

## MORE MONEY FOR COLUMBIA

### General MacKenzie Wants Enough to Finish Jetty.

Annual Report Also Asks Money for Celilo Canal, Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers, Tacoma Harbor and Grays Harbor—Total of Over \$27,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 14.—In his annual report made public today, General MacKenzie, chief of army engineers, recommends that congress, at its coming session, appropriate the \$1,700,000 which was authorized last session to complete the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. When this appropriation was authorized it was believed that the amount would complete the project, but owing to the increased price of lumber and material and the damage caused by winter storms it is now believed that a supplementary estimate covering the increase in cost will have to be submitted.

General MacKenzie also believes that \$80,000 or \$90,000 should be expended putting new boilers in the dredge Chinook, which is now unseaworthy. If this done, the dredge can be put back to work on the bar, and it is his belief that it could greatly aid the concentrated tidal current in broadening and deepening the channel now in process of formation.

The last river and harbor bill authorized the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Celilo canal, in addition to \$100,000 then made available. It is recommended that this amount be appropriated at the coming session so that work can be continued without delay. That will leave nearly \$3,000,000 yet to be appropriated.

General MacKenzie recommends that congress provide for the construction of a revetment opposite Albany and for the extension of the existing revetment at Independence in the Willamette river, so as to maintain the existing alignment of the river bank and channels. No new appropriation is recommended. The improvement of the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers is proceeding and the work will be finished by the time the Celilo canal is completed. Further improvements of Coos bay depend upon the report of the special army engineer board appointed to determine the advisability of deepening the channel across the bar. If this board reports favorably it will submit the project and estimates which will form the basis of legislation in the next river and harbor bill.

Tillamook bay and other harbors along the Oregon coast are not to be further improved until the completion of the dredge, for which \$100,000 was appropriated at the last session.

General MacKenzie also recommends an appropriation of \$40,000 to complete the dredging of the Puyallup waterway, Tacoma harbor. No appropriation is asked for the canal connecting Lake Washington with Puget sound, near Seattle, this work having been undertaken by private enterprise. Four hundred thousand dollars authorized last session is asked to complete the 9,000-foot jetty at the entrance to Grays harbor.

The report states that the dredge being built for coast harbors will operate along the Washington as well as the Oregon coast, and in numerous tributaries of Puget sound.

General MacKenzie's report deals also with the question of the improvements of rivers and harbors. It submits estimates aggregating more than \$27,000,000 for the fiscal year 1909, which will be included by Secretary Taft in his report to congress.

At the last session of congress a river and harbor appropriation bill was passed carrying a large amount of money and authorizing the War department to enter into contracts for various projects. Because of the improbability of any legislation of that character during the coming session, except to make appropriations for carrying on work already authorized and contracted for, General MacKenzie does not submit any estimates for new projects.

### Powder to Control Utes.

Omaha, Nov. 14.—Forty tons of powder and shells passed through Omaha yesterday over the Missouri Pacific and the Northwestern on the way to Gettysburg, S. D., the scene of the Ute Indian trouble. The shipment was from Fort Leavenworth and included several Gatling guns. Colonel West, Second cavalry, from Fort Des Moines, wires the army officers here from Thunder creek, S. D., that all three squadrons of the regiment are now there. He suggests a new route, involving less hauling for supplies.

### Final Trial of Battleship.

Seattle, Nov. 14.—Sailing orders have been given to the battleship Nebraska, and she will sail this afternoon or possibly Friday morning for her final and official trial cruise. On her behavior on this last and ultimate test will depend her final acceptance by the United States government. Approximately \$100,000 is tied up in the Nebraska, of money due the Moran Brothers company, her builders. This amount has been held out pending the final cruise.

### Pay Most of Claims.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 14.—MacKenzie King, Federal commissioner, recommends the payment of \$10,000 out of the \$12,000 of consequential damages claimed by Japanese merchants as a result of the recent riots.

## MEANS BANKING REFORM.

### Appointment of Hepburn Commission Sets Precedent for States.

New York, Nov. 15.—In New York financial circles the view was freely expressed today that the action of Governor Hughes in appointing a commission to recommend changes in the New York banking laws may result in a similar movement extending to other sections of the country and in the enactment of legislation which will place state banks on a basis and under supervision more closely akin to that of the national banks. A. B. Hepburn, president of the Chase National bank, and ex-controller of the currency, who, it is generally conceded, will be chairman of the Hughes commission, is a strong advocate of the national banking system. It is believed that Mr. Hepburn will personally recommend to his associates that the state law should be made to conform as nearly as possible to the Federal statutes.

