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HELP WATERWAYS

Rivers and Harbors Congress Convened Today

ASK \$50,000,000 EACH YEAR

Taft and Cannon Discuss Tariff—Sale of Bleached Flour Prohibited—Cortelyou Reports

Special to the Evening Review.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Reading its demand for an expenditure by the federal government of not less than \$50,000,000 a year in improving the waterways of the country, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress convened in Washington today for its fifth annual session. Distinguished advocates of waterways improvement from all over the country were present, representing projects for the betterment of the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and other rivers, the Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway, the Atlantic coast inland canal, Pacific coast harbor and river improvements and other gigantic schemes.

Among the speakers today are Vice President Fairbanks and Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain. The former said that inasmuch as the work was of national character it should be done under national authority, and that a large share of the amount of money to be expended should be raised by a bond issue. Mr. Bryce spoke principally on canals, saying they would aid rather than compete against the railroads.

Among other distinguished men scheduled to speak are: Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil; Major J. A. Ocker, of the Mississippi River Commission; Governor W. F. Frear, of Utah; Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield, Horace McFar-

land, president of the National Civic Federation; Governor N. B. Broward, of Florida, and president of the National Drainage Association Admiral C. M. Chester, who was a delegate to the International Waterways Congress recently held at St. Petersburg, and Samuel Gompers, who will discuss "Labor's Interest in Waterways Development."

Taft and Cannon Confer.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Wm. H. Taft and Speaker Cannon conferred for a half hour this morning, but neither would divulge the subject discussed. Taft announced in an off-hand way, however, that the revision of the tariff would be thorough, and that the party promises along this line would be kept.

Nation's Finances.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou submitted his annual report to congress today, showing the total receipts of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, to be \$1,702,068,187.11, which sum added to the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year total \$3,312,734,164.90. The aggregate of disbursements during the last fiscal year was \$1,589,786,839.59, leaving in the treasury a balance of \$1,722,947,275.21. The public debt at the end of the year was \$2,626,896,000, against which there was cash in the treasury amounting to \$1,814,626,000.

Upon the basis of existing laws, Secretary Cortelyou estimates the revenues for the ensuing fiscal year at \$788,796,000. The expenditures for the same period are placed at \$902,796,000, leaving a deficit of \$114,000,000.

Ban on Bleached Flour.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Wilson of Agriculture today declared that flour bleached by nitrogen peroxide is adulteration and cannot be sold in the District of Columbia, any of the territories or transported by carriers.

Robbers Still at Large.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—The men who robbed the East Side Bank are still at large. Pinkerton detectives have taken up the case where the local police left off upon request of the Bankers' Association. They state they will arrest the robbers within the next 48 hours.

LOSS IS \$2500.

Fire Destroys John Hunter's Planing Mill, Near S. P. Roundhouse.

Fire, which was discovered at 8:45 o'clock this morning, practically destroyed John Hunter's planing mill, abutting the Southern Pacific tracks, opposite the round house. Some 20,000 feet of lumber stacked near the mill was not damaged. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but the generally accepted theory is that it was set by tramps. For the past two months the plant has been idle, and Mr. Hunter has been in Cottage Grove for several days. It is reported that Mr. Hunter recently offered the plant for sale at \$2500, so this may be regarded as his financial loss. It is not known whether he carried any insurance, but it is believed that the mill was unprotected. A quantity of oils, some account books and other articles in a corner of the mill were saved from destruction.

Owing to the condition of the premises, the firemen had a hard time in their fight. Stacks of lumber on two sides and fences on the other two prevented convenient approaches to the mill, and this circumstance gave the fire an opportunity to gain great headway before water could be played effectually. The round-house employees, with a hose connected with a fire hydrant across the tracks, fought the blaze in the rear of the mill, while the fire department turned three streams into other parts of the building. Despite this heavy play of water, however, it was fully an hour before the fire was gotten under control, and then there remained of the original structure only charred and jagged walls.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.
—For return to J. Golden, at Paquette Drug Co's. store, in Roseburg, female shepherd pup, about 6 months old; color tan and white, and answers to name of "Goldie." Last seen near corner of Oak and Jackson street, Saturday night, Dec. 5.

See Jennings, the baker, for something special for balls and parties.

