

RAILROAD MAKES
\$10,000,000 OFFER

Southern Pacific Would Relinquish Interest in O. & C. Grant for Cash.

OTHER CONDITIONS MADE

Oregon Senators Oppose Acceptance. Members of House Reserve Comment—Congress Will Not Agree to Terms.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 8.—The proposal of the Southern Pacific Company to relinquish to the United States its entire rights to the unsold portion of the Oregon & California land grant for a net consideration of \$10,000,000 and on other conditions enumerated today by Chief Counsel Blair, of the Southern Pacific, was laid before the House public lands committee today.

It will not be accepted by Congress. Whether any compromise ground of agreement can be reached will depend on future action of the House and Senate, guided primarily by their respective public lands committees.

Senator Chamberlain and Senator Lane stand ready to reject the entire offer of the railroad company.

Oregon Senators Oppose Terms.

"It is interesting to know the terms on which the railroad is willing to settle," said Senator Chamberlain, "but I will never agree to the proposition they have submitted. They are not entitled to any such consideration."

Senator Lane, on reading the terms proposed by the railroad company, facetiously remarked:

"There is just one thing lacking to make the proposition perfect; the railroad should also demand an apology from the Government."

The House members of the Oregon delegation were not disposed at this time to comment on the railroad's proposition, nor are members of the public lands committee inclined to take a positive stand. There was a general feeling that the railroad company would be willing after further negotiations, to accept terms more favorable to the Government than those laid down in the offer made by Mr. Blair, and there is some disposition in the committee to negotiate further.

Railroad Offer Detailed.

Mr. Blair, after conference with the officials of the Southern Pacific today, laid before the House public lands committee a written statement of the terms on which the company is willing to relinquish its claim to the land grant, close its entire account with the Government and leave the disposition of the 2,300,000 acres entirely in the hands of Congress. His statement follows:

"The Southern Pacific Company will sell, transfer, surrender and cede to the United States all its right, title and interest under and to the land grant, in consideration of \$10,000,000 net cash; the United States to assume payment of all unpaid taxes and penalties now due the state of Oregon, or any political subdivision of the state; and repeal the provision in the granting acts by which the railroad company is required to carry free, priority and troops of the United States, and the payment of said sum by the United States, and the acceptance by the railroad company, to be in full settlement of all claims of either against the other on account of any acts or omissions by either.

"The acceptance of the offer is conditioned upon the Southern Pacific Company procuring the release of the existing mortgage on the land grant, and giving the United States a title clear of all incumbrances."

LAKES CALLING FOR MEN

Wage Schedule Virtually Double That on Atlantic Coast.

CLEVELAND, O., March 8.—The demand for men on the Great Lakes is tremendous, according to a statement issued here today by lake shipping interests. More tonnage has been lined up than ever before and it is now estimated that 55,000,000 tons of ore will be moved, the statement says. Added to this will be 30,000,000 tons of coal and about 14,000,000 tons of grain.

This volume of freight is so large that owners of vessels, it is announced, are contemplating breaking a channel through the ice so as to reach the port of Escanaba on Lake Michigan March 20, so as to put their ships in commission.

The wage schedule on the lakes, the statement asserts, is practically double that on the Atlantic seaboard.

NEW JERSEY FOR TRAINING

Military Work in Public Schools Is Voice in Bills Passed.

TRENTON, N. J., March 8.—Two bills passed tonight place the New Jersey House of Assembly on record in favor of military training in the public schools.

The Pierson bill, providing for two hours' training each week, was passed by a vote of 27 to 10. The other measure calls for an investigation into the advisability of instituting military training courses in high schools.

ABOUT 300,000 BABIES
DIE BEFORE ONE YEAR

The Census Bureau estimates that 300,000 babies died in this country last year before the age of one year, and it is stated that one-half of these deaths were needless if all mothers were strong and infants were breast-fed.

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MYSTERY ABOUT THE CASTLE COUPLE DEVELOPS.



VERNON CASTLE IN AEROPLANE; MRS. CASTLE IN DANCING COSTUME.

There is a mystery about Vernon Castle, the well-known leg-shaker. Vernon announced some time ago that he was going to the war. He took a course in aviation and then bade good-bye to all his friends and supposedly sailed for England to join the army. Now comes a dispatch from Kansas City saying Vernon was seen there a few days ago on his way to California.

