

12,000 CARS SHORT TO NORTHWESTERN LUMBER INDUSTRY

Officials of West Coast Lumbermen's Association Say That There Is No Relief in Sight.

Shortage of freight cars continues to be the bane of the lumber industry in the Northwest, according to officials of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, and lumber mill operators generally. The accumulated shortage amounts to over 12,000 cars and mill operators say there is no prospect for immediate relief.

Henry Tourish of Duluth, Minn., head of the Beaver Lumber company, Western Timber company and Fir Tree Lumber company, arrived from the East Saturday evening, accompanied by T. B. Keith of Eau Claire, Wis., who is interested in the same companies.

"There is no reason why the lumbermen of the Northwest should not enjoy the biggest year's business in the history of the industry in 1920," said Tourish. "The only obstacle is the lack of cars. Mill operators are being forced to shut down because they cannot ship lumber in sufficient quantities to pay operating expenses."

OPERATE AT A PROFIT
"Prices are satisfactory, but the majority of dealers and manufacturers would rather take a loss price and be sure of cash enough. The past year has been the first since 1908 that the lumbermen of the Northwest have operated at a profit, and whatever profit they are making now must be spread over a 12 year period."

Tourish and Keith will spend the week in examining the properties in which they are interested. Construction work on the Portland & Southwestern railroad is progressing satisfactorily, according to Tourish. The line extends from Scappoose to Pittsburg, on the Nehalem river, and will be completed and in operation by July 1. Logs from the Tourish timber holdings in Columbia county will be carried to the mills over this line.

Operation of the road, however, is contingent upon the supply of freight cars available for handling shipments of lumber from the mills, according to Tourish. Many mills are threatened with a forced shut-down of indefinite length because of the failure of the railroad administration to furnish promised car supply.

CAR SITUATION SERIOUS
George M. Duncan of the Duncan Lumber company declares that the car situation is worse now than at any time during the past year. "In response to repeated appeals for cars from lumber manufacturers of Oregon and Washington the railroad administration at Washington is sending agents into this territory to investigate the needs of the shippers," said Duncan.

"This investigation and a number of unfulfilled promises of relief are the only results of months of effort on the part of lumber manufacturers, dealers and consumers," said Duncan. "The investigation is absurd and will simply delay matters and add to the expense of operating the roads. Traffic managers of the various roads know the needs of their various territories and are able to determine to a nicety the numbers of cars required. The sooner the roads are returned to the owners the sooner we will be able to take up business again in a sane and efficient manner."

Armenian Relief Committee Thanks General Pershing

The Oregon Committee of Near East Relief today expressed its gratitude to General Pershing for appearing before the capacity audience at the White Tem-

ple Sunday night, after delivering his regular address at The Auditorium. He shook the hands of all present, although he could not speak.

Samuel C. Lancaster, chairman of the Oregon committee said Monday: "I remember seeing General Pershing at Wilmington, Del., not long since, when his special stopped for a few minutes on its way from Philadelphia to Washington. A great throng pressed to see him, and several small children were almost crushed. They cried out in their fright, but forgot their grief when rescued by

strong arms and held aloft to look into the kind face of General Pershing and hear his cheering words.

"The Christian people of Armenia and the Near East are being trampled into the dust and ground to pieces by the unspeakable Turk and contending forces which are still at war, although the peace treaty has been signed by the allies. The National Committee for Near East Relief hears their cry. America will respond and Oregon will do her share in this matter just as she has always done heretofore."

Mr. & Mrs. Lower Price Store

A Final Disposal of Women's and Misses' Serge and Poplin Dresses \$7.95



Regular Values to \$16.75

Remarkable values—while any of a limited number remain:

Women's dresses of serviceable quality silk poplin and serge.

Belted, tunic and over-skirt effects.

Nearly all the most wanted colors.

Sizes 16 to 53, but not in every style.

Many less than half price at \$7.95.

300 Fine Silk Waists \$2.98

This special lot includes waists of georgette, crepe de chine, tub silk, striped taffeta, peau de soie and gloria silk.

Attractive embroidered, beaded and hemstitched models. Good colors—the peau de soie and gloria silk waists are in black only.

Also included at this price is a limited number of printed georgette waists.

All sizes, but not in every style.

Regular \$4.98 values.

