

# IDLE LANDS OF AMERICA INCREASING

Timber depletion has now reached a point in this country where three-fifths of the primeval forests are gone and where 91 per cent of the timber that is left is west of the Great Plains, Col. W. B. Greeley, Chief Forester, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, recently told the members of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Liberal use of American forests was a necessary part of the commercial growth of this Nation. Col. Greeley believes, but reforestation should have been practiced if not from the start, at least in late years. There is an abundant area of forest land in this country to support all industries, and a liberal supply of wood is most necessary to the people of this country. It was thought that, like the European countries, we would use, when our civilization was older, but one-third or one-half as much wood per capita as we did in the early days. But this rule does not affect the American people. The older the States and communities in this country grow the more timber they seem to require in one form or another.

### Demands for Timber Continue to Grow

Many substitutes have been devised for wood, and yet the great demand of the country for timber continues to grow. More wood is used in construction today than before the discovery of concrete, and more wood is used in building railway cars than before the steel or part-steel car was developed. This is apparently true in nearly every industry.

Abundant and widely distributed forests have meant to the United States homes for the masses of the people beyond the standards of any other nation. They have placed newspapers and magazines on the average family table. They have contributed largely to social and industrial conditions which promote democracy and constructive energy rather than discontent and destructive social forces bred by hard and comfortless conditions of life.

The idleness of 81,000,000 acres of forest land, an area increased by 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 acres annually, destructive logging, and still more destructive forest fires are the factors at work to increase the timber shortage.

### Forest Land Enough If Kept Growing Trees

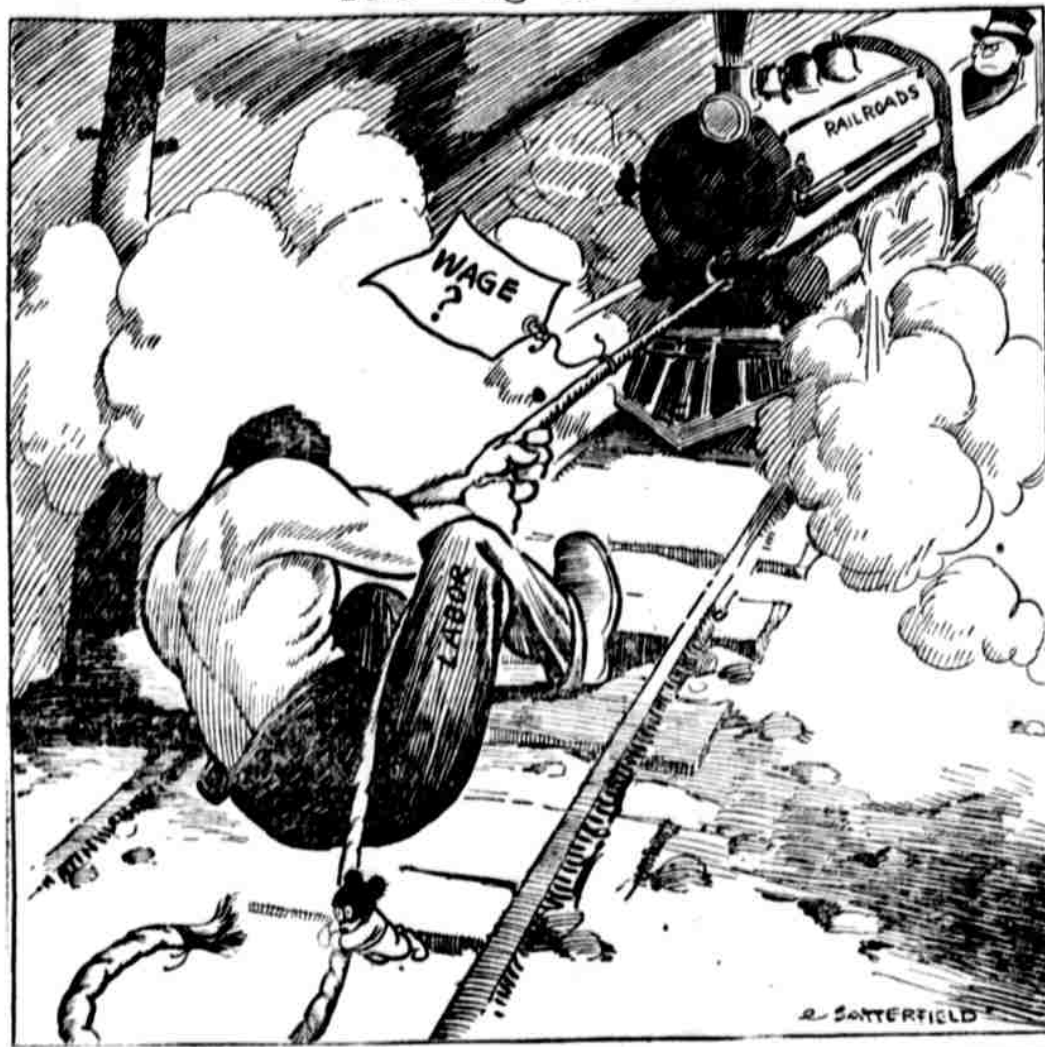
The exhaustion of American timber has not come about because the forests have been used so freely but because of the failure to use forest-growing land. In a nutshell, the problem is that the United States is cutting wood out of its forests three or four times as fast as it is being grown. Much of the land on which timber stands or has been cut off will always be forest land. It is ample to grow all the wood needed for the use of the people of this country and for export trade in lumber and products manufactured from lumber, if the land can be kept at work growing trees. Timber for the future is simply a matter of putting idle land to work.

