

## STATEMENT BY LOCAL LUMBER FIRMS ISSUED

### Economic Conditions Held Reason for Lowering Operating Costs

The following official statement today was issued by local lumber firms:

There have been numerous requests for a statement of the employers' position in the present lumber situation, and knowing no way to meet this request except to formulate a joint statement, representatives of the Ewauna Box company, Pelican Bay Lumber company, Growers' Packing and Warehousing association, Big Lakes Box company, Associated Box company, and the Dorris Lumber and Box company, today signified their approval of the following article. Officials of the Algoma Lumber company, Klamath Lumber & Box company and the Lamm Lumber company are out of the city.

**General Economic Conditions.**  
There can be no denial that certain economic facts exist today. The entire world is practically broke, exchange rates have become such that America practically has no market for her production; farmers, business men, merchants, bankers and producers have been under the severest strain. The only thing that has prevented a panic of the greatest magnitude yet known has been our Federal reserve banking system. Buying has been almost at a standstill, because people did not have the money with which to buy, and because they retained what little money they might have had to spend; demanding that commodities of all kinds decrease in price. The orgy of spending, which the war brought on, came to a very sudden stop, and with the cessation of buying there occurred a tumbling of prices. These deflations were a very severe strain upon the resources of everyone engaged in business. The backbone of the country is its annual harvest. It was thought and hoped that buying would begin this spring in anticipation of good harvests, but this hope is lost, and it is now conceded by the best posted economists that it will take the harvest of 1922 to clear up the old debts, and that a business revival cannot be expected in a buying wave before the harvests of 1923 are in sight. Heavy taxes have been an instrument in preventing quicker price and business adjustments. The lumber market has kept company with other commodities and has been stagnant in demand for the past year and constantly shrinking in price in most grades, especially common and box.

### POTATO DAMAGE HUGE

Fields of State Badly Inured Due to Freezing Without Snow

PORTLAND, March 22.—Damage to undug fields of potatoes in Oregon during the past winter has been the most severe of recent years, according to reports to the bureau of markets and crop estimates of the department of agriculture. This was due to freezing without snow covering. Reports from the central and eastern parts of the state say there has been some loss from freezing in the pits.

The total Oregon crop has been estimated at about 76 per cent of the production of 1920. Carload shipments to March 1, 1922 are reported at 82 per cent of the carload shipment for the same period last year. Replies to the schedule of inquiry in the state of Oregon indicated that about 75 percent of the 1921 crop would be moved from the farms where produced; that about 60 percent of the crop had been moved by March 1, 1922; that perhaps 5 percent of the crop was in dealer's hands, and about 40 per cent still in the hands of growers.

### COYOTES HAVE RABIES

Examination Made of Head Sent to Salem by Swan Lake Man

That coyotes of this section are afflicted with rabies became certain yesterday when a report was received by the farm bureau from Salem showing that a coyote killed by Fred C. Coleman at Swan Lake recently, after the animal had attempted to enter the house, was diseased. The head of the coyote had been sent for examination.

E. H. Thomas, county agent, said numerous reports of rabies had been received, and that now when the stock is bunched the mad coyotes are more dangerous than during the later season. He said that if ranchers would make concerted effort to poison the beasts that their depredations could be largely stamped out.

### New Use for Radio Found

Listen in on Phone Talk

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 22.—Albert E. Proffitt, discoverer of a new link between the radio and the telephone, by which he can listen in on neighbor's telephone lines, demonstrated its efficiency when he and a newspaper man heard a Pawtucket swain in a supposed conversation with the Providence lady of his choice and listened to two women discussing a dress worn by a newlywed at church.

The receiving set used by Proffitt is located in the attic of his home. A short aerial attached to twenty-five foot poles on the roof are used. The apparatus is of the four step audio frequency amplifier circuit type, home made, with modifications.

## IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY TO HOLD FORBIDDEN MEET IN DUBLIN ON SUNDAY

DUBLIN, March 22.—The Irish republican army convention, the holding of which was recently forbidden, will be held in Dublin Sunday, according to announcement today. An officer said 80 per cent of the army believe the Irish republic has been false to the republican oath by agreeing to remain within the British empire.

## IMPERIAL TROOPS MAY BE CALLED TO ULSTER FRONTIER

Move Is Considered by House of Commons; Firing by Snipers Still Continues

LONDON, March 22.—The British government may have to consider whether it may be possible to throw a cordon of imperial troops between the warring elements on the Ulster frontier, Winston Churchill, colonial secretary stated in the house of commons today.

