

DESCHUTES ROAD STARTS AT ONCE

Opening Up of Central Oregon Authorized.

HARRIMAN ORDERS ALL SPEED

Line Is 130 Miles Long and Will Cost \$4,773,000.

TAP IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Construction May Take Year and Half, and Will Proceed as Soon as Right of Way Matters Are Adjusted.

FACTS ABOUT DESCHUTES RAILROAD. Distance—130 miles. Route—Up Deschutes River from its mouth to Madras, Bend and Redmond. Estimated cost—\$4,773,000. Connections—Main line of O. R. & N. at Deschutes. Physical features—Water grade line, expensive of construction but easy of operation because of low grades. History—Organized February 1, 1906, amended surveys adopted by board of directors August 28, 1907. Road to Central Oregon completed by Harriman September 5, 1908. Deschutes route recommended by General Manager O'Brien in Fall of 1908. Time of commencing work—As soon as right of way obstacles are removed. Probable time of construction—From one year to a year and a half.

Harriman will enter Central Oregon by the Deschutes route. The decision to invade the interior by this survey has been made by the heads of the system and authority to construct the road was given General Manager O'Brien yesterday in telegraphic advices from Chicago. Work will be commenced on the new line just as soon as right of way obstacles are removed and contracts can be let. It is estimated by Mr. O'Brien that from a year to a year and a half will be required to construct the road. The distance is 130 miles from Deschutes, at the mouth of the river, to Redmond, in the heart of the irrigation district around Bend. The estimated cost of the road is \$4,773,000. Upon receipt of approval of his recommendations from Chicago yesterday Mr. O'Brien said:

Wait for Approval of Maps.

"I have been authorized to start work on the line up the Deschutes River to Redmond as soon as maps are approved by the Government and rights of way are secured. We are willing to pay what is considered market value for rights of way, but we do not propose to be held up by exorbitant prices either by owners of land or others. Work will be started after right of way matters are settled as soon as contracts can be let. "Construction will be difficult and expensive along the surveys, and I estimate it will take from a year to a year and a half to complete the line. One of the biggest obstacles will be the landing of supplies at the points where they will be needed by workmen. The line will follow the river closely at the bottom of the Deschutes canyon, and supplies will have to be hauled overland and let down the sides of this canyon, which in many places are 200 feet high."

Maps Not Yet Approved.

The Deschutes Railroad Company, the name of the subsidiary Harriman corporation making the surveys, although yet young, was born to trouble as the sparks to fly upward. Although efforts have been made since 1906 to get its maps approved, its object has not yet been reached. Opposed by other railroads and blocked at strategic points, it has also had to contend with "jackrabbit engineers," as irrigation experts are known by the railroads, who see possible reclamation projects by using the water of the Deschutes. Dams in the river are of course serious obstructions to a railroad following the banks of the stream. Just how soon the right-of-way maps filed by the Deschutes Railroad will be approved by the Interior Department so that work may begin cannot now be known. This approval is withheld because of conflicts with the Oregon Trunk Line, Incorporated, which has surveys for a portion of the distance up the Deschutes identical with the Harriman surveys. The obstacles presented by this rival line were detailed by W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the Harriman interests in this territory, recently at a special meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and are generally understood. It is the contention of the Harriman interests that the Oregon Trunk is really a plan to delay the Deschutes company and extort money from Harriman.

Government Owns Land.

Along the Deschutes River, for a great portion of the distance, title to the land still remains with the United States. These lands are within the

FRICK NOT BALKED, HIRES WHOLE TRAIN

LAVISHNESS OF MILLIONAIRE SURPRISES FRENCHMAN.

Pays \$1200 to Take Party to Pau to See Wilbur Wright Fly in Aeroplane.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Officials of the state-owned Orleans Railroad are still under the spell of amazement at the exploit of H. C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, who has given them a lesson in accomplishing the impossible which they will not soon forget. Mr. Frick when in Paris determined to run down to Pau to see Wilbur Wright fly in his aeroplane. Mr. Frick wanted six seats in the train de luxe for his party, but unfortunately he found all seats taken. "Well, add another railway carriage," said the Pittsburgh man magnificently. "I'll pay for it."

LOCK CANAL IS CHEAPER

Also Better, Members of Isthmian Commission, Tell Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Chairman Goethals and General Counsel Rogers, of the Isthmian Canal Commission, and Chairman F. C. Boggs, chief of the Washington office, appeared today before the subcommittee on appropriations, which is preparing the Sundry Civil bill. Colonel Goethals spoke emphatically in favor of the lock system for the Panama Canal in preference to the sea-level plan. The latter he said, would cost about \$175,000,000 more than the lock canal, the cost of which he said, will reach \$275,000,000 including the original purchase price, but not including interest on the money.

