

MALHEUR-OWYHEE PLANS ENDORSED

Secretary Lane Promises to Place Projects Before Congress for Action.

FUNDS ARE HARD TO GET

Effort Will Be Made, However, to Obtain Appropriation for Storage Dam, Leaving Remainder for Future.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—The Reclamation Service, acting under instructions given today by Secretary Lane, is preparing reports which will justify appropriations by Congress for the construction of the Warm Springs reservoir on the Malheur irrigation project and the construction of a storage reservoir on the Owyhee project—both in Eastern Oregon. A letter received today by Representative Sinnott indicates that the Secretary will approve these reports and submit them to Congress with his endorsement. The details of the recommendations are not yet available.

Raising of Money Difficult.
He so advised Mr. Sinnott in telling him he had called on the Reclamation Service for reports. The Secretary, however, says he realizes how difficult it is for Congress to raise the money necessary for such enterprises at this time.

Until the official estimates are made public it will not be known exactly what expenditures will be recommended for the coming fiscal year, but it is understood the total estimated cost of the Warm Springs project is \$1,300,000 and the Owyhee dam about \$400,000. Inasmuch as it possibly will require two years to build these structures, an appropriation of \$400,000 for both probably would be all that could be used during the coming year, and that probably will be the limit beyond which Congress is not likely to go.

Both Projects Feasible.
The report of the Reclamation Service will show that both the Malheur and the Owyhee projects are feasible and give promise of being successful enterprises. As between the two, the Reclamation Service is inclined to favor the Malheur, because on that project the total cost to the Government will not exceed \$400,000, while the Owyhee project as a whole will cost in the neighborhood of a million and a quarter dollars. Lack of money for reclamation work probably will prevent Congress in favor of the Malheur as against the Owyhee project at this time.

Mr. Sinnott, however, will endeavor to have Congress provide, at this session, for the Owyhee storage dam, leaving for future determination the financing of the remainder of the project. The Owyhee lands, like those of the Malheur, are now in an irrigation district, and if the Government will build the dam, the distribution system and other works may be built by a bond issue, under co-operation or by some other means.

Committee's Work Effective.
The fact that favorable reports are to be submitted to Congress on these two projects is due to the work done by Representative Sinnott and by C. W. Mallett, of Ontario; C. E. S. Wood, of Portland; William Hanley, P. J. Phillips and Thomas Canham, of Nyssa. The two latter have been working for the Owyhee project and the other local delegates for the Malheur project. It was only when Representative Sinnott convinced Secretary Lane that it was his duty to report on feasible projects, as they are examined, that the Secretary consented to lay the two Oregon projects before Congress.

When the report of Secretary Lane is sent in, Representative Sinnott will ask for a hearing before the appropriations committee and will appear with such of the local representatives as wish to be heard in support of both projects. Whether any appropriation is secured this session will rest with Congress itself and primarily with the House committee on appropriations. If any money is provided, it will be in the sundry civil bill, together with appropriations for other reclamation projects.

In view of Secretary Lane's expressed recognition of past discrimination against Oregon in the distribution of money from the reclamation fund, Representative Sinnott will seek to obtain from the Secretary as strong a recommendation as possible, and will endeavor to get all possible support for these two projects from the officials of the Reclamation Service who are to appear before the appropriations committee.

Japanese Steamer Submarine.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Japanese steamer Taki Maru has been sunk by a submarine. Three out of her crew of 45 have been picked up.

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RICH GIRL, ONCE A CRIPPLE, NOW VIVACIOUS SOCIETY BUD.



—Photo from Underwood & Underwood.

MISS LOLITA ARMOUR, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, is to make her debut at a notable ball to be given just before the Christmas holidays.

Miss Armour is one of the most charming of this Winter's debutantes. It was only a few years ago that it was almost conceded that she would be a cripple for life. The fame of the noted German surgeon, Dr. Lorenz, having reached this country, J. Ogden Armour, the little Miss Lolita's father, decided after having heard of the marvelous bloodless operations performed by the famous surgeon to bring him here from Berlin. That his faith in the physician was well placed is shown now, when Miss Armour, a healthy, vivacious young society bud, fond of all outdoor sports, is about to make her debut. Her addition to the ranks of this season's debutantes is looked forward to with pleasure.

STOCKS DROP FAST

Five to Fifteen Points Lost in Wall Street in Day.

BETHLEHEM STEEL OFF 72

Rails Only Noteworthy Exception to Reversal, Affecting All War and Semi-War Shares—Peace Developments Cause.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Losses of 5, 10 and 15 points accompanied today's further sweeping liquidation of stocks, with 72 points for Bethlehem Steel, which fell 80, thus becoming known as the most severely affected of the group, representing a decline of exactly 200 points from its maximum of the previous month.

A more powerful factor was found, however, in the tremendous pressure exerted by professional traders now largely committed to the bear on short side of the market. This clique has operated extensively ever since Germany's peace overtures, which not only effected most gains of recent months, but sent some stocks down to levels of a year ago.

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Western Groups Lose Heaviest.

According to board room gossip, heaviest losses of the past week have been sustained by a group of Western and Southwestern operators, who took the market out of the hands of local professionals a few months ago.

Today's more extensive extreme recessions, in addition to the setback in Bethlehem Steel, were Mercantile Marine, 16 points, with 7 for the common Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, 15; South Porto Rico Sugar, 10, and American West Sugar, 8 1/2; Utah Copper, 8 1/2; American Zinc, 7; Central Leather, 6 1/2; Sloss Sheffield Steel, 7; Crucible Steel, 5 1/2; Lackawanna Steel, 5 1/2; American Lumber, 4 1/2, and as much for Pressed Steel Car.