The report of the commission is looked forward to by bankers generally as likely to express at once the highest and most conservative opinion as to reforms in the way of state financial legislation. Many bankers are inclined to believe that the report of the commission made to Mr. Hughes may form the framework of legislation in many other states. The recommendations of the commission are therefore looked upon as being national as well as local in character.

Mr. Hepburn said today that the commission will get to work inside of one week. Trust companies, it is understood, will come in for a large share of consideration, and it is believed that the suggestion will be made that the laws governing them should conform to those relating to the regular banks.

## NATIONAL AID TO MINING.

### Mining Congress Wants Mineral Land Monopoly Stopped.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 51.—The American Mining congress, in session here, yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution favoring national legislation governing mining lands and a resolution endorsing the National Association of Mining Schools and urging that the cooperation of the national administration be secured.

The resolution relating to mineral land especially urges the enactment of laws for the protection of the rights of the people against the speculative acquisition of large areas of the national domain.

The committee on corporation laws made a report advocating efforts on the part of those engaged in the mining industry to secure the passage of laws providing greater protection for mining investors.

Dr. V. C. Anderson, president of the Colorado school of mines, made an address on the theme "What the Professor May Reasonably Expect From the Mining School Graduate." Dr. Lewis Young, director of the Missouri school of mines, at Rolla, spoke on "Secondary Technical Education Applied to Mining," and H. H. Stock, editor of Mines and Minerals, spoke on the value of correspondence instruction to the mining man.

The Columbus, O., delegation appears the most aggressive in the field for the honor of entertaining the next congress.

## LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE.

### Special Session to Extend Time for Paying Taxes.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 15.—Governor Gillette decided last night to call an extraordinary session of the state legislature, to convene next Tuesday, November 19, to meet exigencies of the present financial stringency. It will be stated in the call that the principal measure to be considered is one extending the time of the payment of taxes in order to prevent the withdrawal of money from circulation. Another measure to be considered is one permitting the courts to continue during "special holidays."

The call will also provide for the approval of amendments to the San Francisco charter and for impeachment proceedings against Andrew M. Wilson, state railroad commissioner, who has confessed that, while a member of the board of supervisors of San Francisco, he accepted bribes.

### Gain of National Grange.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 15.—Members of the National Grange assembled here today for the forty-first annual gathering of the national body. The attendance is considered larger than any previous convention. According to the annual report of ex-Governor N. J. Batchelder, of New Hampshire, the master of the National Grange, the membership has made a net gain during the year of 8 per cent, a larger gain than recorded in more than 30 years. The 35,000,000 people classed under "agriculture" produced crops worth \$7,000,000,000.

### German Spies Arrested.

Warsaw, Nov. 15.—The authorities of this city made several arrests today in connection with the discovery of a sensational plot for the sale and conveyance of a quantity of military documents to Germany. The information upon which the arrests were made was furnished by state detectives. A total of 20 were taken into custody. Among them were two trainmasters of the Warsaw-Vistula railroad line and their wives, who were apprehended at Alexandrow.

### New Orleans Mint on Overtime.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—The mint here has received an order directing overtime in order to coin monthly \$200,000 of subsidiary coin in addition to the regular coinage of \$500,000 per month.

## HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

### MOTTO IS DROPPED.

#### New Coins Will Not Bear the Words "In God We Trust."

Washington, Nov. 13.—In connection with the omission of the words, "In God We Trust" from the \$10 gold pieces, first to be minted of the new coins designed by the late Augustus St. Gaudens, under the general direction of President Roosevelt, it is said that these words will be left off United States money of all denominations, according to the design approved by the president.

It could not be learned definitely at the Treasury department who was responsible for the omission of the words "In God We Trust," but it is understood that the department has had nothing to do with the change in coin designs except to carry out the orders of the president.

### Ministers Protest.

Washington, Nov. 14.—While the state of Oklahoma will not be entitled to have its star placed on the national flag until July 4, 1908, it has already been given its place on the national coins. Instead of the milled edge usually on United States coins, the new \$10 gold pieces just being put into circulation have 46 raised stars. Oklahoma has not yet been officially admitted to the Union, but will be on the sixteenth of this month, when the president issues his proclamation. General criticism is heard of the new gold pieces in Washington, and word has been received that a protest is on the way from various Pittsburg ministers, against the omission of the motto: "In God We Trust."

### Must Repay Overcharge.

Washington, Nov. 14.—In a decision of the Interstate Commerce commission handed down today by Commissioner Clements it is ordered that the Great Northern Railway company pay to the Pennsylvania Steel company reparation in the sum of \$2,433, excessive and unreasonable charges in a shipment of steel from Pittsburg to Seattle. It was held by the commission that the rules or regulations of the defendant company whereby freight charges were collected upon a higher minimum loading requirement than the practices of the carriers governed by the Master Car Builders' association rules would permit was unreasonable and unjust.

