

BRITAIN REQUISITIONS LEATHER.

The British War Office has announced that the Army Council will take possession of leather of various classes which is now in stock in the United Kingdom, whether in the finished state or in course of production.

The leather to be requisitioned includes vegetable-tanned bends of 10 pounds and upward; vegetable-tanned butts of 20 pounds and upward; vegetable-tanned backs of 14 pounds and upward; chrome-tanned bends, butts and backs having a substance of 7 iron and upward; vegetable-tanned shoulders of 6 iron and upward on the cut edge; kip butts of 1½ m.m. substance and upward; kip sides of any finish, except semi-chrome; vegetable-grained upper leathers of 1½ m.m. substance and upward; chrome upper leather of 1½ m.m. substance and upward; upper leathers of 1½ m.m. substance and upward, manufactured by any other process which has been approved by the Chief Inspecting Officer.

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According to a Chicago despatch, the Phoenix of London and the Imperial of New York have decided not to write hail insurance this season. As the Orient and Palatine have also retired from the line, this eliminates all the hail writing companies of the Northwestern General Agency Company of Minneapolis, which was operated by W. W. Laidlaw, formerly of the Northwest Fire and Marine. The General Agency Company wrote about \$500,000 of hail premiums.

HOW INTERESTING.

The merchant submarine Deutschland and her sister ships will carry on future voyages special mail. A special charge of two marks for a postcard or letter not exceeding twenty grams in weight will be levied, in addition to the regular international postage. A similar charge will be made for each further twenty grams, up to a maximum weight of sixty grams. As letters sent by the ordinary route take many months in transit, six months being not unusual, it is expected that the submarine post will be in heavy demand.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER ORDER.

Orders for British Columbia lumber aggregating over 16,000,000 feet, exclusive of an open order for all the spruce available suitable for aeroplane manufacture, have been let by the Imperial Government to tidewater mills of British Columbia within the past two or three weeks.

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