

## MODJESKI REPORTS ON COLUMBIA SPAN

\$1,987,200 Estimated Cost of Bridge.

LAND PRICE \$500,000 MORE

Plans for Financing Project to Be Made at Once.

FEDERAL AID TO BE SOUGHT

After Portland-Vancouver Committee Adopts Report Meeting Is Arranged to Be Held in Seattle, October 7.

When a report was submitted yesterday by Engineer Ralph Modjeski to the Pacific highway bridge committee of the Portland and Vancouver, Wash., Commercial Clubs, showing that the probable cost of the proposed bridge over the Columbia River from Portland to Vancouver would be less than estimated originally, the committee adopted the report and made plans for an immediate campaign to devise ways and means of raising the money to build the bridge.

The committee, with a number of business men and others of Portland and Vancouver, met yesterday at the Portland Commercial Club, received the report of Mr. Modjeski and discussed formally the plans for the future.

Financial Details to Be Studied.

The question of finances is the first to be discussed, as it is the plan of the committee to ascertain, as soon as possible, just where influence must be brought to bear to obtain appropriations.

The first investigation along this line is to be centered on the Federal Government. The committee arranged for a meeting in Seattle, Monday, October 7, which the Congressional delegates from Oregon and Washington and all the candidates for Congress will be invited to attend and explain their stand on the question, and also to report on the possibilities and probability of the Federal Government's building or helping to build the structure. A committee will be appointed to arrange this meeting and to request the Senators, Representatives and candidates to be on hand.

In the meantime an effort will be made to ascertain the standing of candidates for the State Legislatures of the two states on the question of state aid. Steps also will be made to clear the way for campaigns for county by committee, as it is the intention of the committee to have Portland, Vancouver, Multnomah County, Oregon, and Clark County, Washington, consider bond issues.

Modjeski's Estimate Lower.

The report of Mr. Modjeski shows that the cost of the proposed bridge will be \$1,987,200, including \$150,000 for engineering and contingencies, and \$500,000 for the purchase of property and the building of a roadway for the approach to the bridge on the Oregon side. This is considerably under the estimates made when the bridge project was first considered. The estimate is for a 25-foot roadway, which is the size adopted by the committee.

The report shows that a 24-foot roadway could be built for considerably less. The estimates were made after careful surveys, borings and soundings conducted by Mr. Modjeski.

Following the reading of Mr. Modjeski's report there was considerable discussion in which the need for the bridge was brought out. A. M. Blaker, of Vancouver, said that he believed the Government would aid in the building of the bridge because of the proposed bridge post at Vancouver.

Officer Favors Bridge.

"I talked with General Maus a day or two ago," he said, "and he informed me that he and others are working hard to have the bridge post established. The Secretary of War is on his way here now, and I believe that after his investigation he will recommend Vancouver as the proper place for the post. This will make the bridge a necessity, and I believe the Government will be willing to take a hand."

Tom Richardson said that he believed the bridge campaign should be based on the proposition that it will help the entire state, and not just Portland and Vancouver alone. He said the committee should co-operate with Eastern Oregon residents as much as possible. F. A. Swan of Vancouver, maintained that the bridge is a necessity. "The ferry which plies across the Columbia," he said, "is overloaded much of the time when it is needed most. I think the bridge is needed as much by the two states as the first bridge in Portland was needed by the two sides of the city."

Toll Bridge Opposed.

The question of making the bridge subject to toll rates for pedestrians and vehicles was considered, and it was the opinion of most of those present that the toll feature should be eliminated. It was estimated that a revenue of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year could be derived from the bridge at the present time. If it were built and were subject to toll similar to that now charged on the ferry, Engineer Modjeski argued against a toll bridge.

The report of Engineer Modjeski, as

## BIG ORGAN REVIVES MEMORIES OF WAR

VETERANS JOIN CHORUS AS MELODY PEELS FORTH.

Commander Trimble, of Grand Army, Leads Impromptu Singing in Salt Lake Tabernacle.

SALT LAKE, Sept. 5.—A spontaneous and touching tribute to the power of the great Tabernacle organ and the organist, Professor J. J. McClellan, was paid today by Commander H. M. Trimble, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his party. As guests at a special organ recital in their honor, the commander and personal staff sat in the body of the Mormon Tabernacle here. Six hundred other veterans, with their families, who were traveling with him, occupied the encircling gallery.

