

SENATE FRIENDLY TO HARBOR BILL

Conservative Appropriation Is Expected to Pass in Upper House.

JAFF'S MESSAGE AN AID

Penrose Voices Sentiment of Anti-Waterway Feeling When He Insists Present Condition of Treasury Forbids Big Sum.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the better prevailing in the minds of certain Senators that a river and harbor bill will be passed during the present session of Congress, a recent canvass of the upper branch shows a decided disposition to pass a conservative waterways bill, should such a measure reach the Senate in time for its proper consideration.

Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, voiced the anti-waterway sentiment today in explaining the origin of the rumors regarding a river and harbor bill.

"It is the opinion of such leaders as Senators Hale and Aldrich that it would be folly to pass a river and harbor bill carrying \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000 in view of the present condition of the treasury," he said. "The matter has had consideration by the recently created committee on public expenditures, of which Senator Hale is acting chairman, and while no definite action was taken the situation was pretty thoroughly gone over.

Contracts May Be Continued.

"An opinion exists that if we provide for projects now building under continuing-contract provisions it will be about all the present Congress can reasonably be expected to do. Should we do but this the sundry civil bill will carry in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 for continuing the work of river and harbor improvement.

"Of course," continued the Senator, "conditions may change as to the Treasury deficit in which event a river and harbor bill would in all probability be given respectful consideration." Several other Senators who, for personal reasons, object to the use of their names, spoke in much the same vein as the Senator from Pennsylvania.

Senator Frye of Maine, chairman of the commerce committee, and an uncompromising friend of waterway improvements, takes a diametrically opposite view of the situation.

Senator Frye Confident.

"The only way a river and harbor bill can be defeated," said Senator Frye, "is about all the present Congress can reasonably be expected to do. Should we do but this the sundry civil bill will carry in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 for continuing the work of river and harbor improvement.

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Demand Must Be Met.

"Senators may have ideas as to the amount the bill should carry, and in what manner the appropriations should be made for river and harbor work, but they cannot fail to recognize the universal demand for a river and harbor bill that will be comprehensive in character."

Some criticism is heard of the features of the bill now receiving its final touches in the House committee on rivers and harbors, particularly with reference to fixing a time limit for the completion of certain projects. And yet if this policy be not adopted the old handicap will continue to exist, and it is incidental to unbusiness-like treatment of waterway improvements will operate to that particular project's disadvantage.

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BURGLAR PLAYS DOCTOR

Crackman, Touched by Pity, Pours Out Medicine; Pal Robs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Two burglars—one a humane yeggman, the other his business "pal"—are being sought by the police for the robbery of the home of Robert R. Henderson, member of the Long-Critchfield corporation.

One burglar stood guard over J. F. McCullough, an official of the Southern Railway Company, who was ill and alone in the house, and gave him medicine, while the other ransacked the place, taking \$300 in valuables.

"Don't make any noise," was the warning Mr. McCullough heard, when he opened his eyes and saw a masked burglar near his bed. Despite the warning the sick man shouted feebly for aid.

"I am ill," he complained. "Where is your medicine?" asked the burglar.

"On the table there," said the burglar, pouring out a dose and still covering the patient with his revolver, gave the sick man his medicine. The burglars then fled with their loot.

AMERICANS AS BOASTERS

But Then, They've Something to Boast About.

Washington (D. C.) Herald. In many respects America is the greatest nation in the world. We have the most natural resources, the largest number of railroads, the greatest display of energy, more inventive genius and a faculty for doing things which exceeds that of any nation in modern times, and probably that of all times in history. But along with our national greatness we have an unfortunate tendency to boast of it. This grievous weakness makes us appear ridiculous in the eyes of Europe.

wealth and position are generally inherited; here, acquired. Rank and great financial influence in America are a novelty to the possessor in most cases. What has been in our possession for a long while becomes commonplace and no longer a subject for general conversation, especially in a boastful way. On the other hand, that which is newly acquired gives us a sense of pride out of proportion to its real worth, with the result that we are prone to inflict its excellence on our friends. It is like a new baby, whose latest prank or newest word is of such interest to us that we immediately herald it abroad among our suffering friends.

