

Washington Snap Shots

The question of employment, unemployment and re-employment have come very much to the fore in Washington during the past few weeks. Wise political observers expect it to become one of the paramount issues of the campaign with Republican orators insisting that, on the basis of the only estimates available, little has been done toward bringing down unemployment. The American Federation of Labor estimates some 12,000,000 persons jobless, while the National Industrial Conference Board estimates run about three million less.

In all of the political footbaling the fact has been lost sight of that the manufacturing industries have been steadily going about the job of re-employment while others talked. As a result during the past two years 80 percent of the re-employment has taken place in manufacturing industries, and statistics reveal that these industries today are employing approximately 7,000,000 wage earners as compared with 8,500,000 at the 1929 peak.

The political confusion comes because of the loose term "industry" that is usually applied when unemployment is being discussed by stump-speakers. Obviously when manufacturers never employed more than 8,500,000 persons, they cannot readily absorb the nine to twelve million now listed as unemployed. Where the remainder of the unemployment lies, no one can say. And it is for this reason that repeated suggestions have been laid before the Administration to take a complete census of the unemployed so that the extent of the disease and its particulars may definitely be known, and from this information plan a real campaign for its treatment. The difficulty is that the unemployment question has become so much of a political football that industry is often hampered in its efforts during a campaign year to re-employ the idle.

Folks who know their way around the Capital believe that talk of changing the Constitution or stripping the Supreme Court of power will be held to the minimum during the coming year. It has been difficult in some cases, but there are indications now that even Senator Norris of Nebraska, a proponent of humbling the Supreme Court, has surrendered for the time being. At least he has been quiet on the subject recently.

Figuring prominently in the Constitutional question is the fact that the South almost as a unit is opposed to tampering with the present institutions. That part of the country it is pointed out, went through a period immediately after the Civil War when constitutional safeguards were forgotten or ignored. The result is that not only the congressmen but their constituents still have long memories. State's rights still are a rallying challenge and sentiment oppose giving up these rights.

This general attitude that prevails in the South and Southwest has been explained time and again by the chairman of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees—Senator Ashurst of Arizona and Representative Summers of Texas, both Democrats. They are well-grounded students of history. Comparing the United States with other countries, they insist that the American system of democracy is the best and that any basic tampering with the structure will inevitably bring a dictatorship, whether Communism or Fascism.

So Help Me, It's True

By E. F. (Woodie) Woodman

ROUND THE WORLD 3320 TIMES On This SHIP'S CARGO:
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Second Cover Spray Should Be Completed May 28; is Advice

The second cover spray for the control of codling moth worms on apples and pears should be completed on May 28, according to the recommendation of L. G. Gentner, entomologist of the So. Oregon Experiment Station and C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent.

On apples use an oil emulsion, lead arsenate combination of 3/4 gallon of light summer oil emulsion, 1/2 pound spreader, and 2 pounds of lead

arsenate to 100 gallons of water.

On pears use 3 pounds of lead arsenate to 100 gallons of water. If rust mites are present in considerable numbers, use 1 1/4 gallon of medium summer oil emulsion, 1/2 pound spreader, and 2 pounds of lead arsenate.

It is important that trees be thoroughly covered, since large numbers of worms will be attempting to enter the fruit.

Chemically treated bands should be applied to tree trunks by June 6, since full-grown worms will begin to leave the fruit about that time. To obtain best results thoroughly scrape the loose bark from trunks and

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By MR. HUMPHREYS

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LUMBER OUTPUT GREATER

WASHINGTON, May 18—The National Lumber Manufacturers association today reported lumber production during the week ended May 9 was the heaviest of any week since 1930.

Production at 569 mills totaled 249,872,000 feet, shipments 226,569,000 and booked orders 221,706,000 feet.

The industry stood at 70 per cent of 1929 weekly production average and 66 per cent of 1929 shipments, compared with 66 and 73 per cent of 1929 shipments, the previous week.

Production for the week of May 9 was 83 per cent in excess of the cor-

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