

FORD TRATE PLAN TO GO TO CONGRESS

Two Other Offers to Be Transmitted by Weeks.

OPPOSITION HELD CERTAIN

Members of House and Senate Already Predict Split and Fight Over Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Henry Ford's offer for purchase and lease of the government's nitrate and water power projects at Mussel Shoals, Ala., will be referred to congress for final decision. It was announced today at the conclusion of a conference between government officials and Mr. Ford, accompanying the Ford proposal when it is transmitted, Secretary Weeks said, probably would be the two offers received from Frederick Eastman of Wilmington, N. C., and C. C. Tinkler of San Francisco.

The decision to forward the three offers to the legislative branch of the government, it was said, was reached after consideration of the question by executive officials lasting more than six months. It was said the department officers lacked authority to take final action and were compelled to refer the Mussel Shoals offer to congress.

Proposal to Be Drafted.
Actual transmission of the proposal was not expected for at least two weeks. It was explained that the Ford proposal first would be drafted in contract form by law officers of the war department, and then submitted to Mr. Ford for his signature before it was submitted to congress.

While the legal departments are working on the contract form, it was said, Secretary Weeks would prepare a report for congress, and "comment" for their information. "What my comments are," the secretary said, "will appear when I send the offer to congress, which will be as soon as the papers are prepared." Some officials said they believed it would require a week to prepare the contract and probably another week or more to obtain the signature of Mr. Ford. The contract will be sent to Mr. Ford when it is drafted.

Modifications Turned Down.
Secretary Weeks tonight said he was disappointed in that Mr. Ford declined to agree to certain modifications of his plans which were held desirable by his conference. One of these was known to be that affecting the reduction of the 100-year lease period. The Ford proposal, it was agreed to by Mr. Ford was that guaranteeing payment annually of 4 percent interest on the cost of construction of dams Nos. 2 and 3, regardless of the cost, was at first he offered interest only on \$25,000,000. It was explained that the modification proposed for reduction of the 100-year term probably would give congress an added task in connection with its consideration of the offer.

Existing laws regulating lease of properties possessed by the federal government, it was explained, limit the period of maximum lease to less than a century and congress probably would have to modify the statutes in the event it decided to accept the Ford proposal.

Opposition Is Foreseen.
Mr. Ford, however, was said to be unwilling to agree to a shorter time as the financial investment he would make would involve a greater amount of money than he was prepared to spend under any time period less than 100 years.

Several members of both the house and senate made no effort tonight to disguise their fears that both houses and congress would be divided on the question. While the contract will be urged for acceptance by many members from the south, where cotton plantations are known to favor the Ford proposal, it was anticipated that no small number from the north and west of the country would oppose its acceptance.

EXPORTERS STUDY ALIENS

Credit Association Asked About Foreign Merchants.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—American exporters are taking a sharper interest in merchants abroad, according to the foreign credit department of the National Association of Credit Men. The department announced tonight that inquiries for credit data had increased 20 per cent last month of November, which in turn showed 50 per cent more than October.

Countries concerning whose merchants the greatest number of inquiries were received were: Mexico, Porto Rico, Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela, India, British West Indies, Dominican republic, Argentina and Honduras.

SHANTUNG BIG ISSUE

(Continued From First Page.)

In regard to the Shantung conference, particularly, the foreign representatives are showing great interest. Many private inquiries being directed to the prospect that the United States is to be represented. On that subject it was said at the White House today that no decision had been reached. So many uncertainties are involved, it was declared, that the proposal was not even considered ripe for discussion at today's cabinet meeting.

Commenting on the changes in the French government, Arthur J. Balfour said tonight that he was certain that the Anglo-French relations "are not going to be dependent on this or that ministry."

"There have been many occasions since the beginning of the war for changes in the French government," Mr. Balfour added, "yet none of them altered in any way the relations between the two great allied powers. I am confident that the wish for power of any statesman of any other country would not bring to an end the friendly feeling which has been of such indefinable importance to the maintenance of peace in the past as well as in the present."

DATA ON ARMIES SOUGHT

Resolution Asking Information to Be Offered in Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Senator McCormick of Illinois announced tonight that he would introduce in the senate next week a resolution asking the state department to supply information in its possession as to the financial affairs of the Euro-

pean governments with particular reference to their expenditure for land armaments.