### Will Retire the Disabled.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Brigadier General John M. Davis presided over the deliberations of an army retiring board, which met at the Washington barracks today. Before this board are to come for examination 17 officers above the grade of captain, who failed to qualify for the riding test directed by President Roosevelt. Today's work of the board was brief. The officers ordered before it are first to be examined physically by the medical officers of the board as to their condition, and the findings submitted to the board.

### Many Errors Made.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Serious errors in battleship construction continue to be made by the Navy department, regardless of the warnings of the board of inspection and survey, according to an editorial in the November issue of the Navy. It charges that there are many defects in all of the new battleships, arising from the helter-skelter methods of planning and building. The reorganization of the navy's administration system is commended as the only cure.

### Appoints Oklahoma Man.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Silas H. Reid, who was lately appointed to succeed Judge Wickereham in Alaska, hails from El Reno, Indian Territory. In view of the trouble that has followed the appointment of Northwestern men to Alaska judgeships, the president decided to take a man farther removed from Alaska and its powerful influence. Reid was endorsed by Governor Franz and other prominent Republicans of the new state of Oklahoma.

### Car Shortage Serious.

Washington, Nov. 14.—According to figures just compiled by the department of Commerce and Labor, car shortage in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon is more serious than it was a year ago. In substance, the increase in the number of cars handled for the year of 1907 up to date is slightly more than eight per cent, while the demand for cars increased in the same period from 10 to 20 per cent.

### Will Boost Seattle Fair.

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Roosevelt today assured Senator Bourne he would make favorable mention of the Seattle exposition in his forthcoming message to congress, the senator having made such a request on behalf of the exposition management. This will materially aid the Northwestern delegations in their effort to secure national participation.

### White and Black Veterans Don't Mix.

Washington, Nov. 13.—There can be no affiliation between white and negro organizations of the United Spanish-American War Veterans in the District of Columbia, according to a decision rendered today by National Commander Hale.

### New Washington Rural Routes.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Washington rural free delivery routes ordered established February 1: Almira, Linn county, route 1, population 300, families 71; Poulso, Kitsap county, route 2, population 272, families 65.

### LONG AND SHORT HAULS.

#### Senator Heyburn Will Bring Matter Before Congress.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, purposes to bring before congress the issue of the long and short haul in the form of an amendment to the interstate commerce law preventing railroads from charging more to haul freight to a point less distant than that to which a lesser rate is charged. The proposal of Senator Heyburn will involve exactly the issue contained in the complaint of the Spokane chamber of commerce, and if adopted by congress and sustained by the Supreme court would settle for all time the much mooted question as to preferential rates for terminal points situated on tide water.

Senator Heyburn has been giving exposition of his views lately and has announced his intention to introduce a bill of the character outlined.

Since Spokane's complaint has been filed here and the Interstate Commerce commission has given its extensive and extended hearings to the case, other cities, notably throughout the South, have filed similar complaints, so that the commission in deciding the Spokane case really will be deciding half a score of other cases. The same transportation principle is involved in them all.

It has been learned that, not from inaction, but from desire to give most careful consideration to the case, the commission has deferred for so long a time its final ruling. It is generally recognized that the Spokane case raises questions which go to the whole theory of arbitrary rate adjustment which has characterized railway management for many years.

According to the contention of Senator Heyburn, it is unjust to Spokane, Boise, Salt Lake or any other interior point to charge it the rate from New York, for instance, to Portland, Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles, plus the local distributive rate back to that interior point. He argues that the interior points are made to suffer for the sustenance of the theory of water basis competition, which he argues is largely theoretical, anyway.

Advices are coming to Washington that shippers at Boise, Salt Lake, Cheyenne, Butte, Helena and other interior towns are preparing to back up the measure of the Idaho senator.

### Working for Mining Bureau.

Washington, Nov. 16.—J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, is now in Washington endeavoring to procure support from cabinet members for the proposal made by the American Mining congress, of which he is president, for the creation of a department of mines and mining. For several years this mining organization has been insisting on the establishment of an additional cabinet office to care for mineral matters, and Richards' visit here is in pursuance of the policy designated by his organization. He has seen the secretary of the interior and other powerful government officials, seeking to induce them to come out openly in favor of the proposal.

