WATER RIGHT ASSET QUESTION DEBATED

At Irrigation Congress Views Clash.

OREGON LAW READ TWO WAYS

Engineering Authorities Say "Value Intangible."

Further Discussion of Bond Certifi-Provision of State Code Will Be Held Today in Quarters at Imperial Hotel.

the president, had called the Oregon Elizabethan room at the Imperial Hotel yesterday afternoon, the delegates had upon a spirited discussion of the hond certification provision of the Oregon irrigation code. The debate continued throughout the afternoon and

will be resumed this morning. The Oregon law provides that the market value of lands embraced within an irrigation project, the value of the works and the value of water and water rights shall all be considered by the state authorities in estimating the value of the project as a basis for insuing bonds which shall not exceed in the pagregate 50 per cent of the value of and Improvements so ap-

praised. Water Rights Overlooked.

In computing these values, the state General, State Engineer and State Supraised value to water rights.

This practice of the appraising offiintangible quantity until it had actually and sailors. been placed upon the land.

California, and O. Laurgaard, Portland city engineer.

Upton Cites New Code.

J. H. Upton, of Princeville, chairman Russians Near Black Sem Proclaim will serve as charge d'affaires, of the legislative committee of the Irrigation Congress, precipitated the discussion by submitting an exhaustive report on the work of this committee

enacted. Mr. Upton praised the code as the been formed. most complete and workable of any in lar laws in the states of Washington, to open the assembly today. Idaho and California, which, from years of experience, he said, had been found entirely adequate and in every way

satisfactory in their operation. Wrong Interpretation Alleged.

Mr. Upton explained that it was the ers of the law that water rights were 2 IN TEENS FIRST TO WED to be considered by the state officials as an asset in any project they were called on to appraise. Hhe maintained that in refusing to take that element into account in arriving at their estimate of the true value of any project, the members of the state board were not correctly interpreting the statute.

He argued that the question of water rights was essentially pertinent to a consideration of the value of a project and should be included in any estibasis of certifying to its sufficiency for the floating of a bond issue.

Others participating in the discusgion, and with but few exceptions they is 18 years old and lives at 229 Thirsupported the position of Mr. Upton, teenth street. were: Porter J. Neff, of Medford; W. H. Crawford, of the Oregon Develop ment Bureau of the Chamber of Com- NEW OFFICERS CHEERED merce; M. J. Lee, of Canby; "Farmer Smith, agriculturist for the O.-W. R. N. Company; President Hinkle, George Chandler, of Baker, and C. C. Clark, of Arlington.

Sargent to Be Heard Today.

The discussion of this subject will mbles at 3:20 o'clock this morning. S. G. Sargent, State Superintendent of missioned men stood and returned the Banks. Other speakers will be: H. W. Gard, Fred C. Hoecher, J. Frank Spinning, C. W. Thomas, John Rigby, Julian A. Hurley and R. H. Schreelock.

"State Policy of Irrigation" will be the subject of an address by Ofwald West, ex-Governor, at the afternoon session today. He will be followed TOT WANDERER FINDS HOME by J. P. Newell, George H. Russell C. C. Clark, H. H. DcArmond and other The rest of the afternoon session will be devoted to a discussion of various irrigation projects through

Owing to delayed trains, many of the delegates were unable to reach the less 14-year-old girl, who recently ar city until noon yesterday, with the rived in Seattle from Yokohama as a result that the opening session was stowaway on a Japanese steamship, not held until afternoon. The dele- came to an end today when the Immigates were formally welcomed to the gration Bureau relaxed the immigracity by Mayor Baker, who referred to tion regulations to admit her to the importance of the farm and the United States for adoption by an Amerincreased production of foodstuffs at ican family. this time, and assured the irrigation- The child (Concluded on Page 12, Column R) New York.

GUATEMALA QUAKE LOSS TOTALS 2500

DISASTER MORE SERIOUS THAN FIRST REPORTS INDICATED.

