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## WINLAUNDRYSTRIKE

Union Workers Granted all Their Demands.

EMPLOYERS COME TO TERMS

Agreement Is Signed Conceding New Wage Scale and the Selection of Employes Through the Union

The laundry strike is over. The union workers won a complete victory. All the employers yesterday signed the union agreement, guaranteeing a 10hour day, overtime at the rate of one and one-half pay, new wage scale, and employment of workers through the union office. All the laundries will reart up immediately. The Union workers held a julification at headquarters last night. Good feeling exists. All the strikers are to be re-employed; those who worked during the strike will probably be taken into the union.

The laundry strikers have gained their victory, and yesterday all the laundries of the city signed the union agreement, The Novelty and Dalton laundries signed Friday, and yesterday the Star, Troy, Union, City, Pacific, Opera-House and American were added to the list. Monday morning they will all be running as be-

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Workers in the American Laundry reported for duty last night at 6 o'clock. All Star Laundry employes are to re-port at 7 A. M., Monday. In all other laundries those who work by the week are to report promptly at 7 A. M., Monday, and those who work by the day can report any time before

Union Agreement Signed. The following is the agreement that was

None but union members to be employed and they to be employed through the union office, when said union members are available. Any person employed who is a nonunion member shail be allowed 15 days in which to affiliate with the union.

The business agent of this union shail have power to interview employes at all times by permission of manager. No time shail be deflucted for less than one-half day. Wages are to be paid weekly.

It is mutually agreed that the union shall not cause nor sanction a strike, or that the employer will not lock out his employes while this agreement is in force. All questions which cannot be mutually agreed upon shall be abumited to a hourd of arbitration, composed of two persons for the union and two persons for the union and two persons for the union and two persons for the board, whose decision shall be final and binding on both the employer and employes and the union.

The union agrees to use every honorable means to benefit the business of the employer.

MINIMUM SCALE.

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Apprentices. There shall not be more than one aphalf not be allowed to do journeymen's

Overtime.

All overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. Time and one-half shall be paid for the Fourth of July, Labor cay, Thanksgiving day and Christ-

Hours.

Ten hours shall constitute a day's work, beginning at 7 A. M., and continuing until 6 P. M., with one hour intermission, from 12 to 1 P. M.

No inundry worker now receiving more than this schedule of wages shall suffer a reduction of same on account of the

than this schedule of wages shall suffer a reduction of same on account of the acceptance of this scale.

Further, I do hereby agree that I will recinstate all of my employes who took part in the strike to their former positions without discrimination.

Strikers Hold Jollification.

The laundry workers' headquarters, Third and Columbia streets, presented a merry scene last night as the president W. O. Powell, appeared with the nouncement that the agreement signed by all laundries. An anx An anxious

crowd had gathered to await his coming and as he delivered the good news cheer after cheer was sent up. The giris danced up and down, and a general con-gratulation and handshaking was in-The result did not come as a complete surprise to them, for indications had led them to think that the laundry-owners

were weakening in their stand. o'clock yesterday morning the laundry-owners held a meeting to consider the matter, and President Powell was sent for to clear up some misunderstandings. Another meeting was held yesterday afternoon at I o'clock, when the agreem

was signed in full. se owners gave in with good grace good feeling exists between them and their employes. One of the employers has an old trusty Chinaman that has been in his employ for over 14 years. "You will let me keep my Chinaman, said he, "I can't bear to let him go," but the union was firm, and the China-

been "scabbing" during the strike. The union people have absolute control of the situation, and no one can work in the laundries without their consent. Mr. Powell stated last night that there was a desire among the union workers to be lenient with these people, make friends of them, and endeavor to teach them union workers less.