OLD TIMBER GAME

Fine Claim Shown, but Another Section Number Given

N. A. FOLEY LATEST VICTIM

Causes Arrest of G. W. Taylor on Charge of Getting His Cash Fraudulently

The oft-told story of a timber locater showing a government land-seeker a fine tract of timber and then inducing an entry on a worthless claim was repeated in Justice Long's court in this city today, when George W. Taylor, a well known land locator, was bound over to the Circuit Court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Taylor was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500, which he had not furnished late this afternoon. Attorney Dexter Rice is acting as his counsel.

N. A. Foley, a railroad man, who has run into Roseburg at different times during the past five years, is the prosecuting witness in the case. Last February, according to his complaint, he and his wife were taken from Roseburg to Coos county by Taylor, as per agreement and shown a tract of land containing 3,000,000 feet of fine, merchantable timber. This land Taylor represented to them to be the southwest quarter of section 24, township 29-10. Upon the return of the trio to Roseburg, Mrs. Foley filed entry on that parcel of land under the timber and stone act. A short time ago Foley received a letter from an intending settler in Coos county who wanted the claim for a homestead. This characterization of the land aroused his suspicion, and upon investigation he discovered that the tract of land filed on by his wife was devoid of any valuable timber, having long before been burned over.

Foley had paid Taylor \$175 for his services, so he claimed, and to Chase F. Harpster, a mechanic employed at the Southern Pacific round house here, who was also interested in the deal, he gave \$100. Harpster, however, paid back his share of the money, declaring that he had relied on Taylor's statements and was not sure that a fraud had been committed. Taylor was arrested in this city Tuesday night and immediately arraigned before Justice Long. In default of \$500 bail, he spent the night in the county jail.

"I knew early in the day I was going to be arrested when I saw the fellows 'monkeying around,'" said Taylor, in Justice Long's court Tuesday night. "They've got the wrong pig by the tail this time, however."

There was introduced in evidence at the hearing today a receipt for location fees, signed by both Harpster and Taylor. On the witness stand, however, Taylor insisted that Harpster had received all of the money paid over by Foley and that he merely signed the receipt at Harpster's request. Foley contradicted this statement by testifying that he had paid them individually. In the main, Taylor tried to throw responsibility for the whole affair onto Harpster, but the evidence introduced by the state contradicted this attempt.

This is not the first time Taylor has been in trouble of this kind. He was tried on a similar case at Crescent City, Calif., last September, but was acquitted on legal technicalities.

Will Interest Many.
Every person should know that good health is impossible if the kidneys are deranged. Foley's Kidney Cure will cure kidney and bladder disease in every form and will build up and strengthen these organs so they will perform their functions properly. No danger of Bright's disease or diabetes if Foley's Kidney Cure is taken in time. Red Cross Pharmacy.

Pope Blesses Taft.
ROME, Dec. 8.—Pope Pius today invoked divine blessing upon Wm. H. Taft in the presence of Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, who recited Taft's friendly acts toward the Catholics.

Notice to Our Customers.
We are pleased to announce that Foley's Hones and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the national Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. Red Cross Pharmacy.

NO SHOW FOR POOR MAN.

New Timber Filing Law Will Benefit Scrappers Only.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—If the Secretary of the Interior follows out his recently announced policy, the timber business of the country will be driven into the hands of the scrappers, and poor men will be unable to take up a timber claim, according to authorities in Portland. Secretary Garfield has announced that after December 1 the price of timber land shall be subject to appraisal. Heretofore the price of timber land has been \$2.50 an acre. Under the ruling of Secretary Garfield there is the telling fact that the price may be as low as \$1.00 or even \$2.00 an acre, which would be a prohibitive price to the average man.

Secretary Garfield has made his ruling by a new interpretation of the act of June 3, 1878, known as the Timber and Stone Law. The Secretary says that the law specified \$2.50 as the minimum to be paid an acre. He now makes sales of timber land subject to appraisal.

Rites Off Too Big a Chunk.
An entryman generally specifies the value of the land at \$2.50 an acre. The entryman may specify it at \$1.00 an acre. According to Garfield's plan, the land will be appraised, and if it runs more than the amount specified by the entryman, the increase will be demanded. Should the government fail to make the appraisal within nine months the entryman secures the land at his estimate.