One of the selections was "Marching Through Georgia." As the earlier strains rolled through the building Commander Trimble became restless, and when the vox humana stop, with its haunting suggestion of the well known words, was added to the chorus, he sprang to his feet and with outstretched arms beat time to the music and began to sing. The hundreds in the gallery took up the refrain. "While we were marching through Georgia," throbbed against the dome of the vast building and a thousand eyes were wet as the strains died away.

After a brief stop in Salt Lake the special Grand Army train took its journey to Los Angeles for the National encampment.

## STATE PAMPHLET AMUSES

Astorian Acknowledges Receipt of "Ornery Piece of Fiction."

SALLEM, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—"I have received a publication issued by you entitled 'A pamphlet, etc.' for which I wish to thank you," writes a prominent Astorian to Secretary Olcott in acknowledging receipt of an initiative and referendum. "Glancing over it I see very little humor but much fiction. It is certainly very filling for the price and you can undoubtedly lay claim to the largest circulation in Oregon."

"I do not think, however, you will maintain your present circulation unless you pay more attention to its appearance. The cover design is the most 'ornery' that I have seen and how you can compete with the 10 and 15 cent pamphlets that come out with new covers each month I cannot understand. "However, the contents may be so much better than the looks that it will attract great popularity. I can imagine the tired workman, after supper, lighting his pipe and sitting down for a solid hour of enjoyment over that story of a bill to create the County of Cascade, or something like that."

## RAIN HURTS GRAIN IN POLK

Hop Crop Is Good but Pickers Are Hard to Obtain.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—The rains continue in this county and discouraging reports concerning crop conditions are received. An investigation shows that nearly one-half of the grain in the county is unthreshed. Much of it is beginning to sprout. It is doubtful if there is any of this grain in the county that will not be seriously damaged, and in many cases ruined. It is in a state of being stacked before the rains and covered and this will not be damaged.

The hop conditions remain unchanged. There is a little mould in many of the yards, but the mould is not feared much by the growers. Lice are in all the yards. The greatest difficulty with hopgrowers is the scarcity of pickers. Every grower is calling for more aid. The quality of the hops is excellent, and the yield is large. If the weather should clear and remain cool now very little damage would result.

I. F. Yokum, one of the leading hopgrowers in this section of the state, said today: "Hops in this county are better this year than ever before. The yield is better and the quality is better. We should realize a good price for them."

## JOHNSON IS REAPPOINTED

Appraiser of Customs at Portland Continues Through Recess.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 5.—The Treasury Department announced today that a recess appointment has been given to C. V. Johnson, of Corvallis, as appraiser of customs at Portland, this being necessary to continue him in office until March 4. Collector of Customs Malcolm does not require a recess appointment but continues under his original commission, as does United States Attorney McCourt.

All three of these appointees failed of confirmation last session because of objections raised by Senator Bourne, but Malcolm and McCourt, having been confirmed at the time of their original appointments, continue in office until their successors are appointed.

A recess appointment also was given B. W. Coyner, of Tacoma, as United States Attorney for Western Washington. His confirmation was prevented by Senator Poindexter. Coyner's new commission is also good until March 4.

## LUMBER RATE ADVANCING

Lake Vessels, With Plenty of Grain, Have Busy Season.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 5.—The lumber rate on vessels advanced 25 cent here today. Up until this time lumber has been carried from Duluth to Lake Erie ports for \$3.50. Owners today demanded \$2.75 and to all appearances got it.

The advance in the lumber rate, which has been coming for some time, is in line with the jumps taken by the grain rates. The present has been the busiest season in lumber in years.

## CHAIN OF DEATHS EXCITES SUSPICION

New York Attorney's Acts Investigated.

## 3 CLIENTS DIE STRANGELY

Affidavit Concerning Will Is Believed False.

## THREE NATIONS INVOLVED

Lawyer Gibson Asked to Explain His Statement That Mother of Mrs. Rose Szabo, Drowned While Boating With Him, Lives.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Investigation into the will left by Mrs. Rose Szabo, who was drowned in Greenwood Lake, Orange County, when boating with her attorney, Burton W. Gibson, brought forth startling developments today. Mrs. Szabo made Mr. Gibson the executor of her will, disposing of her estate, worth \$13,000, and made her son beneficiary. Her mother, Mrs. Petronella Menschik, according to a dispatch from the Chief of Police of Vienna, Austria, died two years ago.

Everly M. Davis, an attorney, called upon Fritz Fischerbauer, Vice-Consul for Austria-Hungary, with the information that he is looking up several cases of persons who had dealings of a legal nature with Mr. Gibson. Mr. Fischerbauer referred Mr. Davis to Arpad A. Kremer, attorney for the consulate.

