

GRANTS PASS LINE TO OCEAN ASSURED

Twohy Brothers to Provide \$5,000,000.

EARLY COMPLETION PLEDGED

Southern Pacific Thought Behind Project.

NEW COAST ROUTE THEORY

Road of 91 Miles Connecting With Crescent City to Open Up Vast Area Rich in Soil, Timber and Mineral Resources.

Completion of the California & Oregon Coast Railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., at a cost approximating \$5,000,000 was assured yesterday, when Twohy Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grants Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

The people of Grants Pass already have bonded themselves for \$200,000 to pay for the first 19 miles of the work. This portion of the road, from Grants Pass to Wilderville, has been built. The remaining portion, from Wilderville to Crescent City, is approximately 81 miles long. It is estimated that the work can be completed this summer. Twohy Bros. are prepared to put a large force of men to work there within the next few weeks.

Early Operation Expected.

The road is bonded for \$5,000,000, and it is understood that Twohy Bros. have made adequate arrangements for disposing of the bonds, as a means of financing the project. It is reported that Canadian and European capitalists have agreed to take some of the securities, which, on account of the glowing reports regarding the territory to be served by the new roads, are expected to sell at a high figure.

"We hope to complete arrangements and carry the work to a successful conclusion within a very short time," said James F. Twohy, a member of the firm, last night.

Dr. Reddy Makes Deal.

Arrangements for financing the project were completed in Portland a few days ago. Dr. J. F. Reddy, one of the original promoters of the road, represented the City of Grants Pass in the negotiations with Twohy Bros.

The new road will be an important factor in the future development of Grants Pass and all the territory in the southwestern corner of the state. It will open up a rich section heretofore undeveloped and will give Grants Pass and the southern part of the state an easy outlet to the sea.

Strategic Importance Noted.

More significant than these facts, however, is the possibility that the new road will become a future link in through traffic between Portland and San Francisco. For this reason, it is believed that the road eventually will pass into the hands of the Southern Pacific Company. Twohy Bros., it is understood, are acting for the Southern Pacific. They have done much work for the Southern Pacific in the past and are not apt to engage in railroad operation themselves.

When the road is completed, Grants Pass is a link of only 75 miles between Crescent City and Trinidad, Cal., will remain to be built to give the Southern Pacific a new through line between Grants Pass and San Francisco.

Line From Trinidad Built.

The road between Trinidad and San Francisco now is completed. It is approximately 300 miles long. This road, the Northwestern Pacific, originally was projected under the joint ownership of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe. From San Francisco to Willits, Cal., a distance of 113 miles, the partnership arrangement was carried out, but northward from Willits to Eureka and Trinidad the Southern Pacific did the work alone.

It is presumed, therefore, that the Southern Pacific will take over the Grants Pass-Crescent City road as soon as it is completed.

Coast Route Desired.

For many years the Southern Pacific has been looking for a route between Portland and San Francisco, approximating the shores of the Pacific Ocean and avoiding the heavy grades of the present main line across the Siskiyou Mountains.

When the road between Eugene and Coos Bay first was started it was believed that this line eventually could be used as a link in the new Portland-San Francisco line, but recent surveys show that the road from Grants Pass to Crescent City will accomplish the same end and save about 100 miles in distance. It is probable, therefore, that the Coos Bay line, for the present at least, will end at Coos Bay and not be extended southward along the coast, as was planned originally.

Timber Owners to Contribute.

The California & Oregon Coast Railroad is the successor of the Grants Pass & Crescent City Railroad Company. It is incorporated for \$5,000,000. Its organizers were Dr. J. F. Reddy, H. L. Gilkey and W. W. Harmon. It has an authorized bond issue of \$5,000,000 of which the city of Grants Pass has subscribed for \$200,000. It is understood (Continued on Page 8.)

GERMAN TORPEDO SINKS ITALIAN SHIP

FATE OF STEAMER'S CREW NOT YET DETERMINED

Submarine Attacks Vessel En Route From Baltimore to Genoa With Coal, Says Report.

GENOA, Italy, via Paris, April 5.—A German submarine has sunk the Italian steamer Luigi Parodi, which left Baltimore January 23 with a cargo of coal for Genoa, according to word received here today. The report has caused a profound impression here, and there are many expressions of resentment.