Mrs. Castle, who is dancing while her husband supposedly is fighting for the British army, denies the report that he is still in this country. She also denies the frequent reports that they have disagreed and separated for good.

POWER BILL PASSED

Some Supporting Senators Hope House Will Amend.

AMENDMENTS ARE BEATEN

Final Vote on Shields Measure for Development of Navigable Rivers Is 46 to 22—Debate Has Run for Month.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 8.—Senator Jones, of Washington, was the only Senator from the Pacific Northwest who voted today for the passage of the Shields water-power bill.

Sensors Chamberlain and Lane, of Oregon; Poindexter, of Washington, and Borah, of Idaho, voted against the bill.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Senate tonight, after four weeks of debate, passed the Shields' bill to provide for development of waterpower in navigable waters by private capital. The vote was 46 to 22. Conservation champions fought hard to amend the measure, but without avail.

Several Senators voted for the bill who had opposed it during the debate. One of them, Senator Walsh, said he considered it bad legislation, but firmly believed it would be amended when it reached the House.

Those who voted against the bill were Senators Ashurst, Borah, Chamberlain, Chilton, Cummins, Gronna, Hollis, Huston, James, Kenyon, La Follette, Lane, Lea, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Newlands, Norris, Poindexter, Reed, Sheppard and Works.

House Insists on Vote.

A final effort to prevent a vote on the measure and return it to the committee was made by Senator Huston, whose motion to recommit it was beaten, 48 to 15. An amendment by Senator Chilton requiring the Secretary of War to decide contests for permits to build dams in favor of the applicant offering the lowest priced service to the public was defeated, 30 to 21.

Sensor Reed attacked the provision of the bill that contests be decided in favor of the applicant able to guarantee the best construction, declaring that this would result in the best sites going to the interests now operating power plants. He declared the measure would grant corporations absolute control of the country's water power for a long time.

"At the end of the 50 years in the grant," Senator Reed said, "the Government can enjoy the blessed privilege of taking over the plants and paying for them the full value. I believe that back of this law which would grant these enormous powers in the same crowd that was back of the Coosa River project in Alabama."

Bill Long Under Debate.

The Shields bill had been under almost continuous debate since the passage of the Philippine bill on February 4. It was opposed by the National Conservation Association, of which Clifford Pinchot is president. Many amendments were offered by a score

STONE IS CONVINCED

Senator Says President Would Avoid War.

SUPPORT IS PROMISED

Senators Told It Should Be Impossible to Believe President Has Changed Attitude He Has Maintained for Peace.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senator Stone, of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, declared in the Senate today, after a conference with President Wilson last night, "that so far from the President desiring to involve this country in this disastrous European war, his supreme wish is to avoid that calamity."

"I have a notice standing on the calendar to the effect that I would tomorrow address the Senate on the subject of armed merchant ships and on other related subjects," Senator Stone continued. "With much care I have prepared a speech which I proposed to deliver, and in which I joined issue with some Senators who have spoken on these questions, particularly as to the law, if indeed there be a law established and recognized touching the subject of armed merchantmen."

Sensor Stone added that he had decided to defer this address.

Wilson Would Avoid War.

"Last night I had another frank talk with the President—I say frank, for that is the way we talk with each other, as we should," he continued. "I am sure I will not offend if I say that so far from the President's desiring to involve this country in this disastrous European war, his supreme wish is to avoid that calamity. I may not be in accord with some of his views; I have already stated that on the floor. But it is impossible for any Senator to believe that the President has so changed his attitude he has so long maintained as an advocate of peace as to wish now to make this country a party to this conflict."

"As Senators well know, I have from the first been earnestly opposed to having any of these questions presented in any formal way to the Senate and that I have been equally opposed to these while they were the subject of diplomatic negotiation. In this view, I have demonstrated that I could better serve the cause that I have at heart—that is the maintenance of peace in this country—by withholding any expression of my opinions so long as the questions at issue are the legitimate subject of diplomatic negotiations."

Support Promised President.

"I profoundly hope that no occasion will arise when I shall feel obliged to take these subjects up in a public way, but if, perchance, such an occasion should arise, I will speak and act as I think. In the meantime, I shall give the President whatever support I can in the discharge of those duties devolved upon him by the Constitution."