Former Dealings Recited.

Mr. Davis gave to Mr. Kremer facts concerning the trial of lawsuits in which Mr. Gibson figured. One was brought against Mr. Gibson by the late Mrs. Louise Malcolm Stanton, whose daughter, Mrs. Alice C. D. Kinman, was murdered in July, 1906. In this suit Mrs. Stanton tried to recover property worth \$100,000 from Mr. Gibson, on the ground that she had been induced to make the transfer by fraudulent purposes.

The publication of the cable message from the Vienna chief of police, regarding the death of Mrs. Menschik had immediate results. District Attorney Rogers, of Orange County, who, assisted by Pinkerton detectives employed by the Austrian consulate is inquiring into the manner of Mrs. Szabo's death, said at Middletown, N. Y. tonight, that as soon as he received Mrs. Menschik's death certificate proving conclusively that Mrs. Menschik's death antedated that of Mrs. Szabo, he would lay the case before the October term of the Orange County grand jury at Goshen, N. Y. The Austrian Consulate cabled to Vienna for the certificate and another cable message will be sent tomorrow requesting that one of Mrs. Szabo's eight brothers and sisters come to America. The evidence regarding Mrs. Menschik's death is as follows:

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## PRESIDENT SEEKS RESPITE ON YACHT

TAFT GOES TO MAYFLOWER BY WHEEL CHAIR AND AUTO.

Injured Ankle Still Bothersome. Long Political Conference to Be Held Aboard Ship.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Still nursing his right ankle, but determined to keep his engagement with the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association at New London, Conn., tomorrow, President Taft left New York late today on the yacht Mayflower for a sail up Long Island Sound.

C. P. Taft, the President's brother; Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National committee, and George R. Sheldon, its treasurer, accompanied him. Tonight and tomorrow before he arrives in New London the President expects to hold a long political conference with these three men. Mr. Taft plainly showed the pain he felt from his injured ankle. At the Pennsylvania station here he was taken by wheel chair and elevator directly to a waiting automobile and had but few steps to take.

At the yard, however, he had to walk the Mayflower's gangplank, and he did it gingerly and with care. Major Thomas L. Rhoades, the President's personal aide and physician, who accompanied him on the trip, declared today the ankle was so much better that Mr. Taft would be out enjoying his vacation next week.

The President's engagement in New London will keep him only a few hours and he expects to board the Mayflower tomorrow afternoon and steam up to Beverly. It was said today that Mr. Hilles and C. P. Taft will go on to Beverly with the President. Mr. Sheldon may accompany them as well. The Mayflower is due in Beverly early Saturday and the President has no engagements that will take him away from there again for several weeks.

## 17 "VENIREWOMEN" BALK

Criminal Docket Aves Wenatchee Fair Sex, Who Refuse "Honor."

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Awed by a long criminal docket facing them if they should become jurors at the coming session of the Superior Court, 17 women have refused to exercise their privilege at Wenatchee, and so Deputy Sheriff Charles Kenyon will tomorrow empanel a new list.

"Though we are very thankful to the men of this state for enfranchising us, we can't possibly bear to sit there in the courtroom and hear those tales of crime and vice," said one of the near-jurors today.

Among the names found in the new venire is that of Dora Cameron, an outspoken suffrage worker of Chelan County.

## GAYNOR RAPS ALDERMEN

Sale of Newstand Licenses Called Bad Example for Policemen.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Mayor Gaynor took a fling at the Board of Aldermen today in a characteristic letter to one of them.

"I don't see how I can expect policemen to be honest," says the letter. "When they know that many, if not most, of the members of the Board of Aldermen are selling licenses for new stands and the like, throughout the city, at prices from \$2500 to \$25."

## CANAL QUESTION ON COMMERCIAL BASIS

Service to Britain Is Below Cost

## COMPLETE ANSWER IS READY

Expert Will Show No Discrimination Is Effected.

## LOSS WILL BE CONSTANT

Coastwise Traffic Will Be Little More Than One-Tenth of Total. Proportion Will Continue to Exist for Years.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The letter of Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, to the Gatehead Chamber of Commerce regarding the British attitude towards the Panama Canal act, is regarded here as an indication that the negotiations between the two countries are to have a financial basis, the Foreign Secretary's argument being that British shipping is to be burdened with an undue proportion of the charges for the maintenance of the canal through complete exemption from tolls of American coastwise shipping.