Many Persons Go Overland Fron San Salvador to Investigate Pate of Friends in City.

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, Jan. 2-

Newspapers of this city declare that to fewer than 2500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake. Early reports on the Guatemals earthquake, which began Christmas day, declared the loss of life was heavy, some estimates reaching 1000. A Guatemala City dispatch of December II, however, said that only a few per

ons had been killed. Many persons are going overland from Salvador to Guatemala to Inrestigate the fate of friends. Telegraphic communication between San Salvador and Guatemala is again interrupted.

MONACO IS MORE LIBERAL

Ruler of Tiny Principality Now Restores Constitution.

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 2 -- (By the Asociated Press.)-Prince Albert of Monaco on New Year's day promulgated a decree restoring the constitution of the principality, which had been Irrigation Congress to order in the suspended since the outbreak of the world war. By the decree the consti- 1913, called at the State Department sides of the river. The river has tution is enlarged and extended in a much more liberal sense, the Prince in this way limiting his own powers.

> Prince Albert from the time he suc in 1899, until January 7, 1911, was ab- will confirm the reports that come solute ruler of the small principality through English newspapers of a genof Monaco in the Mediterranean. In eral and sweeping change in the Britwhich provided for a national council of the larger capitals. elected by universal suffrage.

HIRED PARTNERS BANNED

Tacoma Council Authorizes Censorship of All Dancehalls.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2 .- (Special)uthorities, consisting of the Attorney- Soldiers who want to attend dances in Tacoma will be protected from the perintendent of Banks, have refused to harpies who wish to prey upon them. take into account and give any ap- An ordinance was passed by the City Commission today authorizing censor- such a change could be made without ship of the dancehalls, and sets forth detriment to the service. It is known cials was defended by Percy J. Cupper, what may be regarded as etiquette in now that when Foreign Minister Balissistant state engineer, on the ground dancing. The censor may eject any four came to the United States las that an available supply of water for person who does not comply with the Spring the Ambassador tendered his any preject could not be taken into ac- rules. An admission charge must be resignation to take effect at the con

The Council frowns on those places time Mr. Cupper was supported in his where girls are hired as partners of

Independent State.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday, Jan. 1 .- A at the last session of the Legislature, new republic has been set up in the when the Oregon Irrigation code, in- Black Sea territory, with Novorosayak of the world war and upon him decluding the bond certification plan, was as the capital. A coalition Cabinet, including Constitutional Democrats, has

Delegates from Ugraine to the Conthe United States, embracing, as it stituent Assembly will arrive in Petrodoes, the essential provisions of simi- grad tomorrow. No effort was made

> Tcherpomorsk, or the Black Sea territory, is a district of Trans-Caucasia. consisting of a long, narrow strip ox the coast of the Black Sea and on the west slope of the Caucasus.

Noel Lawrence and Madeline Rankin Listed for Earliest License.

Along with the other 1913 "firsts" ome Noel Lawrence and Madeline Rankin and as: that they be officially listed as the first couple to secure a marriage license during the new year. The two fathers of the young people yesterday applied at the marriage license bureau in behalf of the youthmate of the worth of such a project as ful couple. The wedding, it was stated,

was to take place last evening. Young Lawrence is 19 years old and lives at 426 Alder street. Miss Rankin

Enlisted Men at Camp Lewis Greet Arrivals From Presidio.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2 .- (Special.) -Three great cheers rang out in the be resumed when the congress reashusky enlisted men greeted 50 new following the report of the credentials officers just fresh from the training committee. The first speaker will be at the Presidio. The half-hundred com-

> The exchange of greetings shows the regard officers and men hold for each other at the great cantonment, where they put in 10 hours daily learning the war game. A programme followed.

Child Who Left Yokohama as Stowaway Reaches Seattle.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The wandering of Dania Lucia Lauberg, a home-

The child's parents formerly lived in

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice Has 'Leave of Absence.'

AMBASSADOR IS GOING HOME

Reports Say That Sweeping Changes Are to Be Made.