## BELFAST, March 22.—Desultory firing continued from the free state side of border, and along the frontier counties of Tyrone and Monaghan, most of snipers in houses inside the boundary line, according to reports from the border today.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—A flood of prepared speeches for and against the four power Pacific treaty were loosed today in the senate as the period for unlimited debate came to an end under the agreement for a final ratification vote Friday.

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## TOURIST HORDE IS DUE 50,000 Automobiles Will Enter Oregon This Year, Bureau Estimates

EUGENE, March 22.—Fifty thousand automobiles carrying at least 200,000 visitors will enter Oregon this year, it is estimated by Herbert Cuthbert, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association who has recently conferred with officials of the automobile club of southern California, and bases his statement on their figures.

Oregon's new highway system will be a great aid in drawing tourists from the south. The Pacific highway, from Portland to the California line, will be entirely paved this year, it is stated, and other highways, leading to the state's scenic spots and cutting places are well under way, and many of them are nearing completion.

## EGG AGENCY FORMED

Single Association Will Attend to Eastern Marketing

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Eggs from the Pacific coast will be marketed in the east hereafter by a single agency instead of five producers' associations acting independently.

A new association of Pacific egg producers has been organized as a result of an agreement between various organizations in Washington, California and Oregon, including the Pacific co-operative poultry producers of Portland, according to announcement made here.

## MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, March 22.—Livestock, eggs and butter steady. Wheat \$1.24 to \$1.27.

## PACT SPEECHES FLOOD SENATE AS TIME ENDS

### La Follette and Walsh Attack Treaty; Is Upheld by Pomerene

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## SPECTACULAR FIRE DESTROYS CEREAL MILLS IN PORTLAND

Large Quantity of Wheat and Flour Are Destroyed; Firemen Work Under Difficulties

PORTLAND, March 22.—A spectacular fire swept the top stories of the Olympic cereal mills, on the east side of the Willamette river, here today.

The huge concrete structure became a seething furnace. The firemen had difficulty in reaching the flames because of their height from the ground.

Big stocks of wheat and flour were destroyed. Estimates placed the loss at from \$225,000 to \$250,000.

## MEDFORD MAN ARMED

J. F. Hale Takes no Chances or Repetition of Abduction

MEDFORD, March 22.—Armed with a Winchester and accompanied by a body guard, J. F. Hale, business man of this city, who last Friday night was abducted and threatened with lynching by a party of masked men, is taking no chances on a repetition of the affair.

Hale carried the rifle with him on two occasions while on his way to breakfast in a local restaurant. It rested close by his side ready for instant use.

The KuKlux Klan has made public denial of participation in the affair, saying that the order stood for law and order, and has never given its approval to such outrages. It was pointed out that only two official klan robes were in Medford, both of which belonged to the kleagles.

## PLANES CARRY BOOZE

Federal Agents to Investigate Reports of Smuggling

SEATTLE, March 22.—Federal customs agents today began investigation of reports that airplanes have been operating between Victoria B. C., and Seattle, smuggling liquor and narcotics. Millard T. Hartson, United States collector of customs here, announced.

One seaplane was seen near Fort Casey, Wash., by members of the coast guard, a rancher and soldiers, according to a report reaching Hartson.

## U. OF O. GLEE CLUB WILL NOT APPEAR IN THIS CITY

Owing to general conditions, the University of Oregon glee club will not come here, as was recently announced, according to John Houston, who had arranged for its appearance here.

## BRIBE CHARGE MADE AGAINST GOV. ROBERTSON

Warrant Issued for Arrest; Bank Examiner Also Is Indicted

OKMULGEE, Okla., March 22.—A joint indictment charging Governor Robertson and former banking commissioner Dennis with accepting a bribe to permit the Guaranty State bank to continue business after it had been found insolvent, was returned by the grand jury today. The sheriff has a warrant for the governor's arrest.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEW ORGANIZATION PROPOSED BY C. OF C.

Purpose Would Be to Gain United Action on Matters of General Interest

A central bureau consisting of the heads of elected representatives of the several local organizations will shortly be formed if the plans announced by the chamber of commerce meet with the approval of the different civic and trade bodies.

The purpose of the bureau is to furnish the machinery whereby united action could be taken by them upon matters affecting the general community when such action was considered desirable and necessary. Officials of the chamber announced that it was another step toward solidifying the different elements of the community, and in line with the recently adopted policy of creating a spirit of harmony which would prevent so many news articles in the outside press about local disputes and lack of team work.

