

# PAPER SCARCITY, CAUSE GIVEN IN FOREST REPORT

Overcentralization of Industry Responsible for Depletion Of Raw Materials—Nation Depends on Imports.

Washington, D. C., July 24.—
The fundamental cause for the present shortage of newsprint paper is the serious depletion of the forests of the Northeastern and the Lake states, where there is an over-development of the pulp and paper industries, according to a report to the senate by the forest reserve, United States Department of Agriculture. The report, which has just been made public, is one of the most comprehensive ever prepared dealing with the lumber resources of the nation.

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"Since the requirements of paper making restrict the kinds of wood that can be advantageously used in making newsprint, four species—spruce, hemlock, balsam and poplar— supplied 84 per cent of the total amount manufactured in 1917. The occurrence of these species chiefly in the Lake states and New England has led to the overcentralization of the paper-making industry

Dependent on Foreign Sources.

"Until recently, when abnormal demands, short supplies and resulting high prices led to increased newsprint production through the utilization of plants designed for and formerly used in making other kinds of paper, there has been no expansion in the newsprint industry in the United States since 1909, and we have had to import large quantities of pulpwood and paper. The demand, however, has greatly increased, and because of excessive depletion of our own resources, this country now is dependent upon foreign sources for two-thirds of its newsprint or raw material.

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Supply Still Short.

"Even with the imports the supply has been far short of the needs of the newspapers of the country in the past two years. The contract price has increased more than 200 per cent, while spot market prices are 500 per cent more than in 1915. Prior to the war the larger newspapers secured practically all of their supplies under contract, and a relatively small percentage of the total newsprint consumption was handled on a spot market basis. During the last year the larger papers have found it increasingly difficult to secure all of their supplies under contract and have been forced to secure the remainder in the open

## RUMOR OF BURIED BOOZE EXCITES THIRSTY SOULS

Rum Thought to Have Been Hidden by Old French Trappers.

Trappers.

The Pas, Man., July 24.—Rumors that 10 casks of rum, 150 years old, are buried near Cumberland house, an old Hudson bay company fur post famous in early history, have caused more excitement than the gold strike at Athapupusko lake. Many prospectors have deferred their hunt for yellow metal to search for this liquid treasure.

French wood runners and trappers in the employ of the Northwest company, then the great rival of the Hudson Bay company, visited Cumberland house on their way toward the Athabasca region in the latter part of the 18th century. They had with them the casks of run to be used in trading with Indians for furs. The Hudson Bay company claimed exclusive trapping rights in the country and disapproved the use of liquor in bartering with the natives. The Hudson Bay company men blocked the passage of the French voyageurs through the territory and turned them back. Before they began their retreat the Frenchmen buried their rum.

#### Former Cherry County Judge Drops Dead Near Valentine

Valentine, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)—F. M. Walcott, former county judge of Cherry county, dropped dead in his automobile while inspecting crops about eight miles north of town last night.

His son, Oliver, was driving the

car and summoned a doctor, who said death was instant from heart disease. The body was brought to his home here.

Judge Walcott was at one time a

law partner of Andrew Morrissey, chief justice of the state supreme court.

#### Roosevelt Formally Quits;

Washington, July 24.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice presidential candidate, today formally presented to President Wilson his resignation as assistant secretary of the navy. It is to take effect on August 9, the day on which Mr. Roosevelt will be formally notified of his nomination at his home at Hyde Park, N. Y.

### Chicago Sues Mayor for

Two Years Back Taxes
Chicago, July 24.—Cook county
today filed suit against William
Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago,
to collect \$246.05 in unpaid personal
taxes for the years 1915 and 1916.

# Clearing House Reserve

Falls Below Requirements

New York, July 24.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that the reserve held is \$4,-276,520 below legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$33,512,650.

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