FRESH BLOOD IS NEEDED

Has Come to Put Men in Touch With Modern Conditions Into Empire's Diplomatic Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who has been British Ambassador at Washington since May 6, today to say that he was going home on leave of absence. That was as far as the official statement on the subejet went, but it is known that further inseeded his father, Prince Charles III, formation to be given out from London ish diplomatic representation in most

The purpose of the reorganization, it s learned, touches the personnel of the ed in an authoritative quarter that drowned. there is to be no change in these polides connected with the prosecution of

Ambassador Wants Rest.

to be relieved of the heavy duties of and worked hard to effect a rescue. the Washington embassy as soon as count and its value be other than an made for all persons except soldiers venience of the Foreign Office, and has been awaiting its acceptance since that

No statement can be made as to the contentions by P. M. Norboe, of Sacthe men, and intends to put them out time the change will take effect, or as
ramento, assistant state engineer for of business. to the succession to the Ambassador- north of here, have offered to treat 500 ship, but it is expected that this in-In the meantime Colville Barciny, ounseller of the Embassy, probably the treatment of tubercular cases.

Colville Barelay in Charge.

Sir Cecil came to Washington, suc retired on account of age. His service here began a year before the outbreak volved tremendous responsibilities, including the difficult task of inducing with equanimity the oppressive regulations which the entente allies adopt-(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

NORTHERN IDAHO IN GRIP OF BIG FLOOD

COEUR D'ALENE RIVER CAUSES \$500,000 PROPERTY LOSS.

Every County Bridge From Cataldo to Harrison Out and Huge Log Jam Increases Destruction.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 2 .- (Special.) The Cocur d'Alene River of Northern daho, sent suddenly into flood by the heavy rains of last week, today completed the destruction of \$400,000 to

\$500,000 worth of property. Rivermen and loggers are battling the most treacherous series of log jams known in the river's logging history. Every county bridge over the river rom Cataldo to Harrison has been swept out by the rush of the waters, and the bombardment of logs alone has

aused a loss of \$50,000 The yards of the Rose _ake Lumber Company are flooded, and 20,000,000 feet of lumber is partially ruined by the mud and water. The company estimates the loss to its plant, stock and British Newspapers Declare Time other property at \$200,000. The water British Chief Holds Teuton Ability is a foot deep in the company store. The mill is shut down and the dikes

> torn out. At Springston a huge log jam is baffling rivermen. Lumber and boom works have been damaged \$10,000 at that point. Millions of feet of logs belonging to members of the Coeur d'Alene Log Owners' Association have broken their booms and are spread over the meadows for miles on both changed its channel at Lane. Mills at Harrison are shut down and rail communication between Harrison and Wallace is impossible.

HUSBAND SEES WIFE DIE eral said, the first being the steady

Mrs. Macomber Perishes in South Fork of Newaukum River.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 2 .- (Special.) While crossing a footlog over the

The water was very swift and the stream. as yet. Mrs. Macomber's husband was Sir Cecil has desired for some time with her at the time of the accident

LODGE OFFERS TO HELP

Modern Woodmen Sanatorium May Be Used for Soldiers.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 2 .innouncement was made today that the Modern Woodmen of America, operating a large sanatorium at Woodman soldiers at any time the Government may direct. The sanatorium is devoted largely to

NEW PROPOSAL IS COMING

tions Expected Shortly.

Nachrichten as saying.

IS EXPECTED SOON

Troops Are Massing on Western Front.

MAKES FORECAST

Says Director.

AMERICANS NOT YET READY

to Inflict Damage Has Been Lessened-Six Enemy Airplanes Put Out of Action by French.

LONDON, Jan. 2 .- The probability of the Germans now taking a vigorous offensive attitude on the western front B. Maurice, chief director of military weekly talk to the Associated Press position of her case. today.

There were two factors that con tributed to this probability, the Genflow of German reinforcements from the eastern front and the second the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the operations.

