

FIVE PLANS CHOSEN

First Irrigation Work to Be Done by Government.

IT WILL COST SEVEN MILLIONS

Oregon Not Among States Benefited, but Surveys Will Continue on Butter Creek and Work Be Done if Proved Practicable.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, has granted authority for the acquisition of necessary property, rights of way, etc., prior to the construction of irrigation works in five localities. These projects are: Wyoming, Sweetwater dam; Montana, Milk River; Colorado, Gunnison tunnel; Nevada, Truckee; Arizona, Salt River reservoir.

These projects are estimated to cost \$7,000,000, and will provide for the irrigation of about 800,000 acres of arid land. In addition, the Gray Bull reservoir project is to be taken up immediately. The construction remains subject to the possibility of obtaining the necessary rights and the adjustment of private claims in such manner as to comply with the act approved June 17, 1902.

The authority granted relates to the projects upon which the examinations have been made in sufficient detail to justify estimates of cost and results. Several others in other states are well advanced as regards investigation, and it is expected that further recommendations can soon be made.

The Secretary has also authorized the expenditure during the present calendar year of \$400,000 on surveys, borings for foundations and other examinations, which will be carried on in all of the states and territories included within the provisions of the law.

DOES NOT PREJUDICE OREGON.

Action of Hitchcock Allows Butter Creek Surveys to Continue.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—The announcement today that Secretary Hitchcock has decided to begin the construction of National irrigation works in Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado does not prejudice the project which is to be carried out on Butter Creek, Oregon.

The five projects referred to are those that have been under investigation by the Geological Survey anywhere from three to 12 years, and are the ones on which the most detailed examinations have been made. But in no case have the examinations been completed nor are plans ready for advertisement. Today's announcement means that the department will immediately turn its attention toward acquiring full title to the reservoir sites and rights of way of canals by purchase or condemnation, wherever private ownership conflicts with the proposed work, and if in any instance the title cannot be obtained the project will be abandoned.

The Geological Survey, as a result of former study of these several localities, now has rough plans for reservoirs and canals, and final plans will be hastened and contracts let.

As heretofore stated, the Geological Survey has two experts now making surveys and examinations on Butter Creek, and a third will soon join them. These examinations will be final, and, when their report is made and a project is roughly outlined, provided no unforeseen obstacles arise to show the project impracticable, this work will be added to the approved list and steps be taken looking to construction.

Hydrographer Newell roughly estimates that it will cost \$7,000,000 to construct the five projects designated by the Secretary, while the reclamation fund at this time aggregates about \$10,000,000, thus leaving \$3,000,000 available for other projects that may be approved later. Furthermore, the fund is constantly growing, so there will be no lack of funds with which to commence work on Butter Creek, when the plans are finally formulated. Part of the funds to be used in other states are those derived from sales of Oregon lands, but a major portion of the Oregon fund for the past 25 years remains to its credit, and is more than enough to build the favored irrigation system in that state.

The report of the Oregon irrigation committee recently forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture finally found its way to Mr. Newell, and has been by him referred to the field officers in Oregon. He was somewhat surprised that the committee made no recommendation, and has therefore asked the field officers to examine all the projects named, as they can conveniently reach them. The field force will be augmented by new men from time to time, and examinations and surveys will be continued throughout the summer, although the first work will be the completion of investigations on Butter Creek.

AFTER LUMBER TRAFFIC

Contest Between Two Roads for Northern California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific are entering upon a war for the lumber traffic from the Northern Coast of California, says the Examiner. The Santa Fe is extending its system in the rich timber district and projects a new coast line north from San Francisco, and as a nucleus of the proposed road, has purchased three small roads in the vicinity of Eureka, Humboldt County. By obtaining control of these railroads, the Santa Fe is enabled to cover the territory so far south as Eureka, whence it contemplates closing the 10-mile gap to Willits, the terminus of the California Northwestern. However, President Harriman, of the Southern Pacific, is rumored to have obtained an option on a majority of the stock of the California Northwestern, with a view to preventing the Santa Fe from running over that line from Willits to Tiburon, but the Santa Fe will offset this scheme, according to Captain A. H. Paxon, and W. A. Bissell, the well-known railroad men, by constructing a parallel line from Willits to this city. The purchase of the El River & Eureka, California Northern and an extension of the former known as the Humboldt County, recently incorporated, is also included in the deal, which is said to involve about \$200,000.

The reported contest between the two railroad lines has for its prize the transportation of all the lumber that the vast region in the North, and closing the gap to Willits would mean the opening up of large tracts of land to other enterprises besides giving the lumbermen quicker facilities for transferring timber to the East. All the lumber now coming out of the country is shipped to this city by water and thence by rail.

NEW THEORY OF COMMERCE

TRANSFER COMPANIES ARE INTER-STATE CARRIERS.

