

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Congress is getting into an ugly mood about strikes which are interrupting the national defense program. On the floor of congress there has been much said—and critical—regarding the troubles in the lumber industry of Washington and Oregon. The Pacific northwest strikers, irrespective of the merit of their cause, have increased the impatience of the lawmakers and already several congressmen have sponsored measures which are really drastic. At the moment there is a special committee studying all laws of the first world war and those enacted since which deal with labor, the purpose being to ascertain whether there are existing laws to meet the strike situation without enacting new ones.

Congress has been informed that 12,000 men went on strike in the lumber industry and that three times that number of men are in uniform and living in tents at Pacific coast camps waiting to be housed in cantonments. The strike is preventing completion of the barracks, compelling soldiers to live under canvas in winter. War department is provoked at the lumber strike, too, because the department has given its solemn pledge that conscripts will not be sent to camp until camps are built and comfortable. Stopping construction is delaying the plans for military training of thousands of conscripts.

With the shutting off of materials, naturally the hundreds of carpenters employed in building the cantonments were idle.

Various proposals have been submitted to congress to curb or prevent the strike menace insofar as it retards national defense. The lumber industry strike is only one of many; there are rumors of pending disturbances in the shipyards on Puget sound and on the Atlantic coast; in the automotive plants manufacturing tanks and airplane engines. Shortage of supplies, for instance, resulted in 1,800 men being laid off at the airplane plant in Seattle, where the great flying fortresses, bombers, are being built.

All delay is not caused by labor, however. One reason for slowness in production is the tendency of a contractor to do all the work in his own establishment. National Defense Advisory commission is now urging (later will insist) that sub-contractors be given part of the job. By spreading the work of procurement, using the facilities of small factories, plywood establishments, etc., parts can be sub-contracted and the entire project speeded up. In a few months the public will learn more about this method of expediting production.

When the Oregon and Washington legislatures assemble next month there will be introduced bills imposing severe penalties for conviction of sabotage. The measure has been written by the department of justice and will be submitted to the governors, who are expected to have the proposed legislation sponsored by one or more lawmakers. It is part of a nation-wide plan for co-ordination of federal and state governments in dealing with subversive activities. Another act will require licensing of persons who wish to use explosives. This would apply to miners, or farmers using dynamite to blast stumps in clearing land.

More than 40 different government bureaus, state and local agencies are cooperating to determine methods for developing the 1,200,000 acres to be irrigated by the Grand Coulee reclamation project. In January the new congress will be asked to make an appropriation for the start on the reclamation end of the gigantic project, as practically every cent to date for Grand Coulee has gone into the dam. The planners have even spotted sites for towns and recreational centers for the future settlers.

Army officers are provoked because Rep. Knute Hill, Washington, prematurely announced that a bomber base, originally intended for Yakima, was to be located at Pendleton. Oregon's Congressman Pierce wants a committee appointed to investigate election polls. He has written Dr. Gallup of his desire and Gallup has replied that his poll on Oregon was wrong only one-tenth of one percent. Explanation of why nothing is being done to prevent British Columbia from dumping apples on the American market to the detriment of orchardists of Oregon and Washington, is to enable Canada to acquire dollar exchange with which to purchase war munitions. Government wants instructors, air corps technical school, salaries \$2000 to \$3800 a year; inspectors aeronautical engineering materials, \$1620 to \$2600 a year; aeronautical engineering aids, salary \$1620 to \$2600; aeronautical engineering draftsmen, \$1620 to \$2600. For information apply to any first- or second-class postoffice.

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### Rural Builders May Receive Aid From Extension

Farm families planning to build new homes will find considerable help in materials now available at any county agent's office, some of which have been especially adapted to Oregon conditions, says Herbert R. Sinnard, experiment station architect at Oregon State college.

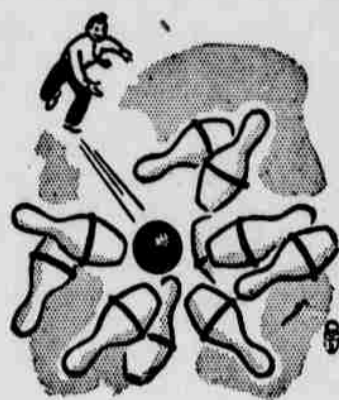
A U. S. D. A. publication, No. 319, entitled "Plans of Farm Buildings for Western States," is one recent plan book available. These plans have been developed jointly by state experiment station architects and engineers of the United States department of agriculture. Various Oregon bulletins are also available on detailed suggestions for the rural home with special emphasis on kitchen planning.

After building plans have been talked over and decided upon, actual working drawings of the plans shown in the U. S. D. A. publication may be obtained through the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college for a nominal charge. These blueprints show enough detail to be used in actual construction.

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livestock barns, different kinds of shelters for dairy cattle, horses, sheep, and hogs, as well as plans for equipment and poultry houses. Other plans may be obtained for roadside stands, milk houses, smoke houses, community halls, cabins, and many others.



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