Among the things which should cause shamefacedness are our wastefulness in resources and in human life. Our railroads kill and maim more human beings than do all the other railroads in the world combined. There are more fatal mine disasters in the United States than in any other land; more murders are committed here than in any other nation, and relatively we are the most wasteful. Our fire losses, which amount to a per capita of \$2.58, are twice as great as the average among the European nations. It is estimated by experts that by the use of approved preventive measures we could effect a yearly saving of \$300,000,000 worth of property.

From excess we go to the extreme.

NEW TYPE OF GASOLINE BOAT TO COMBINE LOG TOWING WITH WORK ON BAE.



COOS BAY TOWBOAT HERCULES.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—A new type of gasoline boat which has recently and successfully been put in use on Coos Bay is the towboat Hercules. It is to be used in towing logs about the bay, and is probably the most powerful gasoline craft yet made in this locality.

The Hercules is 45 feet long with 10 1/2 feet beam. She is fitted with a 40-horsepower Hercules engine. The boat has developed great speed, and is safe in any kind of weather, and can cross out over the bar, and at the same time is built so that she can go up the rivers where there is logging. There is a big cabin in the fore so that the crew can live on board, and the general plan is of a new pattern designed especially for heavy towing in all kinds of water.

On account of the lumber operations of the C. A. Smith Company on Coos Bay, more towboats are being used for transportation of logs. The company recently put into commission a big steam towboat, and several other new gasoline boats have recently been put into use for this purpose.

The present discussion of high cost of living is due in large part to our wastefulness and our indifference. It is no longer a question of supply and demand that regulates prices, but "what the traffic will bear." We rarely question the price of an article, but pay what is asked. This is false economy, and while it may raise prices, it will prove unfortunate in the long run.

Our use of our forest lands, of our coal deposits, of our natural gas and oil reserves, are almost criminal in their wastefulness. With all our ingenuity for harnessing nature, we allow the water power of the land to go unused. Only recently have serious attempts been made to harness Niagara, while thousands of other water-power sites are as natural as the nose on your face.

Not only in the taking of an accounting with ourselves might prove beneficial to the Nation as a whole.

GIRL TAKES ICY PLUNGE

MAN BRAVELY FOLLOWS HIS SWEETHEART OFF BRIDGE.

To End Her Life After Quarrel, Singer Tries to Drown Herself, but Is Foiled.

After a quarrel with Alfred Loomis, Ethel Smith-Crief, a concert hall singer, leaped from the center span of the Morrison-street bridge into the river at 12:30 this morning.

The daring of Loomis, a pilot on the steamer P. B. Jones, who mounted the bridge railing and plunged after her into the icy water, foiled the woman's desire to end her life. After a struggle lasting 20 minutes, in which he battled for his life and his sweetheart's, he saved her.

The cries of the pair were heard on the shore and rescued the fireboat and deckhands of the steamer Hustler, moored nearby, rescued the two. They were taken to police headquarters and charged with drunkenness.

The woman resides with her mother at 350 Cook avenue. She was recently divorced from Edmund Crief, a stage performer. Loomis is said to have been indirectly the cause of their divorce. A quarrel arose between the pair when she brought up the question of marriage as they stood on the bridge. Loomis is said to have demurred and she swung herself over the railing before he could prevent her.

WHIPPED DOG STEALS \$107

Newfoundland Returns Wallet When He Is Petted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Dandy, a Newfoundland dog, belonging to Nathaniel Wheeler, of Clinton, N. J., returned to his master a wallet containing \$107 and valuable papers that had been stolen from Wheeler's bedroom ten days ago. The wallet had not been opened.

It was believed the wallet had been stolen by a sneak thief. Mr. Wheeler says he now thinks that Dandy stole it for spite, having received a beating about the time the wallet disappeared.

"This morning I played with Dandy quite a little," said Mr. Wheeler today, and I remarked: "If you had been around, Dandy, that thief would not have got my wallet, would he? Almost instantly the dog ran out of the house, and about an hour he returned and placed the wallet at my feet."

Minors has always been the traditional industry of Mexico, because of the rubber with which fortunes were made. The recent depression in the industry have brought agriculture to the fore.

