

## LUMBER TRUST IS NEXT IN LINE

Why do Houses and Furniture  
Cost so Much in These  
Days?

TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION.

Navy Protection for Pacific Coast Now  
Under Discussion—New Spelling  
Reform Doomed to Death.

### Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The proposed investigation of the so-called lumber trust which is called for in resolutions offered by Senator Kittredge of South Dakota and Representative Miller of Kansas City is perhaps of more general interest than any similar movement which has been set on foot since the present agitation against great combinations of capital commenced. The only investigation that approaches it in this respect was that of the alleged beef trust. A very large percentage of the people in the United States do not use any of the products of the Standard Oil company, for instance, and so are not directly interested in the prices charged by that concern, but nearly everybody eats meat, and everybody is interested in the cost of commodities said to be controlled by the lumber trust. Everybody sits in a chair and eats from a table or writes from a desk or in some other way is concerned as to whether the cost of wool manufactures is high or low. Mr. Kittredge and Mr. Miller appreciate this and are therefore of the opinion that something should be done at once. Prices are admittedly higher than in former years, and the purpose of the proposed investigation, if it is inaugurated, will be to disclose whether or not the increase is justified by conditions. Many members of congress are of the opinion that some very grave injustices will be uncovered if the matter is gone into thoroughly.

### JAPANESE SCARE PASSED.

The so-called Japanese scare seems to have passed over entirely. The legislators from California are not talking about the president's message, which they so vigorously resented at first—that is, the part of it relating to the Japanese—and those prophets who persisted in declaring that the president was negotiating a new treaty with Japan despite denials from the highest possible source have at last quieted down. But there is still an undercurrent of opinion to the effect that sooner or later we shall have trouble with Japan. When Representative Kahn of California introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the construction of submarine torpedo boats to be stationed along the Pacific coast he specifically disclaimed any thought of hostilities with Japan in the near future. Yet of course the friction over the Japanese school question in San Francisco and the general "cockiness" of the Japanese in the far west, to use a term which Californians say best describes the attitude of the Nipponese out there, were the factors which led him to introduce the bill. Diplomatically the situation is quite serene. The Japanese have been much impressed by President Roosevelt's warm expressions in his message. That is exactly the effect he wished to produce, so if there is an understanding between him and the California congressmen conditions may be said to be satisfactory all around. Still many believe it is unwise to be extreme to leave our long Pacific coast line as nearly unprotected as it is, and there are numerous evidences that authorities generally are in favor of preparing for possible war at these perilous times of peace. Instead of being in the nature of a defiance they believe that the strengthening of our west coast defenses will go further toward averting hostilities in the future than any amount of diplomacy.

### NEW SPELLING DOOMED.

The new, or simplified, form of spelling put into effect by President Roosevelt last summer is decidedly not popular in Congress, and there is little doubt that within the next few weeks both houses will act in such a way as to effectually prevent the use of the new form in official documents. Even the president's message, it appears, cannot be published with "thrush" and "thos" and "kiss" in it. Congress provides the money for government printing, and therefore, it is contended, has ample power to say what form of printing shall be observed, especially since the new method necessitates additional work, which increases the cost of all government documents in which it appears. If both houses do not accept that paragraph of the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill which stipulates that all printing shall be according to Webster, the joint committee on printing will bring in a similar provision. The paragraph in the appropriation bill might go out on a point of order, but the other would have to be voted on, and well informed members say there is no doubt of what the result would be in such an event.

### LITTLE WORK BEFORE RECESS.

Not a great deal of work will be done in the few days which intervene between this date and adjournment for the Christmas holidays. The legislative appropriation bill, which was

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reported a week ago, will have been sent over to the senate from the house when the recess is taken, but as from that little important legislation will have been enacted. The legislators will assemble again on Jan. 3 after the two weeks' holiday, and then they will have to get down to business in earnest in order to get through with what must be done before March 4.

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At yesterday afternoon's conference of the committee to arrange for the fine and fat sheep show next month, it was decided that larger quarters than had been thought necessary would have to be provided for the exhibition, owing to the increasing number of entries. It was stated that discussions at the coming meeting would cover range preservation legislation by Congress, and federal regulations, feeding and caring for sheep in transit. It is believed that 1,200 delegates will attend the convention.

The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, Jan. 17, by President Francis E. Warren, United States senator from Wyoming. Governor Cutler will deliver an address of welcome on behalf of the state, and Mayor Ezra Thompson for the city. President Charles A. Quigley, of the Commercial club, will extend the hospitality of that organization to the delegates. The afternoon session Thursday and the morning session Friday will be devoted to the business of the convention. Friday afternoon the delegates will be given a chance to inspect the sheep show at the Fair grounds, and Friday night a splendid concert will be given in their honor at the tabernacle. The two sessions Saturday will be given over to convention business. A smoker and reception at the Commercial club Saturday evening will close the convention.

Secretary George S. Walker of the National Woolgrowers' association will move his office to Salt Lake January 1, and conduct the publicity end of the convention from this city after that date. The delegates from Wyoming, New Mexico and Oregon, will have special trains.