"All through his service as President I have co-operated with him, and with all my heart I wish to continue that co-operation, and so I have concluded not to say anything at this juncture that might be misunderstood, especially in foreign capitals, and which might by any chance contribute to the difficulties with which the President is beset. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Secretary of War Controls.

As adopted, the bill permits the construction of dams in navigable waters under license issued by the Secretary of War and gives grantees the right to operate power plants for 50 years, after which time the Federal Government may take over the plant after offering a substitute for the license.

Regulation of rates and services is placed with the states in which the plants are situated, or, if interstate commerce is involved, with the Interstate Commerce Commission, on appeal when the states involved are unable to agree on reasonable rates and adequate service.

The bill also provides that no works shall be constructed or operated so as to limit the output of electric power or in restraint of trade.

LANE LOSES HIS SUBSTITUTE

Oregon Senator Would Appropriate Millions for Power Plants.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 8.—Senator Lane today offered a substitute for the Shields water-power bill appropriating \$20,000,000 to enable the Secretary of War, Interior and Agriculture to build hydro-electric power plants, dams, transmission lines, etc., on navigable and on non-navigable streams throughout the country, and when completed to sell the same to the states at absolute cost.

He provided that the states might pay for these properties in 50 annual installments, deferred payments to carry interest at 3 per cent. His substitute contemplated that power plants built by the Federal Government should be owned permanently and operated by the states.

The amendment was voted down without roll call.

WILSON'S MIND UNCHANGED

President Authorizes Denial of Rumor as "Utterly Foolish."

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson today authorized the State Department to deny as "utterly foolish" a rumor which had reached the House to the effect that the President had changed his mind and was preparing to issue a warning against Americans taking passage on armed merchantmen.

Pou denied the report on the floor of the House.

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BLUEJACKETS IN BRAWLS

Trouble Between Americans and Germans Reported in Turkey.

LONDON, March 8.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says:

"Private advices from Constantinople report several brawls between the sailors and bluejackets of the American stationnaire (guard ship). The latter are now rarely permitted to land and then only on condition that they do not engage in amusement frequented by Germans."

"Great animosity is said to exist in Constantinople against the Germans who, according to travelers, continue to hold their own by main force. The Turkish soldier, however, keeps good terms with his German comrades."

PEACE DEDICATION PLEA

Exposition President to Drink Toast in Orange Juice.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8.—An international toast to peace will be offered at the dedication, March 18, of the Panama-California International Exposition by President Davidson, it was announced today.

As the ceremonies will be held on Orange day, which will be observed in various parts of the country, President Davidson's toast to peace will be drunk in orange juice.

POLICY TO BE ADJUSTED

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State Department had no reports of any act by a German or Austrian submarine commander under the changed orders. State Department officials made no secret of the fact that they do not believe any acts will be committed, if they can be avoided, which involve the death or injury of American citizens.

Administration officials began considering today the complete translated documents appended to the German declaration of intentions. It was indicated that the next move by the United States might take the form of an inquiry to England as to the authenticity of the German confidential copies of alleged instructions to British sea captains.

Present Orders to Govern.

When attention was called to the apparent discrepancies between the German and the British versions of the instructions, officials pointed out that the date on the German version was prior to that on the British version. It was said future events would be decided in the light of the orders now in force.

The United States will accept the assurance that the British government as to which orders are in force, just as it will accept the assurances of Germany regarding any action by that government.

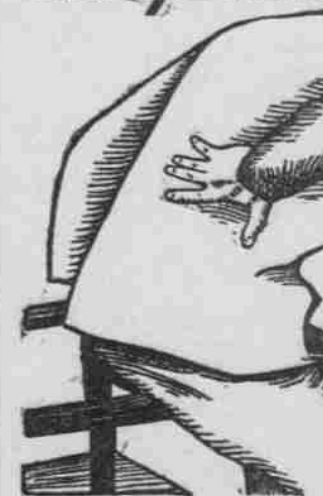
Meanwhile, should an American citizen be involved in an attack on an armed merchant ship, whatever action is taken would depend on the facts in the case.

Armed Ship Controversy Echoed.

Echoes of President Wilson's victory in the fight to end agitation in Congress over the armed ship question were heard today on both sides of the Capitol. In the Senate Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, made a statement, after a conference with the President, announcing that because of the chance that his remarks might be misconstrued abroad, he would not make a speech he had

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