A surprising amount of reforestation has come about by chance, but it is manifestly impossible to depend on chance for adequate reforestation of much of our cut-over lands. As lumber is a public utility, it seems wise for the Federal Government to acquire as many acres of forest as possible and administer it nationally; yet for the Government to acquire all the forest land in the United States is impossible. Over three-fourths of it is now in private hands, and a large proportion necessarily must remain under private ownership.

Every reasonable encouragement should be given to the land-owner to grow timber on his own account in the ways best suited to his own purposes, but by some means or other the public must see to it that forest lands not needed for agriculture do not lie idle. The regulations imposed must be reasonable and equitable. Obviously the owner of the land can not do it all. The public must aid him in overcoming the hazard of forest fires and must recognize that the present methods of taxing forests in many regions are equivalent to taxing a farm crop twice a week during the growing season.

To grow timber on the average tract of land, doing it as a public utility, three things must be done. The owner must be given the benefit of a moderate tax while his crop of timber is being grown; it must be protected from forest fires due to the negligence of his neighbor or the negligence of the community; and he must be required to employ

## The Tug of War



### Will Remove Bodies Of Soldier Dead From France May 1

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Work in the actual exhumation of bodies of the soldier dead interred in the Suresnes Cemetery, Belleau Wood Cemetery, and the Argonne Cemetery will begin after May 1, next. Only those bodies from these cemeteries will be removed to this country where requests for their return have been filed with the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C. These cemeteries, together with the Flanders Field Cemetery at Bouvy, Department of the Army, have been designated as permanent American cemeteries for the interment of the dead not to be returned to this country. This will in no way affect the previous requests of relatives for the return of remains to this country either for private burial or burial in national cemeteries.

Major General H. L. Rogers, The Quartermaster General, announced today:

"Preparations are now being made to begin work in early summer. The necessary supplies and labor are being concentrated near these cemeteries, and the Department expects the work to be greatly expedited when exhumations begin. The relatives of the American soldier dead have been very patient in waiting for the return of the remains of their loved ones. The War Department has sought at all times to acquaint them with the magnitude of the task as well as the many difficult and unforeseen obstacles that were and are being confronted in this task."

### DORRIS PERSONALS

DORIS, Cal., April 13.—B. K. Collier, attorney at Yreka, was a visitor here yesterday on business while enroute to Klamath Falls.

The interest owned by C. H. Norman in the pool room next to the Star Theater has been purchased by Henry Jaekel of Dunsuir. Mr. Jaekel is a brother-in-law of Murray Goodrich, the other partner.

Frank M. Jones of Klamath Falls is hauling the huge transformers from the Dorris power station to Klamath by way of Merrill, using a Mack truck. The transformers, which weigh eight tons apiece, are being replaced by larger ones.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS KILL

182, WASHINGTON, 1920. SPOKANE, Wash. April 13.—During the year 1920 there were 182 people killed in automobile accidents in the State of Washington, according to figures compiled by the Spokane police department. Of these 14 deaths occurred in Spokane. An intensive campaign to reduce the number of automobile accidents here is now under way.

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Bernard Shaw has informed the theaters of the European Continent that he will not consent to the production of his plays there as it is not worth while financially because of the present rate of exchange.

