

INFERNO IN STORE FOR AMERICANS CAPTURED IN WAR

PARIS, Sept. 6.—An account of the horrors of the German prison camps, into which it may soon be the fate of a few American soldiers to be thrown, has just been graphically given here by Georges Andre, famous French athlete, who has escaped after three years' captivity in Germany.

"The worst of all are the reprisal camps," he said. "These are in Poland or else right behind the firing line. I have had bitter experience of them, and can say the prisoners are in the most pitiable state, continually facing death either from starvation or shell fire."

"But the regular camps are bad enough. One camp, made to hold something like 10,000 prisoners, has at times been choked with as many as 60,000! Work is compulsory and continual."

(In England's prison camps the prisoners are given the opportunity to work and are paid for it, but are not compelled to work.)

"As for the food," the famous French athlete continued, "we would have been always on the edge of starvation but for the supplies sent from our families, and the biscuits furnished by the French government. A thin, sickly vegetable soup, with a little bit of barley, or more rarely a piece of sausage—these were our only rations."

"On arriving at the camp, a prisoner is assigned to a 'kommando' or group of workers charged with some particular task. He became a woodsman, miner, mechanic, farmer, without any regard to his individual ability. This is work which often directly aids the military activities of Germany, but if the prisoner protests he is beaten with the flat of a sword, or otherwise tortured, until he submits. I have known of men who were put in hot rooms and baked till they fainted, and of one who was made to stand between blocks of red hot metal until he fainted, terribly burned."

"As a result of this treatment, tuberculosis is still spreading rapidly in the camps. And medical attention is almost nonexistent. Only the worst cases get any attention. It will be a sad procession of broken men who come back to us from these German torture chambers after the war. Yet the prisoners keep up their morale magnificently, and none wants peace before victory."

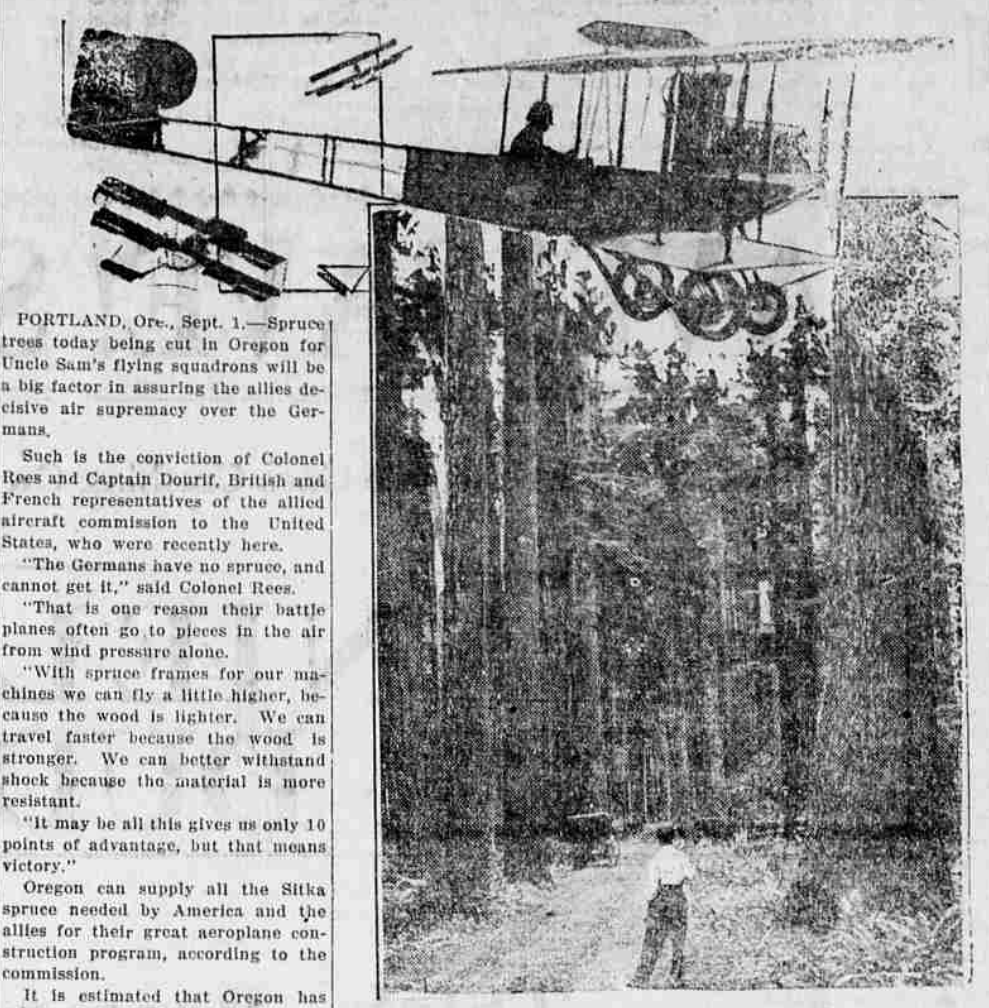
PROPOSED INCREASES ON FRUIT SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Proposed increases of 30 to 50 per cent in rates on dried, evaporated or fresh fruits and vegetables, California to New York, and intermediate territory, which were to have become effective today, have been suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission until January 4 next, pending investigation.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock. PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Cattle receipts 138. Steady. Best beef steers \$8.25@8.75; good beef steers \$7.25@8.25; best beef cows \$6.75@7.25; ordinary to good cows \$3.75@6.50; best heifers \$7@7.75; bulls \$4.50@6.50; calves \$7@9.50; stocker and feeder steers \$4.50@7. Hogs, receipts 533. Steady. Prime light \$17@17.25; prime heavy \$17@17.25; pigs \$15.25@16; bulk \$17. Sheep receipts 167; market steady. Western lambs \$13@13.50; valley lambs \$11.75@12.50; yearlings \$10@10.50; wethers \$9.75@10.50; ewes \$8@8.50. Portland Butter. PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Butter steady. City creamery prints, 47; cartons 48; buying price of butter fat 46@48, Portland; cube extras 44; prime firsts 41 1/2; firsts 36 1/2@40; dairy 34c. Portland Grain. PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Wheat, no quotations. Today's ear receipts: Wheat 5; oats 4; hay 3. September delivery bid: Oats, No. 2, white feed \$47; barley, standard feed, \$44; barley, standard brewing \$45; bran \$33; shorts \$35. Bartlett Pears. NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—30 ears California, \$2.95; Washingtons \$2.67; Philadelphia, California, \$2.35; Chicago, California, \$2.60; Boston, California, \$2.80.