TETON TUNNEL IS ON FIRE

Great Northern Bore Closed to Trains by Fierce Blaze.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 15.—A fierce fire is raging in the Great Northern Tunnel at Teton station, 50 miles east of here, and it will be completely burned out. A large force of men is at work in an effort to check the flames, but as there is no water available, they cannot accomplish much. It is expected that the road will be blocked for several days.

BECKERT ADMITS MURDER

German Diplomat in Chile Says He Killed Servant in Self-Defense.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 15.—Herr Beckert, Chancellor of the German legation here, arrested at Chillan last week, has confessed to killing the servant of the legation, whose body was found ten days ago in the ruins of the legation office after the destruction of the building by fire. He declares that he killed the man in self-defense.

FILIBUSTER DEFEATS DRY

South Carolina Legislators Wage War for Several Days.

COLUMBUS, S. C., Feb. 15.—After a lively filibuster lasting several days, it appeared today that state-wide prohibition had been defeated in this state. The Senate had a majority of four for local option and the House was equally close. The local option forces in the House were well organized to demand roll calls on hundreds of amendments.

CREATES STIR IN ROME

News of Roosevelt's Visit Causes Quite a Flutter.

ROME, Feb. 15.—The announcement that Theodore Roosevelt and his wife will arrive at Naples the end of March on his way to East Africa, and will remain in Italy 11 days, has been received here with great satisfaction. Both the King and Queen have expressed a desire to meet him.

SUCCESSOR TO COQUELIN

LeBargy to Play "Chanticleer," at Salary of \$30,000.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Edmond Rostand, the playwright, has selected M. LeBargy, of the Comedie Francaise, to replace Benoit Constant Coquelin, who died last month, in the leading role of Rostand's new play, "Chanticleer," at a salary of \$30,000 a year.

ACTOR HITCHCOCK "BROKE"

Man Whose Name Was Smirched by Charges Owes \$28,294.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, filed a petition in bankruptcy today in the United States District Court. He gives his liabilities at \$28,294, his assets at \$16.

MONEY BILLS ARE KNIFED IN SENATE

Signs of Economy in Legislature.

STATE SCHOOL BILLS ARE CUT

One Normal Allowed at Portland With \$100,000.

HOUSE FREE WITH MONEY

Appropriations Slated for Passage Will Total \$2,689,964—Schools and Road Bills Are Not Included in This Estimate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The first signs of economy in the Oregon Legislature came tonight when the Senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for one normal school in Portland, as opposed to the bills passed by the House for \$35,000 for three normals; cut down the Agricultural College annual maintenance appropriation from the \$100,000 asked for and voted down a bill of Senator Oliver for a new \$60,000 agricultural college at Union. At the same time the House defeated the \$25,000 appropriation for the Seattle Fair.

House Still Liberal.

Big appropriation bills were passed in each house, however, without application of the pruning knife. The Senate passed a bill for \$351,000 for improvements in the Asylum, the Penitentiary, the Blind School, the Feeble-Minded Institute, the Soldiers' Home and the Reform School.

The House at the day session passed three bills of the ways and means committee, amounting to \$1,727,000, and cut down the total only \$240. The Senate passed a bill raising the State Fair appropriation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and a bill appropriating \$45,000 for tuberculosis sanatoria.

Portage Extension Carries.

The bills passed in the House were those known as the general, the deficiency and the portage appropriations. In the House will next come about \$48,000 for such institutions as the Baby Home, the Boys' and Girls' Aid and the Florence Christian Home.

These four bills are slated for passage and amount together with \$612,000 continuing appropriations of \$2,689,964. This total does not include the sums asked for normals, scalp bounty, Seattle Fair, Crater Lake road, Johnson's road bill, Agricultural College and a lot of other bills that threaten to reach \$1,500,000.

When the Senate this evening passed the improvement bill President Governor entered a vigorous protest, which

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HUNGER MAY KILL SEVEN ON DIVIDE

SIX MEN AND WOMAN ARE CAUGHT ON MOUNTAIN.

Section Gang, 13,000 Feet Above Sea, Imprisoned by Fifty-Foot Snowdrifts.