Great excitement prevails and the authorities have taken strong measures to protect the German colony and German ships from reprisals. Nothing is known as to the fate of the crew of the Luigi Parodi, which was made up entirely of Genoese.

The Luigi Parodi was a steamer of 3782 tons. She sailed from Baltimore January 23, her destination being given as Augusta, Sicily. The last marine records simply report her as "overdue." Apparently nothing further has been heard from her.

If the Luigi Parodi was sunk by a German submarine it would seem to indicate that German underwater boats are covering a wide field of operations, extending far beyond the waters of the British Isles.

The Luigi Parodi was built in 1893 in Stockholm, England. She sails from Genoa.

BIBLE HOPE OF SAFETY

American in Italy Wants Birth Record to Avoid Army Service.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—Vincent Warfield, an American in Italy, relies on a family Bible in possession of his brother, S. H. Warfield, of Milton, to keep him out of the Italian army. Warfield looks like an Italian and speaks the language fluently and he fears the officers will try to force him into uniform.

The family Bible shows he was born in Pennsylvania. The certificate will be prepared and forwarded by Immigration Inspector Wells.

Warfield has been in Italy 12 years, being in charge of a steel mill.

THREE GOVERNORS INVITED

Withycombe, Lister and Johnson Asked to Attend Road Congress.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—A resolution was adopted by the board of supervisors today inviting Governors Johnson, of California; Withycombe, of Oregon, and Lister, of Washington, to attend the Pacific Coast Good Roads congress.

The meeting will be held in this city beginning August 2 under the auspices of the Tri-State Good Roads Association.

\$30,000 DAMAGES ASKED

Prominent Families Figure in Alienation Suit at Dallas.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—J. S. Billings, of Dallas, filed suit in the Circuit Court there last Saturday against H. L. Penton, also of Dallas, demanding \$30,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Billings.

Both families are prominent here and highly connected. Billings is represented by Attorney Guy Smith.

DUTCH ISSUE WARNING

Netherlands Government Will Not Let Other Nations Use Its Flag.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Netherlands government has notified the United States that any foreign ship misusing the Dutch flag or using other means to make a pretense of possessing Dutch nationality will not be allowed to depart from or pass through waters under the jurisdiction of The Netherlands.

KING ORDERS TEETOTALISM

No Wines or Spirits to Be Used in Any of Royal Houses.

LONDON, April 5.—Teetotalism will be enforced in all the King's households, beginning Wednesday. An official announcement just issued, dated April 4, says:

"By the King's commands no wines or spirits will be consumed in any of His Majesty's houses after today."

CHINA-JAPAN WAR RUMOR

Report of Declaration Made at The Hague and Denied by Ministers.

THE HAGUE, via London, April 5.—A report was circulated in Berlin today that war had been declared between China and Japan.

Both the Chinese and Japanese Ministers at The Hague deny that there is any truth in the report.

CRUISER SENT TO BEIRUT

Chester Ordered to Sail From Boston Navy-Yard to Mediterranean.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The scout cruiser Chester, at the Boston Navy-Yard, was today ordered to the Mediterranean to relieve the cruiser North Carolina.

The North Carolina is now at Beirut, Asia Minor.

RIGHT OF EMBARGO IS NOT ADMITTED

American Notes Sent to London and Paris.

PREVIOUS BRITISH VIEW TAKEN

Submission Would Be Unneutral Act, Says Washington.

REPARATION IS EXPECTED

Order-in-Council Stopping Trade Between Germany and Peaceful Nations Is Declared Violation of International Laws.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The United States Government today made public its note to Great Britain announcing that it could not "admit" either the right of the allies or their assertions for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

"To admit it," says the communication, "would be to assume an attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of Great Britain, which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this Government in the present circumstances, and for Great Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and circumstances."

Reparation Is Expected.

The note reviews at length the legal phases of a blockade of belligerent territory and virtual blockade of neutral coasts.

In conclusion the United States asserts its expectation that Great Britain "after having considered" the possibilities of "serious interruption of American trade under the Order-in-Council," will take steps to avoid them and in the event that they should unhappily occur, which under the rules of international law constitutes a violation of neutral rights.

