

Snowbound Cattle Rescued by Owner

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Nov. 13.—Hundreds of head of cattle, trapped on the mountain ranges of Nevada, Sierra, Placer and Eldora-

do counties by the early snows, have virtually all been rescued, this being made possible by the cessation of the storms following the big storm of October 16.

In many cases the cattle were driven out through two and three feet of snow, the cattlemen breaking trails with horses. Whole bands

of cattle were nearly starved when they reached the low altitudes. The stockmen report that deer were also trapped in the high altitudes by the early snows. Following the instinct of their kind, they gathered in bands of 10 or 15 and forced their way through the deep snow to the lower valleys.

LUMBER CUT IS ACCUMULATING MILLS REPORT

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Largely liquidating stocks at less than cost, Associated mills sold 54,019,395 feet of lumber the week ending November 6th.

The volume of sales was heavily under normal, due to continued restricted buying in competitive territory east of the Mississippi river.

Railroad purchasing, which has been active since the decline in prices, represented 25 per cent of the week's sales.

California continued fairly active in both water and rail business, with indications, however, that California requirements will soon be satisfied.

The unshipped balance of orders for rail delivery, including railroad business, is now down to 3531 carloads.

In the domestic cargo trade, the unshipped balance is 115,110,051 feet; in export, 22,022,944 feet.

Production at 66,929,693 feet was approximately 20 per cent below normal.

With the output of lumber exceeding both sales and shipments, stocks are accumulating, notwithstanding mill efforts to liquidate. This accumulation largely consists of side cut developed in filling railroad specifications.

Shipments for the week under review amounted to 50,388,719 feet, including both rail and water movement.

Enlist Fast for Service in Germany

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—So great was the rush of recruits for service in Germany when enlistments were thrown open on November 1 that before telegrams discontinuing acceptances could go out from Major General P. G. Harris, the adjutant general of the army, to army recruiting officers throughout the country, twice the number of men desired had enrolled. There were 200 infantry vacancies, and in six hours 250 had enlisted, but before they could be stopped, 333 had joined. For the 56 vacancies in other branches, 90 men got in under the wire before they could be held up from Washington, a total of 423.

Sage Brush Lands Growing Big Crops

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Nov. 15.—A farm crops system that will greatly increase the productive capacity of central Oregon sage brush lands is being worked out at the Harney county branch experiment station by Obil Shattuck, superintendent. Yields of 50 to 85 bushels of wheat per acre, with abundant yields of oats, field peas, alfalfa and sunflowers, were obtained from practical irrigation this season. Production of a volume of feeds for wintering enlarged and improved herds that summer on the range, will increase profits and reduce losses and hazards, adding to the prosperity of the region and the state, says James T. Jardine, director of experiment stations.

Cigars Are Gone; Belgium Holds Sack

PARIS, Oct. 28.—(By Mail)—The Belgian government has just presented to the league of nations a bill for cigars amounting to 50,000 francs. The bill says: "These cigars were smoked or carried off by members of the various delegations at the Spa conference."

That conference was held in July and was attended by members of the supreme council and representatives of the German government.

The secretary of the league of nations has announced that it is short of money and moreover it refuses to take over the debts of the supreme council.

The Belgium government argues that the Spa conference formed part of the "operations" of the league of nations.

Bill remains unpaid. The league of nations assembly will hold its first meeting at Geneva, November 15.

STUDYING TEREDO

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The teredo, a worm which eats into piles of wharves and ship bottoms, is being given a scientific study by representatives of the United States government and others interested in the problem. Paul G. Redington, district forester; C. L. Hill of the United States forest service and T. G. Townsend from the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., left on a war department boat recently to make a study of the teredoes around San Francisco bay.

The project is part of a general survey being made of the teredo by the United States forest service and the American wood preservers' association.

SWEDEN FACES HARD WINTER

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28.—(By Mail)—Prospects for the coming winter are regarded by many Swedish business men as anything but bright at present.

After the war blockade was lifted, the country became flooded with American and English produce, chiefly textiles, foodstuffs, and automobiles. As a result, the dollar rate soared from 3.20 kroner to nearly 6. The importation of foreign foodstuffs soon ceased, but textiles and automobiles are still pouring into the country at such a rate that an embargo upon their importation is being seriously considered.

The overflow has thrown thousands of Swedish workers out of employment. The great mills at Norrköping and Borås have been working only four days weekly since August and they are now preparing a general dismissal of their employees.

High wages, and the operation of the eight-hour day which has been enforced here for a year, are blamed in some quarters for this state of affairs.

Swedish manufacturers, especially of iron and steel, are no longer able to compete with the foreign-made articles. For a time, plants have been accumulating stocks, but signs abound that this has reached its limits. A strike in the building trade has lasted for nearly a year and the housing problem has become so acute that to rent a flat in Stockholm or in any of the big Swedish centers is well nigh impossible.

With all this, the workers continue agitating for still higher wages and shorter hours. The elections last September resulted in disapproval of the socialist regime and the present socialist government is said to be anxious to relinquish.

BUILDING PORK ROAD

VISALIA, Cal., Nov. 15.—Voicing the opinion that state work upon the proposed new concrete highway into the Giant forest, Sequoia national park, cannot be started before at least another year, the supervisors of Tulare county have taken steps looking to the complete rebuilding of that portion of the road between Three rivers and the park gate, where government road begins. This stretch has been very poor in recent years. An entirely new grade will be chosen by crossing the North Fork of the Kaweah to the opposite side of the canyon. The county work will not include paving.

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