

NEW PROPOSAL TO FIREMEN PROBABLE

Railway Managers Confer and Meeting With Union Head Is Set for Today.

MEN MAY QUIT TOMORROW

Workers Insist They Will Arbitrate Only Under Erdman Act—Locomotive Engineers Say They Will Not Act in Sympathy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A conference held by the committee of managers of Eastern railroads and Judge Martin A. Knapp and W. G. Hanger, the Federal mediators, with the object, it is supposed, of drawing up a new proposal to be submitted to the firemen in an endeavor to settle the threatened strike of these men, ended at 11:30 o'clock tonight.

Judge Knapp immediately thereafter telephoned President Carter of the firemen's organization and arranged for a meeting with him at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

The firemen still insist today that they would arbitrate their demands for higher pay and better working conditions only under the Erdman act, with three arbitrators, as provided by Federal statute.

Judge Knapp said he would not abandon the situation until every means had been exhausted. For firemen, President Carter explained that in the event no settlement was reached by the strike, if ordered, would not be effective until all the district leaders of the Union now gathered here had returned to their respective posts and reported to him by telegraph. Even then no firemen would leave their posts until locomotives had been taken to terminal points. He added that in the event of a strike the engineers would positively not go out in sympathy, but would adhere to their agreement with the railroads. This holds until June 1, 1913.

FROHMAN SUES JOHN CORT

Injunction Sought to Prevent Mrs. Carter From Producing "Zaza."

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Charles Frohman filed suit in the Supreme Court today to restrain John Cort, now manager for Mrs. Leslie Carter, from producing "Zaza" anywhere in this country. Mrs. Carter recently appeared in the play in Washington and other cities, but has not played it during her brief New York engagement.

In the complaint Frohman alleges he obtained the American rights to the play in 1908 from the Society of Authors and Dramatic Composers of Paris, representing Pierre Berlon and Charles Simon, the authors. He says the play has been a financial and artistic success, but that the defendant's productions have detracted from the future profits of the plaintiff.

An order to show cause why the injunction should not be granted is returnable February 27. When the play was produced by David Belasco, as manager for Mrs. Carter, it was under an arrangement with Mr. Frohman.

JAPANESE ORATOR WINNER

Oriental Student Defeats Competitors at Stanford.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 17.—The eloquent English of Ichiqui M. Akahoshi, of Kumamoto, Japan, won for him today the Edward Berwick prize for the best oration on international peace, in a contest in which he was pitted against three of Stanford's best debaters, F. D. Nowell, Grant Holcomb and A. F. Coyle, all "Cardinal" orators.

The Japanese in his argument for the advancement of world peace, advocated the removal of the American protective tariff and the use of an international language.

Akahoshi is a senior student in the department of economics. He has taken a prominent part in college debates since his freshman year.

BYRCE HONORED BY CLERGY

New York Pastors Are Told of Chances to Work for Public Good.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The 150 clergymen of New York City, representing more than 40 denominations, met at a luncheon today in honor of James Bryce, who has announced his impending retirement as an Ambassador from Great Britain. Mr. Bryce congratulated the clergy upon their increasing willingness to forget religious differences when opportunity arose to co-operate for the public good.

In New York, he said, more than any other city of the world, one felt how much work there was to be done by religious and philanthropic organizations.

BOND ISSUE IS OPPOSED

Commission Demands That Railway First Obtain Permission.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—Counsel for the Maryland Public Service Commission petitioned the Circuit Court of this county for an injunction restraining the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company from issuing \$42,250,000 of bonds without first obtaining the commission's permission. The purpose of the action is to test the exemption of the Baltimore & Ohio from taxation in this state.

The railroad company holds that under its charter, granted prior to the establishment of the public service commission, it does not have to obtain such consent.

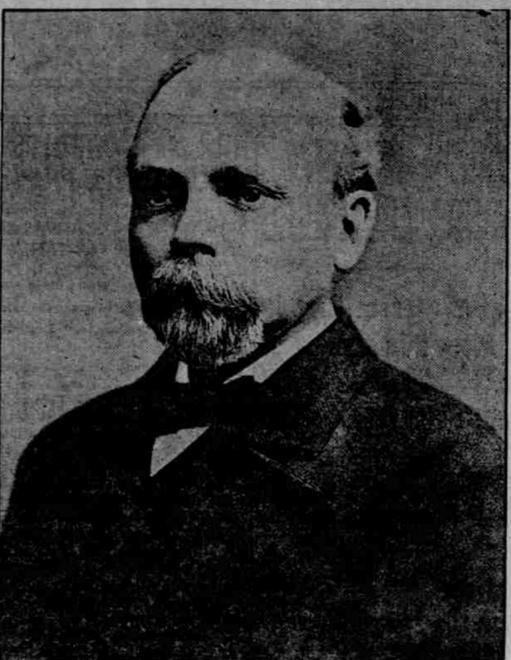
ORE EXPOSURE IS FATAL

Slide of Earth That Buries Miner Discloses Rich Mineral.

