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## U. S. SAWMILLS CLOSING

Five thousand saw mills in the Southern States will discontinue operations within the next three years, owing to the decline in the supply of southern pine. This statement of Col. Henry Graves, Chief Forester of the United States Forest Service, is a startling reminder that the timber resources of America are not unlimited. The men who openly scoffed at the idea of such depletion occurring at all are being rudely awakened and a national forest policy is being advocated and considered with unusual interest in the United States.

The outstanding features of the forest policy recently enumerated by Col. Graves are: First, that the Federal, State and Municipal governments largely increase the area of public-owned forests either by purchase or exchange for stumpage second, that Federal aid be provided to the states which are willing to provide the necessary machinery for the protection and reproduction of the forests. The scheme also suggests that assistance be given to timberland owners who may be prepared to practice forestry on their lands.

The first and by no means the smallest, obstacle to such proposals is public apathy. A vigorous educational campaign will be necessary to undo the work of those who persistently instilled the idea into the minds of the citizens of the United States that the forests could not be exhausted. The people must be brought to realize the fallacy of such a doctrine and that only a united nation-wide effort can save a great national industry from decline.

As soon as public opinion has been aroused, a complete census of existing supplies will be necessary, for such information has never been brought together in the United States.

Canada is undoubtedly in a better position than the United States because a much larger area of her forest lands are still held under the Crown, and exploitation has not proceeded so far. American governments have postponed action so long that the outlay necessary to retrieve their position will be enormous.

Although the Union Government at Ottawa claims to have abolished patronage, it was able to find a snug berth for Sir W. R. Hearst, ex-Premier of Ontario, after the defeat of his government. It was also able to find a Senatorship for Mr. W. R. Proudfoot, opposition leader in the late Ontario House, who entered into a compact with the Hearst government whereby his life was prolonged. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Union Government also found a job for Mr. Dewit Foster, ex-M. P., of war horse fame.

The appointment of Capt. John S. Scott to the position of city auditor will give general satisfaction. Capt. Scott has served overseas with distinction and in ante-bellum days he rendered good service as a member of the City Council. He deserves well of his fellow citizens and all are glad that he has been prevailed upon to accept a civic appointment. Captain Scott is a graduate of the Belleville Business College and is well qualified for the position of city auditor.

Fourteen stalls in the St. John City Market have been sold for the year at prices ranging from \$236.50 to \$770. In addition to this, racks, shelves and commission stands brought from \$33 to \$165 each. St. John seems able to make a substantial revenue from its market building.

## MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED

(Special to the Mail.)

Paris, Jan. 21—Martial law has been proclaimed in the principal cities of Italy, as a result of the railroad strike says a Turin despatch to the Petit Parisien.

Mr. Charles K. Palmer and daughter, Miss Mary Palmer are leaving this evening on a trip to New York.

## UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE MEDAL AWARDS

Washington, Jan. 21.—A resolution providing for a Congressional investigation of the awards of the Distinguished Service Medal and other war time honors in the army passed the House today by a vote of 183 to 123. The action was taken following a bitter speech of denunciation of the awards by Representative Gallivan, Democrat, of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gallivan charged that there had been rank favoritism shown in the distribution of awards; that the Board has not only voted medals for its individual members, but in numerous instances had honored men who never had been in battle and neglected men who risked their lives every day for weeks and months. Mr. Gallivan's attack was followed by a speech of Representative De Walt, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, who not only defended the awards made, but criticized the Massachusetts member for making general charges in which no specific facts were cited.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It sometimes happens that a man knows almost as much as his son.

Lima Beane thinks it must get monotonous to the sucker to be born every minute.

If you want to see something that is really funny hunt up a photograph of yourself taken about twenty years ago.

"Elephant grey" is a popular shade for dress goods. And makes for pachyderm bills, brothers!

"Whether life is worth living or not depends a good deal upon the liver." Uh-huh! liver and stomach.

Sometimes it is a puzzle to determine what is history, what is tradition and what is allegory, but one plausible certainty is that Adam didn't originate the mother-in-law joke.

Tailors are talking of omitting pockets from men's suits. They probably figure that after a man buys a suit he won't have any use for a pocket.

Many marriages take place during leap year, but it's difficult to learn who did the proposing, the bride or groom. Brides wouldn't tell if they did, and their husbands are not mean enough.

One of the joys of life is planning a model home, but the discovery of the cost of building material and the disposition of the contractor to examine your plans and then follow his own takes some of the joy away.