Mr. McCormick also issued a statement in which he criticized those governments, especially France, for their retention of so many men with the colors. He declared, with reference to their economic situation, that it was impossible to help them or any of them, "until they abate their rivalries."

"French policy," he added, "has startled and disillusioned the people of the United States in the last few weeks."

LIVESTOCK MEN HOPEFUL

THOROUGH TEST OF REGULATORY LAW ASSURED.

National Association Confident of Satisfactory Results Through Co-operative Marketing.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 13.—By the adoption of the report of its marketing committee, presented at the American National Livestock association convention today, the association went on record as favoring a thorough test of the regulatory law for the packing industry.

"At least we have in the market," the report said, "an impartial arbiter clothed with authority to supervise and regulate the various agencies. Even-handed justice is all that anyone can ask, and less we ought not to accept. From this legislation great benefits should flow to all our people."

"Unfortunately for all, the commission men and most of the traders in the livestock business have decided to fight the bill on constitutional grounds. On the other hand, the packers appear to have accepted the legislation in a broad-minded fashion. They also signify their willingness to join with the other livestock interests in solving the problem of mutual concern. Now that the question of legislation is settled, the way appears to be open for the kind of co-operation that is really worth while. To be of any permanent value it must be democratic and the benefits must be shared equally by all the factors."

"Henceforth, co-operation for increasing production has held the stage. Co-operation for establishing better marketing and distribution methods, including consumption, with an equitable distribution of the benefits therefrom, are of most importance to the production."

Undivided support was assured the coming agricultural conference at Washington from the livestock interests by the adoption of the report which declared that a national policy of agriculture is the most important legislation that can be enacted to relieve the present distressing condition.

INDIANS PLAN LAWSUIT

Citizen Members of Tribe Want Share in Reservation Land.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Citizens will meet at Beatty January 20 and at Chiloquin January 23 to determine whether a request shall be made or a suit instituted in the United States court of claims for a partition of the Klamath Indian reservation, or for an apportionment of the shares of the individual Indians who have become citizens of the United States.

This movement, which has been under consideration for some time, would be undertaken primarily to establish the rights of Indians to property specified in treaties, and to enter the full realization of self-government, and to bring suit in the United States district court for allotment lands to those Indians who have been denied allotments by the rulings of the bureau of Indian affairs in Washington, D. C.

2 FATALITIES REPORTED

Under Compensation Act.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 12, according to a report prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission. The fatalities were William Peters, planer, and Edward Erickson, dock employee, Astoria.

Of the total number of accidents reported, 266 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act. 23 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the law, and 18 were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the compensation act.

Boys Find Still Equipment.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—While taking a short cut through the woods on Howell Prairie on their way to work recently two Silverton farmer boys, Vivian and Clarence Dickens, found a copper boiler and coil. The boiler contained some mash. The boys removed the boiler and coil to their home, where they converted them into a satisfactory hot water tank.

Firm to Incorporate.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—J. T. Steeb & Co., Inc. is the name of a new organization formed by J. T. Steeb, Charles E. Steeb and B. A. McKenzie. Headquarters will be in Portland. The capital stock is \$5000. Notice of dissolution has been filed by the Wellington company, with headquarters in Portland.

Mercury 26 On Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—With the temperature down to 26 last night, Coos bay had the coldest weather of the winter. The days and nights for the past four days have been clear, with a temperature of about 60 in the daytime, and heavy frost and a temperature of 28 to 30 at night. Clouds tonight have cleared the clear weather was about to end.

Car Track Extension Asked.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The city of Portland dock commission today filed application with the Oregon public service commission for authority to construct an extension of a streetcar track across the tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company near terminal No. 4, St. Johns.

Teachers Get Absence Concession.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Teachers in the Salem schools, under a decision announced today by the board of directors, will be allowed eight-day absences on pay when the absence is caused by illness, or attendance at funerals in event of death of an immediate relative.

AMERICAN MUSICIAN POISONED IN PARIS

Thomas Stewart Ryan Held for Wife's Act.