MANHATTAN, Nev., Feb. 17.—Forty tons of rock buried Alexander Hubley here today and cheated him of a fortune. The slide that crushed him laid bare a body of rich ore.

For two years Hubley had been working alone, undiscovered and uninterupted on a lease in which he had faith.

COMMERCE COURT HEAD, WHO IS LABORING TO AVERT RAILROAD FIREMEN'S STRIKE.



JUDGE MARTIN A. KNAPP.

OREGON LISTED IN SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

Sum of \$120,000 Is Urged for River Improvement From Portland to Sea.

SIUSLAW MAY BENEFIT

Appropriation for This Is \$80,500. Medford and The Dalles Public Building Projects Also Included in Measure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—The sundry civil bill reported to the House today carries appropriations of \$120,000 for the Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers from Portland to the sea. This is in addition to \$160,000 for the same project carried by the rivers and harbors bill.

Another item appropriates \$80,500 for continuing work on the Siuslaw River. Three Washington projects are included in the bill, carrying \$1,100,000 for construction of double locks in Lake Washington canal near Seattle; \$105,000 for the Snohomish River and \$28,132 for Willapa River and harbor.

Appropriations are made for continuing the construction of public buildings as follows: Medford, \$40,000; The Dalles, \$50,000; Bellingham, \$40,000; Olympia, \$20,000; Walla Walla, \$30,000; Idaho Falls, \$28,000; Pocatello \$50,000.

Senate to Make Increase. Instead of making adequate provision for continuing the construction of roads in Crater Lake and Mount Rainier Parks, the bill makes an appropriation of only \$3000 for Crater Lake and \$13,400 for Rainier. Both these appropriations will be increased by the Senate to \$10,000 each.

Other items carried by the bill are as follows: Construction of new buildings at Fort Worden, Wash., \$82,000; education in Alaska, \$2000; care of Alaska insane, \$57,000.

The committee on the President's estimates by \$22,512,029 and the total carried by the bill is \$4,855,368 less than the appropriations of the current fiscal year. The bill omits the proposed appropriation of \$75,000 to continue the President's inquiry into methods of transacting public business, but allows \$25,000 for the President's traveling expenses. The total appropriations recommended for expenses of the executive mansion, including the traveling expenses of the President, is \$410,400, an increase of \$20,000 altogether for the White House.

Commission May Die. The so-called economy committee, officially termed the President's Commission on Economy and Efficiency, consisting of Frederick A. Cleveland, chairman; Walter W. Warwick and Merritt O. Chance, secretary, and a corps of clerical assistants, will cease to exist on Feb. 29 next unless the House or Senate restores the item relating to it. The President had recommended \$250,000 for the next fiscal year.

The committee also eliminated the recommended \$170,000 for military structures for the Philippines and the \$200,000 recommended for suppression of white slave traffic. It directed that hereafter vacancies on the board of managers of the national home for disabled veterans remain unfilled until the number is reduced to five.

CASTRO CASE TO GO HIGHER

Government Will Appeal to United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Cipriano Castro's right to remain in the United States as a visitor will be decided by the United States Supreme Court, to which the Government will appeal directly from the decision of United States District Judge Ward, overruling Secretary Nagel's order for Castro's exclusion.

The appeal will be taken within ten days by United States Attorney Wise, of New York. This is the course decided upon by the Departments of Justice and Commerce and Labor, as the most expeditious way of getting settled for all the time the important principle involved.

POSTAL BUDGET LARGER

Increase of Nearly \$3,000,000 in Bill as Given to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—An increase of nearly \$3,000,000 in the annual post-

office appropriation bill was made by the Senate committee on postoffices which reported the measure to the Senate today. The total asked for support of the postal service for the year is \$283,437,442, the statement including an increase of \$2,500,000 in railway mail pay, occasioned in part by the establishment of the parcel post.

A new weighing of the mails, covering a period of 30 days from September 1, 1913, is provided by the bill as reported to the Senate. This step is recommended because the parcel post has greatly increased the weight of the mails and the railroads say they are entitled to compensation on a new basis. The bill also would stop the present practice of carrying second-class mail in fast freight trains.

The plan of allowing communities to nominate their postmaster is embodied in the postal appropriation bill, and would apply all fourth-class post-offices, where the postmaster's salary is more than \$200. The bill does not make such nomination compulsory.

FRENCH ARMY TO GROW

Increased Strength of Germany's Fighting Force Impressive.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The French government has in preparation extensive plans for increasing the strength of the army to counterbalance the new military measures now pending before the German Imperial Parliament. The scheme was submitted to the Chamber of Deputies.

The government intends to ask for a first credit of about \$18,000,000 for an immediate supply of munitions of war and munition wagons. This will be followed by a second request for \$100,000,000 to rearm all branches of the service, including the heavy artillery. The effective strength of the army is to be increased by extending the term served by the soldiers.

The public is greatly impressed by the German project for increasing the peace footing of the German army to \$50,000 men.

SENATE HALTS ROOT'S PLAN

Measure to Repeal Free Coastwise Shipping Clause Tabled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Root's proposal to repeal the Panama Canal law to repeal the provision giving free passage to American coastwise ships was rejected today by the Senate committee on interoceanic canals. A motion to table it carried seven to three, Senators Brandegee, Page and Percy opposing.

