

RIVER PROJECT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF

A Bill Will Be Passed, and Ohio River Will Be Taken Care Of.

NATIONAL RIVER CONGRESS.

Favors an Appropriation of \$50,000,000 a Year to Carry on the Work Properly.

Washington, D. C.—Preparations are being made by the committee on Rivers and Harbors to put through a river and harbor bill at the forthcoming session of Congress. But one obstacle now looms up that may change this plan and cause Congress to wait another year and that is the revenue deficiency of \$100,000,000 or more. If the government financiers are able to figure out that a resumption of business will shrink this deficiency, or if additional means or revenue are provided, a river and harbor bill carrying appropriations and authorizations of \$50,000,000 to \$50,000,000 will be enacted.

If a bill is decided upon the Ohio River project will be liberally taken care of. The large appropriations made for this project two years ago committed Congress irrevocably to its completion as rapidly as possible, and the recent annual report of the chief engineer endorses it so earnestly and shows the pressing need for its consummation that there is no longer exists the necessity for proving its value. The only question to be determined when river and harbor bills are being framed in the future is that of the proportion of the whole amount the Ohio river shall receive.

Sufficient for Good Start.

Two years ago the largest river and harbor bill ever enacted by Congress was put through, carrying a total of appropriations of \$87,000,000. Of this total Pennsylvania received \$6,412,000, divided as follows: Ohio river, \$4,000,000; rebuilding dam No. 5 on the Monongahela river, \$750,000; dams Nos. 2 and 3 on the Allegheny river, \$231,000; Erie Harbor, \$120,000; Delaware river, \$1,295,000. When that bill had passed Congress Representative E. P. Achenson declared that in the next bill a demand would be made for \$10,000,000 for the Ohio river, and he thought it would be granted. At any rate, a sufficient sum will be obtained to construct a very important link in the chain of dams between Pittsburg and Cairo.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress will not concern itself so much about the question of a bill this year as it will vitiate the question of a permanent waterway policy. What its members want is a definite understanding that a stated amount of money will be appropriated each year for river and harbor work, a policy to which the President, Vice President and the great political parties are committed. It is generally conceded that this is the rational and sensible way to proceed with the big internal improvements, instead of going ahead with many projects piecemeal. Fifty million dollars a year is what the Rivers and Harbors Congress wants set aside for this work. Once this is accomplished, then the question of which projects shall be taken up first can be settled by the army engineers and the Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Taft for Improvement.

President-elect Taft is committed to the \$50,000,000-a-year policy. In an address at Chicago October 7, 1908, in speaking of the Rivers and Harbors Congress he said: "Through its work the question of waterway improvements has been most prominently and favorably brought before the public and men of the highest character and influence throughout the country are enlisting in its cause. It urges the appropriation of \$50,000,000 per annum. Such a policy has my hearty approval."

Representative T. E. Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, will take part in the deliberations of the Rivers and Harbors Congress. He is in favor of some permanent policy to be followed by Congress and is strongly opposed to what have been termed "pork-barrel" methods of doling out appropriations. At present he is getting together data for framing a bill at this session, but will not declare for one until the financial condition of the government shows improvement.

Wants \$50,000 for Injuries.

Altoona, Pa.—Forest W. Benson has brought suit against the Altoona & Logan Valley Electric Railway Company to recover \$50,000 for permanent injuries alleged to have been received two years ago in a collision of trolley cars in East Altoona. A broken leg and knee cap and other injuries, he says, have caused paralysis.

Children Get Big Estate.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The will of Delos A. Blodgett, millionaire lumberman, who died a month ago, leaves the bulk of the estate, estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, in trust to the three young children of Mr. Blodgett by his second marriage.

123 Indictments Returned.

Union City, Tenn.—Twenty-four additional indictments were returned by the grand jury investigating the recent raids of the night riders of Reelfoot Lake, bringing the total number of indictments so far returned to 123. Other than that the majority of the indictments charge capital offenses, the strictest secrecy is maintained as to their contents.