The finance committee of the sheep show reported at the meeting Tuesday afternoon that the financial end of the show is in good shape.

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Tonight Mr. and Mrs. John Holley celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in a party at their home.

Today Miss Eleanor Silver and Robert Runswick were married in the temple, and tonight a reception will take place at the home of the bride.

Miss Mary Holliday was surprised last night by her Sunday school class, who gathered at her home and spent an enjoyable social time prior to her departure from the city, presenting her with a beautiful book.

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## EXTRACTING THE COLOR FROM SILK.

Counsel J. I. Brittain of Kehl, advises that an article recently published in the Strasburg Post mentions a discovery said to have been made by a chemist and engineer of St. Etienne by which the color may be taken out of silk, and it may be colored in any desired tint, without in any way injuring its texture. The article goes on to state that in case the inventor can do what he promises it will almost revolutionize the silk industry, and entirely do away with the danger of injuring silks through coloring by means of too strong chemicals, which eat the fabric. It further states in the article that such a discovery would furnish work for years upon silks faded or discolored. At the present time these silks are a great loss to merchants and manufacturers. By the new process all old silks could be recolored and made as attractive as any new silk.

## EXHORTANT PREMIUMS.

"What would you think of a 99 per cent premium?" said an insurance agent. "A premium of \$99,000 on a \$100,000 policy. Hardly worth taking out eh?"

"Such a policy was once taken out, though, on a ship thought to be lost. It is a common thing, on oceanic ships, to take out policies at \$9 or \$5

or 50 per cent.  
"On the Bulgaria and the Croft, in 1899, policies at 90 per cent were taken out, and on the Adelaide Mary, even after two of her lifeboats had been picked up, a policy of 92 per cent was issued.  
"Insurance is gambling, and there is no risk the companies won't take if you'll give them odds enough."

## A CHRISTMAS COMPLIMENT.

"I am looking," she said, "for a really nice Christmas present for a young man."  
The jeweler held a silver mirror up to her pretty face.  
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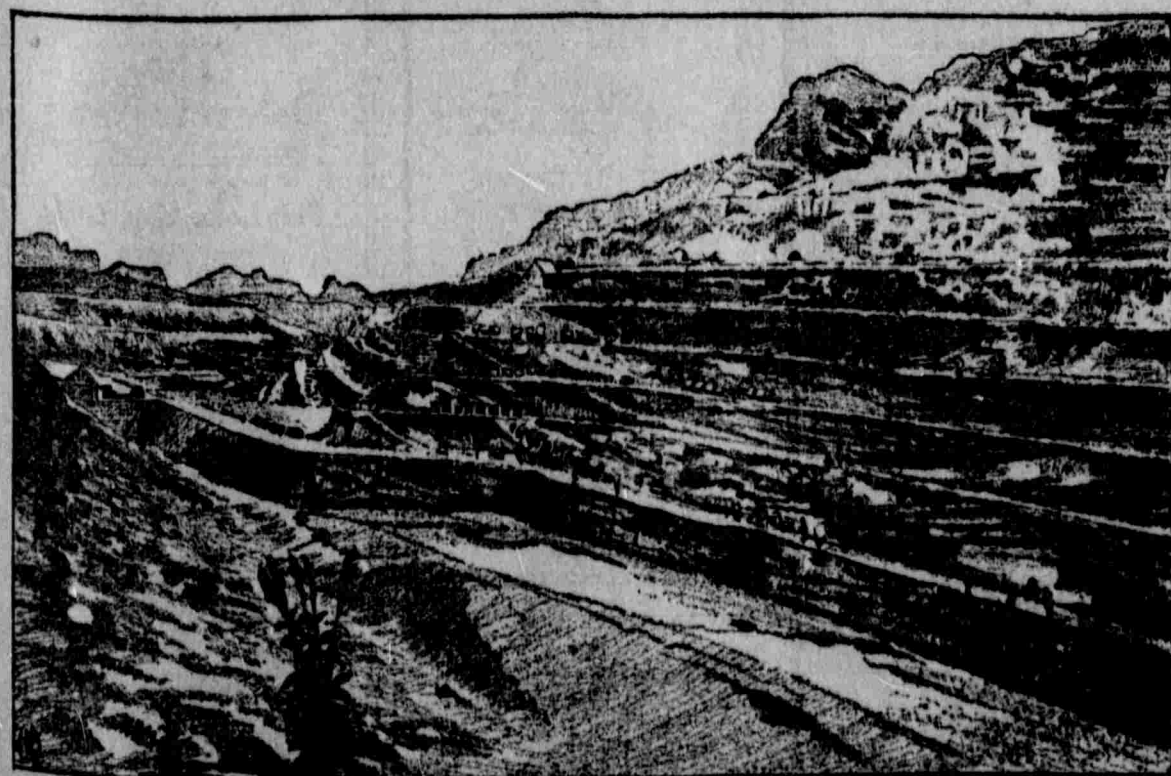
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