR SHORTAGE HANDICAPS

## Lack of Transportation Facilities Alone Interferes With Record-Breaking Production This Year

Statistics recently compiled covering 15 of the principal lumber mills of Portland and vicinity show an aggregate employment of more than 5,000 men. Many of the mills are working double shifts, and others are prevented from doing so only by the shortage of labor. The aggregate cut of these mills is estimated at more than 3,000,000 per eight hour day, and this output is insufficient to meet the increasing volume of orders offered the mills.

Prices of lumber continue to climb to higher levels and according to officials of the West Coast Lumbermen's association and the Pine association there is no reason to believe that the market will decline during the next five years. Labor is scarce in many of the chief producing sections and while wages advance the output per man is not up to prewar standards according to mill operators.

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The most serious handicap to the lumber industry, however, is the prevailing shortage of freight cars. A canvass of the mills in the vicinity of Portland indicates that they are receiving only from 15 to 40 per cent of their normal requirements of cars. A large percentage of the cars being used are badly in need of repair and their bad condition frequently prevents heavy loading, lumbermen declare.

Officials of the United States railroad administration claim that there are several thousand more cars in service than one year ago and that the situation there is no reason to believe that the market will decline during the next five years. Labor is scarce in many of the chief producing sections and while wages advance the output per man is not up to prewar standards according to mill operators.

# OREGON INCREASES CUT

The forest service in its recent report of the lumber cut in the United States for 1918, compared the total cut to be about \$2,000,000,000 feet, based on the assumed operation of 22,546 mills. This 1918 cut is 11 per cent smaller than the computed production in 1917. The reduced output in 1918 is traceable to the unusual economic conditions everywhere prevailing, including high cost of production, a minimum of construction of this state, the timber involved in this sale covers 7340 acres and it will take 20 years to cut it. The price paid is considerably more than a third of a million dollars and the cost of the construction of permanent roads and trails through the national forest.

# Southern Oregon Veterans Choose Andrus as Head

Roseburg, Sept. 20.—At the reunion of the old soldiers and sailors of Southern Oregon, in session here, officers were elected and the following were chosen: President, J. C. Peterson; vice president, Lucille Tucker; secretary, James Bohie of Falls City, treasurer, and Lester Day of Bremerton, Wash., athletic manager. Elmer Streyer of Spokane was elected temporary chairman of the freshman class.

# Rickli Is Honored As Class President

Williamette University, Salem, Sept. 20.—Benjamin Rickli of Spring Garden, Cal., was elected president of the sophomore class. Rickli held office in the class last year and was winner of the Albert's prize last June. Other officers elected were: Phillip Bartholomew of Portland, vice president; Lucille Tucker of Salem, secretary; James Bohie of Falls City, treasurer, and Lester Day of Bremerton, Wash., athletic manager. Elmer Streyer of Spokane was elected temporary chairman of the freshman class.

# Schools of Molalla Show an Enrollment Largest in History

Molalla, Sept. 20.—The Molalla public schools opened Monday with a larger enrollment than at any time in the history of the district. Almost two hundred are registered, 70 of whom are in the high school. The following teachers are in charge: R. W. Rose, superintendent; Miss Alice Smith, principal; Miss Shirlee Swallow, assistants in the high school, and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Miss Ruth Havemann, Miss Alma Dart and Mrs. Reva Case of the grades.

# Prohibition Act Is Held Constitutional

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—United States Judge Victor Fleming rendered a decision upholding the constitutionality of the war time prohibition act. He declared wine grapes are included under the law.

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# Capital Policemen Must Be Lawyers

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—It takes an international lawyer to be a policeman in Washington, according to Charles O. Turner, a Washington politician. Friday argued before a senate district committee that one reason policemen in Washington should have higher wages than secularists is because they know international laws and the rights of diplomatic officials and foreign visitors.

# WILLAKENZIE GRANGE EXHIBIT AT LANE FAIR IS TO BE PRESERVED

## Wins First Prize and Will Be Come Part of Permanent Exhibit of State.

Eugene, Sept. 20.—Grange day, the closing day of Lane county's four-day agricultural and industrial show, drew great throngs Friday. The attendance records of Thursday, Lane County day, and Wednesday, Eugene day, were both broken. It is estimated that probably 15,000 people passed the gates during the three days.

Willakenzie grange was awarded first prize for its mammoth agricultural exhibit. Professor F. S. Wilkins of Oregon Agricultural college, in awarding this exhibit a score of 99 points, called it the best of its kind he had ever seen.

Miss Winnie Braden, chairman of the state agricultural exhibit, prevailed upon the Chamber of Commerce and county court to set aside a sum for preservation of the collection as a permanent exhibit in the Oregon building at Portland.

# \$5000 Is Raised in Oakland for Fight Against Rat Family

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—The city council has appropriated \$5000 towards a fund to fight rats.

This was a step in drastic action being taken to fight a mysterious plague that has threatened Oakland for the past few weeks.

A part of Oakland has been quarantined and residents of that section are forbidden to gather in crowds.

Ratmors have been insisted about the campus of the University of California in Berkeley that scientists there are testing rats taken in Oakland for traces of the pneumonic plague, which attacks the lungs.

# Hindenburg Called 'Pig' by Charles of Austria, Says Book

Berlin, Sept. 20.—Intimate glimpses into the character and feelings of Emperor Charles of Austria are given by General von Stein, the former German quartermaster general, in a book called "The Kaiser's Pig." In it he quotes the Austrian ex-ruler as having frequently called Hindenburg and Ludendorff "pig."