Unlawful Excuse Not Suspected.

The American communication interprets the circumstances under which Great Britain pretends to be justified in adopting retaliatory measures toward her enemies as "merely a reason for certain extraordinary activities" by her naval force "and not an excuse for or a prelude to any unlawful action."

"If the course of the present enemies of Great Britain," the note adds, "should prove to be in fact tainted by illegality and disregard of the principles of war sanctioned by enlightened nations, it cannot be supposed, and this government does not for a moment suppose, that His Majesty's government would wish the same taint to attach to their own actions."

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SEX COURSE URGED LATER

Dr. W. T. Foster Would Have Teachers Instructed First.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—The teaching of sex hygiene in the public schools at this time was declared today to be impracticable by Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College at Portland, Or., in an address before the World's Social Congress in session here.

Dr. Foster said not one teacher in 50 is equipped to teach such a delicate subject and suggested compulsory education on the subject for the teachers in the normal schools as the preliminary to general education.

SEAPLANE DOCK LOCATED

New Yorkers Will Use Craft to Go to and From Homes.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Aero Club of America has established a landing place for hydro-aeroplanes in this city for the use of its members who desire to use these craft for their daily trips between New York and their country homes. The place of landing is at Seventy-second street and the East River.

About a dozen members, it was said today, will travel to and from their homes along the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound in hydro-aeroplanes.

ST. JOHNS VOTES TO JOIN PORTLAND

Majority of 302 Out of 1290 for Annexation.

RATIFICATION IS DUE IN JUNE

Women Assist in Active Campaigns on Both Sides.

ELECTION UNDER NEW LAW

Principal Advantages Cited Are Better Water and Schools, Fire and Police Protection and Lower Rate of Taxation.

Portland people will vote at the June election, undoubtedly, on annexing St. Johns to this city. It may be submitted to the voters here at any time within a year from yesterday, either by the Council or initiative petition. It requires a majority of the voters of the city to carry the merger.

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ST. JOHNS HAS VOTED TO BECOME A PART OF PORTLAND

By a majority of 302 votes out of a total of 1290 cast, the people of St. Johns, Portland's populous suburb on the north, voted yesterday to surrender their charter and become a part of the Greater Portland.

It remains now for the electors of Portland to ratify this action at the regular city election in June.

The consolidation of the two cities will become a reality in 30 days after an affirmative vote by a majority of the Portland electors.

Both Precincts Favorable.

Both precincts of St. Johns returned a favorable vote on the merger issue. The vote in detail was as follows:

For. Agate	228
First precinct	228
Second precinct	217
Total	445
Majority for	302

The merger contest was the big issue (Concluded on Page 11.)

GERMANY EXPELS GIFFORD PINCHOT

FORMER CHIEF FORESTER PUT MEMBER OF AMERICAN RELIEF COMMISSION NOT WANTED BECAUSE SISTER IS WIFE OF BRITISH DIPLOMAT.

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, April 5.—Gifford Pinchot, ex-Chief Forester of the United States, who, it is understood, has been acting as special agent for the State Department at Washington in the European war zone, has been expelled from Belgium by the German authorities.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Gifford Pinchot, according to advices to the State Department, reached Antwerp, Belgium, but was not permitted to proceed further in his work as member of the American relief commission in Belgium, although detailed as a special diplomatic agent of the American Government.

The German authorities objected because Mr. Pinchot's sister is Lady Allen Johnstone, wife of the former British minister to Denmark, who is still in the British diplomatic service. Germany has insisted from the beginning that all agents and consuls of the American Government in Belgian territory under German military occupation should have no connection, however remote, with her enemies.

It is understood that the State Department will assign Mr. Pinchot to other work in the war zone.

TIGHT SHOES ATTACKED

Fred B. Smith Warns Y. M. C. A. Secretaries of Efficiency Loss.

Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. who wear tight shoes and have corns are short-changing the Lord and would get better results from a chiropodist; than from lengthy prayer.

To this effect, Fred B. Smith, for years at the head of the international religious work of the Y. M. C. A., and one of the authors of the men-and-religion-forward movement that swept the country two years ago, advised Portland Y. M. C. A. secretaries in conference.