500 Good Wash Waists 69c

Many less than half regular.

A clearaway of women's wash waists of fine voile, organdy and batiste. Plain white and colored striped and checked effects. A variety of desirable styles.

All sizes 36 to 46 but not in every style.

Waists \$1.49

Women's wash waists of voile, batiste and organdy. Mostly white, some with colored stripes. Broken line of sizes and styles. To \$2.98 values.

Corsets \$1.29

"Warner's" and "American Lady" models. Medium and low bust corsets with long hips and two pairs of hose supporters. Broken sizes 20 to 30.

Muslinwear \$1.00

Special lot of women's muslin undergarments, including chemise, bloomers and drawers. Some are trimmed with Val lace, others with ribbon. Full cut.

Gowns \$1.98

Women's fine soft nainsook gowns in white and flesh. Trimmed with lace and embroidery. V and round neck. With or without wing sleeves.



Get Tickets Here

for Hugh Walpole's "Russian Vignettes" under direction of Portland Drama League at Masonic Temple Thursday evening 8:20 p. m. Tickets \$1.10 (including war tax) on sale in Book Shop, Fifth Floor. For Street Car Men's Boxing and Wrestling Smoker to be given in the Milwaukie Boxing Arena tomorrow evening. Reserved seats \$1.10 (including war tax) on sale Sporting Goods Store, Sixth Floor.

Smart Wool Jersey Suits Special!



Because they are Autumn models, these suits are marked at a discount, even though we are reordering practically the same styles for Spring.

Everywhere the fashion of wool jersey is increasing. No collection of sports clothes is complete without a preponderance of styles in jersey. Even English women are wearing golfex—the heavy wool jersey of which many of these particular suits are made.

Styles are the typical sports kinds with belted loose coats or patch pockets and all the skirts are regulation width. Colors include heather, navy, brown, mode, henna, French blue, tan, purple and combinations. Sizes 36 to 49.

Special price, \$20.25 to \$49.50.

—Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

Women's 20c Lawn Kerchiefs 14c

Fine hand-loom embroidered lawn handkerchiefs in white and colored designs. Many patterns, including some open eyelet effects. Narrow hemstitched hems. 6 for only 75c.

Kerchiefs 8c

Women's and children's embroidered lawn handkerchiefs in white and colored one-corner effects. Broken lots. Finished with rolled edges and hemstitched borders. 12½c to 20c values.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

Sports Coats of Fur

At the Season's Lowest Prices

Customers tell us that these are the biggest values in the city. All are the 30-inch length youthful coats from smart furriers in New York, and they have been the great fashion success of the year.

Marmot coats, were \$150 to \$185, now \$112 and \$138.
Sealine coat, was \$225, now for \$168.
Sealine coat, was \$145, now \$108.
Near seal coat, was \$225, now \$168.

Near seal coat with Australian opossum collar and cuffs, was \$250, now \$187.
Near seal coat with gray squirrel collar and cuffs, was \$298.50, now \$233.
Hudson seal (dyed muskrat) coat with taupe squirrel collar and cuffs, was \$385, now \$288.

—Meier & Frank's: Fur Salon, Fourth Floor.



Extra Special Sale of

Creepers, Rompers, Dresses

98c—\$1.29—\$1.98—\$2.29

When happy Little Boy Blue and tiny Miss Muffet go out in the morning to dig in the garden they ought to be dressed in good little play clothes like these. Quickly slipped into. Easy to launder. Mothers who buy them by the half dozen or dozen now will thank their lucky stars this Spring and Summer.

Large new shipments have just arrived from the factories. Specially purchased. Extra low priced.

Please notice the quality of the materials and nice colors.

Special \$1.29

Wonderfully good-looking rompers for girls. Black and white checked gingham combined with cadet blue chambray. Pale blue chambray with striped gingham. Striped cotton crepe with cadet blue trousers somewhat in Dutch style. Mostly medium dark colors, good for play. Sizes 3 to 6 years.

A* \$1.98 and \$2.29

Charming little dresses. Soft blue cottons trimmed with white pique. Corn flower blue and white striped gingham with pique collars and cuffs of blue to match. High waisted gingham in small plaids with peaked belts, plain colored collars. Other colors. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

—Meier & Frank's: Juvenile Shop, Second Floor.