In view of this, importance attaches to an inquiry now being conducted on the isthmus by Professor Emory E. Johnson, special commissioner on Panama traffic and tolls. Professor Johnson already has compiled statistics bearing upon character and probable amount of traffic that will pass through the Panama Canal. He now is engaged in a study of the financial aspect of the result, so that the tolls may be adjusted to the needs of the canal on a strictly scientific basis, and he is expected in Washington soon with this information.

Cost Traffic One-Tenth.

In view of Sir Edward Grey's statement that British ships will have to pay for the American exemption, it is said that in the data already prepared by Professor Johnson it appears that, according to the best estimate, the whole of the American coastwise traffic that is likely to pass through the Panama Canal immediately after it is opened, will be about 1,000,000 tons, or a little more than 10 per cent of the total tonnage that will pass through the canal in the years 1915 and 1916. In the course of five years it is estimated that this American coastwise tonnage will rise to 1,414,000 tons, but as the foreign commerce will increase in like proportion, the same relation between the two will exist.

On the face of the figures, this would indicate that the British and other foreign commerce would have to bear an additional burden of 10 per cent in tolls over and above what it would pay were American coastwise shipping not exempted.

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## BISHOP'S GIFTS TO DIOCESE \$700,000

WILL SHOWS ONLY \$1000 IS LEFT AT DEATH.

Right Rev. C. C. Gratton Expends Virtually All of Big Fortune for New Churches.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Sept. 5.—The late Bishop Charles Chapman Gratton of the Episcopal diocese of Fond du Lac, gave during his episcopate \$700,000 toward the erection of churches and improvements in the diocese. It was said today when his will was filed for probate, and listed his personal property at only \$1000.

Bishop Gratton's theological library, one of the finest in the United States, goes to the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, and his testaments to Bishop Weller and the Cathedral chapter.

## SIDEWISKERS TO RETURN

George Ade, Back From Europe, Predicts Revival of Fashion.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—George Ade, the humorist, returned from Europe in a disgruntled frame of mind today. He said it rained all the time he was in England and that farmers there were treading hay and sowing for oats.

Not only are there changes in weather, but English dandies are reviving side whiskers and frilled shirts. Mr. Ade predicts the rage of trailing, or button whiskers, frilled shirts and spats in this country, for English fashion-makers have revived all of them beyond hope of relapse.

Mr. Ade said Venice could show nothing in the way of water on England this season. Stilts and boots were regularly employed in many cities and towns because of constant floods. Crops have been seriously damaged and in some cases ruined.

## POLK PLANS COUNTY FAIR

Dallas Will Stage New Feature Replacing Harvest Festival.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—The Polk County Harvest Festival and School Children's Fair is not to be held, but instead, on October 3, 4 and 5, the date set for this fair, Dallas is to hold the first annual county fair. The Dallas Commercial Club originated the Harvest Festival last year, intending to make a county fair out of it.

During the progress of the fair a county fair association is to be organized. The County Court will be asked to provide permanent grounds and improvements. At a meeting of the Commercial Club last night, the committee in charge of the fair arrangements was authorized to use all the money necessary to make the fair a success.

The County Court has authorized the expenditure of about \$1000 of the county's money for prizes, and it is believed that the other expenses will amount to approximately \$1500.

## GIRL'S CRUSADE WINNING

Her Activity Results in Arrest of Woman on Murder Charge.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—With 13 murders in one year checked up against the town of West Hamond, Ill., as the result of a crusade and investigation started there by Miss Virginia Brooks, a girl scarcely out of her teens, Frances Ford was arrested today, charged with being accessory before the fact in the death of John Messamer, one of the victims. She has signed a long affidavit concerning the circumstances surrounding Messamer's death.

Much of the evidence the police now have was gathered through the aid of Miss Brooks, a property owner, who started her inquiry when an alleged "ring," which she later helped to defeat, overtook her small property.

## GIRL'S KIDNAPER CAUGHT

Motorcyclist Shot by Would-Be Abductor Who Admits Plot.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—With a girl perched on the seat of his motorcycle, Roy Winkelman, 17 years old, started on a spin through the West Side Parks early today.

They had been riding only a short time when three men, stepping from behind a thicket, commanded Winkelman to stop. He attempted to speed away when one of the trio shot him in the back. He fell to the pavement, probably fatally wounded. His companion, Miss Nellie Burnett, escaped injury by jumping.

The men were captured by Park Police after a chase. They confessed that they had planned to kidnap the girl, not to rob Winkelman.

