

TAF SIGNS RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

President Tells Good Points and Defects of Act in Long Message.

ONCE THOUGHT OF VETO

Recommends Future Policy of Rushing Important Projects to Completion in Place of Wasteful "Piecemeal" System.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—After announcing that he has approved the rivers and harbors bill, the President says: "While I have signed the bill, I venture to submit a memorandum of explanation and comment."

The text of the message then follows: "The bill is important and contains many excellent features. It provides for the canalization of the Ohio River at a rate which will assure its completion within 12 years; the improvement of the Mississippi River between Cairo and the Gulf of Mexico, to be completed within 20 years; of the Mississippi River between the mouth of the Missouri and the mouth of the Ohio, to be completed within 12 years; of the Hudson for the purpose of facilitating the use of barges in the vicinity of New York; of the Savannah River from Augusta to the sea with a view to its completion within four years; of a 25-foot channel in the Delaware River from Philadelphia to the sea; of a 25-foot channel to Norfolk, Va.; of a 37-foot channel to Mobile, Ala.; of a 30-foot channel to Jacksonville, Fla.; of a 38-foot channel to Oakland, Cal."

Bill's Defects Named.

"The chief defect in the bill is the large number of projects appropriated for and the economical method of carrying on these projects by the appropriation of sums small in comparison to the amounts required to effect completion."

"The figures convincingly establish the fact that this bill makes inadequate provision for too many projects."

"The total of the bill \$2,900,000 is not unduly large, but the policy of small appropriations with a great many different enterprises without provision for their completion, is unwise. It tends to waste because thus scattered the projects are likely to cost more than if they were left to contractors who were authorized to complete the whole work within a reasonably short time."

"Piecemeal" Policy Condemned.

"Moreover, the appropriation of a comparatively small sum for a doubtful enterprise is thereafter used by its advocates to force further provision for it from Congress, and to think that the investment made is a conclusive recognition of the wisdom of the project and its continuance becomes a necessity to continue the money already spent. This has been called a 'piecemeal' policy."

"It is proposed to remedy this defect by an annual rivers and harbors bill, but that hardly avoids the objections above cited, for such yearly appropriations are likely to be made at the state of the treasury and political expediency."

Projects Should Be Completed.

"The proper policy, it seems to me, is to determine from the many projects proposed and recommend what are the most important, and then to proceed to complete them with due dispatch; and then to take up others and do the same thing."

"There has been frequent discussion of late years as to the proper course to be pursued in the development of our inland waterways, and I think the general sentiment is that we should have a comprehensive system agreed on by some competent body of experts, who should be given the relative merits of the various projects and recommend the order in which they should begin and be completed."

Engineers Should Have Power.

"Under the present system every project is submitted to army engineers who pass on the question of whether it ought to be adopted, but who have no power to pass on the relative importance of the many different projects they approve or to suggest the most economical and business-like order for their completion."

"Congress should refer the old projects to the Board of Army Engineers for further consideration and recommendation. This would enable us to know what of the old works ought to be abandoned."

"I have given to the consideration of this bill the full ten days since the submission to me, and some time before that."

"The objections are to the system, for it may be conceded that the framers of the bill have made as good a bill as they could under the 'piecemeal' policy."

Once Thought Duty to Veto.

"I once reached the conclusion that it was my duty to interpose a veto in order, if possible, to secure a change in the method of framing these bills. Subsequent consideration has altered my view as to my duty."

"It is now three years since a river and harbor bill was passed. The projects under way are in urgent need of further appropriation for maintenance and continuance and there is great and justified pressure for many of the new projects provided for by the bill."

It Has Been Made Clear to Me that the failure of the bill to pass in the session would seriously embarrass the constructing engineers.

Congress Should Adopt Reforms.

"I do not think, therefore, that the defects of the bill which I have pointed out will justify the postponement of all this important work, but I believe that in the preparation of the proposed future yearly bills, Congress should adopt the reforms above suggested, and a failure to do so would justify withholding Executive approval, even though a river and harbors bill failed."