Special 98c

Oliver Twist and one-piece play clothes; creepers 6 months to 3 years; rompers 2 to 6 years. White, striped, plain colors and combinations, prettily trimmed. In the lot porth, gingham, madras and chambray. Some with lawn waists. Not all sizes in every style.

January Sales *to Bring Down Living Costs*

Most Important Downward Price Movement Since Before the War

A Remarkable Cleanup

Sale of NOTIONS

Four Extraordinary Lots

5c-10c-15c-25c

This miscellaneous disposal represents the great multitude of odds and ends that have accumulated during the past few weeks of busy selling. Every item is at

Half or Less Than Half

Snap fasteners, hooks and eyes, beltings, tapes, hose supporters, crochet threads, hair pins, hair curlers, shoe laces, needle cases, ribbon novelties, round garters, fancy elastics, etc., are some of the countless articles grouped at one or other of the above prices.

Wonderful values. Come early!

—Meier & Frank's: Notion Shop, Main Floor.

Sweet Iowa Corn, Doz. \$1.85

To bring down living costs we offer 100 cases of standard new pack sweet Iowa corn at \$1.85 a dozen or \$3.60 a case.

Sliced Pineapple, new pack, No. 2½ cans, 4 cans	\$1	Borden's Milk, tall cans, 7 cans	\$1
M. & F. Economy Nappha Soap, 24 bars	\$1	Washing Powder, Sea Foam, 5 large pkgs.	\$1

Limit—One lot of each to a customer. Some quantities limited.

—Meier & Frank's: Grocery, Ninth Floor.

On the Center Aisle, Bargain Square, Main Floor

New Spring Voiles 39c

Women desirous of starting their Spring dressmaking will take advantage of this special offering of new Spring dress voiles at 39c yard.

More than 5000 yards in fresh beautiful patterns—dots, stripes, figures and Dresden effects in light, medium and dark colors. Suitable for wash frocks, waists, children's dresses, etc.

Worth 50c and 60c yard on the "old" market—values of the most wonderful sort at 39c.

—Meier & Frank's: Center Aisle, Main Floor.

Electric Lamps 20% Less

Metal table lamps with art glass and silk shades can NOW be had at \$6 to \$24.80. But they are selling out rapidly!

—Meier & Frank's: Electric Shop, Balcony Basement.

The Famous Combination Air Blast Universal Heater

Very Specially Priced

\$35

Fitted with duplex grates to burn wood, coal, bark or briquettes.

The introduction of intensely heated air into the fire box by means of the air blast results in the consumption of the greater portion of the gases and black smoke, thereby effecting a great saving in fuel.

The Air Blast Universal is more than an ordinary smoke consuming heater. It is a heat producer of the highest order. It is a high-class, well-built heater that will LAST—giving economical service as long as it is in use.

Your Own Terms—In Reason

—Meier & Frank's: Sixth Floor, Fifth Street.



New Reductions on Furniture

January sale of furniture has been exceeding records. Owners of houses realize the scarcity of good furniture and are quick to take advantage of every price lowering on standard MEIER & FRANK pieces.

Tomorrow we offer for the first time certain substantial oak furniture of which we have only a few pieces of a kind.

In the sketches are shown dressers of full quartered oak, top 21x42 inches, mirror 24x30 inches, was \$47, now \$27.50; chiffonier to match of full quartered oak, top 20x34 inches, mirror 16x24 inches, was \$45.50, now \$34.75.

Other Examples of the Values

Chiffonier, oak, was \$47.50, now \$37.50.	Dresser, birdseye maple, was \$63.50, now \$52.50.
Chiffonier, oak, was \$39.00, now \$29.75.	Dresser, birdseye maple, was \$60.00, now \$49.75.
Vanity dresser, oak, was \$53.40, now \$44.75.	Chiffonier, birdseye maple, was \$49.50, now \$39.50.
Dresser, oak, was \$71.50, now \$59.75.	Chiffonier, birdseye maple, was \$39.00, now \$29.75.
Dressing table, oak, was \$57.50, now \$47.50.	Dressing table, birdseye maple, was \$57.50, now \$47.50.
Bed, oak, was \$42, now \$32.50.	

—Meier & Frank's: Furniture Shop, Eighth Floor.



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A Pound in the 5-lb. Size

\$2.70 a Can

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