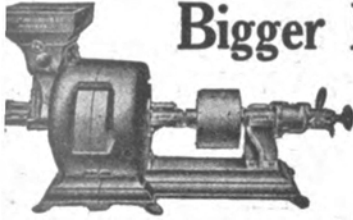


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## HAPPENINGS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

**Tells of Foreign Trade Opportunities—Lumberman Is Tennis Champion—Association's Traffic Department Files Suit Against Railroads**

### Spokane Lumber News

SPokane, WASH., Aug. 2.—While all the lumber mills of the Inland Empire have plenty of old orders to keep them busy for weeks, there is some speculation as to just what effect the higher prices that have recently been quoted will have on the building industry. Some of the lumbermen talk as tho there has been a slowing up of new orders. For a while there was such an influx of orders that every lumberman was swamped, but this onrush for building material has let up to some extent. Whether it is the increase in prices remains to be seen. Just now the lumbermen are hard pressed fighting forest fires and wrestling with the labor problems and couldn't handle any more business, but later on the higher prices may make considerable difference in the volume of business.

Lieut. John Humbird, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Humbird, has been made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor and the insignia for it has been forwarded to Col. R. M. Brambila, officer in charge of the recruiting office in Spokane. Col. Brambila, who has been appointed the representative of the French republic for this purpose, will present the decoration to Lieut. Humbird with a suitable ceremony. Lieut. Humbird is manager of the Humbird Lumber mill at Sandpoint. He already has been decorated with the French Croix de Guerre with palm and the American Distinguished Service Cross with the stars. He was in the 26th Division, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion.

Building permits for July show an increase of nearly 200 percent over July of a year ago. One hundred and twenty-two permits calling for work valued at \$184,880 were issued last month as compared with fifty permits for a value of \$52,960 for the same month a year ago. August, 1919, bids fair to excel August of last year also, as on the first day permits for work to the amount of \$83,500 were issued—and this in spite of the increased prices of lumber and other building materials. The building totals for the first seven months of 1919 have passed the \$800,000 mark, a 200 percent increase over last year.

Charles B. Sanderson, superintendent of the Milwaukee Land Co., with offices in Seattle, arrived in Spokane Thursday and will spend several days in north Idaho, where the company has vast timber holdings, to investigate fire and labor conditions in the camps operated by his company. "The lumber business is booming on the Coast and I find practically the same encouraging conditions here," said Mr. Sanderson.

L. S. Case, manager of the Weyerhaeuser Sales Co., St. Paul, was here last week conferring with Don Lawrence, Spokane manager, and Weyerhaeuser lumbermen of this district. He went on to the Coast to attend the meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association and the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association at Mount Rainier this week. He visited several of the Weyerhaeuser mills in this district.

A. W. Lammers, of the S. H. L. Lumber Co., who spends most of his time in Chicago and the middle West, is expected here in three or four weeks on an inspection trip. A. A. Beck, in charge of the Spokane office, reports the company busy getting out old orders, but says there has been a slowing up of new orders and inquiries for lumber.

The Phoenix Lumber Co., of which E. F. Cartier Van Dissel is president, has bought 1,000,000 feet of logs in the Mount View country near Valley and has let a contract to A. Evans, of Valley, to ship the logs to Spokane. It will take over a year to fill the contract.

According to word from Potlatch, Idaho, the Potlatch Lumber Co., of which A. W. Laird is general manager, has closed down the night shift in the sawmill on account of sending men to the woods to fight fires and also on account of the scarcity of logs.

The Musser Lumber Co., of Spokane, is building a sawmill at Jump Off Joe Lake about 2 miles east of Valley in Stevens County north of Spokane. The company has large timber holdings in that vicinity and will saw its own logs.

Louis M. Pratt, of the Davenport-Peters Co., Boston, large eastern wholesaler, has been in Spokane several days this week looking over the lumber situation and visiting several of the larger lumber concerns here.