Losses May Be Expected.

The public should be prepared, Genembassics rather than the policies of south fork of the Newaukum River, the British government in its relations near her home at Ethel, Sunday, Mra. ground and men if the Germans atwith its allies, and it is expressly stat- Harry Macomber fell in and was tempt really determined offensive operations. They would not, however, be able to inflict any such losses on the was carried rapidly down- allies as the latter had inflicted upon The body has not been found the Germans during the last year, he told her to keep still, declared.

> "The enemy in the past fortnight has been attempting numerous raids, mostly ona small scale," began General "At Cambral, however, he tried a larger operation with the object of getting control of a ridge on the British flank, whence he hoped he could strangle the supplies to a British selient and force its withdrawal. His attack, however, ended in an et complete failure.

> "These attempts to take the offensive," continued the General, "are a sign of a new distribution of the belligerent forces on the western front. The enemy is steadily bringing troops from Russia with the ai mor lishing his superiority over the Anglo-French forces.

Germans Increase Forces.

"The Germans are still a long way from having superior numbers on this ceeding Ambassador Bryce, who was Revision of Germany's Peace Condi. front, but the relative strength of the forces is already so altered that it is doubtful whether the allied commanders would feel justified in under-LONDON, Jan. 2,-The central pow- taking offensive operations on a large ers, within 10 days, will make new dec- scale. The enemy's constantly improvthe Washington Government to accept larations regarding Germany's peace ing numerical position will on the conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to other had lead inevitably to offensive the Daily Express quotes the Munich operations by the Germans, but I see (Concluded on Page 2. Column L)

PRIVATE PIDD SENT TO PRISON FOR LIFE

OVE FOR GIRL-WIFE BLAMED FOR NEAR-FATAL ATTACK.

Accused Man Convicted by Military Court on Charge of Slugging Tacoma Taxicab Driver.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Jan. 2 .- Private George Pidd, B Company, 44th infantry, Camp Lewis, was today dis honorably discharged from the Army and sentenced to hard labor for the rest of his life at Leavenworth penitentiary for slugging Lawrence Berquist, a Tacoma taxicab driver, on the Murray.

Pidd and his 17-year-old wife hired Berquist to take them to Lakeview Pidd, according to his own confession had no choice in selecting his victim as he employed Berquist with the idea of killing him for his money. Between and the National dance pavillion Pidd who was in the tonneau with his wife, struck Berquist on the head with a piece of gas pipe. Berquist's skull was fractured, and it was thought he had been killed. He was dragged from the car by Pidd and his wife, and his pockets rifled. The sum of \$10.65 was taken, but currency totaling \$400 was overlooked.

Pidd was arrested here and his wif was taken into custody in Portland. Berquist was found by the military police and removed to the base hos- in the critical situation resulting from was pointed out by Major-General F. pital at camp, where he has since been the now storm that has piled and is in a state of coma. Mrs. Pidd is in operations at the War Office, in his the Pierce County jail awaiting dis-

Blind, unreasoning love for his wife led Pidd to commit the attack on Berquist, according to his confession to the officers. He said he made assault in order that he might furnish his wife with clothes and food. Mrs. Pidd in her testimony before the

courtmartial denied inciting her husband to commit the crime. She said dancehall to support herself, and that he had taken the money she carned to gamble, leaving her to starve. She de tailed events preceding the crime and said she was afraid to reveal the facts threatened her life. She said he put plants of the city are running on

SNOW OFF TO TIMBER LINE The plant has only a few tons of coal

Base of Mount Hood Bare; Rains Eat Into Old Glaciers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 2 .- (Special.)-The base of Mount Hood, according to J. Wesley Ladd and Dom Zann, of Portland, who returned last night from a visit to the clubhouse of the Portland Snowshoe Club, situated at a mile elevation, near Cloud Cap Inn, is almost as free of snow as during the

ber line and have eaten into the old snow. formation of the glaciers.