Fourth Street Contractors Take

The boys who have been employed at aying wooden blocks on Fourth street, where a wooden pavement is being put were dismissed yesterday morning and men will be employed in their places. The Federated Trades Council on Friday evening adopted resolutions pro-testing against the employment of boys, and the change followed. H. J. Fisher, of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., said yesterday

than men at such work. I am opposed to employing boys on such work, and objected to it when I found them at work. But the contract did not contain any provision on this subject, for no such employment was anticipated. We could do no more than request the con-tractor to employ men. When the ques-tion was raised by the Federated Trades Council, the contractor dismissed the boys. So far as the subject of union labor is concerned, I have always been in favor of the organization of laboring men and have been an employer of union

delayed a year on account of the struggle between paving companies to secure the contract. It is very desirable that there should be no more delay in this matter through labor troubles or any other cause, and the Carbolineum Wood Preserving Company and Fisher, Thorsen & Co., who have the work in hand, evidently intend that there shall be no interruption of the work. Both the Carbolineum Wood Preserved bolineum Wood Preserving Company and Fisher, Thorsen & Co. yesterday dis-charged all the nonunion men in their employ. Every nonunion man in the mill where the blocks for paving Fourth atreet are prepared, or employed in laying them, was discharged yesterday, and hereafter only union men will be employed. This prompt action has prevented any danger of delaying the work of paving or of trouble with the labor

NO SPREAD IN SAWMILL STRIKE.

Union Men Hope for Concessions. The sawmill strikers still confine their attention to the Portland Company's milis, and there has been no offer of settlement by either side. The mill is still running although with a very light crew, and the pickets succeeded in turning many men away who came there to work.

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When seen last night, L. J. Wentworth, manager of the company, sald: "We have no intention of giving in. We are still running, but at considerable inconvenience. We are getting a few new men, and expect more soon."

John A. Bushinan, president of the union, said:

"We do not expect the Portland mbl to hold off much longer. Our position is hold off much longer. Our position is stronger tonight than it has ever been We manage to stop nearly all of the men that go there to work, and induced two more of the old men to quit today. Their products are deciared unfair now, and when they see the effective working of the Federated Trades, I think they will yield. Other milis will have to sign the agreement, but I am sure that the Inman-Poulsen Company, the North Pacific Lumber Company, and the East Side Lumber ompany will do so when asked, since they have been considerate of all of our requests, and expressed a willingness to accept union terms. These mills raised wages at our first request, and the others

did not until just before the walk-out."

-Both Sides Firm.

planing mill situation. Pickets still guard the boycotted mills and do very effective work. The mills running yesterday continued to operate with small

Ainslie's mill.

Carl H. Jackson, that a big stout look-ing negro had applied at his mill for work, but that he had refused him and was still running a white man's mill.

The employers say that they expect
more men to be on hand by Monday, and
that the boycott will inconvenience them
some but will not affect their business.

Engineers Called Ont.

At a meeting of the International Union Steam Engineers Local, No. Si, last night, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That this union call out all union engineers that are now working it unfair planing mills, and also that we inforce the walk-out of the Amalgamated Woodworkers and the millmen."

The above resolution was unanimously

WILL FIGHT BEEF TRUST. Retailers Organizing a \$5,000,000

CHICAGO, May 3.-Hundreds of retall meat dealers throughout the country have begun the organization of an independent packing company with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. It is purposed by the organizers to erect a modern packing plant in Chi-cago large enough to supply all the beef products in their trade. A considerable amount of the capital necessary to carry through the project has been subscribed. The largest subscription which will be accepted from any one firm or individual is \$5000. This is to prevent the absorption of the company by the packers who now control the beef business. Men skilled in the beef trade already have been engaged to manage the new cencern. The promoters expect to interest between 15,000 and 20,000 retailers in the project,

Missouri Action Against Beef Trust. KANSAS CITY, May 2.-R. E. See, Mar. instituted by Attorney-General Crow, Th man will have to change his trade.

The union has not yet decided what action to take concerning those who have

NO NONUNION MEN OR BOYS.

Prompt and Decisive Action.

"We had nothing to do with the employment of the boys. The contract for laying the blocks was sub-let and the contractors employed boys because the work is light and they are more nimble

The improvement of Fourth street was

Trouble Confined to Portland Mill-

NO CHANGE IN STRIKE.

Planing Mills Run With Small Crews

Yesterday offered no change in the

Both sides are still firm, and no offer of settlement has yet been made. At a special meeting held yesterday afteron nine new members were received into the union, five of whom come from A communication was received from

adopted at a regular meeting. Signed, W. N. West, president. W. H. Hembree, secretary.