Those of Kansas City Secure Injunction Against Strikers on This Theory—Ten Rioters Arrested.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 12.—Judge John E. Phillips, in the District Court, this afternoon, issued a sweeping injunction restraining all members of the local Team Drivers' Union from interfering with the business of the transfer companies of the city, whose men are on a strike.

The 11 companies petitioned the court today to restrain the strikers and their sympathizers, on the ground that interference with wagons on the way to depots and shipping yards is in violation of the interstate commerce laws. The plaintiffs argued that goods are in transit, in the meaning of the law, from the moment they are loaded into a wagon, when a receipt is given by the transfer company, and this contention was upheld by the court. This injunction, which is temporary, is made returnable on March 20.

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COUNSEL FOR CANADIAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE, NOTED BARRISTER.



Hon. Edward Blake, who will act as counsel for the Dominion of Canada in the Alaska boundary dispute, is a noted barrister of Canada, and a member of the Dominion Parliament. He has been prominent in politics since 1867, and among other offices he has held are those of Prime Minister of Ontario, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada. He now represents South Longford in the Parliament.

In the future in New York lies in the development of the underground systems.

BOUGHT BY THE SANTA FE.

California Northern and Allied Roads Leading to Eureka. SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Full confirmation of the reported sale of the Eureka & El River Railroad, the California Northern and the extension of the former, known as the Midland Road, to the Santa Fe Company has been obtained from an authoritative source, Captain A. H. Paxon, assistant to President Ripley, today stated that the story of the purchase is true, but he would not discuss the report that his company is after the California & Northwestern Road further than to suggest that the acquisition of the latter property would not be surprising as a piece of news.

"Parties acting for the Santa Fe Road," said Captain Paxon, "have secured these small northern roads and in time the title to them will be transferred to our company. It is also true that surveys are being made for a further extension of the Eureka & El River Road and the Midland in a southerly direction, which means that eventually the Santa Fe will have as a feeder of the El River & Eureka & possibly further north."

ELKINS LAW NOT RIGID. Railroad Men Say It Does Not Forbid Favors to Patrons. CHICAGO, March 12.—At a meeting held today by the Central Freight Association, the Elkins law came under discussion. The lines decided simply to send copies to their agents with instructions to obey its provisions. It was held that it does not make anything an offense which was not an offense under former laws and that it does not prevent freighting and similar favors granted to patrons.

New Road in Receptivity. MUSCATINE, Ia., March 12.—Charles Howard, general manager of the Muscatine North & South Railroad, extending from here to Elk River Junction, 20 miles south, has been appointed receiver of the property. The road was built this year, and is a feeder of the Iowa Central. The receiver, it is said, may extend the road to Burlington, with a view of selling it to the Burlington Company.

New Railroad Law in Montana. BUTTE, Mont., March 12.—Railway officials in Butte have been notified of the passage of State Senate bill No. 70, introduced in the last Legislature by Senator Hopkins. The law is in effect immediately, and provides that all railroads must correctly report delayed passenger trains to the traveling public by posting notices in a conspicuous place in the station and notify telephone exchanges.

Formal Transfer Made. PIERRE, S. D., March 12.—A deed of record has been filed with the Secretary of State, transferring for a consideration of \$1 all the lines of the Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railway to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company.

Snow in Monte Cristo Mountains. EVERETT, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—A snow-storm from the north arrived here today, being unable to reach the terminus of the line. Silverton is as far as trains can proceed into the Monte Cristo Mountains, owing to deep snow.

Waiohau on Short Line. SALT LAKE, March 12.—Traffic on the Oregon Short Line is temporarily impeded by a 100-foot washout near Corning, Utah. The washout occurred early this evening and was caused by the rapid melting of the snow in the mountains.

Mad Covers the Tracks. EVERETT, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—A mudslide, occurring near Richland Beach on the Great Northern, about midnight last night, covered the tracks 100 feet or more.

Work for 5000 More Men. JOLIET, Ill., March 12.—The plant of the Illinois Steel Company here will resume work Monday, after being idle for several weeks on account of scarcity of coke. This will put 3000 men at work, and also means the resumption of work in the mills of the American Steel Wire Company, where 2000 men are employed.

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NEGOTIATIONS CALLED OFF.

Tramway at St. Paul Conference Have Not Enough Authority.

ST. PAUL, March 12.—All negotiations between the various committees of railway tramway and the four companies looking to an agreement on the wage question were called off today. The calling off of the negotiations with the companies does not necessarily mean that there has been a dispute, but it does mean that the committees have used all the powers within their jurisdiction to effect a settlement.

The rock in which the split occurred was that concerning the running of double-header trains. Neither the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Omaha or Great Western, respectively, was asked by the men. The committee, on the other hand, had no authority to accept the compromise offered. That is why the negotiations with the bodies have been called off. The question of pay was agreed to by two companies, and with two other companies no agreement was reached.