The house committee on ways and means decided to continue the tariff hearings until December 19.

FORCED TO SELL.

Former Independent Operator Testifies How He Was Coerced

New York.—Vigorous protests by attorneys representing the railroads interested in the government's suit against the alleged coal combination and coal carrying roads for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and as unlawful combinations in restraint of trade, led to the changing of the scene of the hearing from the Federal building to the Astor House. The lawyers charged that the room was unsanitary.

C. D. Simpson, of Scranton, Pa., told of a deal for the coaleries of the firm, Simpson & Watkins, with Robert Bacon, representing J. P. Morgan & Co.

According to Mr. Simpson the seven coaleries for which he and his associates got \$5,000,000 in cash and stock have since been shown to contain about 40,000,000 tons of coal. They had to return \$1,000,000 of the stock as their contribution of working capital, so that their total for the sale of the mines worth \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 was \$5,000,000.

BIG OLEO SEIZURE.

Twelve Thousand Pounds Captured by Revenue Officials.

Philadelphia.—More than 12,000 pounds of oleomargarine shipped by the Narragansett Dairy Company, of Narragansett, R. I., to the Eastern Provision Company, of this city, were confiscated at the freight station here tonight by United States Internal Revenue agents.

The revenue officers say that while the oleo is artificially colored it was being handled as an uncolored product, and as such the manufacturers paid a government tax of 4 cent a pound as against a tax of 10 cents necessary on colored oleomargarine.

H. G. Posenor, manager of the Narragansett concern, protested and declared the company had complied with the laws.

SCHOOL HISTORIES WRONG?

Illinois Episcopalians Take Steps to Have Them Corrected.

Springfield, Ill.—The Synod of Springfield Episcopal Diocese took initial steps to compel publishers of school histories to correct what are termed misleading statements relative to the founding of the Church of England. A committee was named, which will confer either with Superintendent of Public Instruction Blair or with publishers direct.

Most histories in common use, it is said, date the founding of the Church during the reign of Henry VIII, while records of the Church, it is asserted, show conferences of bishops of the Church were held as early as the second century.

EMPLOYEES TO SHARE.

Wholesale Grocer Directs Division of More Than \$300,000.

Boston.—A will which contains many public bequests and provides for practically every employe of one of Boston's largest business houses was made public in the document left by the late Caleb Chase, a whole grocer. The gifts aggregate more than \$300,000.

To certain members connected for many years with the firm is given \$2,000 each; to the 55 traveling salesmen, \$1,000 each; to members of the sales and office departments, \$500 each; to members of the shipping department and factory, \$200 each; to widows of four deceased salesmen, \$5,000 each; to the Peoples Palace, Salvation army, \$15,000.

FRENCH ISLAND SEIZED.

Paris Government Will Lodge Protest With Great Britain.

Paris.—Minister of Colonies Millies-Lacroix confirmed today the report that Oeno Island had been taken over by the British Consular Agent at Tahiti. The island, which is in the Pacific Ocean, 90 miles north of Pitcairn Island of the Tuamotu group, is considered a French strategic point on the Panama-Tahiti route.

It is announced that the seizure will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations between France and England.

\$10,000 FINE FOR REBATING.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Judge Knapp, in the United States district court fined the Stearns Salt and Lumber Company, of Ludington, \$10,000 for accepting rebates from the Pere Marquette on shipments from Ludington to Toledo. The Stearns Company pleaded guilty of rebating on six counts, after having withdrawn a previous plea of guilty on 20 counts.

No Liquor for Any Purpose.

Guthrie, Okla.—Gov. Haskell issued a proclamation declaring the state dispensary system had been abolished by the vote at the recent election, which leaves the citizens of Oklahoma without any lawful means to purchase inside the state liquor for medicinal purposes.

Hundreds Drowned.

