CLAIM LUMBER COMPANIES SPOILING SMOKY PARK SITE

Four lumber companies, in violation of their agreements, are spoiling the Smoky Mountain National Park by "grabbing" all the fine virgin timber before the purchae of the land can be consummated by the government, according to a story in the Asheville Citizen. The story is based upon statements of the officials of the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

The report also calls attention to the work of speculators who have bought or optioned thousands of acres, "under the impression that the government would pay any price demanded for the land."

"Unless immediate action of some kind is taken by North Carolina and Tennessee to forestall the most collossal destruction of proposed public property ever perpetrated in the United States" says the Citizen story "the great Smoky Mountain National Park, when turned over to the government will be shorn of its virgin beauties,. and the only remnant of original forest in these two states will be forever destroyed, according to the testimony of agents of the Federal government who have just returned from the Park area.

"At the same time it was made known that many tracts of land in the proposed park area, some of them only small tracts, and many of them running into thousands of acres, have been bought up by speculators since the passage by Congress last spring of a bill creating the Park.

"These purchases have been made. it was stated, obviously with the intention of reaping large profits from the sale of the land to the National Park Commission. The speculators invested, it was stated, under the impression that the government would pay any price demanded for the land.

"Chairman Mark Squires stated yesterday in conversation with officials of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce that the activities of these speculators will force the Federal government and the governments of North Carolina and Tennessee to link hands in condemnation proceedings. Whether these proceedings will be undertaken at once has not yet been decided by officials.

"The agents report that every conceivable effort was made by the employes of the four lumber companies engaged in widespread activities in the area of the proposed park to prevent the Federal representatives from entering the park area, and that they were permitted to enter and complete their investigation only after giving indubitable proof of their connection with the Federal government.

"The expedition on which these startling discoveries of destruction of some of ther most beautiful timber land of the park area were made was undertaken by the Department of Interior, according to Chairman Squires, to determine just what plans the National Park Service would have to lay to create the Park assured by Act of Congress last spring.

"Certain evidences of destruction stumbled upon soon after their entry upon the 150,000 acres proposed for the Park, led the agents of the National Park Service to abandon their original purpose and to make a survey of the entire area.

"Though obstructed by employes of the lumber operators, the Federal men after several weeks of diligent tramping, found four companies at least were taking out the finest and best timber in the entire area at a most amazing rate, and with the most wanton sort of disregard for the ordinarily accepted rules of deforestation, they reported.

"Two of the companies operating are taking out only hardwood, and the other two are taking only soft, or pulp wood. Evidences of the spoilation, the Federal men report, are widespread, and of such a nature as to destroy utterly all hope of making the parts already robbed of timber a part of the glories of the proposed Park.

"The Federal men followed from one operation to another and saw evidences at a great many places of destruction of some of the oldest trees in Eastern America—trees that existed before North Carolina came into being.

"Reports state that the lumber companies in question show no signs of relenting in their destructive work. It is understood that some sort of an agreement was reached with lumber men who had options on some of this timber before the Park project was presented to Congress, to desist from any operations pending the vote of Congress. It is the understanding of men closely in touch with the Park movement that these men agreed that if the Park project should be accepted by the Federal government, they would desist entirely from operations pending such settlement of their options as a skilled jury should award.

"Instead of keeping these bargains they have proceeded relentlessly to grab all the great trees in sight, and to strip the forest without regard to the effect it may have on the proposed Park.

"Considerable alarm is felt over the existing situation because of the fact that the great Smoky Mountain National Park area contains the last remnant of original forest in North Carolina and Tennessee. Experts declare that trees are standing in this area that are older than the State itself, and that some of the finest hardwood in America is to be found in this area.

CHEVROLET EXPANSION

Preparing facilities for manufacturing 1,000 more cars per day in 1927, the Chevrolet Motor Company is proceeding rapidly with additions to its plants and equipment in the United States.

These additions are being made under the $10,000,000 expansion program announced recently by W. S. Knudson, president and general manager of the company.

The addition to the huge motor plant at Flint is now well under way. New machinery for making rylinders New machinery for making cylinders, cam shafts, and small parts is arriving daily, and extensive enlargements are being made at the Flint sheet metal division. A building 206 feet long by 134 feet wide is under construction to increase production at the Toledo transmission plant. Enlargement of the heat treat department of the Bay City small part plant will provide additional facilities there.

In Detroit, the building known as General Motors Truck Company plant No. 7, has been purchased for manufacturing axles and small parts and will be merged with the gear and axle plant.

New buildings and the erection of 37 steam forging hammers at the Detroit forge plant will make this plant one of the largest forging centers in the United States.

Chevrolet factories at Cincinnati, Janesville, and St. Louis will be extensively enlarged under the program. Fisher body plants at these cities are to be augmented, providing manufacturing facilities for 750,000 closed bodies and 250,000 open models. A proportionate increase in employees will follow the completion of these plant additions.

GUERNSEY CATTLE

County Agent Arrendale left here Wednesday for Canan, Ga., to ship six pure-bred Guernsey bulls that he recently bought for farmers of Macon county.

The owner of the herd may send some grade heifers for Mr. Arrendale to sell to Macon county farmers.

If interested see County Agent Arrendale, Saturday.

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We join with Franklin in extending to our visitors from Georgia and North Carolina the heartiest of Greetings. Our mechanical force is at your service.

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