Oregon Spruce Assures Allies Air Victory



Forest of Oregon spruce and United States war planes manufactured from the light, tough timber of the Pacific Northwest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—Spruce trees today being cut in Oregon for Uncle Sam's flying squadrons will be a big factor in assuring the allies decisive air supremacy over the Germans.

Such is the conviction of Colonel Rees and Captain Dourif, British and French representatives of the allied aircraft commission to the United States, who were recently here.

"The Germans have no spruce, and cannot get it," said Colonel Rees. "That is one reason their battle planes often go to pieces in the air from wind pressure alone."

"With spruce frames for our machines we can fly a little higher, because the wood is lighter. We can travel faster because the wood is stronger. We can better withstand shock because the material is more resistant."

"It may be all this gives us only 10 points of advantage, but that means victory."

Oregon can supply all the Sitka spruce needed by America and the allies for their great aeroplane construction program, according to the commission.

It is estimated that Oregon has 10,000,000,000 feet of this timber; Washington, 9,000,000,000.

The United States will need this year about 111,000,000 feet and the allies some 117,000,000 feet of spruce.

Because of its lightness, strength and shock-resisting qualities, spruce has been found the most desirable of all woods for airplane construction.

It can withstand a strain of 7473 pounds to the square inch.

It requires three months outdoor seasoning, but by a new process not yet perfected the wood may be used for planes within ten days after it is cut.

In the highly particular work of airplane construction each part is balanced to a hair, just as the propeller blades are cut with such nicety that a drop of varnish will swing them one way or the other.

Only 20 per cent of the spruce can be used for such construction—only the strongest, straightest and finest pieces.

EAGLETS ABROAD

By A. C. Howlett

I have just received the Mail Tribune of August 29 containing my last letter to that lively newspaper, and am reminded that it is time that I was getting to work to write again.

