

UNITED KINGDOM EN-COURAGING FLAX GROWING
LONDON.—To encourage the growing of flax seed and flax in the United States on a commercial scale, a committee appointed by the Board of Trade has unanimously recommended that \$200,000 be made available. The development of pedigree seed is necessary, and for that purpose the flax factories at Bunford and Lopen should be acquired and controlled by the ministry of agriculture.

KING GEORGE DECIDES AGAINST ANY MORE ROYAL RESIDENCES
LONDON.—(AP)—Disregarding ancient precedent set down by Roman emperors, King George recently declined to accept a legacy of Gwyrch Castle in Wales and \$250,000 for its upkeep, bequeathed to him in trust by the Countess of Dundonald who died last year leaving an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000. Hope was expressed in the countess' will that the castle would become a permanent residence for the kings of England and for the princes of Wales, but as the bequest has been disclaimed by the ruler the property will pass, according to directions, to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem of England. The castle will be used by the order as a priory for residential and administrative purposes.

In connection with King George's refusal to receive the legacy it is recalled here that the Roman emperors, from Augustus on down the

line, vastly increased their private estates as was the custom, by means of legacies from their loyal subjects.

MUSIC MASTERS GIVE LESSONS IN FAMED ITALIAN GARDENS
ROME.—(AP)—A special music course exclusively for American students will be given this summer in the grounds of the famous Villa d'Este at Tivoli, one of the marvels of Italian landscape gardening. The course will open July 13 and continue until September 12. Among the noted instructors are Respighi, Consolo, Corti and Signorina Valeri for composition, piano, violin and singing, respectively.

Special rates have been granted on the Italian steamship line to students coming purposely for the course.

IRISH SHIPPING INTERESTS START NAVIGATION SCHOOL

DUBLIN.—A conference of ship-owners, brokers and others interested, has decided to establish a school of navigation. The private school which hitherto met this need has been closed since last February. In addition to the training of seamen and ship's officers in the subjects necessary to qualify them for certificates as master and mates, the new school is expected to provide instructions for fishermen desiring certificates as skippers and second hands, and for boys desiring to follow a sea career.

Interesting Box Plant At Niles

California Plant Makes Specialty of Cheese Boxes

An interesting box plant which devotes its entire attention to the manufacture of cheese boxes is the K. & L. Box Factory at Niles, Cal. This plant is operated by Homer E. Leach, who supplies the latter half of the abbreviated title, in conjunction with the Kraft Cheese Co., of Chicago, the largest concern of its kind in the world. One must have these few facts to appreciate just what the K. & L. plant really is.

The factory consists of a main building, which houses the machinery, approximately 80x100 feet. A shock warehouse 42x72 feet, adjoining the factor, was added last fall, as well as an additional shed 42x192 feet, south of the factory, and an unloading shed 350 feet long along the railroad siding. All factory lumber is purchased 6-4 in. thickness and random width in grades of No. 3 shop. As the lumber is unloaded from the cars it is piled on regulation dry-kiln trucks and moves as required to the rip-saw located just inside the main factory. From here the material is passed to six California cutoffs. Next the material goes to the circular resaws. Eight resaws in a battery are employed. Four of these are used for making ends and four for sides, tops and bottoms. These machines were designed by Mr. Leach and four of them are so arranged that one operator can feed two machines simultaneously.

A Marston twin band resaw completes the manufacturing equipment. Fine-gauge saws are used on all the machines to insure smooth shock. While nearly all the shock produced at K. & L. plant is pine, certain grades of cheese require spruce. The machine work on the spruce shock is also of the same high order.

Other equipment includes two Eby automatic rotary wire-tying machines, one Parker hand-tying machine, one California cleat saw, one Eby swing cut-off saw and one Hooper box printer. Reese burner and blow pipe system is employed.

The Kraft cheese factories require a wide range of sizes, the smallest being 8x6 1-2x1 1-2 and the longest shock required being 14 5-8 in. to make the 10-pound loaf box. In between these sizes are from 15 to 20 different boxes. All shock is strictly clear and shipped in wire bundles, with the exception of the smallest sizes, which are shipped in crates.

