

IMMIGRATION PERIL IS HELD UNPROVED

Senators Find No Evidence of
Emergency.

CHANGE IN LAW UNLIKELY

Fear That Millions of Aliens
Would Flood America and Cre-
ate Chaos Held Unfounded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Testimony taken by the senate immigration committee in hearings on the Johnson bill prohibiting immigration for one year has failed to prove existence of an emergency, according to senators who tonight analyzed evidence submitted by more than 20 witnesses in the last week. They declared the charge that "millions of aliens would flood the United States, increase unemployment and create economic chaos" had not been proved.

Members of the committee said present immigration laws would remain unchanged until the committee could draft permanent legislation. The committee plans to conclude its hearings this week and begin drafting a report to the senate next week.

Chairman Cull, of the committee today that testimony taken showed conditions in Europe had not produced any change in the ratio between the number of immigrants as compared with the number of aliens returning to Europe.

Farmer Held Affected.
W. E. Bennett, attorney for a Chicago lumber company, the principal witness today, declared passage of the Johnson bill "would make it impossible for the farmer to stay in business."

H. F. Hunter of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway told the committee it would be a burden on the farmers to bring in pauper immigrants.

Palmer May Be Called.
Attorney-General Palmer was described to the committee today by Representative Johnson, author of the house anti-immigration bill, as "the man who could tell the committee some surprising and alarming facts in connection with the menace of alien anarchists."

Petitions from patriotic societies favoring "emergency immigration legislation" and Mr. Palmer's report on sedition activities of aliens were presented by Mr. Johnson, who asked that the attorney-general be called.

CAR SIGNS URGE SAFETY
Campaign for Prevention of Traffic Accidents Waged.
All cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company are now bearing safety first slogan cards on both front and rear ends as part of the company's campaign for prevention of traffic accidents. The campaign which was opened on January 7 will extend over a period of three weeks. Seven different slogans are included in the series and 800 cards were printed to supply the cars in service on the Portland lines.

The movement, according to Fred Cooper, superintendent of city lines, is undertaken in conjunction with the

local chapter of the National Safety council and will be extended through all branches of the company's service and to as large a percentage of the general public as possible. In addition to the placards for the street cars the company is starting a safety-first contest among the four divisions of its lines, carrying its campaign into all the public schools, issuing daily safety bulletins to its 1800 trainmen and cautioning employees in all departments to use special care in keeping all machines in the best possible shape for safety.

A special edition of 2,000 copies of "Wata Wata" weekly street-car bulletin for the public is being distributed among the school children of the city. A safety-first bulletin probably will be prepared for insertion in the monthly statements sent out by the company. B. F. Hoynton, claims agent, and W. P. Strandberg, publicity agent, are working with Mr. Cooper in the movement.

CENSUS FIRE LOSS LARGE

DAMAGED DATA WILL COST
\$2,000,000 TO RESTORE.

Senators Blame Cigarette Smoking
for Disaster and Urge Order to
Prohibit Practice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Census bureau officials said today it will cost \$2,000,000 and require from two to three years to copy off and thus save the census records damaged by the fire last night in the basement of the department of commerce building.

Complete examination of the damage done by water and fire showed that the 1890 records were almost totally destroyed. The records of 1850, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 were partly damaged by water.

Cigarette smoking was blamed in the senate today for the fire in the commerce department. Senator Smoot of Utah declared that smoking during working hours in the government departments should be stopped.

TWO DEAD 8 HURT IN FIRE
Careless Handling of Cigarette Is
Fatal to Hotel Patrons.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 11.—Two men are dead from burns and suffocation and eight persons were injured in a fire which swept the Chestnut hotel, downtown, early today. Several persons are said to be missing.

The injured, including three women, were hurt in leaps from second story windows.

Life nets were spread, but in the smoke and darkness several persons missed the nets.

Police said the iron fire escape collapsed after a few persons had used it to escape.

Andrew Wurmel, 45, burned to death, fire officials say, was responsible for the fire, through the careless handling of a cigarette.

SLAUGHTER OF BISON HERD IS PROTESTED

Preservation on Island in
Utah Is Suggested.

SCHEME IS WORKED OUT

Societies Propose Prisons Be Es-
tablished on Preserve and
Animals Taken Care Of.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The American Bison society, the American Humane society, Albany, and Dr. W. T. Hornaday, director of the zoological park, New York, have all protested against the killing of one of the largest herds of American bison in the United States, which now roams the plains of Antelope island, in the Great Salt lakes. Dispatches from Salt Lake say the animals are soon to be killed. Many suggestions have been received why this herd should not be killed off. The American Bison society has for the last several months tried to save them by persuading the state of Utah or the federal government to establish prisons on the island and allow the prisoners to herd and sell the excess bulls, according to Edmund Seymour, president. Mr. Seymour continues that the young buffalo have a high commercial value as a food animal. Leather, wool, buffalo robes, low cost of production and the advantage obtained by crossing the buffalo with domestic cattle. The American Humane society, according to Mr. Seymour, has been trying to buy this herd for some time past. Mr. Hornaday states that something should be done against the killing of these animals, because it would be a great loss to zoological parks and similar institutions.