In speaking of newspapers I have been showing some of the people up here in northeastern Washington some of the copies of the D. M. T. and some of them are paying high compliments to the management of the paper and speak very encouragingly of it, especially the bold and fearless editorials and the fine class of correspondents as well as the typographical appearance of the paper.

While we are receiving the two Colville papers, the Examiner and the Statesman Index and the Spokesman Review of Spokane, there is a noticeable deficiency in the correspondence, on one of the most attractive features of the Mail Tribune bearing, of course, the editorials, for they take the lead in every respect of everything. I have noticed that where they give any news items that it is hard to trace the item to its original source and especially with the two Colville papers that they use a very large amount of plate news.

But I didn't intend to write a dissertation on newspapers or to criticize the makup of the Washington papers but was forced to notice the difference between them and the southern Oregon papers. Since I last wrote for the D. M. T. I have had the privilege of riding over some more of this wonderful country, yes, wonderful on account of its makup, for as one rides over it he is struck with the beauty of the landscape and the primitive appearance of some of the places, for here you can see the good old-fashioned log houses, shinked and daubed with the white clay that I spoke of in my last, and almost everyone in this section (out in the country from eight to 16 miles from the county seat, Colville) has a cellar dug in the yard and roofed over with first small logs six or eight inches thru, and then covered over with dirt so as to keep out the

heat and cold both and by that means keep butter cool and in the winter keep their vegetables from freezing. The most of the farms in this section are small or at least the cultivating land is in small patches where the timber has been laid off and cleared and is generally hilly and in some places is quite stony, altho as a rule, from what I can learn, it produces quite well. The principal crops here are wheat, oats, barley and potatoes, altho in some instances the frost comes too early for the potatoes to mature and it is no country for corn, as the soil does not seem at all adapted to corn. What I have seen looks very sickly and grows very short ears. In places where they have water to irrigate they raise alfalfa and clover, but they do not grow as well as they do in a lower altitude. I have been trying to ascertain the altitude here but have not been able to do so but according to the accounts of the fall of snow here, the old settlers claim that it sometimes falls five or six feet deep and lays on for five months. They have freaks in nature here as well as elsewhere, for instance the night of the 28th of July there was a freeze here that froze the water in the horse trough to a depth of 3-16ths of an inch and ever since then it has been cold enough to require a good supply of bedclothes to keep warm and in the morning one needs a good warm coat, but later in the day it gets quite warm for a few hours. The threshing machine will be here next week and then I can tell more about this country.

challenge any M. E. church in Southern Oregon in respect to the attendance at the midweek prayer meetings. We would like to make comparison with the much larger churches in the valley which have larger territory to draw from, and see that our "little Irishman" is more than holding his own, in his church work at Gold Hill. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the preaching services on Sunday evenings. Those who have cars would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity to come over and hear a real spicy sermon delivered in a real lively manner.

Joe Dusenbery of Sardine Creek was transacting business in Gold Hill Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Jones was in from the ranch Tuesday.

Mrs. Kinney and children of Sams Valley were Gold Hill visitors Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Dusenbery of Sardine Creek was a Grants Pass visitor on Monday.

Mr. Marting, the local shoemaker, was a Grants Pass visitor Tuesday.

T. J. Shaver, brother of C. N. Shaver, our local tonorial artist, came in Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fountain enjoyed a visit from J. T. Powers and family of Tacoma, Wash., last week, coming down in the family car last Thursday. They started on the return trip Sunday morning, taking Mr. and Mrs. Fountain with them as far as Roseburg, where they remained till Monday afternoon. Mrs. Powers is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fountain.

Miss Gladys Haymond of Rock Point was a Gold Hill visitor Wednesday.

William McGreavy, who has been visiting at the home of William Childers the past few weeks, returned to his home in Santa Ana, Cal., Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Henselman bringing her over in their car. S. V. McFarren of Rogue River was a Gold Hill visitor Tuesday.

At the regular meeting of the council Monday evening, F. Day Schrupp, clerk, tendered his resignation, owing to his leaving for a new position awaiting him in Seattle. L. O. (Deacon) Walker was elected to fill the vacancy.

ANTONIO CARLOS BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF FINANCE

RIO JANEIRO, Sept. 6.—Antonio Carlos, government leader in the chamber of deputies, has accepted the office of finance minister. He replaces Sabino Barroso, resigned yesterday.

