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Governor Olcott Comments on Conditions Found on Trip to East Coast

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Continuation of Air Forest Patrol for Oregon Believed Assured

Conditions on the Pacific coast, particularly in the northwest, bad as they appear to be from some angles, are superior to conditions in most all other parts of the country, declares Governor Olcott, after a trip to the Atlantic coast, on which he was able to make observations both relative to Canada and the United States.

Aside from attending the annual conference of governors at Harrisburg, Pa., and the conference of state foresters, held at the same place at the call of Governor Sproule, held December 1, 2 and 3 and December 8 and 9 respectively, Governor Olcott made a number of side trips, including a visit to his parents in Florida. He conferred with General Mencher, in charge of the air service in Washington, relative to continuing the air patrol of Oregon forests, and says that the general will do everything in his power to co-operate with this state in that work. Because Oregon has a larger amount of standing timber than any other state in the union, Governor Olcott says the state holds a commanding position among the states of the union. Governor Olcott was elected president of the association of state foresters.

Conditions Abnormal.

"The conference of governors was an interesting and successful one," said Governor Olcott. "It was attended by more than 30 of the 48 executives of the United States. The testimony offered there showed very abnormal conditions existing in practically every section of the country. Some of the governors from the central west and southern states described the conditions obtaining in their states as 'acute,' 'alarming' and 'critical,' and voiced considerable apprehension as to the immediate future.

"The remedy seems to lie mainly in the good common sense of the American people in readjusting themselves to normal conditions. For five years there has been a condition of inflated financial prosperity. Unquestionably a loss must be stood if normal times are to return and this is the year when we are stacking up a loss against five years of unprecedented and inflated financial profit.

State is Host.

"Following the conference the governors' party, as guests of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was taken by special train to Philadelphia and in charge of Mayor Moore and the city council was shown the historical places of the city and given a ride on the Delaware river, viewing the shipping of that harbor and the shipbuilding activities at Hogg island and the Cramps works. Following this a banquet at the Stratford-Bellevue hotel was tendered by the city. Governor Coolidge and wife of Massachusetts were in attendance upon this, as they were the conference.

"In the convention of state foresters practically all the forested states were represented as was also the federal government in the person of Colonel Greeley, United States forester and Mr. Peters, his first assistant. Much interest was manifested by all in attendence and I believe considerable good will come of it. I was much impressed with the personnel of this body of men and have never witnessed greater loyalty to their work nor more earnest endeavor to improve conditions affecting fire protection and reforestration than here exhibited. Oregon was

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