Mr. Smith said that secretaries who could not produce 100 per cent efficiency were not keeping up with the procession. He pointed out plans and methods of work and counseled on association problems. The visit to Portland was part of a business tour.

DR. LOVELAND MUST REST

Pastor Ordered to Seashore as Result of Illness From Overwork.

Acting under the orders of his physician, Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will leave this morning for Gearhart for a complete rest.

Dr. Loveland conducted an efficiency campaign in his church last week and worked untiringly for its success. A large addition of members was the result, but on Sunday morning after the service Dr. Loveland fainted and has been ill ever since. To ward off a nervous breakdown the trip to the beach was ordered. The pastor will return to Portland next Sunday to occupy his pulpit, if possible. His assistant, Rev. H. G. Greene, has gone to Newport, where he will preach next Sunday.

JESS WILLARD IS WORLD'S CHAMPION

Giant Kansan Wrests Title From Negro.

JACK JOHNSON KNOCKED OUT

Challenger Wears Down Black and Finally Ends Him.

FINAL BLOW IS IN 26TH

Exiled Negro Holds Lead for 20 Rounds, Then Weakens, But Despite Fearful Beating Is Not Knocked Unconscious.

HAVANA, April 5.—Jack Johnson, exiled from his own country, today lost his claim to title made in the heavy-weight championship of the world, the title being wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the prize-ring.

Today's fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 20 rounds Johnson punched and pounded Willard at will, but his blows grew perceptibly less powerful as the fight progressed, until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on.

Johnson Grows Weaker.

Johnson stopped leading, and for three or four rounds the battle between the two huge men was little more than a series of plastic poses of white or black gladiator.

So it was until the 26th round, when Willard got one of his widely-avenging, windmill right-hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all in, and told her to start for home. She was on the way out and was passing the ring in the 26th round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly-won laurels.

Johnson Not Unconscious.

There is much discussion tonight, and probably will be for a long time, among the followers of the fighting game as to whether Johnson was really knocked out. In the sense of being smashed into unconsciousness, he certainly was not put out.

The consensus of opinion is that Johnson expected and knew that there was no possibility of his winning; so when he knocked down he chose to take the count rather than rise and stand further punishment.

Johnson has often stated that fighting is a business, and he would not foolishly submit to repeated knock-downs when he found he had met his master. A second or two after Jack Welsh, the referee, had counted 10, Johnson likely got up. He was well that he did so, and for a moment later a rush of spectators to the fighting platform all but smothered the pugilists. For an instant it seemed as if trouble was threatened, but some 50 or more of the several hundred soldiers stationed about the fight arena jumped into the ring and formed circles around the vanquished and victor.

Soldiers Form Escort.

Under escort of the soldiers Willard and Johnson left the ring and went to their dressing-rooms, while the crowd cheered and broke into wild discussion.

Willard was out of his dressing-room in a few moments and in an automobile on his way back to Havana. He was escorted half way to the city from the Mariana race track, where the fight was held, by a troop of Cuban cavalry.

Crowds lined the streets and narrow roadways, and the new white champion was loudly cheered. He was decidedly the favorite of the crowd all through the fight, and tonight is the hero of the island.

White Flags Fly.

Automobiles returning to the city from the fight flew white flags and thus the news spread far and wide that the white challenger had defeated the negro champion. As Willard came along, the crowds in the streets waved flags and handkerchiefs tied to sticks. At one point a group of negro children, who had evidently heard that Johnson was the victor, waved black flags at the white champion, who was much amused.

Willard probably is the most modest champion who ever stepped out of a prize ring, taking his victory as philosophically as he had looked forward to the fight. Neither he nor Johnson showed much evidence of having been engaged in a heavyweight championship battle. The new champion's lip, right ear and left cheek showed slight cuts, but at no time was there more than a drop or two of blood in evidence.

Contrast With Reno Marked.

In this respect the fight was in great contrast to the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, five years ago, when Jeffries was cut to pieces and blood splashed over the spectators at the ringside. Evidently thinking that this condition might prevail again today, Johnson objected to the presence of a white woman in the newspaper seats just outside the ropes, and she was relegated to a place farther back.

On the contrary, no fight between heavyweights that has gone to a finish was cleaner or less brutal. Johnson's (Concluded on Page 12.)

