

STATE RIGHT OVER WATER MAINTAINED

Laws for Condemnation of Sites Held Valid, Meaning Much for Development.

PUBLIC WEAL IS FACTOR

Decision Takes Stand That to Draw Energy and Labor From Streams Going to Waste Is for Good of Mankind.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—In a decision of wide effect to waterpower development throughout the United States, the Supreme Court held today that states possess the power to enact laws authorizing the condemnation of power sites and water rights, by right of eminent domain.

The decision was announced by Justice Holmes in upholding the constitutionality of the Alabama water-power condemnation statutes in case touching the improvement of Tallapoosa River.

"The principal argument," said Justice Holmes, "is that the purpose of the condemnation is not a public one, the organic relations of modern society, it may sometimes be hard to draw the line that is supposed to limit the authority on the legislature to exercise or delegate the power of eminent domain."

"But to gather the streams from waste and to draw from them energy, labor without price and so on, for mankind from toll is to supply what next to intelligence is the very foundation of all our achievements. If that purpose is not public, we should be at a loss to say what it is."

Whether or not this decision will have any addition in Oregon cannot be determined by local attorneys until the full text of the opinion is received.

Attorneys interested in public service legislation in Oregon are eager to learn just what the decision specifies, however, inasmuch as it may be of vital effect in this state in the event it is construed to give corporations the right of eminent domain across private property, but the Government never has consented to the exercise of this right across Federal land.

This is a point over which there always has been more or less contention in Oregon because of the large volume of land held here by the Government. Corporations already have the right of eminent domain across private property, but the Government never has consented to the exercise of this right across Federal land.

Local attorneys point out that if the several states have the power to grant the right of eminent domain on or across Federal property the provisions of the Ferris bill, against which the Western water-power states are making objection, will be, in effect, overcome.

It must be remembered, however, say the attorneys, that Alabama is not a public land state and that the same reason which led the Supreme Court just has acted doubtless does not involve the principle of exercising condemnation proceedings on Government land.

DECISION HELD IMPORTANT

Ex-Governor of Colorado Says Now Power Can Be Developed.

DENVER, Jan. 24.—When the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding that states possess power to enact laws for the condemnation of water-power sites and water-power rights was called to his attention today, E. M. Ammons, ex-governor of Colorado, said:

"That decision will be far-reaching in the development of water-power projects in Western states. There has been no development, legislative or judicial, recently of such vital importance."

Illustrative of the probable effect, Mr. Ammons said there is in Colorado approximately 2,000,000 horsepower capable of being developed, but only about 5 per cent has been developed. The decision, he said, will undoubtedly permit development of irrigation projects, many of which have been held back by refusal of the Federal Government to grant right of way across public land.

WILSON NOT TO BE TRAILED

W. J. Bryan Says He Has No Intention of Following President.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 24.—William J. Bryan today issued a statement saying he had no intention of following President Wilson on his trip through the Middle West to make speeches in answer to the President on preparedness.

He said he would leave for Lincoln, Neb., February 20 to attend a birthday dinner and would make a few speeches on his way, but that his trip would have no connection with that of the President.

BID ON OLD CRAFT HIGH

Collier Sells for \$150,000 More Than Navy Estimated Worth.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The old naval collier *Justus* at Mare Island Navy Yard was sold today to John Rothchild, of San Francisco, for \$226,200, more than \$150,000 over what the Navy estimated she was worth. The bid was taken to reflect the shortage of ocean-going tonnage.

J. G. Hittner, of Philadelphia, bid \$123,100 for the old frigate *Franklin*, used as a receiving ship until she sank in Norfolk Navy Yard.

Explosion Injures 21 Miners.

FALETTE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Charles Dolan and Joseph Greenly were perhaps fatally injured and 13 other miners were seriously hurt by an explosion of blasting powder in the Apollo mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company near here today.

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4 DIE IN EXPLOSION

Manufacturing Plant in Buffalo Is Destroyed.

NEARBY SCHOOL IN PANIC

Four Employees Are Injured and Several Are Missing—Buildings Within Radius of Block Are Damaged—Cause Unknown.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Four persons are known to have been killed, several are missing and four were injured in an explosion late today that wrecked the plant of the Kalkor Blower Company, manufacturers of planing mill exhausts and ventilators, on Harrison street.

Charles Kalkor, head of the firm, said that from 22 to 25 employees were in the plant and that 21 of them had been accounted for.

The building was a two-story frame structure. The explosion demolished all the walls, letting the roof down on the ruins, which caught fire. Pieces of the foundation were thrown hundreds of feet and the concussion smashed nearly every window within a radius of a block.

Within 300 feet of the Kalkor plant is one of the largest East Side grammar schools. About 1500 boys and girls were thrown into a temporary panic, but the teachers quickly marched them to the street.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Gas was used in several forms in the building. The flames were extinguished in less than an hour and firemen began searching the ruins. A preliminary report has been taken out, but two others could be seen under piles of broken machinery.

BIG INCOMES TO PAY TAX

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an amendment to the old corporation law, rather than as a part of the income tax.

Tax Not New. The basic error of those who attacked the constitutionality of the tax, Chief Justice White held, was in regarding the 16th amendment as levying a direct tax without apportionment among the states according to population. In substance, the court held that the 16th amendment had not empowered the Federal Government to levy a new tax but that "the whole purpose of the amendment was to relieve all income taxes from a consideration of the source when the income was derived."