### Asks for Fortifications.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$22,000,000 for fortifications at the approaching session. Ten millions of this amount is intended for insular possessions. The annual report of Brigadier General MacKenzie, chief of army engineers, was made public today. It says that in carrying out projects outlined by the national coast defense board, it is proposed to spend \$4,488,000 in Manila fortifications, \$1,110,000 at Honolulu and at Pearl harbor, Hawaii; \$1,120,200 in Guantanamo bay, Cuba.

### Cortelyou Pleased at Situation.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary Cortelyou said today upon leaving the cabinet meeting, financial matters had not been considered during the meeting; that the outlook was steadily improving, principally in New York; that relief was being extended quite freely to the Middle West, principally to St. Louis. This did not indicate that the situation in this locality was serious, he said, but simply showed a general easing of the stringency.

### Admirals Are Invited.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Rear Admiral Evans, now commanding the Atlantic fleet, conferred with naval officers today respecting various details connected with the coming movement of his fleet to the Pacific ocean. It is understood that the president, who is to leave Washington aboard the Mayflower to review the fleet in Hampton Roads, has invited Secretary McCall and Admirals Dewey, Brownson and Coles to be his guests on that occasion.

### Would Accept Japan's Invitation.

Washington, Nov. 16.—State department officials favor accepting the invitation of the Japanese government to participate in an exposition at Tokio in 1912. If approved by the president the attention of congress will be called to the matter with a view to an appropriation for the purpose. Japan always has been prompt, it is said at the department, to interest herself in expositions held in the United States.

### New Washington Carriers.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Rural carriers appointed for Washington routes: Colton, route 1, Alfred Simpson, carrier, John Stanley, sub; Rochester, route 2, Allen James, carrier, no sub.

## ANOTHER BANK CLOSES.

### Long Continued Run at Portland Exhausts Cash.

Portland, Nov. 13.—After meeting the heaviest run an Oregon bank ever saw, the Merchants' National suspended yesterday morning. During the two weeks ended yesterday the paying tellers had sifted \$1,500,000 through the wickets into the hands of timorous people. This huge sum was in hard cash.

The bank is solvent, says President J. Frank Watson, and will reopen within 90 days. Claud Gatch, of Salem, national bank examiner for this district, will take charge of the institution this morning and make a careful investigation of the bank's condition. He has been directed to do so by the controller of the currency. He will make his report to the controller. It is confidently expected, this report discloses a solvent bank, the controller will allow such time as seems necessary for the collection of outstanding accounts and the doors will be opened again for business.

No receiver, in all probability, will be appointed for the closed bank. The condition of the bank is not such, apparently, that it cannot go on with its business. Only when a bank is insolvent is a receiver necessary, and in the case of a national bank, a receiver is appointed by the controller of the currency.

Malicious rumors, spread by enemies of the bank, are believed by President Watson to be responsible for its suspension. These were circulated in various ways. Anonymous letters to prominent business men about the city, mysterious telephone calls, all advising the withdrawal of deposits from the Merchants National, and street reports helped to instill the fear of loss in the minds of the public. The result was that anxious depositors poured into the bank.

## MAKE HARRIMAN TALK.

### Interstate Commerce Commission Wants to Know Things.

New York, Nov. 13.—Arguments will be heard today on the petition of the Interstate Commerce commission for an order requiring Edward H. Harriman to answer certain questions propounded by the commission in its investigation of the Union Pacific railroad and its allied lines the early part of this year.

It is declared in the Federal brief that under section 12 of the Interstate Commerce act, the commission has authority to inquire into the management of the business of all common carriers doing an interstate business, and under section 21 it is required, on or before December 1 of each year, to make and transmit to congress its report, the report to contain such information and data collected by the commission as may be considered of value in the determination of questions connected with regulation of commerce, together with such recommendations as to national legislation relating thereto as the commission may deem necessary.

## PREVENT FRAUD IN MINING.

### Mining Congress Will Draft Bill for That Purpose.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 13.—Three hundred delegates from 30 states were present here today at the first business session of the American Mining congress, which began its annual convention yesterday. Many high authorities on matters pertaining to mining and metallurgy were on the program for addresses on various kindred subjects.

A committee of five was appointed to draft a measure that will prevent mining engineers from aiding in the perpetration of mining frauds.

A resolution asking the Federal government to issue separate patents to land suitable for both mining and agricultural purposes, and classifying mineral land as "mineral land" only, was submitted.

In an interview President Richards stated that President Roosevelt told him he would recommend to congress the establishment of a bureau of mining similar to the Agricultural department.

The next session of the mining congress will be held in the East, probably at Columbus, Ohio.