BUENA VISTA, Colo., Feb. 15.—Snow-bound at the crest of the continental divide, at the Alpine tunnel, on the Colorado & Southern Railroad, a party of seven is in imminent danger of starving, according to a party of nine men who reached here last night after a terrible struggle through the deep snow.

The men who arrived here are snow-shovelers and left Pine Pass, 15,000 feet above the sea level, Friday morning. Ten hours were spent in making the first six miles, as only two of the party had snowshoes. The snow in places was bound to be from 20 to 50 feet in depth, and a number of times the little party had narrow escapes from death by slides.

According to their stories the party at Alpine tunnel consists of Larry Waters and his wife, who run the eating-house, and five track men, three of them sick. They had nothing left to eat except a limited supply of coffee and flour enough for about two days. Yesterday's new storm makes it problematical when the rotary plows will be able to open the line.

\$500,000 FOR COLUMBIA

Portland Engineering District Favored by River and Harbor Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 15.—In addition to items heretofore enumerated, the river and harbor bill, soon to be reported to the House, will carry \$500,000 for continuation of the work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River, \$200,000 for repairing and operating the dredge Chinook, \$100,000 for continuing improvement of the Portland-to-the-sea channel, together with a survey of this part of the river, looking to procuring a 20-foot channel. The appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia River is far the largest single item in the bill, and the Portland engineering district will receive more than twice the amount carried for any other district in the country. This liberal treatment is due to the energies of the Oregon Congressmen and Representative Jones, who is on the river and harbor committee.

ROCKS SINK BENEATH SEA

Earthquake Is Believed to Have Changed Santa Barbara Channel.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—It is reported that Beggs Rocks, located in the outside channel between Santa Barbara and San Nicholas Islands, have recently sunk into the ocean, probably as the result of an earthquake and now constitute a serious menace to navigation.

Captain Keegan, of the schooner Cecilia Sudden, arriving at San Pedro, reports that he came near the rocks which are charted as showing 40 feet above high tide, and found them but four feet above the water at almost low tide. The hydrographic office in San Francisco has been notified.

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THEATER BURNED; NEARLY 300 DEAD

Terrible Disaster at Acapulco, Mexico.

CRUSHED AND ROASTED ALIVE

Panic Blocks Exits and Third of Audience Dies.

WHOLE FAMILIES EXTINCT

Performance in Honor of Governor Ends in Catastrophe—Dead Can't Be Identified and Are Buried in Great Trench.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many were injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores Theater in the City of Acapulco last night. The news of the disaster reached here this afternoon, telegraphic communication with Acapulco having been destroyed last night and today, owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theater was burned and all wires put out of commission.

Crushed or Roasted Alive.

The Flores Theater was a wooden structure and last night more than 1000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Damian Mores of the State of Guerrero. One of the numbers on the programme consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these, a film caught fire and the blaze was quickly communicated to some bunting which had been used for decorative purposes. In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure.

There were but three narrow exits and the panic-stricken audience rushed to them, many persons falling to be crushed to death, their bodies choking the way to escape for others. The screams of those imprisoned were terrifying.

Rescue Work Impossible.

Owing to the rapidly with which the fire spread and its intense heat it was impossible to attempt rescue work, and those imprisoned were literally roasted alive, as the fire burned with little smoke, and few were suffocated. The efforts of the fire department were confined to attempting to save the adjoining building, and the firemen succeeded so well that the property loss was small. The telegraph office, post office and customs house were damaged, but all of the government records and registered mail were saved.

Today pitiful scenes of grief were witnessed on the streets of the city.

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AUSTRIA EXPECTS WAR WITH SERBIA

WITHIN SIX WEEKS HOSTILITIES MAY BEGIN.

Conditions on Frontier Intolerable and Artillery Being Hurried to Bosnia.

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Competent persons in military circles assert that the question of peace or war with Serbia must be cleared up within the next six weeks, or perhaps even earlier. The present strained relations, coupled with the perilous situation on the frontier, are absolutely intolerable. Many well-informed persons, who hitherto have believed that a peaceful solution would be found, now are beginning to declare that war is inevitable.

The war office is working night and day to complete its preparations, which embrace everything short of general mobilization. Partial mobilizations are going on all the time. Yesterday 15 batteries of machine guns were mobilized, men divided and sent to various regiments for a few days to be transferred presently into Bosnia. All officers have received specific instructions where to report in the event of a general mobilization. Extreme secrecy is being maintained regarding all these measures.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Vienna states that Austria-Hungary will shortly issue a \$70,000,000 loan at 4 per cent in order to prepare for any contingency with regard to Serbia. This fund will be applied to the replenishing of the war treasury.