Popular With Small Boys.

ing the water up through one of the of the Council's action reducing his ap-Kelso-street sewers and overflowing propriations, they would be forced to it through a manhole has made a fishing pond of the Joseph Sweeney yard. within a block of the Kelso postoffice. Fish have been swimming up the sewer and going into the yard, whence their return into the sewer is blocked would have to take over the extra

by the shallowness of the water. Several good-sized catfish have been caught with hook and line, and small depth of nearly six inches on the level, boys are anticipating a real haul of The storm was general through the fish when the water drains off.

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LARGE INDUSTRIES MENACED

Slight Losses to Be Expected, night of December 20, near Camp One Plant Partly Closes Down; Another May Follow.

THOUSAND OUT OF WORK

Continuance of Bad Weather in Sight at Big Illinois City-Mercury Falls Over Middle West. Death From Cold Reported.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2. - (Special. - The fuel supply is Chicago's chief concern still piling huge drifts across the rall-

road tracks in Illinois. The stock of coal is dangerously low and shipments have been retarded from two to seven days by the storm, Meanwhile more snow is coming, the weather man says, and this may still

further aggravate the situation. Attaches of the Fuel Administration said today that the stock of coal for domestic use was sufficient, and that she had been forced to work in a few complaints had been received. This cheery view of matters did not warm many flat buildings that had no steam,

Big Industries Hampered. The usual fuel reserve for industrial purposes has ceased to be a reserve, to the authorities because he had and the great mills and manufacturing her on a train bound for Portland and day-to-day basis. The Wisconsin Steel Company announced the partial closing of its plant at South Chicago and the temporary retirement of 1000 employes,

on hand. Temperatures were lower over all the Middle West today and snow is falling in several states tonight. In the South t is very cold and cases of people freezing to death are reported from

Louisians, Arkansas and Alabama. There was some moderation of conditions in the East, but New York and Boston more particularly are bitterly cold and short of fuel and food sup

Clearing of Streets Big Task

The Portland men state that the snow plows worked in Chicago all last warm rains o fthe last two weeks have night and today clearing the streets of metled all of the snow up to the tim- the loop and the adjacent districts of Besides this, forces were employed in clearing street intersections in the outlying business districts. The total cost to the city of the New Year's KELSO FISHES IN YARDS storm will be about \$3000. Commissioner of Public Works Frank

Sweeney Place, Near Postoffice, I. Bennett was confronted with a new problem when the citizens' streetcleaning bureau, an organization that several years ago volunteered financial KELSO, Wash, Jan. 2 .- (Special.) aid to the city in keeping clean the The high water which has been back- loop streets, notified him that in view withdraw their support because of the increased burden which would fall to them. The organization regularly contributed about \$50,000. The Commissioner said he believed his department work.

> The snow fall yesterday was to the Northern Middle West and in many sections snow fell to a much greater depth than in Chicago. The rising wind threw drifts across

the railroad tracks and train schedules immediately began to collapse. Trains from both east and west were hours behind time. Improved conditions were reported today. The Illinois Steel Company also is feeling the pinch of the coal shortage

have to be partly shut down.

and its officers frankly admit that if

the storm interrupts coal shipments to

Transportation Obstructed in East-

ern and Central Prorts. PARIS, Jan. 2 -- Another heavy fall of snow in Eastern and Central France (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

PACIFIC CAR & FOUNDRY COM-

PANY EXPANDS ACTIVITIES. The increased cost of all materials has had the effect of discouraging some enterprises and generally reducing the output and activities in other industrial lines. But the operations of the Pacific Car & Foundry Company

have not been affected. This company found it necessary to increase its force of operatives 25 per cent in 1917 and at the same time expend \$200,000 for increased equipment.

In its various departments this company now employs 460 men, whose monthly wages aggregate \$50,000. One year ago its wage roll every month did not exceed \$40,000.

Prospects for increased business during 1918 have warranted a decision further to enlarge its plant and employ more labor.

THE BEAR-NOT SO FAST, WILHELM!