SUICIDE PACT REPORTED

Husband Also Said to Have Forced Woman to Swallow Tablets in Course of Divorce Plans.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thomas Stewart Ryan of the Paris staff of the Chicago Tribune, firmly protesting his innocence, was held in Santa prison tonight in connection with the serious illness of his wife, due, it was alleged, to the taking of poison tablets, while in Mr. Ryan's room at a hotel here. Mrs. Ryan is a California woman.

She is a violinist, known professionally as Miss Audrey Creighton. She is in the American hospital, where physicians tonight held out little hope for her recovery.

No formal complaint has been filed against Ryan. He was held on a deposition made by Mrs. Ryan. His counsel contended this deposition made no mention of "violence or compulsion," but said Mrs. Ryan took the poison when "terrified."

Mrs. Ryan Keeps Cool.
Mr. Ryan appeared to be unshaken when he told his version of the affair to the examining magistrate. He testified he had made no threats and did not lock the door of his room while Mrs. Ryan was with him there.

He said he had told Mrs. Ryan jokingly he had poison in his hand when she said she did not wish to live, but he thought she was pretending when she took the poison.

When aware that she had swallowed the poison, he stated, he despairingly attempted to cut his throat with a pocket knife, but was able to summon aid and carry his wife downstairs. He took her to a hospital immediately.

The young woman's mother said Mr. Ryan returned to Paris unexpectedly Wednesday and visited her and his wife. He told his wife that he was willing to facilitate a divorce, but wished her to go with him for a farewell dinner.

Woman Goes to Hotel.
Mrs. Ryan accompanied her husband to his hotel after the dinner when, according to a statement by the young woman to the authorities, her husband accused her of infidelity and forced her at the point of a knife to swallow the poison.

Mr. Ryan accompanied his wife to the Cochin hospital, from which she was later removed to Neully. He had been wounded in the neck, the cut requiring several stitches to close, but the doctors reported it was not serious.

Mr. Ryan told his friends that his wife's statements to the authorities were untrue and surrendered to the police when he found they were searching for him. Mrs. Ryan was reported as having intended to marry an American named MacCoy after obtaining a divorce from Ryan.

Another version of the case was disclosed by Police Commissioner Freliche this afternoon in reporting statements Mrs. Ryan had made to him at the Cochin hospital.

Suicide Pact Reported.

Her husband, the commissioner quoted her as saying, had told her he knew she had an intrigue with a young man and proposed that they should both commit suicide. Mrs. Ryan took the three tablets and Ryan cut his wrist and neck. Mrs. Ryan, however, losing courage, rushed out of the room and demanded to be taken to a hospital.

A letter from his wife was found in Ryan's possession when he was arrested. In this letter, which he had received while he was in India, she said she had decided to break with him and to realize her dream of a new life in the United States.

Letters in pencil written during their interview at her hotel, one addressed to her mother and the other to the man whose name Mr. Ryan brought into the case. In these letters the police stated, Mrs. Ryan said she regretted nothing beyond a few empty wine bottles, two glasses and numerous cigarette stubs.

RYAN LOS ANGELES RESIDENT

Wife Also Daughter of California English Family.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Thomas Stewart Ryan, held in Paris in connection with the illness of his wife, for a number of years was attached to the staff of a Los Angeles newspaper, while Mrs. Ryan, a violinist, known professionally as Audrey Creighton, is a member of a Los Angeles family.

They were married at Laverne, Los Angeles county, May 11, 1917, when according to the marriage record a suit for annulment she later filed was "dashed and of unsound mind." She also alleged that Ryan never had spoken of marriage to her until that day, after he had taken her out on an automobile ride; and that she had attempted to escape from the machine as it was passing through Pasadena, but failed.

In contesting the annulment, Ryan declared they had been engaged for six months before the ceremony; that he had taken her to a dance the night after the marriage, but that as soon as she told her mother of the wedding, the latter had refused to permit him to see his bride.

The court agreed with Ryan that there had been "no force, fraud or stratagem" employed, as Mrs. Ryan alleged, and denied the annulment.

Mrs. Ryan, the daughter of an English woman, was born and educated here. She studied the violin in San Francisco and New York and went abroad. Later she returned to the United States. Two years ago she went back to Paris. Her uncle, Telfair Creighton, was buried here yesterday.