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**TIMBER WORKERS SEEK MEMBERS AT WEED**  
WEED, April 13.—An effort is being made to reorganize the Weed local of the Timberworkers' Union. Practically every employe of the company in Weed has been approached and solicited to join the union. No attempt is being made at present to enroll the employes in the logging camps. Shortly after the union was organized, about 18 months ago, practically all employes of the com-

pany were employes of the company were members. However, at present scarcely 25 per cent are members. The union was considerably weakened recently, when following strike agitation, about 50 of their members, including two of the principal officers, were discharged by the Weed Lumber company. A GROUND HOG CASE You've got the money; I've got the furniture. Let's swap. PERKINS FURNITURE HOUSE "The Furnisher of Happy Homes" 177

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### SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE Insurance Company.

of Milwaukee, in the state of Wisconsin, on the thirty-first day of December, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Capital.  
Amount of Capital Stock paid up—Purely mutual.

Income.	Year 1920.
Premiums	\$ 72,013,990.39
Interest	21,250,062.01
Rents	377,111.92
Consideration for installment loans on real estate mortgages	1,873,054.09
All other income	570,003.48
Total income	\$ 97,012,756.99

Disbursements.

Death claims	\$ 18,763,858.49
Matured endowments	8,277,828.61
Annuitants	2,000,062.23
Surrendered policies	7,136,790.64
Dividends to policyholders	16,182,632.96
Disability claims	2,132.29
Total paid policyholders	\$ 50,671,706.07
Taxes	1,997,392.81
Commissions to agents	9,480,123.43
Medical examinations, etc.	48,983.85
Compensation of officers, trustees and home office employees	1,534,885.81
Rent for occupancy of home office	281,062.63
All other disbursements	2,369,860.53
Total disbursements	\$ 66,780,215.11

Assets. Dec. 31, 1920.

Real-estate (including home office)	\$ 3,871,857.33
Loans on real estate mortgages	212,542,119.89
Loans on policies as collateral	64,007,074.88
Premium notes and automatic premium loans	1,610,606.80
U. S. A. bonds, amortized	300.50
U. S. A. certificates of indebtedness	46,701,567.63
Other bonds, amortized value	1,200,000.00
Stocks, market value	124,309,498.87
Cash on hand and in banks	301,129.09
Interest and rents due and accrued	3,240,808.14
Due and deferred premiums	7,423,824.85
Assets not admitted—deducted	6,827,794.87
Total admitted assets	\$ 472,093,381.90

Liabilities.

Reserve required by law to be held on the company's policies	\$ 415,323,325.00
Reserve for annuities and special contracts	2,509,855.00
Reserve for not due installments and endowments, unadjusted, etc.	9,773,932.00
Estimated amount of losses payable in 1921	1,040,750.19
Unpaid accounts, medical fees, commissions, etc.	537,034.04
Dividends due and in course of payment	852,287.90
Deferred dividends payable in 1921 and thereafter	831,443.97
Annual dividends payable in 1921	18,083,000.00
Other dividend accounts	349,743.43
Reserve for Taxes in Dispute	500,000.00
Reserve for contingencies	20,734,408.80
Total liabilities	\$ 472,093,381.90

1920 figures include \$1,100,074.94 for death losses incurred for which no proofs have been received.

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Gross premiums received during the year	\$703,186.14
Premiums surrendered during the year	209,633.27
Loans and matured endowments paid during the year	374,854.00

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Capital.  
Amount of capital stock paid up

Income.	Year 1920.
Total premium income for the year	\$11,400,760.01
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	4,100,708.20
Income from other sources received during the year	716,318.53
Total income	\$16,500,076.99

Disbursements.

Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender value	\$ 4,700,002.64
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	1,781,840.47
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None.
Commissions a and salaries paid during the year	1,897,155.32
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	480,197.43
Amount of all other expenditures	1,390,600.18
Total expenditures	\$ 11,000,000.45

Assets.

Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 1,939,065.82
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	34,464,078.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	37,364,632.90
Premium notes and automatic loans	10,410,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	556,723.45
Loans uncollected and deferred premiums	1,406,428.24
Interest and rents due and accrued	1,778,979.50
Other assets (net)	250,070.83
Total admitted assets	\$90,558,733.60

Liabilities.

Net reserves	\$80,109,073.76
Gross claims for losses unpaid	441,073.34
All other liabilities	2,408,586.50
Unassigned funds	1,500,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$84,558,733.60

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 77,372.38
Premiums and dividends received during the year	7,772.41
Loans paid during the year	20,000.00

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