AWAIT KIAMIL'S MESSAGE

Turks in Suspense Until Cause of Crisis Explained.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 15.—There is a lull in the political excitement here pending the appearance of Kiamil Pasha's manifesto, explaining his recent action in deposing the Ministers of War and Marine and the submission of the new ministry's programme to Parliament, both of which are promised for tomorrow.

Hilmi Pasha, the new Grand Vizier, today received a number of foreign ambassadors and Ministers to whom he gave assurances of prompt solution of the pending international questions and the continuity of Turkey's foreign policy and internal reform.

Up to the present time there have been no actual disturbances, but in some quarters of the city pistol shots were heard and there was more or less of a panic.

JAIL LIFE IS PROFITABLE

Bay City Woman Gets \$1000 an Hour for Time of Incarceration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A thousand dollars an hour for seven hours spent in jail, was the amount of damages awarded to Mrs. Annette Hartzell, a local milliner, today by the jury in the \$25,000 damage suit brought by her against John D. Murphy, representative of a Chicago millinery establishment. Mrs. Hartzell was arrested in 1906 on complaint of Murphy, who alleged that she had secured a bill of goods from his firm under false pretenses. She filed suit for \$25,000 damages due to false imprisonment. The fact that Mrs. Hartzell's picture appeared in local papers with a number written across it, showing that it came from the police "Rogue's gallery" particularly impressed the jury.

SUFFRAGE STORM BREWS

Glasgow Women Volunteer to Raid Parliament Today.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Suffragette leaders have promised that they will do nothing to annoy the King or disturb the royal procession at the opening of Parliament tomorrow. A hint of something afoot came from Glasgow tonight, when at an enthusiastic meeting of Suffragettes a ready response was made to a call for volunteers for "danger duty" to help in the raiding of the House of Commons. A large number of women announced their readiness to undergo a six months' term in prison for the cause.

They were immediately escorted by hundreds of sympathizers and took the midnight train for London.

FEAR TRIP MAY RUIN BELL

Liberty Bell Develops Extensive Crack That Jars Would Extend.

PHILADELPHIA Feb. 15.—The discovery today that the crack in the Liberty Bell has extended 17 inches beyond its original length caused the starting of another move to prevent the proposed trip of the old relic to the Pacific Coast. The second crack, which is scarcely perceptible, extends almost to the top of the bell, and any sudden jolt may cause it to split in half. The committee of Council having the proposed trip of the bell in charge will make a report next Thursday.

EIGHT CHINESE SNEAK IN

Celestials Walk Across Frozen St. Lawrence, but Are Caught.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Eight Chinese were captured here today, having walked across the St. Lawrence River on the ice from the Canadian side. They arrived at the border from Montreal on the midnight train and were piloted here by an Indian. All the Chinese had their queues cut off and wore American clothes. They were charged with unlawfully entering the United States.

TUCKER QUIZZED BY ARMY SURGEONS

Wife and Mother-in-Law Chief Accusers.

WILL TELL OF DISSIPATION

High Jinks to Be Exposed to Army Retiring Board.

DID HE HAVE AFFINITY?

Conflict About Mrs. Platt's Status Will Be Settled—Amount of Tucker's Retirement Pay Depends on Issue.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Whether Colonel William H. Tucker, Assistant Paymaster-General of the Army, has become incapacitated for service and whether that incapacitation, if existing, has been caused by his Army services or by dissipation will be decided Tuesday or Wednesday by the retiring board of the Army, which convened today in the Federal building.

Colonel Tucker, looking thin, ill and careworn, underwent a physical examination made by the medical members of the board today. He was subjected to a rigorous examination at the hands of the medical experts.

Five other officers are to have their cases decided by the board and underwent the medical test. Possibly Tuesday, but probably not until Wednesday, the board will call the Tucker case, receive the report of the medical men and then proceed to hear evidence on the question as to whether Colonel Tucker should be "retired" or "wholly retired," if retired at all.

Wife Witness Against Him.

Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, his wife, and Mrs. John A. Logan, his mother-in-law, will take the stand to testify that the Colonel should be wholly retired, inasmuch as his present poor physical condition has been brought about by dissipation in the Philippines and elsewhere. Colonel Tucker on the contrary will seek to show that his ill-health is due to long and arduous services in the Army, and that therefore he should only be retired. It is not expected that Colonel Tucker will contend that he is not incapacitated, but will make the hardest

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