The plan was not copied after any particular community, but was formulated to meet the problems of Klamath county. It is believed by the directors of the chamber that such a body will co-ordinate the efforts of the allied organizations and prevent duplication of effort, save time and insure success.

The following organizations will be asked to participate in the organization of the community council, which will be composed of either the elected heads or appointed representatives:

Chamber of commerce, farm bureau, sportsman's association, county judge, mayor of Klamath Falls, irrigation district, American legion, women's auxiliary of chamber of commerce, automobile association, central labor council, library club and the Rotary club. Formal invitations will be sent to the above organizations within a few days, asking them to name delegates. Other organizations may be admitted if deemed advisable by the community council after it is formed.

## ARMY BILL APPROVED

House Provides Reduction of Army to 115,000 by July 1

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—The house today, approved the army appropriation bill providing a reduction of the army to 150,000 by July 1.

The house naval committee agreed to report a bill fixing the maximum authorized enlisted strength of the navy to 80,000 plus 6,000 apprentices, 10,000 less than Secretary Denby said was necessary.

## VERL G. BARNHOUSE AND MISS MILLER ARE MARRIED

Verl G. Barnhouse, an employee of the Southern Pacific, and Miss Carmel Miller, until recently secretary at the chamber of commerce, were married at 9 o'clock this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wirtz, 529 Jefferson, and left on the train for a honeymoon trip to Santa Rosa. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend A. B. Bristow of the Christian church. Friends and relatives of the couple were present.

## 9 INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Seven indictments were returned by the grand jury late yesterday afternoon, as follows:

Plymouth Storms, Earl, Floyd, Percy, Claud and Freddie Haskins on a charge of burglary of dwellings; Elliott Moore, assault with intent to kill George Duval; Sam Head for having liquor in his possession; Elliott Moore, Ory Summers, McKinley David and Leonard Moore for assault upon George Duval and a constable, and with threatening the life of Justice of the Peace Snook of Chiloquin; William Van Buskirk, for having liquor in his possession; Jack Haley, a negro, for issuing a check for \$25 without funds, to T. C. Turner and Manuel Rivers, and Tony Campa, larceny of articles from the dwelling of Willie Dennison.

Two secret indictments were also found. The grand jury was excused until Monday, when several other cases will be taken up.

Plymouth Storms, Floyd, Percy, Claud and Freddie Haskins, brothers, and Earl Haskins, a cousin, who were indicted by the grand jury on a charge of burglary, plead guilty and appeared in court this morning for sentence. Storms, who is thought to have previously served time in the penitentiary, was given three years; Freddie Haskins, 18 years old, was sentenced to one year in the reform school, and Earl, Floyd, Percy and Claud Haskins were given one year each in the penitentiary.

Wm. Van Buskirk furnished \$500 bonds, and was released. F. W. Van Buskirk, his father, and H. J. Winters were his bondsmen.

## MISSOURI AT FORUM

Program Under Direction of Former Residents of "Show Me" State

Missouri corn bred and Missouri buttermilk, Missouri music and Missouri talks, all composed the program at the chamber of commerce forum today which was under the direction of former residents of the "show me" state. Dr. L. D. Gass, presided.

R. H. Dunbar spoke on the manager form of city government, arguing that adoption of this form would benefit this city.

## RAILWAY MUST START

Order Issued to Eureka-Nevada Line by Public Service Commission

RENO, March 22.—The Nevada Public Service commission has notified J. M. Sexton, president of the Eureka-Nevada railroad company, that service must be immediately resumed on the line or mandamus proceedings will be initiated to enforce the obligations of the company to the public. Following the washing out of a section of the road bed, Sexton instructed that all employees be discharged and service abandoned.

## AMMUNITION SEIZED

5,000 Rounds Shipped From El Paso for Mexican Rebels

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—The seizure of 5000 rounds of rifle ammunition, shipped from El Paso to Marfa and consigned to a fictitious name, was reported at the local department of justice office today. The ammunition was intended for use in the revolution alleged to have been planned to break out in the state of Coahuila, operatives of the department said.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure shows little net change during the past 24 hours. The record upon the Cyclone-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy, shows that after a slight fall yesterday afternoon there was a rise of several points, but this afternoon it was falling again.

All of which indicates anything but settled conditions, with probabilities in favor of rain, or snow.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Cloudy unsettled weather; continued moderate temperatures. The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:

High ..... 56  
Low ..... 35

## IT'S ABOUT THE TIME OF YEAR THAT—



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