

IS TOO SHALLOW

Channel Between the Bridges Only 20 Feet.

25-FOOT DEPTH DEMANDED

Government's Condition in Granting Bridge Permit.

ACCEPTANCE MAY BE REFUSED

Secretary of War Will Be Notified—Port of Portland Commission President Declares 20-Foot Channel Is Sufficient.

Will the Government accept the new Morrison-street bridge? The Willamette being a navigable river and under the jurisdiction of the War Department, the reconstruction of the Morrison-street bridge required a permit from the Government. When the plans for the bridge were submitted, certain conditions were imposed by the Secretary of War in the permit issued to the City of Portland for the construction of the bridge, the principal of these being the requirement of a 25-foot channel within the bridge area, extending a short distance below the Morrison-street bridge and up to the Madison-street bridge. By proceeding with the building of the bridge, the city, at least tacitly, agreed to fulfill the conditions required by the Government, but instead of a 25-foot channel there is at present, with bridge and dredge work completed, but 20 feet.

Objection on the part of the Government to the completed bridge first came in a communication received by the Port of Portland Commission on January 12, in which it was stated that "the United States Engineers' Department will require that the present dredging between Morrison-street and Madison-street bridges be carried to a depth of 25 feet below low water." When this letter was read a member of the Commission facetiously moved "that they continue to require it," which motion was immediately seconded, but no further proceedings. Since then the Port of Portland dredge has ceased operations, and is now out of commission, having only worked out a channel of 20 feet.

The matter, however, has a more serious aspect than that viewed by the commission. Since the Government's conditions have not been fulfilled the city will be held accountable and before the bridge has received official sanction some adjustment will have to be had with the War Department.

Twenty-Five-Foot Channel Stipulated

When plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the Morrison-street bridge were submitted to the Secretary of War for the purpose of receiving the necessary permit they were approved with the principal proviso that a 25-foot channel be provided within the bridge area. The City of Portland itself having no facilities for dredge work and considering the Port of Portland Commission to be the body to take such work in hand, the requirements of the Government regarding dredging were turned over to that body for fulfillment. The commission undertook the work of dredging, but despite the conditions imposed by the Secretary of War, only created a 20-foot channel, deeming this to be sufficient. The commission, however, in doing such work only followed out the purpose for which it was created, that of improving the harbor, and did not work under any agreement either with the city or Government.

The local Government officials are reticent on the subject and refuse to make any comment. They simply say that the permit issued upon the Secretary of War required a 25-foot channel and this has not been complied with. This matter will be reported to the Secretary of War, but just what immediate action will be taken is problematical.

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The answer sent by Senator Fulton to the communication by the Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

"I think everything possible has been done and is being done to secure necessary appropriations. The lower river and bar will be provided for, but there is great difficulty with Cello. Mr. Hurton is disposed, if that is insisted upon, to take the amount from the lower river and bar, as he insists only a given sum can be appropriated. I am not unduly concerned of the importance of placing Cello under continuing contract, even with a small present appropriation, and over that I am having our greatest doubts. We have, of course, urged what Oregon has done concerning the right of way at the suggestion of the Government. I am yet confident of an ultimate satisfactory result."

C. W. FULTON.

The answer sent by Mr. Williamson is shorter and to the point. He says:

"Telegram from yourself and others received. It is now too late for Portland trade bodies to render assistance to river and harbor bill at this session in the House. The fate of Oregon will be practically settled today."

J. N. WILLIAMSON.

Senator Mitchell replies as follows:

"Everything possible has been done and is being done towards securing necessary appropriations for lower river and bar, and proper recognition of Cello Canal on a continuing contract. Mr. Hurton and the committee have been fully advised as to existing conditions and urgent necessity. I cannot see what further can be done to secure desired results. Our efforts will not be relaxed, but continued with increased vigor."

JOHN B. MITCHELL.

Following the receipt of these messages the commercial bodies not only of Portland but of the Northwest will attempt no further action until such a time as the appropriation bill has been presented to the House. It is the current opinion that there will be some recognition given the canal in the bill and that the requests of the people of the Northwest will be heeded, but if this should prove to be unfounded and the bar and lower river alone is remembered by an appropriation, then the commercial and business interests will join in bringing all their combined influence to bear to secure an amendment to the bill as it passes through the Senate. It is the opinion of those who have in-

ACCUSED BY CLIENT

Attorney Watts Arrested on Embezzlement Charge.

SAID TO HAVE KEPT MONEY

Contractor Says He Gave Defendant Note for \$1250 to Collect, and Failed to Get Any Return—Watts Denies Charge.

Attorney John F. Watts was arrested by Patrolman Teevin late yesterday afternoon on a warrant issued out of the Municipal Court early in the day. Embezzlement of \$1250 is the charge. Contractor G. H. Jessup is the complainant, and Dan R. Murphy, formerly associated with the defendant in the law business, is counsel for the prosecution.

Attorney Watts denies his guilt, saying it may be true that he collected the sum stated, but that if he did it has slipped his memory in the hurry of business and will be paid if he finds he owes it. He is now making an investigation.

Contractor Jessup's story and that of Attorney Watts do not line up at all. Jessup declares he placed the bill of \$1250 in the hands of Watts for collection last August. It was for plastering work done for Neil Nelson, at the request of another contractor. Jessup says he went to the offices of John Ditchburn, with whom Watts is associated, to arrange for the collection of the bill. Mr. Ditchburn was out, he claims, and he turned the case over to Watts. He is positive that he called repeatedly later to ask as to the progress of the matter, and that each time Watts assured him that Nelson had refused to pay the amount.

