

COLUMBIA FIGURES HIGH IN ESTIMATES

Army Engineers Favor Important Work.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT ADVISED

Projects Much Helped by Official Indorsement.

JETTIES REQUIRE MILLION

Dredging Proposed to Assist in Obtaining Depth of 40 Feet at Low Tide—Work on River Channel Progressing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 7.—If Congress is inclined to deal liberally with the important waterways of the country in framing and passing the river and harbor bill this session, the Columbia River will fare exceptionally well, for the estimates of the Army Engineers have been favorable to most of the Northwestern projects. The various estimates have heretofore been given in these dispatches, but the annual report of the chief of engineers contains much matter not previously made public. In that report he discusses all of the Northwestern projects, reciting work done and expenditures made in the past and the needs of the future. For the month of the Columbia River, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 is recommended, to be applied to the completion of the south jetty and continuation of work on the new north jetty. This is only a part of the amount required to complete this project.

Jetty Project Described.

Discussing the project at the mouth of the Columbia River, the chief of engineers, in his report, says: "The existing project provides for extending the south jetty to a length of about seven miles, the height to be not less than mid-tide level and width of crest not less than 25 feet; for constructing a north jetty about 2 1/2 miles long, and for dredging to assist the jetties in securing a depth of 40 feet across the bar at mean lower low tide.

"During the first half of the fiscal year the trestle tramway was extended 87 benches. Thirty benches were taken up before the beginning of winter to prevent loss during winter storms. During the winter two benches were carried away and before the end of the fiscal year 17 benches were replaced. Six benches of jetty tramway which were carried away by the schooner Admiral were also rebuilt and about 250 piles driven to strengthen the older parts of the trestle or to replace piles carried away by storms.

"A total of 716,420 tons of stone was received under contract and dumped in the jetty. A large amount of rock was used in filling up low places in the older parts of the jetty and in feeding the slopes flattened by the storms. The substance of the contract appeared to be much less during the winter than during the previous year, except at the outer end, where the work is new.

"The annual survey of the bar was commenced June 11, and completed June 22. It shows that the opening through the bar between 24-foot contours has increased during the past year from 5000 to 10,000 feet. The location of the best channel has not shifted during the year, and the controlling depth of the best channel remains 8 1/2 feet, with a width of about 1000 feet. There is a clear channel width of 5000 feet with a least depth of 25 feet as compared with a channel width of 4000 feet with a least depth of 25 1/2 feet last year. The middle ground found inside the bar last year has almost entirely disappeared, decreasing the distance between 30-foot contours inside and outside the bar from 9000 to about 6000 feet.

Depth Increased Nine Feet.

"All of the expenditures during the year were for new work, except \$58,251.52 expended for repairs and operation of the dredge Chinook, which may be considered as applied to maintenance of channel.

"There has been expended on the existing project to the end of the fiscal year the sum of \$7,865,112.16, of which \$287,644.10 was expended for alterations, repairs and operation of the dredge Chinook, and may be considered as applied to maintenance.

"The proportion of the project accomplished to the end of the fiscal year is approximately 92 per cent for south jetty and less than 1 per cent for north jetty.

"The advantage derived from the improvement has been the increase of about nine feet in depth on the bar since the adoption of the project. "Deepening of the channel over the bar will admit of the use of ships of greater draft and increased carrying capacity, and with larger vessels frequenting the port it is reasonable to suppose that the charter rates on deep-sea tonnage will be reduced, and that the present rail rates on transcontinental shipments may also be reduced.

"The amount estimated as a profitable expenditure in the fiscal year 1914 will be applied to maintenance of south jetty and to continuing work on north jetty, which is necessary in order to secure the depth on the bar provided for in adopted project.

The Army Engineers estimate that it (Concluded on Page 2.)

FINEST FEATHERS MAY BEDECK HATS

GAME WARDEN REVOKES CHINA PHEASANT EDICT.

Check Applied to Prevent Slaughter of Protected Birds Will Not Be Pushed Further.

Fashion note—Chinese pheasant plumage is expected to be much in vogue this season for adornment of headgear.

Game Warden Finley says so, and he knows, for it was by his edict that the popular feathers disappeared at one fell swoop from a thousand bonnets, about a year ago. Thrifty housewives, who in fear of arrest, stripped the golden feathers from their skylines and substituted less gaudy but more legal ornamentation, carefully packed the contraband plumage away in trunks and now may bring it out again.