Local timbermen say that the government can never appraise all the entries. There are several thousand timber claims filed in the United States every month and it would require almost the entire army to appraise all these claims. The government has about 60 special agents to do this work, and more than 30 of these agents are located on the Pacific coast. A single agent cannot appraise more than three or four claims in a month, and only then when the claims are in groups. To properly appraise a claim will necessitate a practical cruise of the claim and this requires time. The force of special agents is entirely inadequate to keep up with the filings. The Secretary says, however, that in the event of no appraisal being made within nine months, the land shall go at the estimate of the entryman. Owing to the small force of special agents, hundreds of claims cannot be reached in regular order within the prescribed time.

Beyond Poor Man's Reach.
According to the timber dealers, the new ruling of the Secretary of the Interior will make claims run \$3000 and \$4000, and even higher, and this places them beyond the reach of the poor man. They contend that it will drive the sale of timber land into the hands of scrappers, through purchase of Northern Pacific scrip. If the land rises in price the scrip will be brought up and timber land secured through this means.

The history of how the Northern Pacific acquired this scrip has been exposed by S. A. D. Butler in "Looters of the Public Domain." The new ruling of Secretary Garfield will make a lively market for the scrip and the railroad will be one of the chief beneficiaries of Garfield's order, assert Portland timbermen.

COUNTRY BOYS WANTED FOR BUSINESS POSITIONS.
Business men of Oakland and San Francisco, and other large cities, want young men reared in the country to prepare for commercial positions. Experience has shown that the average boy from the farm has habits of industry and integrity that make for success.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore. 24 hours ending 5 a. m. Dec. 9, 1908.
Precipitation in inches and hundredths: Maximum temperature..... 52
Minimum temperature..... 41
Total precip. since first of month..... 5.11
Avg. precip. for this month for 30 years..... 5.93
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1908, to date..... 8.82
Average precip. from September 1, 1907, to date..... 8.70
Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1908..... .98
Average precipitation for 31 wet seasons, Sept. to May (inclusive)..... 32.91
W. H. L. Best, Observer.

For Roseburg and Vicinity:
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TO JURY TONIGHT

Ruef Case Has Dragged Along For Over 15 Weeks

BLACK HAND'S AWFUL WORK

Steamer Crew of 25 Lost—15 Waiters Poisoned—Dying Actor Admits Act of Adultery

Special to the Evening Review.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The fate of Abraham Ruef will be placed in the hands of the jurors tonight, after one of the longest and most sensational trials on record. Fifteen weeks and three days have elapsed since the first preliminary move was made. Attorney Hiram Johnson this afternoon began the closing argument for the prosecution. He minced no words and dwelt strongly upon the attempt to bribe the jurors. This was one of his striking statements: "It is the height of absurdity for us to be here three months trying this man, who has already confessed and is now going through this complicated trial to determine whether he is guilty. Are you prepared, in the face of this confession, to declare him innocent? If you are, by the living God we would know the reason why."

Wholesale Poisoning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—James Reynolds, a waiter, who served luncheon to the guests of Vallejo at the launching of the collier Phenomenon last Saturday, died early today of ptomaine poisoning. Fourteen other waiters are also ill. All ate sandwiches and then told the caterer

the meat was rotten. To this the caterer replied that it was "good enough for 50 cents a head."

Mistreated by Burglars.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Proceeding from an ugly wound in her back, her hands bound behind her, Mrs. A. J. Harris staggered into a station near her home in this city last night. She said burglars attacked her in her home and, after binding her, stole her furs. After their departure she managed to release herself.

"Black Hand" Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Twenty persons were injured today, when a bomb, dropped by a "Black Hand" agent from the roof of an adjoining building, wrecked a five-story tenement. Five victims were taken to the hospital in a critical condition. The deed is said to have been prompted by the refusal of certain families in the tenement to contribute money to the "Black Hand" Society.

25 Men Doomed.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 9.—All hope for the safety of the 25 men comprising the crew of the steam freighter Clemenson was abandoned today, when 23 hatch covers, belonging to the Clemenson, came ashore.

Wounded Man Confesses.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 9.—Hovering between life and death, Adrian Von Plank, the Portland actor, today made an ante-mortem statement, admitting improper relations with the wife of Newton Blacker, a teamster, who shot him last night after finding his wife in a hotel room with the actor. Blacker traced his wife to Von Plank's room and she was in the room when Blacker broke the glass panels of the door with the butt of his revolver. Von Plank was unarmed, but made a desperate defense, attacking Blacker with a chair. He knocked the gun from Blacker's hand, but the latter regained possession of the weapon and fired five shots, three of the bullets going through Von Plank's body.

W. H. Lytle, of Pendleton, state sheep inspector, is in the city.

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