RYAN ON INDIAN ASSIGNMENT

Husband's Parents Live in Muskogee, Okla.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 13.—Thomas Stewart Ryan, whose wife is reported dying at Neully of poisoning, is a son of Ed C. Ryan of this city, who for the last 28 years has been in the government service, and a grandson of Thomas B. Ryan, formerly assistant secretary of the interior.

Ryan left Chicago last September on an assignment in India for the Chicago Tribune. His father is in California.

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—The Selling Begins This Morning.

On the Third Floor—at Lipman-Wolfe's

STUMP BURNER TRIED OUT

OFFICIAL COMMITTEES EXPERIMENT AT KENTON.

40 Hours Said to Be Necessary to Consume Large Tree Base With New Furnace.

Investigation of a new stump burning device was made yesterday at Kenton by the agricultural committee from the Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon land settlement commission, the United States forest service and the Oregon Chamber of Commerce.

The apparatus consists of a furnace resembling a stove, with one end entirely open. The open end is placed near the stump. Fire kindled from bark gets draft through a small opening in the furnace front. When the fire is well started a two-inch pipe is placed in position to feed air to the flames. Soda are then placed over and around the furnace, the result being a natural blast furnace.

In a period of 27 hours a hole is burned through the stump and another hole is placed over the opening where the flame finds an outlet and soda are banked over this. This makes the stump what is practically an airtight stove. Forty hours more are required on the average to burn a large stump. The stump drops gradually into the crater, more soda is thrown on the machine as it was passing through Pasadena, but failed.

S. F. Zysset is the inventor of the process, which combines some of the methods of charcoal-burning. After a series of tests covering a period of several years, it was said that the cost of removing a stump is about \$2.50. Investigations and demonstrations have been tabulated by Professor Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural college, and will be reported in the April bulletin of the college.

ROSEBURG PAVING ENDS

City Completes Junction of Street and Pacific Highway.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The paving of the extension of South Stephens street, following the new Pacific highway route, was completed today. This pavement was the subject of a bitter fight between the city of Roseburg and the highway commission and has cost the city fully \$10,000 more than if the council had accepted the highway commission without delay.

There were originally two entrances to the city from the south, both having steep grades at the city limits. Both of these were discarded by the highway commission and a new grade

was built to the city limits at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Between the end of South Stephens street and the city limits there was a gap of about 700 feet, and the commission agreed that as soon as the city would purchase the right-of-way the commission would grade and pave the road. The city, however, refused to abandon the other entrances and objected strenuously to the change made by the commission. Then the legislature passed a bill preventing the commission from making improvements inside municipalities and the agreement to grade and pave was canceled.

Burglar Adjudged Insane.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Fred Hule, Chinese, who recently was paroled by Judge Percy Kelly of the Marion county court after he had pleaded guilty to burglary, today was declared to be insane by local physicians and will be committed to the state hospital here for treatment.

The board of directors of the Salem school district yesterday issued an order barring Hule from attending school because of his peculiar actions. He is 20 years of age.

Palladians Elect Officers.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Election of officers for the Palladian Literary society at the last meeting resulted as follows: Ethel McCroft, McMinnville, president; Lila Marcy, Portland, vice-president; Louise Schreiber, Salem, secretary; Alta Kirchner, Salem, treasurer; Lillian Cooper, Salem, reporter.

North Santiam Power Sought.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Santiam Reclamation company today filed an application with the federal land department for the appropriation of 1500 acre-feet of water from the

Vancouver Wants Free Bridge.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A free bridge between Vancouver and Portland—the Columbia river interstate bridge—was asked today in resolutions adopted by the

Vancouver Realty board at its weekly luncheon.

This is the only toll bridge on the Pacific highway from Blaine on the Canadian border, to the Mexican line. It was pointed out, and it was asked that Clarke county be reimbursed by the state or the federal government. It was hoped that federal aid may be secured to make this a free bridge. The toll on the bridge for 1921 were slightly more than \$250,000.

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3—"Selection," "The Sho-Gun".....

4—"a) "Passé-Pied," (b) "Sous l'Ombrage".....

5—"Intermezzo," "Puppchen".....E. Gillet

6—"Serenata," "Rimpinto".....Jean Gilbert

7—"When a Maid Comes Knocking at Your Heart".....R. Friml

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