Board of Equalization Notice. Notice is hereby given that on the second Monday in September (19th day), 1917, the board of equalization will attend in the assessor's office at the courthouse, in Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, and publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description, or qualities of land, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

And it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Dated this 23d day of August, 1917, at Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon. J. B. COLEMAN, County Assessor.

With Medford trade is Medford made. ORDINANCE NO. 900. An ordinance declaring certain poplar trees within the City of Medford, Oregon, a nuisance, and providing for the abatement of the same; describing the premises where said nuisances exist, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Medford doth ordain as follows: Section 1. That because of the destructive character of the roots of the poplar trees, in the upheaval of sidewalks and the stoppage of sewer pipes, located and growing either in and upon the hereinafter described premises or upon what is called the "parking strip" in front of or adjacent to said premises, in the streets of said city, said trees are hereby declared to be a nuisance in each particular case.

Section 2. That upon the passage of this ordinance and immediately after it becomes operative the street commissioner shall cause such trees to be removed and said nuisances forever to be abated.

Section 3. That the properties on which said nuisances exist are particularly described as follows, to-wit: In rear of lots 8 and 9, block 78, Original Townsite, on North Oakdale Avenue.

In parking strip on West Fourth street in front of lots 1 and 2, block 6, Olson Addition, according to the plat thereof.

In parking strip on West Second street, in front of a parcel of land marked "L" on the map of the City of Medford and recorded in Volume 42, page 640 of County Recorder's records of Jackson County, Oregon.

In rear of lot 6 and the south thirty-five feet of lot 5, block 2, Lumsden Addition to the City of Medford, according to plat thereof.

In parking strip alongside of lot 6, block 6, Original Townsite of the City of Medford.

In rear of lot 12, block 10, Original Townsite of the City of Medford.

In rear of lots 11 and 12, block 6, Original Townsite of the City of Medford.

In rear of lots 1 and 2, block 5, Original Townsite of the City of Medford.

In parking strip in front of a parcel of land 50x100 feet, in Philip Reserve, marked "O" on the map of the City of Medford, on North Bartlett street.

In parking strip in front of lots 4 and 5, block 1, Medford Heights Addition to the City of Medford, Oregon, on East Main street.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE WANTED—Woman for general housework. 330 South Fir street. Phone 285X.

WANTED—Competent woman for general housework. Phone 805J. 146* WANTED—Experienced waitress at Hotel Medford.

HELP WANTED—MALE WANTED—Man to work in orchards by the year; must be good pruner, budder, grafter and blight cutter. State experience and wages. Address: Box H.

WANTED—Barber at Joe O'Brien's, North Fir and Main.

WANTED MISCELLANEOUS WANTED—To buy tomatoes for cash. Phone 32.

WANTED—To buy second-hand silo; must be in good condition and cheap. Also silage cutter without blower. Box C, Mail Tribune. 144

WANTED—General upholstering. Mattresses made over, feather beds and pillows steamed and cleaned, furniture reupholstered; repairing and refinishing; carpets and rugs cleaned and relayed. George W. Douglas, 225 So. Riverside. Phone 906-L. 146

WANTED—To buy straw in stack. H. W. Bingham. Phone 597J3.

WANTED—20 or 30 acres of good farm or orchard land, improved or not. John Sherman, 412 S. King St., Medford.

WANTED—5000 pounds of poultry weekly. We assure you fair treatment and highest prices in the city. Get our trade and cash prices. Warner, Wartman & Gore.

WANTED—Bring us your eggs and Poultry. We pay cash. Medford Poultry and Egg Co.

WANTED—To trade 3-in. Mitchell wagon for 3 1/2-in. G. M. Loomis, Ross Lane. 147

WANTED—Movers to move. Phone 488-M. or 488-X.

WANTED—Separator man for threshing outfit. Apply H. W. Bingham. Phone 597-J3.

WANTED—To buy 10 to 15 acres of corn for silo. H. W. Bingham. Phone 597-J3.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK FOR SALE—Six milk cows, trio registered Berkshire hogs, hound, two sows. Phone 127, Central Point. 146

FOR SALE—Good team, 2400. Ed. M. White. Phone 594.

FOR SALE—Miscellaneous FOR SALE—Used Ford for sale—an automobile—not junk. Call 44 Quince St., after 5:30 p. m. 144

FOR SALE—Fancy early Crawford peaches, 1c pound at orchard. Phone 134-R. or 42.