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Railroad Torpedo Kills Child.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 25.—"Look, mother, I've got a torpedo," said 7-year-old Dallas McCollum yesterday to his mother, and before she could prevent him, he struck the railroad torpedo with a hammer and was killed instantly. The jugular vein had been severed by the explosion. It is believed the boy had taken the torpedo out of the pocket of a jacket sometimes worn by his father, who is a railroad employee.

Roosevelts, Jr., Traveling West.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 25.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and his bride passed through Cheyenne last night on their way to the Pacific Coast.

AMERICAN GIRL AND TITLED ENGLISHMAN RECENTLY WEDDED.



VISCOUNT MAIDSTONE AND BRIDE. This is a photograph of the bride and bridegroom, Miss Margaretta Drexel and Viscount Maidstone, who were married in London recently.

JURY NOT AGREED IN BRIBERY CASE

Deliberations Still Under Way as to Guilt of Lee O'Neill Brown.

GARDENER ISSUES DENIAL

State Senator Replies to Accusation That He Solicited Bribe in Illinois Legislature—More Indictments Found.

FURNITURE MAN IS INDICTED

Sangamon Grand Jury Returns 12 Counts Against A. F. Johnson.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 25.—The Sangamon County grand jury today returned the following indictments in the legislative bribery probe:

Conspiracy to bribe Representative Lee O'Neill Brown, Representative Robert E. Wilson, Frank J. Traut, Louis D. Hirschmeier, William B. A. F. Johnson, Perjury: A. F. Johnson.

Brown and Wilson are also indicted on the general "jackpot" proposition. There are three counts each in the conspiracy indictments, two in the perjury indictment against Johnson and 12 in the bribery indictment against Johnson.

Brown and Wilson are also indicted on the fish fund jackpot.

All the indictments except those against A. F. Johnson are in connection with the jackpot investigation regarding the fund raised among the fishermen to defeat the State Fishing Commission's bill regarding the size of seines and making other regulations.

Hirschmeier, who is a member of the State Board of Equalization, it was said by Frederick J. Schweer, who brought the fish fund to Springfield and turned it over to Traut, was in the room when the fund was counted.

Traut had testified that he did not know how much money there was in the fund.

A. F. Johnson was the local representative of the Ford & Johnson Company, of Chicago, to whom the contract was awarded by the committee appointed for that purpose, to furnish new desks and chairs for the Senate chamber and the House of Representatives. Johnson repeatedly testified before the grand jury that he had not offered the members of the committee any money for awarding the contract, nor had he any conversation regarding offering of money to Senator D. W. Holaday, of Luca.

MAYOR BARS FIREWORKS

Explosives of All Kinds Put Under Ban at Ridgfield.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 25.—(Special)—No fireworks, fireworks or other explosives may be exploded within a radius of three blocks of the Ridgfield postoffice, according to an order issued by J. A. Smith, Mayor.

He says that this is done because the town has poor fire protection, and he realizes the danger to property.

CHANCE GIVEN AMATEURS

All Sorts of Devices for Flying to Be Shown in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 25.—The National

REFORMS BRING CRISIS

BREAK BETWEEN SPAIN AND VATICAN THREATENED.

Catholic Society Declares Members Prefer Civil War to Premier's Religious Reform Policy.

MADRID, June 25.—Premier Canalejas declared today that if the negotiations between the Spanish government and the Vatican over revision of the concordat were broken off, Rome would be responsible. He said:

"The full text of the Vatican's reply has not been received yet, but we know from the telegraphic summary that it does not constitute a response to our note, but is confined exclusively to a protest against the imperial decree of June 11, and is, therefore, an invasion of the state's sovereignty, which is not tolerable."

"The church falsely accuses us of an attack on the Catholic religion. We are simply defending the sovereignty of the state."

Premier Canalejas added that if the Catholics persisted in their threats of a civil war he would have recourse to the courts.

A dubious element in the situation is the attitude of King Alfonso, on whom great influence is being exercised to cause him to overthrow the Canalejas Ministry.

The Premier is holding the monarch to a strict fulfillment of the promises which he says Alfonso made when the present Cabinet took office.

Canalejas' religious reform policy has aroused the bitter antagonism of the Spanish Episcopate and of Catholic societies throughout the country. At a recent meeting of the Catholic Defense circles it was announced that before the policies Spain were permitted to be carried out, the government would have to make a concession to the lay school system.