The law which forbids wearing pheasant feathers is still on the statute books, and a recent ruling of the Attorney-General throws no doubt on its being enforceable, but if Game Warden Finley doesn't invoke it, no one else is likely to.

And Finley has announced that he no longer is going to be a hateful, ugly old bear and have a lot of nice women dragged into Justice Court for violating the game laws by trying to look pretty.

"A check was applied to the wearing of pheasant feathers," said Mr. Finley, "when it became apparent that their use for millinery purposes was acting as a bounty upon the killing of the birds and frustrating our efforts to encourage their propagation."

1912 SALMON PACK LESS

Lack of Demand Reduces Output of Grays Harbor Plants.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special).—Due to lack of demand and low prices the Grays Harbor salmon pack this year has been little more than half that of last year. The market was glutted in the 1911 season and the over-production has resulted in an exceedingly dull market.

The Pacific Fisheries and Packing Company, the largest concern in operation on the harbor, packed but 19,000 cases this year as against 32,000 cases last year. Chums and silverides were by far the most plentiful, 16,000 out of the total pack being of these species.

RAYNER LEAVES MILLION

Property Divided Equally Between Senator's Widow and Son.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—The value of the estate of the late Senator Rayner will approximate \$1,000,000. This will be shown when the Senator's will is filed next week for probate.

The property is divided equally between the widow and the son, William B. Rayner, a portion being left in trust. The Senator left to the widow and son the right to make such charitable bequests as they may see fit, saying in the body of the will that their judgment would enable them to act in accordance with what would have been his idea.

BRIDE IS SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of 2 to 14 Years Follows Slaying of Truancer.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Joseph Lang, bride of one day, who shot and killed Mrs. Mary Copple last Tuesday, was sentenced today to serve from two to fourteen years in the women's prison at Indianapolis and pay a fine of \$25. The woman pleaded guilty.

Mrs. Lang declared the Copple woman said she was "ugly" and that Lang could have done better in choosing a wife.

Mrs. Copple was a guest at the wedding supper. Mrs. Lang said she wished her act to stand out as a warning to all women who gossip.

WILSON AT WORK AGAIN

Message to New Jersey Legislature Begun at Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 6.—President-elect Wilson began today the final stages of his vacation in Bermuda by beginning work on his message to the New Jersey Legislature.

He virtually has concluded his period of recreation and social engagements and expects to work steadily until he starts on the homeward voyage.

NEBRASKA WOMEN BUSY

Equal Suffragists to Petition for Putting Amendment to People.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 6.—The Nebraska Woman Suffrage Association decided today to petition for a submission to the people of a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage.

The petition will require 25,000 signatures and a committee was appointed to start work on it.

FALSE TEETH CAUSE DEATH

Woman Swallows Plate Which Cuts Blood Vessels of Stomach.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 6.—False teeth caused the death here today of Miss Elizabeth Mitchell. Ten days ago she swallowed two false teeth and a plate.

Veins or arteries in her stomach were cut by the teeth and death resulted from internal hemorrhage.

EFFORT TO UNIFY REBELS EXPOSED

Magon Chosen by Leaders in Mexico.

ENVOYS MEET IN EL PASO

Men Now in Open Revolt Are Not Considered.

DYNAMITE FACTORY SEIZED

Government Property Falls Into Rebels' Hands—Durango Alarmed by Efforts to Incite Peons to Revolt.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6.—Another effort to unify all revolutionary elements in Mexico was exposed today. Agents of the various anti-administration parties, including the Orozco movement in the north and the Zapata revolt in the south, are said to have been holding secret conferences in El Paso, Tex.

A ticket acceptable to all factions is said to have been selected. J. Flores Magon, former Minister of the Interior under President Madero, is said to have been named as President, with Attorney Emilio Vasquez Gomez as Vice-President.

Active Rebels Eliminated.

Gomez is at San Antonio, recently released on bond from a Federal court, where he is held on charges of conspiracy.

An amicable result was reached by eliminating from the projected portfolio the names of all now actively engaged in open revolution. In this way it is expected to gain also the anti-Madero element at the national capital. It also is said that the army will be attracted by an appointment.

Rebels Take Dynamite Factory.