Tokyo.—Thirty-five Japanese fishing boats were caught in a typhoon off Hatsu island in Kawatsubo bay, and wrecked. It is reported that 350 fishermen lost their lives.

17 FISHERMEN PERISH.

Their Boats Smashed Upon Rocks During a Blizzard.

St. Johns, N. F.—Seventeen persons have perished in a storm which has lashed the Newfoundland coast for 48 hours. Ten shing vessels have gone ashore, most of them breaking into fragments on the rocks. The victims were members of the crews of three of these craft.

HAITI'S RULER FLEES FROM HIS ENEMIES

Nord Alexis Takes Refuge on a French Vessel.

MOBBED BY THE PUBLIC

General Legitime Proclaimed as President by the Revolutionists Who Control City.

Port-au-Prince.—President Nord Alexis has been deposed and is now safe on board the French training ship Duguay Trouin and Port-au-Prince is in the hands of the revolutionists. General Antoine Simon, the leader of the insurgents, is marching upon the peninsula with an army of 5,000 and a new president, General Legitime, has been proclaimed.

At the last moment President Alexis yielded to the urging of those about him and decided to take refuge aboard the French warship. At precisely 5 o'clock a salute of 21 guns announced his departure from the palace. Thousands had gathered here early in the day and they surged toward the entrances, threatening to tear down the walls to drive out the president and his loyal followers. As the hours passed, the great mob became infuriated, shouting for him to leave the country. The mob was armed, and men and women, beside themselves with rage, heaped curses on the head of the aged man who had been deposed from the presidency, but who had fiercely expressed his determination to fight to the last.

So serious was the situation that the French minister, M. Carteron, and other foreign representatives, together with members of a specially appointed committee, forced themselves upon the president, who finally consented to withdraw. Shouts greeted him as he stepped from the precincts of the palace and into a carriage which had been provided. Mr. Carteron, carrying the French tricolor, sat beside him and the minister threw the folds of the flag over the shoulders of the deposed president to protect him.

All along the route the people who lined the streets shouted, jeered and cursed at the fallen president, but when the landing stage was reached the mob lost all restraint. Infuriated women broke through the cordon of troops and shrieked the coarsest insults into the very face of the president, who strove bravely to appear undismayed.

STANDARD PROCESSES

New Jersey Laws Suited the Formation of the Trust.

New York.—The processes through which the Standard Oil Trust was liquidated and its 50 subsidiary companies brought under control of the present Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, were developed by John D. Archbold under cross-examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard. Mr. Archbold declared the trust had been liquidated during the years from 1892 to 1899 with all good faith to obey the mandates of the supreme court ordering the trust dissolved. There was no ulterior motive in the fact that only about 51 per cent of the trust certificates were liquidated into the stocks of the subsidiary companies, said Mr. Archbold. Small holders declined to liquidate, preferring to retain their certificates, rather than to obtain infinitesimally small parts in the several minor companies.

GOVERNMENT DYKE CRUMBLES.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—The government dyke, against which the force of the water was thrown by the dynamiting of the opposite shore of the Arkansas river, gave way tonight and the steep bank at this point is fast crumbling. Dynamiting has been resumed in an effort to relieve the present endangered section of the city.

RAILROAD GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—"Guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the United States district court here before which the Union Pacific railroad, the Union Pacific Coal Company, the Oregon Short Line railway, Everett Buckingham and J. M. Moore have been on trial for alleged conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce.

PAYS \$59,570 FOR DEFEAT.

St. Louis, Mo.—Richard C. Kerens, former Republican National Committeeman from Missouri, and a defeated candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination at the November primary, spent \$59,570 in the campaign just closed. This was made public by Mr. Kerens, who gave out a list of his contributions and expenses.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN SAID TO HAVE SENT AN EMBASSY TO PARIS TO ARRANGE TERMS WITH HUSBAND OF HIS DAUGHTER RUTH PREVIOUS TO BRINGING SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

William J. Bryan said to have sent an embassy to Paris to arrange terms with husband of his daughter Ruth previous to bringing suit for divorce.