TO ENJOIN USE OF MILITIA. Colorado Strikers Will Test Powers of Sheriff in Court. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 12.—Suit will be filed tomorrow in the District Court of El Paso County by H. R. Smith, the attorney employed by the Western Federation of Miners, naming Sheriff Gilbert and others as defendants and asking an injunction to determine the extent of the authority of the militia as aids to the Sheriff in administration of justice. Three taxpayers will figure as the complainants and the suit will set up a complete history of the strike.

It is understood that the officials of the road refuse to grant the increased scale demanded, but agreed to equal any advance by the Wabash or other competing roads. It is generally believed the Chicago & Alton trainmen will immediately commence voting upon the question of striking, and that unless there is an increase in pay the employees will go out simultaneously with those of the Wabash. The result of the voting will not be known until next week.

WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE UNION. Dunsmuir Says He Would Rather Close Mines for Years. VICTORIA, B. C., March 12.—James Dunsmuir said today in regard to the closing of the Extension mines, he will never recognize the Western Federation of Miners. He said that unless he will keep the mines closed for years.

The situation at Ladysmith and Extension is unchanged, the miners awaiting the arrival of General Buller, of the Western Federation of Miners, before making any further move.

Advance Given Rio Grande Men. DENVER, March 12.—It was unofficially announced today that the Denver & Rio Grande Railway has granted an advance to wages to its miners and laymen, and that a settlement of all differences will speedily follow. The terms offered, it is said, show an advance of about 12 1/2 and 15 per cent. Neither Manager Edison nor Superintendent Coughlin would confirm or affirm the report of a settlement, and the workmen said they were not at liberty to talk for the present. The agreement will be submitted to the unions for ratification.

Company Recognizes Union. GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., March 12.—The strike at the mines of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company at Sunshine has been settled satisfactorily to both sides. The company has agreed to the recognition of the union and the strikers have withdrawn their other demands. An agreement to this effect will be signed today and the miners are ready to return to work. The union will probably not speak until the closing days.

Merchant Tailors Organize. NEW YORK, March 12.—The Merchant Tailors' National Protective Association has been organized in this city, with local organizations affiliated with it in practically every important city in the country and Canada. Its objects are to give to the merchant tailors of the country the same standing relative to dealing with the labor question that the Journeymen Tailors' Union gives to the employees.

Strike Stops Shipbuilding. NEW YORK, March 12.—The New York Metal Trades Association has opened an employment bureau and today 200 men representing all the trades affected by the shipyard strike, were sent to the different yards. In anticipation of trouble, all the yards are cancelling their orders as fast as they can. Several ships were turned away from the yards today.

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OCCUPY BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH PARLIAMENTS.

Bill to Check English Ritualists Passes House—Suppression of French Convent Schools.

LONDON, March 12.—The entire sitting of the House of Commons today was occupied with the discussion of the church discipline bill, which passed its second reading by 125 to 51 votes. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson and Lord Halifax, president of the English Church Union, occupied seats in the peers' gallery.

The debate, which was strictly on non-party lines, brought out a strong sentiment on both sides of the House against extreme ritualism. The bill proposes giving the civil courts the right to take cognizance of proceedings brought by laymen to prevent the practice of extreme ritualism, abolishes the bishop's right of veto and provides that offending clergymen may be deprived of their livings.

Premier Balfour opposed the measure. He said the new Archbishop of Canterbury should be given time to carry out his plans for reform. Mr. Balfour admitted that illegal practices must be put down, but he preferred to extend the authority of the church rather than to adopt a policy which would "render the episcopate almost a superfluity."

Sir Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, in supporting the bill, said the conditions had reached a stage where, if the right of veto was left to the bishops and laymen were not given rights in ecclesiastical as well as in civil matters it would be better to disestablish the church.

FRENCH DEBATE RELIGION. Republican Opposes Policy of Closing Religious Schools. PARIS, March 12.—The Chamber of Deputies was again crowded today by persons anxious to hear the continuance of the debate on Premier Combes' proposition to refuse the request for authorization to teach made by 64 male religious congregations, which yesterday was made the special order of the day. The debate, while animated, was confined to some minor phases of the question, chiefly as to the Benedictines and other orders engaging in various lines of commerce. The strong orators of the Chamber have not entered into the debate and will probably not speak until the closing days.

M. Aynard, Progressive Republican, spoke today at much length against the proposition, arguing that its adoption would do a terrible mistake, as it aimed at destroying Catholicism in the country. Just the contrary was taking place abroad, continued the speaker. The English Ministers were trying to increase the authority of religious schools, while the Government was seeking to learn more and more on the Catholics and obtain control over France's religious dependants abroad. Nowhere except in France was this religious war being waged.