The government dynamite factory at Durango, 30 miles northwest of Torreon, fell today into the hands of rebels. A train for Durango was turned back and communication with the place has been cut.

Alarm is being given in the State of Durango, where the rebels are reported to be concentrating and inciting the peons to revolt.

The strike of the dock workers at Vera Cruz has become general. Fourteen hundred men are involved. Several passenger steamers are experiencing difficulty in discharging their cargoes.

T. N. Strong, of Portland, Honored.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Robert D. Jenks, of Philadelphia, was elected today chairman of the council of the National Civil Service Reform League. Thomas N. Strong, of Portland, Or., was named as one of the vice-presidents.

EMPLOYERS VAINLY SEEKING LABORERS

PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS ARE NOTED IN CHICAGO.

Calls for Charity Few—Mild Weather Permits Outdoor Work—Settled Financial Condition is Aid.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Business men, labor officials and charitable associations agreed today that the working classes in Chicago are more prosperous now than at any time in their recollection. There is work for every man who desires it at union wages and contractors and employment agencies are vainly seeking men.

With winter well advanced there are no calls for charity and the "flops," where homeless men hang out at 10 cents a day, are not making expenses. Their ordinary patrons are making good wages and living in better lodging-houses.

Usually at this season the municipal and other lodging-houses are crowded to overflowing. Large employers of labor, labor officials and charity workers assign the following reasons for the unprecedented prosperity:

Unusually mild weather, making outdoor work possible; increasing building activities in Chicago and other cities; increasing construction activities by railroads; settled financial conditions following the election.

The contractors say there are from one-fourth to one-half more craftsmen working now than there were a year ago at this season.

DENVER GATEWAY CLOSED

Harriman Lines File Tariff Affecting Northwest Lumber.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special).—J. N. Teal, of Portland, while at the Interstate Commerce Commission today, found that the Harriman lines have filed tariffs closing the Denver gateway against other routes on lumber from the Northwest to Eastern Points, except by way of the Union Pacific and other Harriman lines. These tariffs are directed especially at the Santa Fe and Denver & Rio Grande.

Mr. Teal, while here, will also try to secure an adjustment of freight rates from New York to Portland, via the Panama Railway, so as to restore old rates.

An increase was recently ordered.

WOMEN PAY FOR LICENSES

Twenty Dog Cases Arise but the Owners Don't Appear in Court.

Twenty dog license cases, 16 of the defendants being women, were disposed of in Municipal Court yesterday, nearly all by the imposition of \$3 costs and an agreement to take out the delinquent license at once. Few of the women appeared in person, the husbands taking that duty upon themselves.

All sorts of pleas were made, the most common one being to the effect that the unlicensed dog was "a little bit of a thing belonging to the children." One woman turned upon Poundmaster Welch with blazing eyes and scored him roundly for "dragging a woman into court on such business." Other arrests are to follow.

BIG STORM RAGING OVER GREAT LAKES

Last Hope for Christmas Ship Gone.

PASSENGER STEAMER SAVED

Vessel Escapes Clutches of Reef After Many Hours.

MANY SHIPS ARE OVERDUE

Roaring Gale Blows 50 Miles an Hour From Northwest, Then Shifts Suddenly to Southwest Without Abating Violence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(Special).—A raging sea, with treacherous squalls and shifting winds, imperiled several lake boats bound for Chicago today and swept away the last vestige of hope that the three-masted schooner Rouse Simmons and its cargo of Christmas trees would sail safely into Chicago's harbor with its hard crew of 18 men. The roaring winds were driven by a 50-mile gale that first burst upon Lake Michigan in its fury from the northwest and then with suddenness veered to the southwest without diminishing its force.

High winds and rough seas were reported over all the Great Lakes excepting Ontario today. On Erie the storm was the worst of the season, and a large sank at Put-in-Bay. A gale was blowing at Sault Ste Marie, Mich., and a fleet of ten boats took shelter behind Whitefish Point. Navigation was nearly impossible.

The steamer Easton, of the Booth line, long a cause of deep anxiety, was released at 7:15 tonight, according to a dispatch from Duluth, from the clutches of the Ironquills reef, and proceeded under her own steam to Port Arthur. All on board are safe. She is expected to arrive in Duluth tomorrow afternoon.