Packing Company.

shal of the State Supreme Court, has just served papers on two packing-house em-ployes and four meat desiers of this city, commanding them to appear in the Su-preme Court in Jefferson City, May 6, to snawer questions in the beef trust inquiry persons subpensed are charged with heing members of the beef trust, and with complring to limit the supply of meats and maintain prices on the same, Charles W. Armour and J. C. Dold were served

Where Will It Land?

### FIRED ON BY MORROS

MINDANAO REBELS ATTACK AMER-ICAN TROOPS.

by noon of May 2. The message was delivered at noon May 1. The mes-senger had not returned at 11 o'clock senger had not returned at 11 o'clock May 2. During the night our troops were fired upon, but did not reply. Morros again fired on the troops the morning of May 2. Squads went out and drove off the approaching Morros. At 11 o'clock, the troops attacked and took the fort defended by 300 men without loss. Thirteen hundred yards beyond was another fort, their strongest works, and the troops attacked it. A dispatch and the troops attacked it. A dispatch and the troops attacked it. A dispatch from General Davis says our troops sur-rounded the fort at 3 o'clock. Firing was in progress at 3 o'clock. About 20 men were wounded, also First Lieu-tenant Harry S. Wagner (General Davis' aide) and Lieutenant Josman, Tw fifth Infantry, the former seriously."

FORBIDS WATER CURE PRACTICE. Orders Men Under His Command to Treat Natives Humanely.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The latest or-er received by the War Department der received by the War from General Smith follows: "Headquarters, Sixth Brigade, Taclo-an, Leyte, March 5, 1902.—Circular No.

4.—Following telegram from the division commander received at these headquar-ters is communicated for general infor-mation and guidance:

"Division Headquarters, March 4, 1962.—General Smith, Tacloban: Do you know whether or not troops under your command practice, water cure on natives?
If any truth in action, forbid it. 'CHAFFEE.

"In order that there may be no mis-understanding regarding strict enforce-ment of general order No. 100, and the treatment of natives as required in cir-cular 6, dated December 24, 1901, and circular No. 2, dated February 13, 1902, from these headquarters, the brigade commander directs that if any treatment of natives which could possibly be con-strued as being in violation of general order No. 190 has occurred at any station in this brigade at any time, such action

nust cease.
"All officers are enjoined to see that the natives are always treated in such manner by United States forces that said treatment cannot be criticised by any one. Hereafter, all possible efforts will be used to persuade the natives to come into garrisohed towns to live, in order that they be kept under observation, and efforts to this end should be made by all scouting parties, which, if persuasion is of no avail, should endeavor to capture all persons seen, and they should then be taken to the garrisoned towns. In this way those yet outside our garrisoned towns will be diminished in numbers and the available source of insurrecto recruits and succor be reduced to a minimum.

> "W. E. AYER, "Captain Twelfth Infantry."

CHAFFEE REPORTS SURRENDERS. Large Numbers of Natives Lay Down Their Arms in Various Provinces. WASHINGTON, May 2.—Adjutant-Gencablegram from General Chaffee, dated

"April 16, Rufle surrendered at Isco, Ne gros. 43 men and nine guns; April 22.
Mareli Luyo surrendered at Isabelia, Negros, 44 men, 1 rifie, 44 bolos and 7 daggers. April 18. Rufino de Loso, chief of force Miamis, Province of Mindanso, surrendered at Oropuleta, 14 officers, 200 men, 12 rifies, 275 bolos. "Since the surrender of Malvar, April 16.

Colonel Hernandez, 39 officers, 50 noncoinei Hernandez, 29 officers, 50 non-commissioned officers, 290 men and 110 guns surrendered April II, at Santa Tomas and Batangas, Other surrenders in small-er numbers have been made at many points in Laguna and Batangas Provinces. Guervera and one Colonei, three Lieuten-ant-Coloneis, five Majors, 14 Captains, 42

Soldiers Take Two Forts-Twenty
Men, Including Lieutenania Wagner and Josman, Wounded.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The War Department received a cablegram from General Chaffee dated May 2, which contained the following:

"After much effort to talk with the Datto Bayan, Brigadier-General Davis demanded May 1 that the murderers and horses be given up or the Datto send a peace delegation to talk with him by noon of May 2. The message was dee mit best to give some days warning because of the presence of cholera."