## MANITOBA ALIENS ARE ORGANIZING

Winnipeg, Jan. 20.—European colonies through Manitoba are organizing to have their own candidates in the approaching Provincial election. They have been aroused to this, it is claimed by the movement to have a literary test applied to all voters in Provincial and municipal elections in Manitoba.

Donald Ross, M. P. P. for St. Clements, has data which he claims shows the European element in the Province has organized in nineteen of the forty-eight Provincial constituencies where they stand a fair chance to control and will nominate their own people for the Legislature. He has attended a number of their meetings and their literature is being circulated and their propaganda supported by the radical labor element at the Winnipeg headquarters.

The first open fight on the literary test issue opens in the Legislature next week when the amendments to the city charter, supported by the citizens' league requiring voters to be able to read and write an English sentence comes up.

Radical labor propaganda urging the European colonists to organize for political action, point out that the literary test is directed at their people. They assert if the Winnipeg charter is amended in this way the next move qualification and then a Federal Franchise Act, modeled along this line.

Mr. Ross claims to know that these European colonists are determined to hold aloof from both old parties and support only their own people.

As an evidence of their strength, Attorney General Johnson, in a speech yesterday mentioned that 42 per cent of the Manitoba School attendance was composed of foreign students.

## A JOB FOR APPRAISERS

(Special to the Mail.)

El Centro, Calif., Jan. 21—James Glassford, attorney to the estate of F. W. Myers of Calexico, announced today he is looking for appraisers of the estate, which consists entirely of six thousand gallons of whiskey. He wishes to learn the exact value and to do that, he said he thinks the appraisers will have to taste a number of samples of the liquor.

## PROHIBITION DOES NOT HURT THE REVENUE

Quebec, Jan. 20.—The prohibition law may not be all that ardent temperance advocates hoped for it; it may not be all that the moderates who voted for beer and wine thought it would be, but that it has provided a lot of work for a large body of men—detectives, agents, recorders and magistrates is evident from the figures that were given by the Provincial Treasurer yesterday afternoon in reply to a question by the leader of the opposition, Arthur Sauvé, of Two Mountains. And incidentally it has brought in to the Provincial Treasury since last May the tidy sum of \$61,767 and a few cents in fines, and increased the wine cellar holdings of the Provincial Government, at least temporarily by over 15,000 bottles of hard liquor, 2,794 gallons "drawn from the wood," 215 cases and eleven barrels, roughly speaking.

Montreal Worst Offender  
 The details of the districts where this liquor was seized, and the fines that were inflicted naturally puts Montreal, or the county of Hochelaga a long way in the lead, for the fines that have been inflicted totalled no less than \$28,320, while the liquor seized totalled 12,394 bottles in addition to 2,465 gallons of spirit.

The biggest seizure of case goods was at Chicoutimi where 93 cases of liquor were seized, while in the West Ottawa district there were 68 cases seized.

Next to Montreal Temiscouata leads in the number of bottles of liquor seized, the total being 605, while in Quebec there were 356 bottles and nine barrels of liquor seized in raids, Three Rivers being close behind with 326 bottles and 46 gallons.

## LYNX PELTS ARE BRINGING HIGH PRICES

Vancouver, Jan. 21.—Forty dollars per skin to the trappers is the present price in this province for lynx. Time was, before the war, when these soft and thick pelts brought two, three or five dollars. Still it was not entirely due to war that the increase came. People liked the skins furs catered to the liking and the demand grew strong. Also the lynx died out. They do so every ten years, and the mystery has never yet been satisfactorily explained. The lynx come and go in ten-year cycles. They go gradually and they come in the same way.

Three years ago they were down to practically nothing. There has been a slight increase since, but not until this season has the trapper received any definite information that they were back for another ten year invasion of the rabbit and partridge runs of the wilderness. The last fur sale held in Vancouver this week produced the first proof that the lynx were actually coming back. An agency received several skins taken from young lynx.

## GEN. OBREGON IN REVOLT

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 21.—Rumors are current in Mexico City that General Obregon has revolted against the Carranza government, according to a dispatch from Mexico City received today by a Mexican newspaper published here.

London, Jan. 21.—Efforts to raise some of the treasure from the ill-fated Lusitania will be made early this year.

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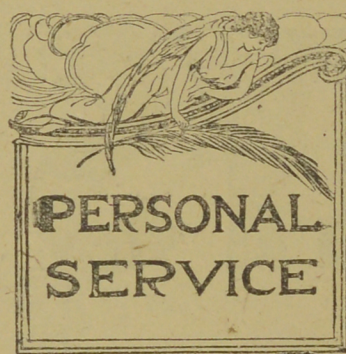
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