Since 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning the boat had been fast on the rocks. The lightning of the ship's cargo was sufficient to allow the vessel to back off into clear water.

Many Vessels Overdue.

Local mariners were made uneasy when many boats which were due here were unlighted at the hours when they were scheduled for docking.

The body of an unidentified man, believed to have been a sailor on the missing bark, was found on the beach at Pentwater, Mich.

When Chicago watchers peered through spyglasses for a glimpse of incoming vessels and relatives of the crew of the missing Rouse Simmons kept their vigils, Lake Michigan hurled (Concluded on Page 2.)

WINGED LOVE GOD ENJOYS DAY OFF

AT LAST MINUTE CUPID LEADS LONE COUPLE TO MARRIAGE.

Marriage License Clerk Frets Under Death of Business, Worst, He Says, in Recollection.

From 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when the County Clerk's office opened, till nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon, closing time, Cupid, the little winged god of love, was mysteriously absent from Multnomah County. If the marriage license book may be taken as a criterion, Deputy County Clerk Noonan, the little fellow's chief aide at the Court house, had about given up in despair. For the first time during the four years he has been in the office the day threatened to pass without a marriage license being issued.

A couple entered the door hesitatingly just as the clock pointed to 4:45. Their bashful and diffident manner indicated their errand and Noonan let loose a yell of exultation which brought several of his fellow clerks, of both sexes, on the run to partake of his joy. W. A. Burchell, of Clackamas, Or., R. F. D. No. 2, aged 39, and Anna De Busman, of 6029 Fourth-ninth street Southeast, aged 32, were given a permit to wed.

Cupid, according to Noonan, followed the couple in and went out with them again and to the marriage clerk's intense disappointment had not reappeared with another loving pair in tow when the hands of the clock pointed to 5. As Noonan closed up the book for the day, however, he declared that he "just knew the little beggar wouldn't pass him up altogether."

Yesterday's scarcity of licenses was in marked contrast to the record of the day before Thanksgiving, when 42 licenses entitling the holders to enter matrimonial happiness left the Court house, leaving the county treasury \$116 to the good. Noonan states that he cannot remember a day when only one license was issued, and F. G. Wilde, who has been in the office about 10 years, says he recalls just one.

JACKSON DAY TO BE NOTED

Oregon Democrats to Have Banquet and Programme January 8.

Jackson day will be observed and the election of Wilson and Marshall will be ratified jointly by the Democracy of Oregon at an appropriate banquet in this city January 8.

This was definitely decided last night at a meeting of the Jackson Club, when details of the double celebration were referred to a special committee consisting of the president and secretary and the members of the executive committee. It is the intention on this occasion to have a gathering in Portland of prominent Democrats from all sections of the state.

Incidentally the election of officers of the club for the ensuing year took place at last night's meeting. In the choice of six members of the executive committee George I. Smith and Ernst Kroner tied, Mr. Smith winning when a coin was flipped. Officers elected were: President, John H. Stevenson; first vice-president, E. Versteeg; second vice-president, J. W. McGinn; secretary, Fred J. Phelan (re-elected); treasurer, Adolph Harms; executive committee, H. B. Van Duser, Bert E. Haney, G. W. Allen, James B. Carr, George I. Smith and W. S. Snider.

ACTRESS WINS HER SUIT

Validity of Ten-Year Contract With Klaw & Erlanger Upheld.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Edith St. Clair, actress, won her \$25,000 suit against Klaw & Erlanger when a jury declared today her contract for that amount with the theatrical firm valid.

The verdict came after a sensational trial, in which Abraham L. Erlanger charged a lawyer with blackmail and declared the contract was made under duress to save annoyance to his wife, who was ill at the time and who later divorced him.

Miss St. Clair under the agreement was to have received \$2500 a year for ten years. The contract was lived up to for only one year, the testimony showed.

BOWLEGS IS DEBATE ISSUE

Statesmen to Argue Relative Merits With Knock Knees at Press Club.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Resolved, That bowlegs are a greater menace to navigation than knock knees," will be debated Thursday evening at the National Press Club here by prominent statesmen of the Nation.

On the affirmative, William Sulzer, Representative from New York and Governor-elect of the Empire State, and James M. Cox, representative from Ohio and Governor-elect of the Buckeye State, will argue. The negative will be presented by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Gore, of Oklahoma.