These statements followed the publication of a report that 60 permits to kill the buffalo on part of the John E. Dooley estate had been issued. The Bison society does not want to see the 255 members of this almost extinct species killed, and Mr. Seymour said that if the island could be maintained as a reservation for them his organization would join with the American Humane society or the Utah government in their efforts to save the herd.

"No true sportsman," he continued, "would hunt bison in this manner. It is just like going into one's barnyard and killing cattle. It would be an easy matter to get some good cattlemen to drive the herd into a trap for capture, if there is no other way of saving them."

"If the Utah government would transfer their federal prison, which is now in Salt Lake City, to the island, it would help both the prisoners and the city. The prison being in the city endangers the people and also harms the prisoners themselves. If they were over on the island they would be in the open, could herd the buffalo and do extensive agriculture work. By selling the excess young bulls the prisoners could more than keep themselves and their families, too."

"As a last word for the saving of this greatest and noblest of all American big game animals, which almost became extinct a few years ago, I would like to add: It is identified with the settlement of our country. To commemorate their early struggles and dangers is a sufficient reason why this animal should be preserved to the descendants of these early settlers. The mothers of those days—some of whom are still alive—may remember when they were given in their courting days, good, thick

buffalo robes to keep them warm, and I hope now the ladies will vote to preserve the buffalo."

DEATH SENTENCE HOLDS Intercession of Mexican Govern- ment in Arizona Is Futile.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 11.—The state board of pardons and paroles this afternoon refused to recommend commutation of sentence for Pedro Dominguez, under sentence of death, set for execution January 14, in whose behalf the Mexican government had intervened. Dominguez was convicted of having murdered a fellow miner.

In connection with the Mexican government plea that Dominguez was a Mexican citizen and insane, the board said it had evidence that Dominguez was born in Texas, was a resident of the United States and was not insane. It saw no reason for disturbing the verdict, an announcement said.

CURB ON DUTIES ADVISED

DANGER SEEN IN BUYING
ARTICLES PRODUCED ABROAD.

Development of Foreign Industry
Held Gravest Retaliatory Possi-
bility of Emergency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The senate finance committee was urged today to guard against import duties which would force American consumers to buy manufactured necessities abroad instead of raw materials abroad, in forming emergency tariff legislation.

Arthur Dunn, representing the foreign commerce association of the Pacific coast, said development of foreign industry was one of the gravest retaliatory possibilities of the emergency bill. Duties which would bar

imports would wreck the present basis of exchange with China and Japan, he contended. Imports of vegetable oils, peanuts and beans from the basis of this exchange, the witness declared, and to cut off these would force their producers in the far east to seek markets in Europe, "hooking up" with the Europeans in retaliation.

James A. Rheinstrom, Cincinnati manufacturer, protested against the proposal to place a duty on cherries in brine.

Senator McNary of Oregon, who proposed the cherry duty, replied that northwestern producers always had success because of the free entry of cherries from Italy, France and Spain.

Poison Kills Idaho Pioneer.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 11.—Mistaking a bottle of carbolic acid for a bottle of medicine, John H. Sayer, prominent pioneer of eastern Idaho, died from the effects of the poison at his home in Ririe, near here.

IRRIGATION MEET OPENS

INTEREST IS FEATURE OF
IDAHO CONGRESS.

"American Falls Reservoir" Dis-
cussed and Import to State
Enlarged Upon.

NAMPA, Idaho, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Idaho irrigation congress opened this morning with a good attendance from all sections of southern Idaho and is featured by an interest which was never before equaled.

The opening address was delivered by A. V. Tallman of Meridian, president of the congress, who strongly emphasized the greatness this state is destined to attain.

"The American Falls reservoir" was discussed by A. F. Banks, who

enlarged upon its import to southern Idaho.

The State Seed Growers' association opened its annual meeting this afternoon. The annual address was delivered by H. K. Wiley, the president of the association. Other features of today's programme were addresses by Claude Wakeland, entomologist of the state university upon "Alfalfa Weevil in Relation to Seed Production," and George J. Cannon, manager of the Low-Hel-Mar seed potato farm at Buckeye, Wash., upon "Growing Seed Potatoes."

The Idaho dairy council will convene tomorrow in the rooms of the chamber of commerce.

Today's session of the meeting of the Idaho chapter of the national association of engineers was featured by addresses by Dr. Charles H. Little, dean of the engineering department of the state university, upon "Engineering Education," "The Highway Engineer," by Colonel D. P. Olson, director of the state highway bureau, and Stanley Easton, manager of the Bunker Hill mines, will have for his subject "The Mining Engineer."

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