The capacity of the plant is 90,000 feet per day. The superintendent in charge of the production of this material is William La-Crone, formerly with the Mercantile Box Co., of Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Leach during the past month or two has been dividing his time between Niles and New Westminster, B. C., where he is putting in a plant similar to the one in California for the production of spruce shock exclusively.

Process of Making Wood Alcohol
Invention in Germany of a new process for the manufacture of wood alcohol, cheap enough for use as a motor spirit, may have an important influence on Northwest industries, according to Dr. H. K. Benson of the University of Washington, Seattle, department of chemistry.

By the German process, wood alcohol can be made for 18 cents per gallon, whereas the present price of wood alcohol made from wood waste is about 67 cents. The invention may encourage manufacture of wood alcohol from wood waste in the northwest. However, Dr. Benson said, cheap power is the principal requirement of the German process, and the Pacific Greater West, with its power resources, may become a center of manufacture of this product by the new method.

"Timber Growing and Logging Practice in the Douglas Fir Region" is the title of a bulletin to be issued this summer by the Forest Service. It has been prepared by T. T. Munger, director of the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment Station.

ONTARIO HAS NEARLY HALF OF AUTOMOBILES IN CANADA
OTTAWA.—(AP)—Automobiles in Canada have passed the 600,000 mark for the first time in history, the Dominion bureau of statistics Motor vehicles registered in Canada announced.

da January 1 numbered 652,121, compared with 593,323 on January 1, 1924. Ontario was the leading automobile owner among the provinces with 308,693 cars to its credit. The prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta combined accounted for 166,234 automobiles. More than 60 per cent of the cars in that area are owned in rural districts.

STARTS MANUFACTURE OF PANEL DOORS

M. & M. Woodworking Co., Portland, has added the manufacture of panel doors to its garage door plant. This has been done as a balance for its garage door business. J. A. Malarkov is president and general manager of the company.

B. C. Log Production Increases

Log production in British Columbia in 1924 was 2,549,700,181 feet, which is 28,000,000 feet greater than it was in 1923, according to figures issued by the department of lands and forests. Production in 1924 consisted of 2,208,817,000 feet of sawlogs, 23,600,000 feet of poles and pilings, 214,628 cords of shingle bolts and other cord material and 3,736,619 railway ties.

MCCLLOUD GUARDS AGAINST GLACIER FLOW

Anticipating repetition of glacier flow from Mount Shasta, army surveyors are seeking a way to protect the water supply of McCloud, Cal., from being cut off, as was the case last summer. The water company is constructing a new seven-mile system, taking water from McCloud river.

LUMBER COMPANY OPENS HOSPITAL

Standard Lumber Co., Standard, Cal., has opened a model hospital for its employees, costing \$85,000. It has 33 rooms and accommodation 24 patients at one time. A modern X-ray machine, laboratories and everything pertaining to a modern hospital, has been installed.

IRRIGATION PLANT ON FEATHER RIVER

Feather River Power Co. has completed negotiations for purchase of the Jones estate, in Plumas county, California, for the construction of a dam on Buck's creek, which will impound 110,000 acre feet of water. The cost will be \$60,000,000.

Experiment Station Name Changed

Priest River Forest Experiment station, near Missoula, Mont., has been changed to Northern Rocky Mountain Forest Experiment Station. Personnel of the bureau includes Director B. H. Weldman, H. T. Gisborne, I. T. Haig, W. G. Wahlberg, Robert Marshall, Gerhardt Kempff.

LOST—One voice, somewhere in the vicinity of Klamath Falls. It was last seen heading for the tall uncut, apparently much the worse for wear. Finder please return to The Lumberlogue office. Reward if in good condition.

"Listen, Cold Storage Mamma, you aren't fresh enough for me. I'm a boy who craves goose-pimples running up and down my spine, not icicles!"

Johnson-Clerin company, Carlton, Ore., has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are G. P. Clerin of Portland, and P. J. Johnson & Son, of Aberdeen, Wash. The company will manufacture cooperage stock. The Flora Logging Co. will supply the logs.

CANADA REPORTS GREATEST BUILDING ACTIVITY IN YEARS

WINNIPEG, Man., July 2.—Value of building construction authorized in 60 cities of the Dominion in the first three months of the year totaled \$19,672,637, the highest since 1919, a report of the bureau of statistics shows.