The decision of the committee, it is believed, will prevent action in the Senate at this session. No report will be made and there will be no opportunity for supporters of the Root amendment to put in a minority finding.

SALOON MAN BOMB TARGET

Chicagoan Believes Political Enemy Tried to Kill Him.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A bomb, believed to have contained dynamite, was exploded tonight in the front of a saloon owned by Emanuel Abrahams. No one was injured.

ROADS WOULD LEASE TRACK

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The Central Pacific to the Southern Pacific of the main line from Tehama north to the Oregon boundary. It is maintained that this lease is necessary to give the Southern Pacific Company a through line from San Francisco to Portland and to continue the transcontinental line from San Francisco to the Atlantic seaboard, by way of Portland.

3. The sale by the Central Pacific to the Southern Pacific of that portion of the line from Wood, in Siskiyou County, to Natron, Or., which lies within the State of California.

4. The acquiring of trackage rights by the Central Pacific for 999 years over the line of the Southern Pacific from Redwood City into San Francisco.

Hearing Date Is Fixed. 5. The joint use by the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific of all terminals, including industry tracks at all junctions of their respective lines within city limits in the State of California. It is proposed that the maintenance and operating expenses of the terminals and the taxes be divided between the roads.

The Railroad Commission fixed Wednesday, February 19, as the date of the hearing of the application.

TAX ON DAM KILLED

Senate Will Not Permit Charge for Water Power Use.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The proposal to give the Federal Government the right to "impose a reasonable annual charge" upon water powers was defeated today in the Senate by a vote of 53 to 29. In the final vote on the issue an amendment to the Connecticut River dam bill the amendment of Senator Bankhead was adopted striking from the bill the Federal tax plan, which had been advocated by the construction forces of the dam.

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STIMSON VOICES PROTEST

Secretary of War Says Position on Connecticut River Dam Bill Is Not Good Law, Good Business or Good Politics.

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Usual Terms Followed. Another section of the bill which would have required the Government to pay the power company the full cost of reproducing its power plant in case it should be refused a renewal of the Government lease also was struck from the bill by a vote of 55 to 27. Senator Cummins leading the fight against it.

In its present form the dam bill simply permits the Connecticut River Company to reconstruct a dam near Windsor locks under the usual Federal plan to which the Government protects its rights of navigation.

As passed it contained an amendment incorporated by Senator Borah making hydro-electric companies common carriers and subject to the interstate commerce laws and an amendment by Senator Jones, providing for cancellation of the Government's right to lease to the power company if it ever becomes part of any water power combination or monopoly.

Stimson Opposes Action. "I do not believe that such a position is good law or good business or good politics, and I venture the prediction that in spite of this apparent rebuff, the day when these valuable water powers will be given away for nothing is over."

This was the declaration of Secretary of War Stimson when advised of the action of the Senate in striking out of the bill the provision for a Federal tax, which he strongly advocated. The company which is to construct the dam, Secretary Stimson asserted, was "quite ready" to pay the proposed Federal tax.

Bullock Asks for Pardon. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—J. L. Bullock, recently convicted at Seattle for defrauding the Government in connection with certain contracts for supplying coal to Army posts in Alaska, has appealed

to President Taft for pardon and is endeavoring to secure the support of Oregon and Washington Senators. It is improbable his application will be favorably received. Bullock was prosecuted by B. D. Townsend.

chartered at Trenton in 1899 for \$35,000,000 and the capital remains at that figure under the Delaware charter. A director of the company declared that the move merely is a precautionary one; that, as soon as it is found that business cannot be transacted under the restrictive clauses of the New Jersey constitution, the charter will be surrendered in that state.

Chinook Welcomed Near Joseph. JOSEPH, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The hot sun and warm chinook winds the last few days are rapidly converting the snow into slush and mud. More snow fell here this winter than for many years, but it was just what the farmers and stockmen wanted, as it insures good crops and grass.

Age Limit May Bar Men. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—Cyril A. W. Dawson and Herbert W. Ostroski, both of Spokane, were recently nominated by President Taft to be Lieutenants in the regular Army, having been appointed from

civil life after an examination. Under the law, civilians cannot enter the service after they attain the age of 27. Ostroski will be that age February 25, and Dawson February 23. If these men fall of confirmation before that date their appointments will be invalidated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—President-elect Wilson today heard a brief argument from Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, urging that the present tariff of 12 per cent protecting the boot and shoe industry be maintained.

The Mayor declared that there were other industries protected by tariffs of 25 to 50 per cent the removal of which was not being contemplated and that the boot and shoe industry was not monopolized by any one concern.

CORPORATION LAW AVOIDED. Delaware Charter Taken to Evade Rigid Act of New Jersey. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The first move of the New Jersey corporations to avoid the drastic provisions of the seven anti-trust laws fathered by Governor Wilson was made today, when the American Railways Company, owner of the street railway and other plants in various parts of the country, with headquarters in this city, took out a Delaware charter. The company was

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