DUTCH BLOCKADE CASTRO

Warships of Wilhelmina Make Demonstrations Against Venezuela.

Willemstad, Curacao.—Unable to obtain an amicable settlement with Venezuela, the Netherlands Government has begun a naval demonstration off the coast of the republic. Since Wednesday vessels flying the Dutch flag have steamed along the coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guaira, 3,000 yards from the shore. The battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and the cruisers Gelderland and Frieland are engaged in the operation, which, it is said, will continue indefinitely.

With steam up in all her boilers the Heemskerck arrived off La Guaira Wednesday, December 2. As soon as the battleship was sighted all the lights in the city were extinguished. From the deck of the ship could be seen the guns ashore pointed toward the battleship, which was kept ready for action. The Heemskerck remained but one day off La Guaira, and then proceeded up the coast and passed between the shore and the small sandy islands in the bay of Puerto Cabello off the city of Puerto Cabello. The demonstration is regarded as indicating that the preparations for an effective blockade of the Venezuelan coast are complete.

It is reported that the Netherlands battleship De Ruijter left Holland for this port.

SCANDALOUS CONTROVERSY

President and Editors Mixed Up in Nasty Fight.

Intimations by the Indianapolis News during and since the Presidential campaign that the President's brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, of New York and Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, were involved in a scandal arising out of the purchase of the Panama Canal by Mr. Roosevelt in his most scorching style, scandalous and infamous, are a few of the terms used by the President, who proceeds to take a fall out of Publisher Laffan of the New York Sun for "habitual mendacity."

Mr. Laffan in turn retorts with a suggestion of "Mr. Roosevelt's personal obligation in respect to the truth" and a declaration to enter upon "a controversy with a man who has shown himself capable of suppression and perversion."

FLEET PASSES SINGAPORE

Voyage from Manila Without Event and Weather Fine.

Singapore.—The United States Atlantic fleet, under Rear Admiral Speery, passed through the harbor here December 6. The scout cruiser Yankton kept in constant communication with the fleet, but otherwise the battleships did not communicate with the shore.

The flagship Connecticut, when abreast, saluted the port and the salute was returned. Many launches and small steamers filled with spectators went out early to meet the American ships and escort them for some distance. The voyage from Manila, from which port the fleet sailed on Tuesday, was uneventful.

FOUR MORE MARIANNA DEAD

Claim Is Made That Explosion Victims Number 151.

Washington, Pa.—Four more bodies were taken from Agnes No. 2 shaft of the Pittsburg-Butte Coal Company at Marianna Sunday. Seven more bodies are said to be at the bottom of the shaft awaiting extrication from debris. This increases the total from 151 to 155 who lost their lives in the explosion November 28.

The last of the Westinghouse recoveries have been terminated, the Electric and Manufacturing and the Securities Investment Companies have been returned to the stockholders.

Stidham, Okla.—Rolly McIntosh, aged 76, former chief of the Creek Indians, died at his home near here. McIntosh had been a representative of the tribe in Washington for the last 10 years.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Janesville, Fla.—Four persons broke through the ice while skating on Lake Koshkonong, and all were drowned.

Boston.—Playing on thin ice cost the lives of three children in this vicinity. Two young girls and a boy were the victims.

Washington.—Two persons were drowned while trying to shoot the rapids at Stubbfield Falls, in the Potomac river, about 10 miles north of the city. The bodies have not been recovered.

48 GERVICES WHIRLED TO DEATH.

Rome.—Dispatches received here from the Italian Governor of Somaliland state that the dervishes made a furious attack on the village of Bufalo. The garrison, however, had been advised and was fully prepared. The dervishes were beaten off and 48 of them were killed.

HAITI'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Port au Prince, Haiti.—General Antoine Simon, commander-in-chief of the revolutionists, who entered Port au Prince at the head of an army of about 8,000 men, issued a proclamation to the people and to the army, in which he assumed the title of chief executive, declaring he would organize a provisional government, pending the assembling of the parliament.

APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT.

Washington.—President Roosevelt appointed Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, commissioner general of immigration, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Frank P. Sargent, and made known his intention to reappoint to their respective positions W. D. Crum, agronomist, collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., and Martin Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Keefe is president of the International Association of Longshoremen and sixth vice president of the American Federation of Labor.

FEWER IMMIGRANTS CAME IN LAST YEAR

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Issues Annual Report.

IS EXHAUSTIVE DOCUMENT

Goes Into Detail on the Work of Bureaus of Corporations and Labor.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Strauss made public his annual report December 1. He lays strong stress on the commercial advancement of the era and its effect on the Nation. In this connection he says: "Our age has been very properly called an era of commercial development and expansion, and the United States, by reason of its many exceptional advantages, its boundless natural resources, and possessing a growing, intelligent, energetic, enterprising, and self-reliant population, is reaping a greater share of industrial and commercial prosperity than any of the other nations of the world."

STEAMER SINKS; ALL HANDS PERISH

Wreckage Washed Ashore Indicates Fate of Crew of Twenty-Eight.

St. Johns, N. F.—Wreckage which has come ashore at Cape Ray leaves little room for doubt that the sturdy little steamer Soo City, which for 20 years plied as an excursion vessel on the Great Lakes, went down with her crew in a gale. The steamer was in command of Captain John G. Dillon of Brooklyn, formerly commander of the United States Government transport Missouri. A wife and three small children awaited his return.

The exact number of the crew is in doubt. It is known no less than 18 men were on board, and it has been reported the crew was recently increased to 23. She carried no passengers.

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OIL COMPANY ENJOINED

Injunction Prevents It Piping Gas Out of Oklahoma.

Pawhuska, Okla.—An injunction was issued restraining the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company from piping oil and gas out of the State and from constructing its pipe lines along the highways of the State. The injunction follows the filing of a suit by the State, asking that the company be ousted from the State for violation of the statutes and constitution of Oklahoma.

Everything Swept Clean at Conneaut Lake Park.

Meadville, Pa.—The total loss inflicted by fire at Exposition Park is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$125,000, of which \$30,000 falls on the Exposition Park Company.

Everything was swept clean from the Hotel Bismarck at the Conneaut lake front, and as far south as Clark's Palace of Fun, 42 buildings in all. Only ashes remain of the structures that lined the Midway.

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Rome.—A landslide at Mount San Lucano, near Agordo, wrecked the villages of Pra and Lagunaz. The bodies of 27 dead and 10 injured persons have been recovered.

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The expenditure of \$1,600 for new equipment is to be made by the Rock Island. The prospective order includes 25 Pacific type passenger locomotives, 70 all-steel passenger cars, 20 baggage cars and 20 day coaches.

TRUST COMPANY LIQUIDATED.

New York.—The Lafayette Trust Company a reorganization of the Jenkins Trust Company, of Brooklyn, which went down in the financial panic of a year ago, did not open for business. Instead, there appeared on the doors of the bank a brief formal statement to the effect that the officers of the institution had decided to permit the institution to go into liquidation. John G. Jenkins, Jr., who was president of the Jenkins Trust Company, now is on trial in Brooklyn on a charge of grand larceny.

DISEASE IS EXPENSIVE

Big Appropriation Necessary to Defray Cattle Epidemic Cost.

Washington.—So expensive has been the campaign of the department of agriculture against the foot and mouth disease, prevalent among herds of cattle in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maryland that Secretary Wilson soon will ask congress for an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 for this work.

While the experts have not been able to satisfy themselves as to the origin of the disease, the slaughter of herds is being continued with a view of eradicating the affection. The United States government is called upon to pay two-thirds of the appraised value of the cattle, the State bearing the rest. Not only is this item of expenditure summing up into big figures, but the cost of disinfecting premises is paid by the federal government, and is enormous.

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