Thomas Updegrass, jr., of the Merston-Eddy-Parker Lumber Co., Philadelphia, is spending his vacation inspecting mills of the Northwest. He spent several days in Spokane and the Inland Empire this week.

The Ross sawmill, operating near Chewelah in Stevens County north of Spokane, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The mill and lumber are a total loss.

W. W. Dickey, of the West Virginia Lumber Co., Pittsburgh, was a Spokane visitor, spending several days in this vicinity this week.

Edward D. Dake, prominent lumberman of Muskegon, Mich., called on several Spokane lumbermen during the last few days.

### Says Coast May Enter Export Trade

SPokane, WASH., Aug. 2.—"Inland Empire lumber manufacturers may immediately get into the export business if they choose to do so," said J. M. Campbell, formerly of Spokane, now of New York and Seattle, a member of the American Corporation Exporters. He and Mrs. Campbell spent Monday of this week in Spokane on their way to Seattle.

"About everything made in the Spokane country can be exported," said Mr. Campbell. "We have orders for boxes, mine timbers and other lumber products, for

railroad ties, paper etc. If the Shantung provision is rejected China will be the fast friend of the United States and it will be of great commercial benefit to this country.

"American goods are in demand all over the world. When I was in Chicago our company had orders for 500,000 boxes for South Africa and other countries. The box situation is peculiar, for in the Chicago district many factories are tied up by strikes. When the strike is over the packing season may be over and the plants may not have occasion to start again. Box factories in the Spokane country, I am told, are running full capacity now. When their season's run is over they may just as well continue on foreign orders. We want candle boxes, apple boxes, 'ruby' boxes, record boxes, mineral water boxes and soap boxes. Boxes made in or about Spokane, a dry climate, will ship to any place in the world, for they do not shrink.

"Mine timbers of fir and other woods are wanted in carload lots running from 50,000 feet to 2,000,000 feet. They are wanted in Melbourne, Australia, also in South Africa and other countries."

### Wins Tennis Championship

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, Aug. 2.—The Edward Rutledge Timber Co. of Coeur d'Alene, boasts of the merits of its champion tennis player, Fenimore Cady. Mr. Cady has just won the Inland Empire singles championship at Lewiston. With William H. Farnham, jr., son of William H. Farnham, who is associated with the T. J. Humbird lumber interests, Mr. Cady was runner up in the Inland Empire doubles championship this year.

Mr. Cady began playing tennis in Japan and played there until 1902, when he moved to this country. His



FENIMORE CADY, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO;  
Champion Lumberman Tennis Player

first tournament play was in 1908, when he entered the Ohio State championship at Cleveland. Since that time he has won many championships in New England up to 1916 and in the Inland Empire since 1917. For five years, up to and including last year, he ranked six-fourth among the tennis players of the United States.

Mr. Cady played on the tennis team of Phillips Exeter Academy for three years, being captain in his senior year. He played on the Amherst College team three years, being captain two years. He was runner-up in the New England singles and doubles in 1913. He won the New England intercollegiate singles in 1914. The following year he won the Columbia summer school singles. In 1916 he won the Connecticut Valley singles championship and in 1917 came to Coeur d'Alene, where he has since been with the Rutledge Timber Co.

His record in the Inland Empire tournaments follows: 1917, won Inland Empire singles and doubles championships; 1918, won Inland Empire singles, Montana State singles and was runner-up in the Idaho State singles; 1919, won Idaho State singles, won Inland Empire singles, runner-up Inland Empire doubles.

### File Damage Suits Against Railroads

SPokane, WASH., Aug. 2.—Tuesday of this week the traffic department of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association filed a number of suits against railroads for loss and damage claims. Roy Brown, manager of the traffic department, has been working up the cases and the association has retained H. C. Lust, a traffic attorney of Chicago, to conduct the suits. The suit was filed by A. L. Porter, secretary of the association.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission in its decision in Case 4844 in the matter of bills of lading held that the provision of Section 3 of the uniform bill of lading was null and void," stated Roy Brown, in discussing the coming suits. "The Federal courts held that, under the Cummins amendment to the act to

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