PLAYGOERS WORKED UP.

Proposal to Increase Price of Admittance to London Theaters.

LONDON, May 3.-English theater-goers are mightly worked up over George Ed-wards' suggestion to raise the price of admittance to the stalls in London play houses from 10s 5d to 12s 5d. He hold that the increased amounts paid to musical comedy stars and the cost of produc-ing up-to-date pieces of that nature are quite disproportionate to the receipts. To remedy this, Mr. Edwards advocates an remedy this. Mr. Edwards advocates an agreement between the London managers, increasing the price of the best seats by 2 shillings. Beerbohm Tree disagrees with Mr. Edwards, and in so doing, sounds a thoroughly American note.

"I would like to see the prices reduced instead of raised," he is quoted as say-ing, "the idea being that the latter course will tend to popularize the theater. Per-sonally, I am contented with a modes

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* OVER 100 REGISTER

Registration is improving and will probably continue to increase until the books finally close May 15. The number registered yesterday was over 100, and Friday 59 persons were registered. For a month past until recently the registration did not average over 25 per day. The total registration is now about 18,000, which is still short several thousand, according to estimates. The office is open daily from 8 o'clock A. M. until 10 P. M., and also during the noon hour: Electors in the country precincts can register before a Justice of the Peace or notary public.

competency, but I do want people to attend the theater in even larger numbers than now. Look at America. The whole ground floor of the theater is given up to stalls at a uniform price of \$1 50, though in America, theater-going is as much duty as golf and football is with us." Today revives the report that Elsie Fay the American actress, will be married in June to a young baronet, said to be Sir George Lionel Lawson Prescott, a Lieutenant in the Life Guards, who was born in 1875, and owns an estate of 4000 acres "She does not propose," continues the ar-ticle, "to retire from the stage, but will probably forsake the music halls for a West End theater under her immediate control." Meanwhile, the subject of this gossip is in Paris, where, the other day, she created a furore by unexpectedly con-ducting a band of music in a well-known cafe, to the huge delight of the audience.

Will Not Eat Meat. AMSTERDAM, N. Y., May 2.—The Amsterdam Central Labor Union, composed of 25 subordinate unions, with a total membership of 5000, has adopted a reso-lution to abstain from meat handled by the so-called beef trust for the next 30

### **GREAT STRIKE IMMINENT**

ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS MAY AGAIN GO OUT.

Committee of Operators and Workers Failed to Reach an Agreement at the New York Meeting.

NEW YORK, May 3.-President John Mitchell, of the United Mineworkers of America, gave out the following statement tonight regarding the secret confer ence between his organization and the coal operators:

miners, selected by the industrial branch of the National Civic Federation, failed to reach an agreement upon any of the important issues embodied in the miners scale adopted by the Shamokin conven-

"The executive committee of the three anthracite coal districts of the United Mineworkers of America, in whom is vested the authority to inaugurate a strike, have been notified to assemble at Scranton Pa., at 16 A. M. Wednesday, May 7. This committee consists of 28 members pointed from the three districts, should a majority of them vote in favor of a strike, the entire 147,000 mineworkers

will immediately respond to the call." Mr. Mitchell was asked if he would say what had occurred at the recent confer ence between representatives of the min ers and the coal operators. He replied the operators had refused to grant any concessions whatsoever to the men. They would not agree that wages should be raised, that working hours should be refuced, or that coal should be weighed at

the pit mouth. It was suggested to Mr. Mitchell that it looked very much as if a strike was im-

"Well," he replied, "It looks very threatening. There are in the miners' organization about 147,000 anthracite coal miners who will be affected if a strike is declared ers, many of whom belong to the union and who could be induced to join the an thracite miners, should there be a strike Whether that will be done, and the bi tied up, Mr. Mitchell said he could not

President Mitchell pointed out that the National Civic Federation had accomplished the object for which it was formed when It brought the employers and the men together.
"The only other function of the Federa

tion," said Mr. Mitchell, "is to arbitrate when asked to do so by both parties to a disagreement. I cannot say what would be done by the United Mineworkers, and in any event the good offices of the Federation to arbitrate would not be asked mineworkers had met at Scranton,"

WHAT HANNA SAYS. Committee Can Do No More Unless Both Sides Ask for Arbitration.