The writer says Charles was "a weak ruler, whom nobody took seriously."

# Man Who Inspired Blood Ritual Case Is on Trial Today

London, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—M. Wipper, who as public prosecutor Klev, conducted the world famous "blood ritual" murder trial against Mendel Beilis, a Russian Jew, in the autumn of 1911, in Washington, is on trial today, charged with inspiring the whole case, said a Russian wireless dispatch from Moscow today.

# Car Barn Is Bombed; Four Men Injured

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Four men were hospitalized today suffering from wounds sustained last night when a bomb was thrown to the roof of a street car barn. The bomb was thrown from an automobile. Police assigned to the case are working on the theory that the bombing was the outgrowth of the strike of street railway platform men.

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# Johnny Wanted to See Star

## Policeman Showed Him One

New York, Sept. 20.—"I am looking for the star," said a stage door Johnny to a policeman at the rear entrance of a Broadway theater. The policeman showed him one and took him to jail.

# War Veterans Oppose Release of Wells or Comrades in Prison

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—Resolutions expressing "unalterable opposition" to the release of Hulet M. Wells "or any of his fellow convicted seditionists" from the federal prison at McNeil's island were dispatched today to President Wilson by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt post, No. 4, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

# 1000 Students of O. A. C. in Corvallis Hunting for Rooms

Corvallis, Sept. 20.—More than 1000 prospective students have arrived in Corvallis in advance of the registration period next Monday and Tuesday. Rooms have been assigned to nearly 800 persons by the Y. M. C. A. and approximately 100 applications have been made for rooms in the new dormitory for men, formerly the barracks.

# 'Weelsin, I Betcha,' Says Section Hand; Gives Many Cheers

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—When President Wilson took a stroll through the Santa Fe yards here at noon today a Mexican section hand was one of the first to recognize him.

# Sweet Is Proposed By City of Astoria To Succeed Nelson

Salem, Sept. 20.—The City of Astoria, through D. P. Stone, president of the port there, Friday sent a telegram to Governor Olcott recommending the appointment of Frank W. Sweet, harbormaster, to succeed Thomas Nelson, who was asked to resign recently by the executive.

# Postmaster Seeking Chairman of 'Ivory Dome Committee'

Washington, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—A letter came to Washington today addressed to the Ivory Dome committee on "Prohibition." It was delivered to the capitol postoffice and now the postmaster is undecided whether to deliver it to Senator Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, or Representative Volstead, chairman of the house judiciary committee. The letter was sent from Chicago.

# Baker Wants March Honored by Rank of Permanent General

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—Secretary Baker made a personal visit to the capitol to urge the passage of the bill conferring the rank of permanent general on Peyton C. March for his service as chief of staff.

# Record Reached in U. S. Navy Flotilla

Vallejo, Cal., Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—All previous records were broken Friday when it was announced the Mare Island channel is holding 51 vessels of the United States navy. There are 51 ships, including six of the Nebraska type. This will be augmented to 65 next week.

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# 1000 Men of First To Be Demobilized

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—A thousand more men of the famous First division regular army, will be demobilized at Camp Dodge, probably next week, according to information to camp officials here. The soldiers are from Iowa and surrounding states, it was said.

# Condon Woman, 81, Enjoys Ride In Airplane

Condon, Sept. 20.—Although her age is 81, Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, Condon resident, enjoyed a flight in an airplane Tuesday afternoon. When asked if she cared to go again, she replied she she would on the next time a little higher. Lieutenant Roth, pilot of the plane, said that she "took it all in" and saw all there was to see.

# Both Men Killed In Memphis Duel

Memphis, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Will Smiddy, a former policeman and Deputy U. S. Marshal Webster were both killed in a pistol duel between the two at the most prominent business corner of Memphis Saturday afternoon. The deputy marshal was passing the corner with another federal official when a crowd jeered them. As Webster returned in answer to the remarks, Smiddy is said to have pulled a revolver and fired at the deputy. The latter fired at the same instant and both men fell.

# Foreign Ship Tells Of Disaster at Sea

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The Koan Maru is returning to port with an account of some sailors having been injured. The message does not state any particulars. The Koan is en route from New York to Yokohama and put in here September 18 for fuel, leaving the following day.

# Government Proposes Increased Production

For want of training the output of practically 7,000,000 of the 10,000,000 workers in manufacturing in this country is said to be equal to an average production of less than 50 per cent of what it can be made by proper training. In view of this and of the imperative need for greater production the department of labor is contemplating a United States training service that will furnish manufacturers with training courses enabling them to show their employees how to get increased production by these methods. It is said, we may be able to get out double the present production.

# Army Officer Is Acquitted in Case Of Courtmartial

Boston, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Acquittal of Lieutenant Sidney Webster Neighbors, member of a prominent California family, charged before a courtmartial with embezzlement from the government, became known today when Neighbors was ordered to report for duty here again with the aircraft production division, U. S. air service. The young Californian was also exonerated of a charge of having furnished unauthorized information in reference to the sale of government property. Lieutenant Neighbors said that his accusers did not face him at any time during the 17 days of the general courtmartial trial at Governors Island, New York.

# British Spinsters Will Invaade United States for Mates

New York, Sept. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Five thousand British spinsters are bent upon a matrimonial invasion of the United States, according to Mrs. S. C. Seymour of Camden, N. J., who returned from Europe today on the transport Mount Vernon after seven months' welfare work abroad.

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