KEENE HALTS PROBE

New York Speculator's Ire Aroused by Inquiry.

POOL MANAGER PLAYS ROLE

Bookkeeping Examination in Bankruptcy Proceedings Angers Prominent Broker Who Refuses to Divulge Names.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—James R. Keene, manager of the two Hocking coal stock pools, grew angry yesterday when counsel for the receiver for J.



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manufacturing plants at Oregon City. It is asserted by the annexationists that the assessable value of the property they are seeking to bring into this county is approximately \$5,000,000 while the total assessment of Clackamas County is \$22,000,000.

"At no time have we ever figured on including the paper mills in the territory we are asking to annex to Multnomah," said B. Lee Paget, of the Multnomah-Clackamas Annexation Association, last night, following a meeting of this association. "With the exception of the west boundary of the district to be annexed, we have finally decided the boundaries. The district we will propose to add to Multnomah is that part of Clackamas County north of the Clackamas River. On the east the line will run from a point on the Clackamas River two miles south and two miles east of Cazadero on a straight line to the county limits.

"We have not decided how much of Clackamas County on the west side of the Willamette River will be included in the proposed annexation district. One thing is reasonably certain. No part of Clackamas County on the west side of that stream, south of the mouth of the Clackamas River will be included. Our present plans are to fix the boundaries on the west side of the Willamette so as to include only the town and immediate surroundings of Oswego, which is properly a suburb of Portland."

DEATH MAY END GRUDGE

SILETZ HOMESTEADER, AGED 60, SHOTS ANOTHER.

Leonard Palm Meets Old Enemy, Matthias Zettle, Aged 52, On Road and Fires Twice.

SHERIDAN, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Leonard Palm, aged 60, at noon today shot and seriously wounded Matthias Zettle, aged 52, at Kanobla's place on the Slab Creek road in the Siletz country. Two bullets were fired from a 28-caliber revolver, one of them entering just below the heart, and the other penetrating the leg.

The shooting is thought to be the result of a grudge between the men. Zettle had been to the postoffice at Bitner and was returning to his claim when he met Palm. A quarrel is said to have ensued in the course of which harsh words led to blows and then to the shooting.

Zettle has lived on his claim for about 15 years. Palm proved up on his about 15 years ago and lately has been back to visit his land.

The affair occurred just over the Yamhill County line. Palm will be taken to McMinnville tomorrow. Zettle's wounds, while painful, may not prove fatal.

HAIR GRAY AT AGE OF SEVEN

Fright From Falling From Haymow Whiteden Lad's Locks.

ATCHISON, Kan., Feb. 22.—A 7-year-old child, with hair as gray as that of an old man, is attracting the attention of local physicians. Recently Fred Jones, while playing in a hayloft, fell 80 feet to the floor. He was not seriously injured, but the resulting fright so acted upon his nervous system that his hair began to turn white.

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ROAD LAW FIGHT DUE

"IS STATE AID RIGHT IN PRINCIPLE?" TO START CONTEST.

Washington State Good Roads Association Opens Meeting Tomorrow at Aberdeen.

DOG AND PARROT SAVE LIFE

"Mayor Gaynor" and "Bill" Scream and Bark Fire Alarm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—"Mayor Gaynor" and his particular chum, "Bill," were the means of saving the lives of Fred Altag and his wife in a fire at No. 424 East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street early yesterday morning.

"Bill" is a parrot and "Mayor Gaynor" is a skye terrier, named for His Honor's name. Both are owned by the Altags, who are caretakers of the house, a two-story frame structure.

"Bill" discovered the fire first and his screams awoke the "Mayor." He added his yelps to the parrot's screams and attracted the attention of Patrolman Boldman, of the Mortmain station. Boldman ran to the corner and turned in an alarm. Then he hurried back to the burning house and dragged out Altag and his wife, who were stupified by the smoke.

The fire was confined to the house, but the tenants of two adjacent tenement-houses were driven out into the storm. Engine Company No. 50 also sustained a loss as a result of the fire, for the engine, when leaving the house, ran over and killed the company's pet Dalmatian.

Advertisement for Sherman Clay & Co. featuring Schumann-Heink tonight at the Armory. Includes a list of musical selections and a portrait of a woman.