ARE AFTER GOOD BULL RUN

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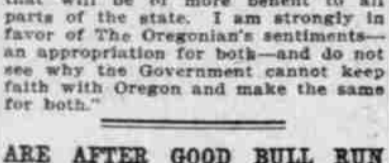
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Even the best medicine cannot take the place of the family doctor. Therefore we say: Consult your physician freely about your case and ask him what he thinks about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your cough. If he says take it, then take it. If he says do not take it, then follow his advice.



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THE TALE OF A CAT

Policeman Nearly Loses Life and Home Through a Stray Feline.

PATROLMAN OGG is a crack shot but when it comes to winging a duck, but when he tackled a large white cat Sunday night he experienced the time of his life, although finally killing the feline.

Patrolman Baty, who travels a North-End beat with Joe Burke, is partly responsible for the trouble, for he it was who first found the cat and transferred it to a place of safety, where he left it until time to report off duty. He then intended taking it home, as it was reputed to be a good mouser. In the meantime, the presence of the cat was tipped off to Patrolman Ogg, who thought it would be a good joke to steal it from his brother officer and take it himself.

Patrolman Ogg put the cat in a sack and carried it home. It was a big, strong one, and when he let it out of the bag upon reaching the house, it was frantic. It made a dash for the parlor window, leaping nearly to the ceiling. Its claws caught in a handsome pair of curtains, which were torn into shreds in a twinkling. This was appalling, but more was to follow, and quickly.

"Frightened more than ever," the cat leaped from the window and struck a table, on which was a lighted lamp. Over went table and lamp, and but for the presence of mind of the officer a fire would have resulted. But on went the cat, looking for more things to conquer.

"I'll catch that cat and throw it out," thought Patrolman Ogg, but it clawed his hands so fiercely he desisted. The cat ran under the stove. Ogg drew his revolver and fired, thinking to kill the demon. Instead, the bullet struck a leg

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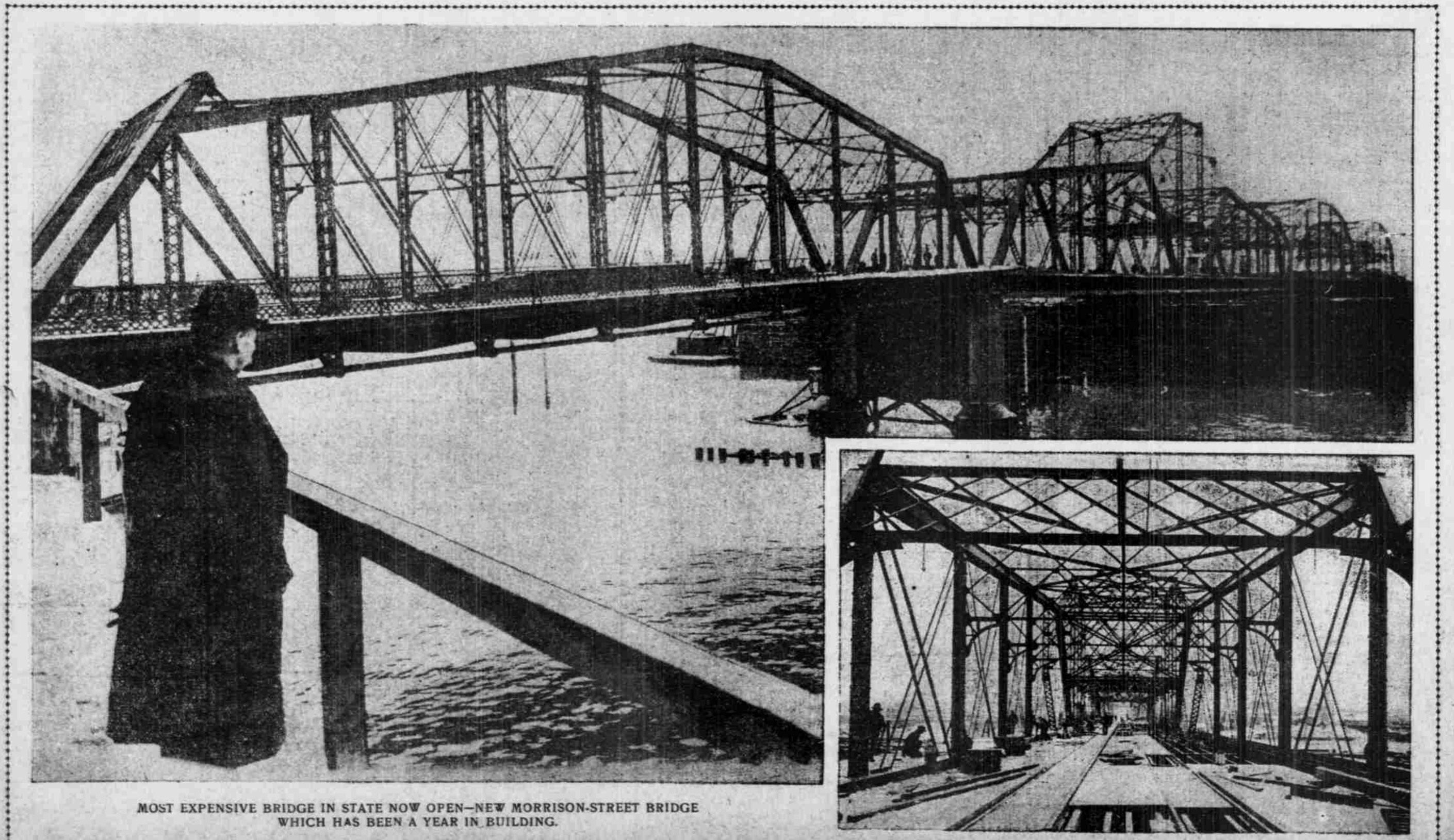
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