PHILADELPHIA. May 2 - Senato Hanna, who is visiting Clement A. Gris-com, at the latter's country seat, in Haverford, a suburb of this city, had retired when the statement issued tonight in New York by President Mitchell, of the United ineworkers, was received here. Early in the evening, however, in answer to mentions, the Senator said he had not yet eccived a report from the subcommitte of the conciliation committee. He added: "Until I have that report in hand, I can-not say when I can call a meeting of the general committee, if at all. The con-ciliation committee was successful in oringing employers and employes together which was impossible a year ago. Having done this, the committee can do no more unless both sides ask us to arbitrate some specime point. Several minor differences have been adjusted in the conferencelittle things that hardly amounted to grievances, and that only required being made known and explained to have them down by the labor people; that no sym-

pathetic strike should be entered into; no interference with people who want work and no curtailment of production drive prices up."

THE INCIDENT NOT CLOSED Disorderly Officers of the Chicago Will Be Court-Martinled.

TRIESTE, Austria-Hungary, May 3.— The United States cruiser Chicago arrived here at noon from Venice. The usual ex-

change of salutes took place.

Private dispatches from Venice say the cruiser Chicago will proceed for Naples May 13, and that she will there be joined by the battle-ship Illinois, the flagship of the United States European squadron, or board of which vessel the officers of the Chicago who were arrested and imprisoned in Venice will be tried by court-martial.

Another United States cruiser, these dis patches further say, is expected to arrive at Venice shortly. She will moor outside the St. Mark dock.

Publishers Score a Point.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-The publishers who are fighting the exclusion of their publications from the second-class postal rates scored a point today in the District Supreme Court. The court overruled the Government's motion to require the complaining publishers, during the pendency of the restraining orders against the Post-office Department, to furnish adequate bond or deposit cash with postmasters cov-ering the highest third-class rate on their publications, the excess to be refunded in case the publishers finally win.

Board of Visitors' Recommendation ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 3.-It is an-counced that the board of visitors to the Naval Academy completed its report to-The three chief recommendations

First-To commission the cadets as Ensigns as soon as they graduate.

Second—To change the name cadet to Third-To equalize the pay of Naval offi-

cers, putting it on the same basis as the

Army officers. Overhauling the Fleet.

NEW YORK, May 3. — Brooklyn navy-yard will be a scene of activity within the next two or three months. The North Atlantic squadron has been directed to proceed thither as quickly as possible. The ships of the fleet will be overhauled. They include the battle-ships Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts and Indiana. Hurry orders have been issued to the Indiana, which is wanted May 20 at Annapo-lis to take the naval cadets on a cruise along the Atlantic Coast.

Will Protect American Interests. WASHINGTON, May 3.-United States Minister Powell, at Santo Domingo, hav-ing reported to the State Department that the revolutionary movement led by the Vice-President has assumed serious proportions, the Cincinnati, now at Norfolk, has been ordered to be ready to sail for there tomorrow to protect American in-

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-The President

HAVANA, May 3 .- Governor - General Wood has granted a pardon to E. C. Westfall, ex-chief of the money order bureau of the Havana postoffice, who lost \$4000 of the postal funds in an omnibus white

on his way to pay the money into the treasury.

Immigration Record. NEW YORK, May 3.-Reports from Ellin Island indicate that by 6 o'clock this evening 13,000 immigrants will have arrived in this city from Europe since Friday morning. This breaks all previous two-day records in the history of the Immigration Bureau.

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# **OPENSHISCAMPAIGN**

J. N. Williamson Begins Stumping at Heppner.

JUDGE CAPLES ALSO SPEAKS

Republican Nominee for Congress Heartily in Accord With the Administration on National Issues -For Open River.

J. N. Williamson, Republican nomi nee for Congress, begins his canvass. In his speech he strongly denounces the "scuttle" policy of the Democrats. He pledges himself to work for the opening of the Columbia River, and against any law for the leasing of the public ranges,

HEPPNER, Or., May 3 .- J. N. William-Republican nominee for Congressman from the Second District, opened his campaign here tonight. Judge John F. Caples, of Portland, assisted in firing the first gun in this section, and made a most convincing speech. He showed that the Republican party has always been on the side of right and progress.

