

OREGON BUILDING OFFERED TO ARMY

State Exposition Commission at Meeting Votes to Give Structure for Club.

ACCEPTANCE IS PROBABLE

Beautiful Edifice Not to Be Torn Down for Firewood If United States War Department Will Fit It for Soldiers.

Unless the Federal Government flatly declines to accept it as a gift, the famous Oregon building at the San Francisco exposition, which is built of heavy timber from the forests of this state, will not be sawed up for firewood after all.

At a meeting of the Oregon Commission to the exposition, held in Portland yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously voted to give the beautiful structure to the War Department to be used as a clubhouse for United States soldiers.

Within the next few days, the building will be informally turned over to Major-General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the Western Department of the Army with headquarters in San Francisco, who is deeply interested in the plan, so that the soldiers can have the use of it at once.

Only One Condition Made. And as soon thereafter as the necessary steps can be complied with ownership of the building will be formally transferred to the War Department.

The only conditions to the offer are that the Government shall devote the building to the purpose designated and shall attend to its proper maintenance. Until this assurance is received, title to the building will be retained by the state. If the offer is declined the structure will be sold to the highest bidder as originally planned.

In fact, a bid by the O'Hare Company, of San Francisco, of \$125 for the building has already been tentatively accepted. It will be necessary to get inside this agreement. O. M. Clark, chairman of the commission, who is now in San Francisco attending to the final settlement of the state's affairs at the exposition grounds, has written that this can easily be arranged.

Attending the meeting of the Commission yesterday, which was held in the office of John F. Logan, were Mr. Logan, Robert A. Hooper, of Eugene; State Senator C. L. Hawley, of Medford; W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, and Governor Withycombe. State Treasurer Kay was consulted and approved the plan. Efforts were made to reach Secretary of State Olcott to get his approval also, but he could not be located at the time.

The building has previously been offered to the War Department, but so little interest was manifested that the Commission advertised for bids. Then General Bell relieved General Murray in command of the Western Department. General Bell, practically on his own responsibility, brought up the question again and the Commission was only too glad to reconsider.

"We sincerely hope that the building will be accepted," said Mr. Logan last night. "It would make a wonderful clubhouse, and it would give Oregon the best possible advertising. It would be a great pity to have this splendid building torn down to be used for firewood, but that is the only alternative, for it is so immense a structure that moving it is out of the question."

It is now in fine condition, and practically the only expense in maintenance to which the War Department would be put at this time would be making a possible foundation all at one end.

Army officers here are greatly interested in the plan. They say that, through the War Department, it is to be shown, after once decided to accept it would not consider expense in equipping the building and making it the finest soldiers' clubhouse in the west.

SEIZED SHIPS NOT USED

REQUISITIONING OF CAPTURED AMERICANS CANCELED.

Test Cases of Hoeking and Genesee to Be Tried at Once in Prize Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Great Britain advised the United States today that in response to the State Department's protest in the case of the steamship Hoeking and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic Company, orders requisitioning the Hoeking and Genesee would be promptly in prize court to dispose of the charge that the company is partially German-owned.

Two of the ships seized by British cruisers—the Winnebago and the Kanabekoo—will be released under bond. The Hoeking and Genesee cases will be made the basis of the test.

To accelerate disposition of the issue, these cases will be transferred from Halifax and St. Lucia in London, thus avoiding delay by appeals from subordinate courts.

STAY DENIED DOOMED MAN

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—The State Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a statement today that it would not interfere with the execution of Raymond Villa, whose appeal from his conviction for the Carranza government appeal far delay on the ground that the condemned man did not have a fair trial.

This was the second of the last-minute maneuvers to prevent the execution of Villa, who was one of the five Mexicans saved from the gallows last May by the intervention of William J. Bryan, then Secretary of State. The Villa government at that time sought the delay.

The Carranza appeal rejected today was forwarded to Governor Hunt by Secretary of State Lansing without comment.

British Reduce Crown Salaries.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Reduction of the



SCENE IN BAGHDAD. Baghdad, one of the oldest and most historic cities in the world, on the Tigris River, is the center of terrific battling between allied British forces and the Turks. The ancient city is the most important point on the proposed Baghdad railroad. Before the war, Germany and Great Britain had come to an agreement whereby German capital was to build the railroad up to Baghdad, and British interests would control the section from Baghdad to the Persian Gulf. The offensive of the British from a base on the Persian Gulf was designed to capture this city and frustrate all hopes of German interests of developing the country. The picture shows the Bridge of Boats over the Tigris at Baghdad. This is a view from the east bank of the river and shows the usual daily traffic.

salaries of law officers of the Crown has been arranged. In the House of Commons today Premier Asquith made this announcement, which, it is hoped, will give an impetus to the campaign for thrift on the part of the public.

MONOPOLY PLAN IS DENIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—There was never any "preconceived plan" on the part of the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England, Charles K. Jeffrey testified today. The growth of the New Haven system, he said, was a process of evolution and a consequence of an attempt to give New England an efficient transportation system.

The New Haven ex-president thus epitomized at the trial of the 11 ex-directors of the road the defendant's plea that they acted not criminally guilty of conspiracy to violate the Sherman law.

"I never conspired in any way, shape or manner," said Mr. Jeffrey. "If any members of my board had any such purpose they were remarkably successful in concealing it from me."

SHIP'S WOE IS SUSPICIOUS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—The American schooner Henry W. Cramp, Captain Morris, Philadelphia for Houston, Tex., with a cargo of 310 barrels of refined oil for the French government, returned to Philadelphia under circumstances which, according to shipping men, is a suspicious appearance. The Cramp sailed from Philadelphia on November 28, passed out the Delaware Capes December 1, and proceeded on her voyage.

On December 5, when 160 miles from Cape Henlopen, the schooner was discovered leaking badly and with seven feet of water in her hold. The vessel was stopped and pumping began. The next day Captain Morris discovered the pumps in a suspicious condition and the fore and aft rigging had parted.

DETAILS OF THE MEASURE were discussed at length and it was said there was complete agreement on its general terms. Much attention was given to the provisions in regard to the manning of vessels by Americans, about which there has been no final decision. It was pointed out in the conference that while such a provision was desired in order that an adequate Naval reserve might be built up, the exclusive employment of Americans on vessels in the Pacific trade would make competition with foreign merchantmen almost out of the question.

This point will be gone into thoroughly by all those present at the conference and another meeting will be held, probably next week. The provisions for regulation of steamships were virtually approved as written. The proposed shipping board would be clothed with power to regulate rates of American ships just as the Interstate Commerce Commission regulates those of railroads.

To control the rates of foreign ships which trade from United States ports, provisions have been made that all ships using American ports shall be required to secure revocable licenses from the shipping board.

With such a lever in its hands, it is felt the board can keep rates down to a reasonable basis on traffic in this country.

GERMANS ON AMERICAN VESSEL REMOVED BY FRENCH

CRUISER BELIEVED SEARCHING FOR CONSULS

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 9.—The Porto Rico liner Coamo was stopped today by the French cruiser Des Cartes, which took four German fishermen from the merchantman on board the warship. The search lasted from 2 to 5:20 o'clock, the officers, the crew and the entire list of passengers being examined. The Coamo also was stopped and searched.

It is reported that the Des Cartes was looking for Waldemar Nepp, German Consul at San Juan, and John Stubbs.

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