Despite these adverse conditions, general news of the day index showed property aside from reported price concessions in copper.

TILTS ARISE OVER SYSTEM

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no orders of such a character without discussion with the chief of staff.

When the General read figures on National Guard recruiting showing that only 15,000 men were collected in four months' active work throughout the country, and that at a cost of more than \$50 a man, "just to enroll him, not to equip him," Representative Greene interrupted.

"Was not this after the young volunteer knew he was to see no active service, but merely to do border police duty?" he asked.

"It was to carry out orders by the

INDEPENDENTS PLAN TO WIELD POWER

Purpose Is to Enforce Radical Changes in Rules of House of Representatives.

BIG PARTIES SEEK FAVOR

Organization of Four Members of Present House and Three New Ones, Including Miss Rankin, Is Likely Next Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Independent members of the incoming House of Representatives are planning an organization to work apart from both Democrats and Republicans with the avowed purpose of enforcing radical changes in the rules.

Thus far no plans have been made for voting as a body in the Speakership fight, but it is not impossible that such an arrangement will be attempted later. Informal conferences among independents now in Congress have resulted in an agreement that something should be done to give more publicity to committee work.

At least one of the independents has conferred with Colonel Roosevelt over the situation and will seek further advice from him on how to proceed. Conferences have proceeded quietly, usually on the floor of the House. Participants are disinclined to talk for both Democrats and Republicans are eagerly seeking their favor as the Speakership situation daily becomes more doubtful.

Amended Rules Wanted.
Representative Randall, of California, a Prohibitionist, indicated today, however, the nature of the immediate plan.

"We are eager that the rules be amended so that the people may know what their representatives are doing," he said.

"The present system of voting in the committee of the whole makes it possible for members frequently to conceal their votes on important proposals. I think if we can remedy this situation and make some changes in the method of reporting bills from committees an independent organization will be worth while."

Four independents, Representative Schall of Minnesota, and Martin of Louisiana, Progressives Randall, of California, Prohibitionist, and London of New York, Socialist, are in the present House.

Miss Rankin's Aid Wanted.
They hope that Representatives-elect Fuller, of Massachusetts, and Kelly of Pennsylvania, and Rankin, of Montana, will join them. Messrs. Fuller and Kelly were elected as Independents. Miss Rankin is a Republican, but hope of her independence is based on the fact that she was opposed by the Republican organization in the primary.

The personnel of the coming House still is in doubt. Both Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann declared today that their respective sides would have at least 218 votes, a majority, on the Speakership.

"We will control the House unless the Democrats buy it, and they are trying to do that now," Representative Mann said, indicating his belief that promises of organization favors were being held out to Independents by the present majority.

Speaker Clark said the Democrats already were assured of 218 Democratic members and that he is certain two more will be seated in pending contests.

HORSE SHIP REPORT IN

AMERICAN CONSUL AT MALTA CA-BLES TO WASHINGTON.
Detailed Account Says Steamer Russian, Not Under Admiralty Charter, Was Torpedoed in Storm.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A detailed account of the sinking of the British horse-ship Russian, in which 17 American mariners lost their lives, reached the State Department today by cable from Consul Kepingler at Malta.

It says the steamer, fighting through a strong gale and drenching rain in the Mediterranean, was struck astern by what was believed to have been a torpedo, though no submarine was seen, and that 25 men, including the Americans, were drowned through the capsizing of a lifeboat when the crew left the ship.

Later a trawler came to the rescue and took the Russian in tow, but the steamer went to the bottom the next day.

The Consul said he was informed that the Russian was not under Admiralty charter, although she had delivered a cargo of mules at Saloniki, the allied military base in Greece.

The American Government will make inquiries at once to determine definitely the status of the ship. If it develops that she actually was a private vessel the German and Austrian governments will be asked whether one of their submarines made the attack.

Unless one of the belligerents admits responsibility it is regarded as probable that the nature of the explosion that

RUSSIANS WIN POSITION

Austro-German Advance Post Is Captured.

PETROGRAD via London, Dec. 20.—Russian troops operating in the region of the River Bystritsa, in Galicia, says the Russian official statement issued today, broke through the barbed-wire entanglements in front of the Austro-German advance post yesterday and penetrated into Bohorodczany Stare, southwest of Stanislaw.

The Tenthons are said to have fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in the hands of the Russians.

Oil Advances 10 Cents.

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COLUMBIA

wrecked the Russian may remain a mystery, since no one saw a submarine or torpedo and the ship is at the bottom of the sea with her evidence.

MRS. J. W. MORROW IS DEAD

Wife of Tax Agent for O.-W. R. & N. Here Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Mrs. J. W. Morrow, wife of the tax and right-of-way agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, died suddenly at her home, 794 Hoyt street, yesterday afternoon, from heart disease. She was 55 years of age.

Mrs. Morrow, who formerly was Miss Katherine M. Rea, had been a resident of Portland for 14 years, coming here from Heppner, Morrow County, where her husband's family has been prominent since the state first was settled. In fact, Morrow County was named for them.

Mrs. Morrow was not seriously ill until a few minutes before she died. Mr. Morrow was called home immediately after she was stricken, but she passed away before he arrived.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. M. V. Sutherland, and a son, Jackson Lee Morrow.

Volcanic Explosion Kills 15.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salva-

dor, Dec. 20.—A volcanic explosion near Guatemala, has caused the death of 15 persons.

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