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT—Farms and stock ranches, garden land. Gold Ray Realty Co.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALE—Well established paying automobile business. Box 75, Mail Tribune. 147*

LOST LOST—Pair ice tons on Hillcrest road. Reward if returned to Mail Tribune. 143

LOST—Gold swastika pin. Ed St. Charles engraved. Return to Mail Tribune. 143

FARM LOANS. AMORTIZATION PLAN—5 to 40 years, 5 per cent; 4 per cent on deposits convertible into 4 1/2 per cent farm loan bonds; \$250,000 in bonds sold weekly and money paid farmers. E. H. Hurd, Sec.-Treas. National Farm Loans Association, Garnett-Corey Building, Medford.

MONEY TO LOAN MONEY TO LOAN—On good security. Phone 647-J. J. B. Andrews, Medford Business College Bldg., Room 2.

MONEY TO LOAN—From \$1000 to \$5000 on hand to loan at 7 per cent, on good farm security. Earl Tummy, 210 Garnett-Corey Bldg. 147*

MONEY TO LOAN—Money to loan on Medford property. Easy monthly payments. See D. R. Wood.

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A. E. REAMES—Lawyer, Garnett Corey Bldg.

Accountant E. M. WILSON—Certified Public Accountant, room 411, M. F. & H. Bldg., Medford, Oregon.

Auto Supplies LAHER SPRING CO. LAHER AUTO SPRING CO.—We are operating the largest, oldest and best equipped plant in the Pacific northwest. Use our springs when others fail. Sold under written guarantee. 34 North Fifteenth St., Portland, Ore.

Collections COLLECTIONS AND REPORTS—We collect some accounts 14 years old. We know how to get the money. The Bullock Mercantile Agency, Inc., Rooms 1, 2, 3, Haskin's Bldg., 216 E. Main st.

Dentists DR. T. T. SHAW—Dentist, Over Daniels Clothing Store in rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Jones, Phone 832-Y.

Engineer and Contractor FRED N. CUMMINGS—Engineer and contractor, 404 M. F. & H. Bldg. Surveys, estimates, irrigation drainage, orchard and land improvement.

Garbage GARBAGE—Got your premises cleaned up for the summer. Call on the city garbage wagons for good service. Phone 374-L. F. Y. Allen.

Instruction in Music FRED ALTON HAIGHT—Teacher of piano and harmony. Haight Music Studio, 401 Garnett-Corey Bldg., Phone 73.

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Physicians and Surgeons DR. W. W. HOWARD—Osteopathic physician, 303 Garnett-Corey building. Phone 159.

DR. J. J. EMMENS—Physician and surgeon. Practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat. Eyes scientifically tested and glasses supplied. Oculist and Aurist for S. P. R. Co. Offices M. F. & H. Co. Bldg., opposite P. O. Phone 687.

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INTERURBAN AUTOCAR CO. TIME CARD. Leave Medford for Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix daily, except Sunday, at 8:00 a. m., 1:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday at 10:15 p. m. Sundays leave at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and 1:00, 2:00, 5:30 and 9:30 p. m. Leave Ashland for Medford daily, except Sunday, at 9:00 a. m., 1:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday nights at 9:30. Sundays leave Ashland at 9:00 a. m. and 10:30 a. m., 1:00, 4:30, 6:30, and 10:30 p. m.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Miss Mary Truax, who is employed in the courthouse at Jacksonville, spent Sunday and Monday with her parents in Gold Hill.

Miss Lull of Central Point was at Gold Hill a short time Sunday evening. She is the new teacher for the Dardenelles district, which will start the 7th.

David Brown of Kansas creek was transacting business in Gold Hill on Tuesday.

Mrs. Trimble and Mary Trimble were Gold Hill visitors Tuesday from Upper Sams valley. They expect to move to Gold Hill in the near future. As Mr. Trimble has secured employment at the cement plant, which commenced operations Monday morning with 15 men, with the expectation to constantly increase the force.

Mr. Davies, associated with Mr. Stone in the Sylvanite mine, three miles north of town, is spending some time hereabouts.

Mrs. Eva Newton, who has been visiting in Medford at the home of Ed Henselman, returned to her home in this city Tuesday evening. Mr. and

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