Permit figures for March totaled \$8,457,791, a gain of nearly \$3,000,000 over February. Reports from the cities show 1,100 permits for dwellings valued at \$6,200,000 and 1,900 permits for other buildings valued at \$2,900,000 during March.

STURDY OUTDOOR WOMEN EXCELL IN EMBROIDERY

LONDON, July 2.—The modern girl is taking a more intelligent interest in needlework than did the early Victorian, according to Mrs. Mary Antrobus, who is restorer by royal warrant of the tapestries in Holywood, Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Mrs. Antrobus acted as one of the judges at an international needlework contest here, and is considered one of the greatest authorities in Europe on these materials. Hunting women, and the girls who play hockey and tennis and take an interest in outdoor sports are, as a whole, the women who do the best embroidery today, in the opinion of Mrs. Antrobus. Needlework fulfills a side of their lives which sports do not, she says, because sports are not creative and needlework certainly is.

TAX COLLECTOR RESIGNS RATHER THAN GRIND POOR

SOUTHAMPTON, England.—(AP)—The most talked-of man in Southampton is A. G. Parry, tax collector of the South Stoneham Union, who resigned his job because of his conscience which, he said, would not permit him further to collect the high taxes which he felt were causing distress among people of the district. Mr. Parry has a wife and three children and no work in sight. His position paid \$1500 a year.

"I could not continue squeezing people for taxes," he said recently, "as I have realized for two years that when I took \$5 from many persons, it meant that they would be short of food. I understand there have been several hundred applicants for my job."

GERMAN WORKERS WARNED OF HARD LIQUOR DANKERS

BERLIN.—(AP)—That the movement for prohibition in Germany is rapidly gaining ground among the working classes is indicated by an appeal recently issued by a number of Socialist party leaders, most of who were members of the Reichstag.

The document declares that "the working class is the worst sufferer from the effects of alcoholism." It admonishes the workers to "keep alcohol away from all your meetings, sessions and demonstrations, and establish people's houses and hotels that sell no liquor. Reduce the possibility of obtaining liquor wherever you can do so, and conduct intensive educational work concerning the harm done by alcohol."

METHODIST PENSION FUND IN 1924 TOTALED MORE THAN \$3,000,000.00

CHICAGO, July 2 (AP)—There were 8,300 claimants on the pension fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1924, to which \$3,252,619 was contributed, Dr. J. B. Hingeley, corresponding secretary of the board of pensions has announced. Since 1908, when the board was organized, the annual distribution has increased \$2,446,239.

"The total received last year was \$251,349 more than in the previous year," Dr. Hingeley said. "The claimants included 3,456 retired ministers, 3,960 widows and 884 children."

"In the first quadrennium, 1900 to 1903, the total amount of pensions paid in the four years was \$1,183,000 and in the sixth quadrennium, 1920 to 1923, it was \$9,840,000."

MOSQUITOS INVADE ENGLAND

LONDON, July 3, (AP)—Britain is getting not a little alarmed over a plague of mosquitoes, and demands are being made all over the country for concerted action by local authorities against the unwelcome visitors.

In some districts on the east coast of Britain it has been found necessary to equip beds with mosquito netting. In other districts residents are already complaining bitterly of the inconvenience which has been caused by the mosquito bites.

STUDENTS MAKE CRUISE

Seventy students of the school of Forestry of Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., spent ten days during June on the Big Fall Creek watershed in the Cascade National Forest, surveying, mapping and cruising four sections of land. From data gathered, students majoring in forestry will lay out a logging plan and determine where roads, trails and logging railroads should be placed when the area is eventually logged off.

BACK TO CAMP

John Johnston and Rook McCutcheon returned to Pelican Bay camps last Monday after spending the Fourth here.

FROM PELICAN BAY

Paul Schultz spent the Fourth in town from the Pelican Bay camp.

FISHING TRIP

Mrs. W. P. McMillan and son, Will, spent Friday and Saturday of last week fishing at the head of Williamson river, returning to town Sunday evening.

SPORTS COLUMN

"Dutch" Rasquin, who helps make Weyerhaeuser Forest Products at Snoqualmie Falls, wants to know if Dempsey could beat Nurm if that dark man Willis were chasing him. "And, furthermore," asks "Dutch," after a study of the huge purses that have been offered for scraps lately, "why is it they don't put the fight news on the financial page?"

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