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HERO FAVORS ARMORY BILL

Portland, May 12.—(Special.)—"Did I ever occur to you that, say, Japan, could invade the Pacific coast, levy tribute on every town and establish a base from which to operate in a land fight with the rest of the country?"

This is one of the questions propounded by Richmond P. Hobson, congressman from Alabama and hero of the naval fight at Santiago, who is now touring the western country lecturing on the possibilities of trouble in the future and the necessity for preparedness. Hobson's mission is one of bringing the American people to a realization of the fact that the world is changing and that one of the requisites of national safety is a competent

and sufficient force to meet possible emergencies. The American people have been particularly fortunate in past wars, Captain Hobson pointed out, but as the great Napoleon once said, "Victory generally goes to the side of the heaviest battalions regardless of prayers and supposed Divine favoritism."

Unpreparedness for war has become almost a national characteristic. It was pointed out. The keynote of that is economy. Congress is loth to spend a few dollars, cutting on military and naval appropriations whenever possible. Captain Hobson said that the people must come to a realization of future dangers from rapidly rising oriental powers, before it is too late. Otherwise the lesson may have to be learned at the cost of millions in money and thousands of lives.

That there is a movement east state of Oregon even, to hold up a small appropriation for armories for the proper training of hundreds of National Guardsmen in the state, was news which Captain Hobson received with considerable surprise. He said there was no investment which the people might possibly make that would give so large a return in due time. Trained citizen soldiers constitute our great hope, he said, since the policy of the country is to keep a mere handful of a regular army. "I hope the people of Oregon will not be so shortsighted or so negligent of their duty to the nation as to vote down a measure of that kind at their June election," Captain Hobson added.

There will be no meeting of the afternoon Kaffee Klatch this week. Publicity at Pendleton.

Pendleton, May 12.—(Special.)—A publicity bureau was organized in this city last evening with 15 men engaged in business in this city at the head. The bureau now has about \$2000 to work with, but will secure about twice as much as that in a few days, and will carry publicity work forward with real vim.

Bank Official in Trouble. San Francisco, May 12.—A warrant for the arrest of James Treadwell, the former Alaskan mine owner, against whom an indictment charging perjury in connection with the embezzlement of the Colton securities from the California Safe Deposit & Trust company was issued today and put in the hands of the sheriff.

The First Again. The Observer's Pacific league ball report is meeting with so much popularity that arrangements have been made for a still better series. Commencing with last night the batteries in the games which Portland is playing, will be sent with the regular score report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF LAND. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator de bonis non (with the will annexed) of the estate of Melinda Wardwell, deceased, will, by virtue of an order of the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, made on the 8th day of April 1908, empowering him to do so, from and after the 19th day of May, 1908 sell at private sale, for cash, lot numbered 5 and 6, of block numbered 26, of Sterling's addition to the town of Island City, in Union county, state of Oregon, which sale will be made to obtain funds to pay legacies and expenses of administration, and said property will be sold to the person offering the largest sum therefor. Persons desiring to buy said property are requested to communicate with me at my residence at said Island City, or elsewhere. Said sale will be made according to law and said order of court. ULYSSES G. COUCH, Administrator.

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Asparagus is being canned at the Freewater cannery.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS MEETS

GREATEST OF ITS KIND EVER ATTEMPTED.

The Saving of Forests, Conversion of the Mississippi into Deep Waterway, Improvement of All Inland Waterways and Means of Systematic Drainage and Irrigation in the Far West, Some of the Topics—Great Results Are Expected.

ROOSEVELT SENTIMENT. "If congress fails to perpetuate the Inland Waterways Commission, by gracious, I will do it myself."—President Theodore Roosevelt.

Washington, May 12.—Governors of many states, senators, representatives, cabinet members, heads of great commercial and industrial bodies, labor leaders, corporation presidents and men distinguished in other walks of life assembled today in the East room of the White House as the guests of President Roosevelt and inaugurated a conference which is likely to go down in history as the most notable of its kind ever held in the United States. The conservation of the natural resources of the country, its forests and waterways, is the subject which will occupy the attention of the famous delegates during the three days of the meeting. President Roosevelt presided at the opening of the conference, declaring that the subject under discussion is "the most weighty question now before the people of the United States." Two sessions will be held each day of the conference.

President Roosevelt's first announcement of the present conference was made during the course of his address at Memphis on October 3 last, while he was making his famous trip down the Mississippi. The meeting was at first scheduled for January, but for various reasons it was postponed.

It is believed that a permanent organization, wider in its scope and more influential than any similar body, will be organized as a result of the conference opened today.

Of the subjects outlined by the president for consideration, that of the improvement of the nation's inland waterways is looked upon as the most important.

The conversion of the Mississippi river into a deep waterway will be taken up.

Coupled with this are the saving of the forests, the control of floods, the prevention of soil erosion and the conservation of the supply of coal, iron and other mineral resources.

Special attention will be given to soil erosion by the Missouri river and its tributaries. Investigation by the

experts of the department of agriculture shows that thousands of acres of rich land along the Missouri has been carried away to the gulf.

Means of systematic irrigation and drainage in the Far West without exhausting the streams will be sought.

Uniform laws among the states of the west and southwest for the development of arid lands by the economical use of the streams will be urged.

One of the most important addresses of the conference will be that of President James J. Hill of the Great Northern railway, who received a special invitation from President Roosevelt. His subject will be "The Relation Between Rail and Water Transportation."

Mr. Hill's discussion inevitably will lead him to a consideration of the competitive relations between the railroads and the canals of the country, and he is expected to touch upon the significant revelations which recently have been made through government investigations into that subject. The inland waterways of the country always have been an important check on railway freight rates. Now that the freight business of America has grown beyond the railroads it is necessary that the inland waterways should be taken into important consideration.

Other notable addresses will be made by William Jennings Bryan, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America. All of the visiting governors will take part in the general discussion, following the presentation of reports by numerous experts on the various subjects under consideration. Governor Hughes of New York is in attendance, and is accompanied by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, and President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university, two of the best known educators of the country.

Bryan and Hughes Chummy.

William J. Bryan and Governor Hughes sat together in animated conversation. The session began with singing the "Star Spangled Banner," during which Roosevelt took the chair with Fairbanks.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale pronounced the invocation.

President Waxes Warm.

In his address to the delegates the president injected the following remark:

"If congress does not perpetuate the inland waterways commission, by gracious, I will do it myself."

The delegates applauded him liberally.

Andrew Carnegie followed the president with an address in which he pointed out the danger of complete exhaustion of natural resources.

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