John Hays Hammond will be judge.

VOTE BEHIND REGISTRATION

In Election 144,112 of 159,888 Eligible Ballots Are Cast.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special).—The total vote at the recent general election was 16,775 behind the registration, according to official figures which were completed by Secretary Clcott today. The total registration was 159,888 and the total vote as shown by the poll books 144,112.

The heaviest vote of any cast on the measures was that cast for woman's suffrage, the total vote both for and against on that measure being 118,369, or 25,844 votes behind the entire total vote cast, according to the poll books. (Concluded on Page 2.)

BLEASE'S MOB LAW VIEWS REPUDIATED

Power of States Is On Side of Order.

GOVERNORS DECLARE POLICY

South Carolinian Snaps His Fingers at Colleagues.

HISSES MET WITH LAUGH

Alabama Executive Starts Storm With Condemnatory Resolution. Conference Sounds Knell of Farm Mortgage.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 6.—The Governors' conference unanimously repudiated today the recent utterance of Governor Blease, of South Carolina, concerning the lynching of negroes. By a vote of 14 to 4 it adopted a resolution declaring against mob violence and for the impartial enforcement of the law.

The four Governors who opposed the resolution declared themselves as strongly approving its purport, but voted "no" because they thought they had no right to reprimand a colleague.

Blease Defies Colleagues.

Governor Blease himself, the target of the attack, hotly defended his conviction, snapped his fingers in the faces of his colleagues, told them to "go to it," declared he cared not a whit what the conference said, thought, did or did not do, and announced that all the resolutions they might ever adopt would neither keep him from the Governor's chair nor from a seat in the United States Senate in 1915, or earlier.

Four times within as many hours, he asserted, his life had been threatened because of his utterance, but this appealed to him as little as the resolution.

Threats All Anonymous.

The four threatening letters Governor Blease received were all anonymous. One was mailed in Richmond, another in Washington, the third in Louisville and the fourth in Pittsburgh. The Washington writer told him he would pay the penalty if he ever came to that city. The Pittsburgh writer said: "You will be taken to account on sight for your words." The Richmond and Louisville missives were unprintable.

Governor Blease was taken to task by a dozen Governors. Governor Carey, of Wyoming, denounced him for "claiming a monopoly for South Carolina of the respect of the white man for women."

Governor Hadley, of Missouri, declared that the floor of the conference hall was not a clearing-house for "local and personal controversies."

Goldborough Favors Resolution.

Governor Goldborough, of Maryland, declared he stood solidly by the resolution because it was a matter of right.

Governor Dix, of New York, thought it would be "most unwise not to adopt the resolution."

Governor O'Neal, of Alabama, in a speech which was interrupted time after time by applause, asserted his belief that the entire conference had been betrayed by the South Carolinian's remarks and that it was the sworn duty of every executive to uphold the law.

To these declarations Governor Blease replied that he had been quoted yesterday as saying "To hell with the Constitution," and that what he said yesterday he repeated today "to all the good Governors here, to all the Governors of all the states, to all the people of the United States."

Our Triumphant Future Predicted.

"Long after many of you gentlemen here today are resting in the shades of private life," he continued, "I will be reaping the rewards of public service. Long after you good Governors are no longer Governors the white women of South Carolina will pray for me with their arms around their girls and will arise from their knees to kiss their husbands and beg them to go to the ballot box and vote for Blease to protect them from their daily terror."

Once, when his voice was drowned in a storm of hisses he turned to the galleries and to his colleagues and laughed.

"What care I for your hisses?" he asked.

Then, shaking his clenched fist, he shouted:

"Hiss if you must. Only snakes and geese hiss."

Alabama Unleashes Storm.

Governor O'Neal, of Alabama, unleashed the storm when he introduced the following resolution:

"This conference of Governors does not undertake to control the individual views of its members on any question of law or administration. It declares that this Government is based upon the fundamental principle of law and order; that the constitution of each state imposes on its executive the sacred duty of taking care that the laws shall be equally enforced; that it invites all proper methods for strengthening and simplifying our methods of civil and criminal procedure.

"This conference protests against any disposition or utterance by those entrusted with the execution of the laws in any of the states of this Union, which tends or could be construed as tending to the encouragement or justification of mob violence or interference (Concluded on Page 2.)

