COMING FAMINE IN

By Norman Hapgood

Universal Service Staff Corresponden Washington, April 15 .- President doubt. The tact that he has shown come to many persons as a surprise. It seems already clear that the senate will not, under Mr. Harding, be president. Neither will any other to supply one city district. group be able to work its unrestricted will with him.

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Borah said the payment of \$25,000,000 more hopeful than I was last November that he will be able to steer successfully his difficult course. That also is the prevailing attitude among my friends. They are on the whole more liberal by nature than he is and yet they now incline to think well of his intentions and hope much of hiseuse of power. A BUSINESS GOVERNMENT

One expression which the Republicans. the president among them, are using a good deal, will need elucidation. More business in government, less government in business, has a taking sound, but the second half of it will have to be cleared up before anybody knows what it means. fore business in government means, according to the president, the strictest economy in appropirations, the reorganization of the departments to lessen overlapping, conflict and red tape and at the least the beginning of a budget

What does less government in busi-ness mean? Obviously, it fits in with opposition to government ownership of railways, of government operation of shipping lines, but does it indicate any lessening of the control that the I. C. C. is to have over the railroads? Does it give any countenance to the underground effort being carried on on Capitol hill to abolish or weaken the federal trade commission? What does it mean? HARDING AND LUMBER

The future of the federal trade commission is involved in an outbreak that have just read in the Lumber World Review. The editor of this paper, one Bolling Arthur Johnson, thinks he has influence with President Harding. President Harding has had some lumber interests and he and Johnson belonged to a lodge made up of men concerned with lumber and other wood industries. This organization is called the Hoo-Hoos. The president's fellow member now writes an editorial called "What

Will President Harding Do About It?" The gist of it is that the lumber interests ought to get after the president more sharply. It is mostly a wail over their unbecoming modesty, but one hopeful paragraph says. "We understand from a Washington newspaper that President Harding had a visit one day this week from our (the whole national lumindustry) John Henry Kirby, at which we trust one or the other of these great personages may have advanced a hought or two on this subject." MIND NOT EASY

The subject is Mr. Johnson's view of how the timber of the United States ought to be handled by the government. He dees not feel easy in his mind. "Many other persons than those in the umber industry-many a Brisbane and Hapgood and Pinchot-are interesting themselves in these matters and are

bothering the president about it-with their pens," he says. The president may be bothered by Mr. Brisbane's pen. Many people are. Mr. Pinchot has made trouble in his time. But Mr. Harding cannot be much both ered by me. The worst thing I have done about lumber is to call attention to the information gathered by the federal trade commission about price fixing. In his speech to congress on Tuesday the president showed a good deal of interest

The next to the worst thing I have done is to invite the attention of congress to the approaching lumber famine, Conflicting bills dealing with that threat will be introduced, soon referred to committees, fought about and then at the regular session reported on.

Shortage of houses is no joke. Apart from houses the cost of lumber and the freedom of the supply affect millions. Among the largest users are the rail-roads, the farmers, the manufacturers of furniture, vehicles and agricultural im- mut? plements and the newspapers. The government report of June 1 last said: "Apparently all construction work is Harding has been steadily gaining the United States is behind requirements Here are a few facts based also of

strenth. Of that there can be no but the deficit is greatest in dwellings." government reports. The supply of lumwas expected. The firmness has ber in New England has been falling

PRODUCTION FALLS BAPIDLY In New York it has been falling since Pennsylvania led all the states in able to usurp the functions of the 1860, but now does not produce enough

Once the lake states supplied the country from the Rockies to the Atlantic. In 1892 the regions supplied 9,000,000,000

I return to Mr. Johnson and

"Now that Norman Hapgood and the Hearst propaganda generally have taken up the national timberland policy question and become a crutch—a very powerful crutch, if you please—of Gifford Pinchot, just how is all this going to affect President Warren G. Harding? Less government in business? Perhaps. But will the attempt be made to have it protection for the ordinary

Colombia Treaty Would Dishonor U. S., Says Borah

(By United News.) Washington, April 15.—Senator Borah, speaking on the Colombian treaty Thursday, said its ratification would be confession of wrong doing of which this country is not guilty.

"The ratification of this treaty will If I may be pardoned a somewhat feet. In 1898 only 1,000,000,000. In the be construed by the world as putting personal illustration, I will use my own South the remaining supplies of virgin the taint of dishonor on the government feeling as an illustration of what I find pines are only one fifth of the original of the United States," said Borah, "and feeling as an illustration of what I find stand. Within a single generation the generally. On some of the issues that South promises to produce little if any Americans immediately concerned in the I have at heart the president has dismore than it needs for itself. Even in Panama transaction. Theodore Rooseappointed me and yet in spite of those the West, to stick to the reports, there velt was not a common adventurer; John

orth in the federal trade commission and in far less time than has to Colombia in itself would constitute a "contrite apology" in reply to arguments that removal of the apology clause in the original treaty made the present

treaty more acceptable. "Republican leaders for 17 years have ienounced the treaty as blackmail," Borah declared.

Senator Knox, who was a cabinet nember while negotiations with Colombia were being carried on under Taft and Roosevelt, said the senate is morally bound to compensate Colombia, "not for what she lost but for what we gained." Knox declared there is no legal claim against this government, and upheld its

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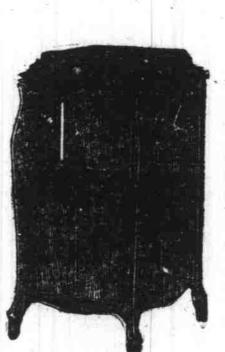
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