Mr. Williamson discussed the issues of the day in a clear, forceful manner. He said he heartily indorsed every plank in the Republican state platform. He declared very strongly in favor of opening the Columbia to the sea, and against the leasing of the public ranges. He said in

"Two years ago, we of Oregon, in comrejected the doctrines of Democracy, and put the Republican party again in power, under the leadership of the great and good, but now lamented, William McKinley. Our reasons for doing so were stords out of the story of the sto imple and plain. We did so bec believed we would be better clothed, better fed, and come into possession of a greater amount of happiness and prosgreater amount of happy perity during the four years to come un-der the principles which Mr. McKinley stood for than we would under the poli-

cles Mr. Bryan was then advocating.
"The Democratic party at that time advocated the free and unlimited collags of sliver, and it also advocated the aban-donment of the Philippine Islands. The Republican party advocated the retention of our newly-acquired possessions and also the acceptance and enactment into law oday sent the following nominations to of the commercial fact that it takes 104 cents to make a dollar. The people of Army—First Lieutenants of Infantry to Oregon and of the United States declared be Captains, E. A. Roche, Fifteenth; in favor of Republican principles, and we are now called upon to say whether we are pleased with the results accruing from moneys at Waterville, Wash.

Cuban Postal Clerk Pardoned.

Cuban Postal Clerk Pardoned. not of, we now have an opportunity to express that sentiment at the poils,

"The Republican and Democratic parties are again before the bar of public opinion, each with its candidates and its creeds; each with its platform and its record, the question being, which of the two is entitled to our favor and our

votes. Democracy Too Consistent.

"The Democratic party during the last two years has, through its exponents in Congress, not only acted consistently with its creed but it has been true to its history. It said in its platform two year ago that it was against the recognize dollar of the commercial world, that it was against the American protective pol-icy, and that it was against the policy of American growth and expansion. The party has done all in its power to carry out its policies upon these subjects. When it comes to pure, downright, unadulter-ated consistency, the record of the Demo-cratic party during the past two years

has been all that could be desired. Same Old Issues.

"In looking over the positions of the two great parties as expressed by their leaders in Congress, as well as by their declared platforms in this state, no new distinguishing feature is to be found. The people of Oregon are called upon to reiterate their sentiments as expressed two years ago. The Republican party remains positive in its declaration to retain the Philippine Islands. The Democratic party still continues to advocate their abandonment with slight variations. And I will here and now venture the prediction that four years from today, when we are told that the Democratic party actually went before the people of this country at this time, demanding that we pull down the American fing in the Philippine Islands, where it had been put by the valor of American arms, it will then appear even more strange and weird than to repeat the Democratic doctrine of a 50-cent dollar

of two years ago.

"As to the commercial interests and advantages to accrue from the retention of the Philippines, no section will be more benefited than the Pacific Coast. I maintain that America owes it to herself as well as to the Philippines to continue in possession of the islands, maintaining therein a stable government in the local affairs of which the natives shall have as nuch control as their capacity will per-

Against Leasing Public Domain, "The Republicans of Oregon, in conven-tion assembled last month, adopted a plank in their state platform declaring against any system of leasing the public domain. It is only necessary for me to state that at this time, when the public lands are being settled upon under the homestead laws, by the hundreds of thounomestead tawe, by the target it seems to me that it is no proper time for us to begin parcelling out those lands in large tracts to large corporations. Any lease is a step toward ownership, and any lease law is a step toward a large part of our public lands failing into the hands of a few people. Leasing the public lands would militate against the homebuilder. retard the development of the West, and give the independent few a great advanover the independent many, wise, in my opinion, is the proposed recla-mation of the arid lands by irrigation in such a manner that large tracts of the public domain come practically into the hands of a few incorporated companies, instead of into the hands of the home-

'Some scheme must be devised along the nes suggested by President Roosevelt in his last message to Congress, whereby water of certain streams in reach of the adjacent lands in such quantities and at such cost as will enable the homebuilder

to remain permanently upon the land, (Concluded on Third Page.)