## UNIVERSITY OUTLOOK GOOD

Registration of Students at Eugene Will Exceed 1911.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Registration at the University of Oregon for the semester which opens September 17, will surpass, in all probability, that of last year, according to A. R. Tiffany, the registrar, who is already receiving the credentials of students who would enter the university this year. Between 250 and 300 freshmen will enroll within the first week of the school year, and practically every section of the state will be represented.

President Campbell returned last evening from Medford, where he had attended a banquet given by the alumni of the University of Oregon residing in the southern part of the state. At the table were a number of prospective students for the university, and they expressed a lively interest in the institution.

Soldiers Still Guard Prison.

JACKSON, Mich., Sept. 5.—All of the inmates of the Michigan State Prison, except those alleged to have led in Tuesday's revolt, were put to work today. The soldiers probably will remain at the prison all week.

## SUNSTROKE CLAIMS VICTIMS IN CHICAGO

Middle West in Throes of Oppressive Heat.

## 26 BITTEN BY RABID DOGS

Death Roll of Children in Tenement District Grows.

## HORSES FALL IN STREETS

Joliet, Ill., Without City Water and Ice Plant Is Wrecked—Atlantic Coast Feels Effect—Corn Alone Is Benefited.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—While general frosts were reported from Nevada, Utah and Idaho, and a cold wave is blanketing all of Alberta, Chicago and practically all of the Middle West are staggering under an oppressive heat wave. Government forecasters say there is no relief in sight, despite the cold waves in the Northwest, as the hot winds continue from the southwest.

Two deaths from sunstroke were recorded today and there were numerous prostrations. Twenty-six persons were bitten by rabid dogs and there were many cases of horses falling dead in the streets. The temperature, according to the official register in the tower of the Federal building, went above 94 degrees, but in the streets it was above 100.

Hot Wind Adds to Misery.

There was a stiff breeze, but it was hot and stifling and added to the general misery. Of the 108 deaths reported, a majority were those of children in the congested districts and were due to the heat, which has continued so long that the vitality of the victims had been exhausted.

Joliet, Ill., with a population of 27,000, is in deplorable condition. One of the municipal wells has failed, the machinery at the other two is out of commission, the municipal ice plant is wrecked and a car famine prevents the bringing in of ice supplies. The water supply is being taken from a creek, a dangerous source, and is considered electricians has shut off the use of the electric fans.

Small Towns Are Suffering.

Dispatches from the East tonight say the effect of the western heat wave is being felt along the Atlantic coast. New York is 10 degrees hotter than it was yesterday, but no deaths or prostrations are reported.

All of the Middle West is baking.

Dispatches tonight from points within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago tell of much suffering in the smaller cities and towns, where the ice supply is exhausted and wells are going dry under the long strain.

Farmers, however, especially in the great corn belt, still welcome the hot, dry weather, as it is rapidly forcing the crop away from the front line. Country roads are said to be almost knee deep in finely powdered dust and vegetation is also heavily weighted down from clouds of dust.

Northwest Promises No Relief.

Chicago's maximum was slightly above 94, the same as recorded in St. Louis, and four degrees hotter than Cincinnati and only four degrees cooler than New Orleans and other Southern points.

As showing there is not much relief in sight from the Northwest, the temperature at Milwaukee is 94, at Green Bay, Wis., 88, at Grand Rapids, Mich., 92, and at Detroit, 56. Shifting winds would not bring much lower temperature from those districts.

West of the Rocky Mountains there is an average of 62 maximum and a minimum of 50. All Canadian points report cool weather.

## BERLIN BOOM COLLAPSES

Realty Concern Falls With Liabilities Exceeding 50,000,000 Marks.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—One of the largest realty building concerns here, with liabilities of more than 50,000,000 marks, \$12,500,000, is reported to be in difficulties owing to over-speculation on the growth of Berlin. The Tagblatt today says that the appointment of receivers has been applied for, but confirmation has been hitherto unobtainable.

Should the report prove true, this would be the most extensive collapse in a long series which have recently occurred on the real estate market.

The concern was formerly backed by several big banks, but these have lately withdrawn their support.

## TAFT'S COUSIN REINSTATED

Young Man, Silent as to Relationship, to Get \$810 a Year.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Henry D. Taft, a cousin of President Taft, who was prevented from continuing as an employee in the United States customs service because of civil service regulations which barred him from a permanent position, was reinstated in the mailing department of the postoffice today at a salary of \$810 a year.

The young man did not tell the officials he was related to the President.