Liberty, said M. Aynard, is the patrimony of all, and only when it is accorded to all will peace be restored to France. After M. Groussier, Nationalist, had argued in favor of examining and debating separately all the applications for authorization, the further discussion of M. Combes' proposition was postponed until Monday and the House adjourned.

M'CORMICK GIVES RECEPTION. Guests Are Selected for Him by Russian Court Officials. ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—United States Ambassador McCormick tonight gave formal reception to the diplomatic corps and Russian official society. The officers of imperial ceremonies, according to custom, drew up the list of guests. Ambassadors are never allowed to suggest changes in this list or invite any one except members of their families and the staffs of other Embassies.

The list tonight consisted of 1800 men and 200 women and upon all these able to attend the reception Ambassador and Mrs. McCormick must make a personal call. Such receptions are never attended by the members of the imperial family. Tonight's reception commenced at 10 o'clock and lasted until past midnight. The invitations included all the leading court, civil, naval and military officials and their families.

THEIR LEADERS BLACKLISTED. German Dock Laborers Discuss Strike Against Steamship Company. BERLIN, March 12.—The dock laborers who handle the freight of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company at Bremen have been holding meetings nightly, trying to decide whether to strike or not because two members of a deputation recently sent to protest to the company's officials against the dismissal of one of the foremen, who, because of their having questioned the truthfulness of the com-

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Those J. P. Morgan Forgeries. LONDON, March 12.—The Gazette tonight announces that a resolving order has been made against Count Maurice de Boudari, who was connected with the recent forgeries of J. P. Morgan's signature on bills purporting to be in payment of purchase of Brlo-a-brac. The Count disappeared when the forgeries were discovered and his present whereabouts is unknown.

RIOT IN LEGISLATURE. Doorkeeper Strikes Representative and Disorder Ensues. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 12.—Speaker Whitcomb took the floor today when the discussion of the Davidson school text-book bill was on in the House and made the charge that boodie was being used to defeat the bill. As the discussion proceeded Representative C. M. Selph, of St. Louis, and Doorkeeper J. E. Clark became involved in a controversy because the doorkeeper asked Selph to keep quiet. Clark struck Selph and the House was in an uproar.

WELCOMES BISHOP DUNNE. German Prince Who Gave Up All Is Sadly Bereaved. BERLIN, March 12.—Princess Bernard, of Saxe-Weimar, died suddenly Wednesday, near Hanover. She was seized with convulsions while driving with her husband and expired a few hours later in a wayside cottage. The Princess was of obscure origin, and was born at Lubec. It was for her that Bernard, second son of the late Prince Hermann, of Saxe-Weimar, married the Princess, before she married Bernard, the widow of the Marquis Luchezani, an Italian. When the Marquis married her in London, in 1890, she was 27 years of age, but was a beautiful and accomplished woman. Owing to her varied career the family of the Marquis declined to receive her, whereupon she gave up his family.

PIANISTE MAKES A HIT. Extraordinary Success of Madame Roger-Micklos. NEW YORK, March 12.—Madame Roger-Micklos, the Prussian pianiste, achieved an extraordinary success at the seventh Philharmonic concert at Carnegie Hall, this afternoon. The audience insisted upon recalling her until the attendants came forward and closed the piano, which ended the incident. Walter Damrosch conducted.

Lehigh Valley Men Make Demand. WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 12.—Lehigh Valley engineers, yard conductors, trainmen, switchmen and engine wipers were given a 20 per cent increase in wages today.

COMING TO AMERICA. Lady Granville Gordon on Atlantic With Her Stolen Child. LONDON, March 12.—The captain of a tug says he has reason to believe that the child Cicely, Lady Granville Gordon's daughter by her former husband, Eric Gordon, for the possession of whom the recent sensational suit was brought and with whom Lady Gordon fled after the courts had ordered her to return the child to her father, is now on his way to the United States. He says he carried a woman, accompanied by a child, from Gravesend to Dunkirk, and the woman stated that the child was Lady Granville Gordon's.

BUDGET WILL SHOW DEFICIT. More Loads for Growing British Taxpayers to Bear. NEW YORK, March 12.—The treasury experts are greatly disappointed by the revenue returns, and are forecasting a deficit when Mr. Ritchie makes his budget speech, says the London representative of the Tribune. There are shortages in excise, the income and the customs, and it now seems improbable that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's estimate will hold good. Delay in the payment of taxes in the pressure of financial burdens.

STILL SHUTS OUT JEWS. Roumanian Senate Refuses to Naturalize Those Born in Country. VIENNA, March 12.—According to a dispatch from Bucharest, the Roumanian Senate, by a large majority, has declined to sanction a bill recently voted by the lower chamber in favor of the naturalization of two Jews born in Roumania.

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