Those opposing the tax had urged that the 16th amendment provided that income "from whatever source derived" should be taxed without regard to apportionment among the states. They argued that the Underwood-Simmons income tax provision, by reason of exemptions of certain incomes from taxation, had not come within the meaning of the amendment.

OWNERSHIP IS OPPOSED

SENATOR NEWLANDS CHAMPIONS RAILROAD REGULATION.

System in America Described as Far Preferable to One Whereunder Government is Owner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Railroad regulation was championed in the Senate today by Senator Newlands, Democrat, in a speech urging adoption of his resolution to create a Congressional committee to investigate the whole subject of transportation legislation, as President Wilson suggested in his address to Congress.

"Under railroad regulation," he told the Senate, "we have secured a most perfect railroad system with more reasonable rates of freight and fare than prevail anywhere else in the world. While there are still imperfections to be remedied, it is evident that government ownership elsewhere has not evolved a system at all comparable with ours."

He opposed an amendment by Senator Borah, Republican, to include Government ownership in the investigation. Action on the resolution was deferred on insistence of Senator Norris, Republican.

357,515 INCOMES ARE TAXED

Sixty of More Than \$1,000,000 Paid in Year on Federal Levy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—According to last year's returns, there were 357,515 incomes subject to the Federal income tax. They were divided as follows:

One million dollars and more, 69;	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000, 114;	\$400,000 to \$500,000, 89;	\$300,000 to \$400,000, 147;
\$250,000 to \$300,000, 135;	\$200,000 to \$250,000, 406;	\$100,000 to \$200,000, 182;	\$75,000 to \$100,000, 150;
\$50,000 to \$75,000, 2569;	\$40,000 to \$50,000, 3185;	\$30,000 to \$40,000, 6098;	\$25,000 to \$30,000, 5452;
\$20,000 to \$25,000, 5672;	\$15,000 to \$20,000, 15,730;	\$10,000 to \$15,000, 24,181;	\$5,000 to \$10,000, 127,148;
\$4,000 to \$5,000, 46,035;	\$3,000 to \$4,000, 52,754.		

GERMANS POST EXPORTS

BRITISH FIND BIG TRADE CARRIED BY MAIL.

Apparent Intention to Maintain Hold on Foreign Commerce Revealed by Censors.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The censorship by the British government of first-class mails to and from Germany has resulted in the discovery that Germany has been maintaining a considerable export trade with neutrals by way of Sweden, Denmark or Holland.

Package intercepted by the British has been marked "Samples. Of no value."

One of the British censors today showed to the Associated Press correspondent articles worth thousands of dollars which have been seized. Most of them were addressed to South American points, the intention apparently being to maintain Germany's hold on foreign markets.

Anti-British propaganda weighing thousands of pounds also have been seized. These documents are printed in many languages. They were destined for South America, India, the United States and other parts of the world.

It is said that first-class mails to and from the United States have been inspected to a great extent thus far, the attitude of the government being that the United States mails should not be molested. The suggestion is advanced that censorship in the United States of outgoing mail would be welcomed, as it would obviate the necessity of any action by Great Britain.

JACKIES WELL FED

American Naval Sailors Particular, Says Admiral.

COST IS 36 CENTS A DAY

Navy Paymaster Insists Americans on Warships Are Entitled to Good Meals—Expense of Educating Middies Defended.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—"If we serve eggs aboard ship the men want to see shells; if we serve potatoes, they want to see the skins; and they're entitled to," said Rear-Admiral McGowan, paymaster of the Navy, in telling the House naval committee today that American bluejackets are the best-fed body of men in the world.

"When any of our men has eaten what's on the mess table," he added, "he's had a mighty good meal and he's satisfied."

While the naval rations cost 36 cents a day per man and the Army ration about 25 or 27 cents, the Admiral declared he never would, under any circumstances, recommend any less quality or quantity of food for the sailors.

Representative Kealy, of Michigan, asked whether the United States could successfully send 200,000 soldiers to the Philippines and properly care for their provisioning.

"It would present gigantic proportions compared to the much smaller number of men we have to feed in the fleet," the Admiral replied, "but the feeding of 200,000 men is no greater problem than feeding 2000 if we have the same sources of supply and refrigeration. The distance is no problem."

Admiral McGowan said it cost from \$15,000 to \$25,000 to educate each cadet at Annapolis, and that the results were worth it. Of \$120,000 appropriated last year for the new naval reserve, only \$10,000 had been spent, he explained, as only 176 men had responded in the first six months of this fiscal year.

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25c Wash Goods, 19c Yard Standard lines, such as Mercerized Foulards, Fancy Poppins, Wool-finished Suitings, Challie de Laine, Dress Crepes, etc. All choice new goods, regularly sold at 25c a yard. Clearance Price... 19c

12 1/2c Outing Flannel, 9c Yard 32-inch White Outing Flannel of the standard 12 1/2c quality. At Clearance Price of... 9c \$1.75 BEDSPREADS AT \$1.48—Full size for double beds. They come in Marcellis designs, patterns, \$1.75 value. Clearance Price... \$1.48

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