### Want Southern Man.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 13.—A state convention of Democrats today started a movement for the nominations of a Southern man as a Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1907. Each delegate was instructed to work in the interest of sending a delegation from Tennessee to the national convention that will vote first, last and all the time for a Southern man. An address to the Democrats of the nation was issued. The address authorized by the convention declares that the Democratic party was born in the South.

### Oakland Bank Suspends.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 13.—The Bank of California, of which D. Edward Collins is president, did not open its doors for business yesterday, although the officers say the bank is solvent and that the depositors are fully protected. A sign on the doors reading "Bank Closed, Legal Holiday" notified passers-by that the bank for its protection had decided to take advantage of the holidays proclaimed by Governor Gillett and would not open for business.

### Against Harvester Trust.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 13.—The attorney general has inaugurated quo warranto proceedings, in the Supreme court, for the ouster of the International Harvester company of America for alleged violation of the anti-trust law of Missouri. The company is a Milwaukee corporation.

## FINANCE COMMITTEES WEAK

### Both House and Senate Are in Need of Stronger Men.

Made Up of Nonentities Because No Financial Trouble Was Expected—Feared Their Legislation Would Favor Wall Street Rather Than People They Represent.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The recent financial disturbance in New York and the flurry in other parts of the country will result in considerable discussion of finance at the coming session of congress and will produce an unusually large number of bills to amend the banking laws. The subject will be discussed by the president in his message and the congressional record will be loaded with all kinds of talk as to the advisability of changing the currency laws of the nation. But the more conservative men who have viewed the situation in its broadest light believe there will be no financial legislation and in their judgment the talk will come to nothing.

If these views prove to be incorrect and financial legislation is undertaken, it will be most unfortunate for the country, because the legislation will be entrusted to two committees which are not properly constituted to handle a subject of this importance. The senate committee is largely composed of men who are incapable of framing safe financial legislation or who would take advantage of the situation to put through legislation in the interest of Wall street rather than in the interest of the entire community. The house committee is made up almost entirely of men who are incapable of passing judgment upon a subject of such consequence.

The senate committee on finance is constituted as follows: Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; William B. Allison, of Iowa; Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan; Thomas C. Platt of New York; Henry C. Hansbrough, of North Dakota; Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Eugene Hale, of Maine; John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Herna do D. Money, of Mississippi; Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas; James P. Talaferro, of Florida.

The house committee is composed of the following members: Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey; George W. Prince, of Illinois; William A. Calderhead, of Kansas; Lewislyn Powers, of Maine; Henry McMoran, of Michigan; Capell L. Weems, of Ohio; Elijah B. Lewis, of Georgia; Arsene P. Pujo, of Louisiana; Carter Glass, of Virginia; Oscar W. Gillespie, of Texas; Olie M. James, of Kentucky; George S. Legare, of South Carolina; George D. McCreary, of Pennsylvania; Joseph H. Knowland, of California; George E. Waldo, of New York; Everis A. Hayes, of California; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.

## YEAR'S WORK LOST.

### Survey of Alaska Boundary Must Be Repeated.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 12.—Valuable photographs and thousands of dollars' worth of official data gained by the international boundary surveyors during a summer's working delimiting the Alaska line, were lost by the upsetting of a canoe in the Bradford river. Five men narrowly escaped with their lives. Officers of the two governments are now devising means of recovering the lost property, which, however, may have been carried many miles in the swift current. J. M. Bates, Canadian boundary surveyor, arrived here with the news on the steamer Princess May.

"If the photographic negatives were lost cannot be recovered," said Bates, "the entire survey of the Iscott river section will have to be repeated next summer. We struck a submerged tree and the canoe turned sideways and almost split in two. I became entangled in a line and was swept under water. Three others shared the same adventure. Later we were rescued, but not a vestige of our foods remained. We obtained grappling irons and a water telescope at Juneau, but never got a sight of the outfit."

## Extra Session Probable.

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—Governor Gillett arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and after a short conference here with bankers and city officials stated that his decision regarding an extra session of the legislature will be given before the end of the present week. The extra session, if called at all, will, according to the governor's statement, be called next week and the call will provide for an amendment to the code making it possible to hold court during the continuance of the special legal holidays.

## Japanese Steal Seals.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—Advices from official Russian sources at Vladivostok report armed raids by Japanese seal poachers on the seal rookeries of the Copper islands. The commander of the Russian patrol cruiser Mandjur reports that three Japanese sealing schooners appeared off the seal rookeries and with three-inch guns drove off the guard, landed and remained for a week, killing and skinning seals, and got away with several thousand skins.

## Two Dred, 3,000 Homeless.

Iquique, Chile, Nov. 12.—Two lives were lost in the fire that visited this port yesterday and destroyed a large section of the residential quarters. Three thousand people are homeless.