The establishments of some religious orders not complying with the terms of this law have been since closed by the government.

An imperial decree of June 11 permitted non-Catholic religious edifices to display the insignia for public worship. The Vatican protested on the ground that the status quo should be continued until the revision of the concordat had been completed. Canalejas replied that if the issue of the decree would be ignored and the government's programme as announced would be carried out.

RAILWAY LAND TO BE TAXED

Bill Ordering Surveys at Companies' Expense Is Passed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 25.—The Senate and House today agreed to the conference report on the bill authorizing the survey of all unsurveyed railroad land grants so that they may be taxed.

The bill affects more than 25,000,000 acres, of which 280,000 are in Oregon, 729,000 in Washington and 21,520 in Idaho. The expense of the surveys is to be borne by the railroad companies.

LONG, HARD FIGHT, SAYS JACK JOHNSON

Writer, Watching Training, Thinks Jeffries at Apex of His Muscular Strength.

NEGRO'S OLD TRICKS SAME

White Man's Training Complete, He Is Happy as His Nature Allows in Perfection of His Physicality. Johnson Better Than Ever.

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condition at the present moment—a velvety softness, splendid and superb. Take one of the soft pads of Jeffries and watch it. Suddenly it leaps and quivers, takes form and bulk, is alive with swift and excessive energy, then relaxes and sinks back and down into the soft pad that it was. Now that is a muscle. It is the real thing. And let it be said that Jeffries' right leg is fit and ready to go into the ring. The best thing for him to do, from now till the Fourth is to go fishing and to take only moderate exercise. He is at concert pitch and ready for the summons, "let her go."

Jeff Slips, Skipping Rope.

The floor on which he skipped the rope was very slippery and once he went down. But the quick play of those supple, powerful muscles saved him. He is a heavy man, and to fall on his knees cap meant serious injury. You and I and most of all the rest of us, under the same circumstances, would have received the injury. Not so with Jeffries. Like lightning the foot and leg muscles of the leg that slipped flexed into action, taking the weight of the falling body and saving the knees.

That Jeffries is no mean judge of distance was shown when, in the shadow boxing, he made occasional passes at the noses and jaws of his training staff. They were stiff and snappy punches and hooks, yet they paused or whistled by the mark with no more than half an inch to an inch to spare.

Johnson Same Old Figure.

Out at Ricks' it was the same old Arthur Johnson who sparred fast and furious, with his sparring partners in rapid succession. I should not like to be a sparring partner in Johnson's camp. Kauffman was glad when his opponent was done. Johnson showed no signs of regret when his turn was finished. Both had been outted and pummeled to the queen's taste, both were short of wind and complaining of the altitude and both were bleeding profusely from mouth and nostril. Johnson, unconcerned, was taking on a third man and making him look serious as he went after him.

One thing is certain, barring a lucky punch or a behemoth an accident happening, the fight on July 4 is not going to be a short one. Johnson is so clever on the defensive that it would take a long time for Jeffries to get him, while on the other hand, Jeffries is no slouch at defense himself, and is such a behemoth that it would not be in two punches, nor 40, that Johnson could get him.

Whoever gets it will have to work for it and work hard.

Long, Hard Fight Promised.

It was the same old Jack Johnson of the same old "behold me" look, if anything, stronger and better than in his Sydney fight. He had his full bag of familiar tricks with him, the old cleverness of defense, the old way of letting his opponent batter him repeatedly on his unguarded stomach; the old dreaming and sudden awakening to fierce onslaught for three or four seconds; the old placing of his hand on his opponent's biceps to stop a blow; the old smiling into the camera while in a clinch, and the old rubbering, trance-like, at the audience or passing of facetious remarks while at the same time cutting his opponent's clothing and withstanding a violent assault.

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FOURTH AT CANNON BEACH

Special rates on excursions to Cannon Beach, July 2d to 4th. Get particulars at Alameda Land Company, 323 Corbett Bldg.

Londoners are considering with interest the scheme of Edward Bell by which a number of families living in the country might club together to retain the services of two first-rate cooks, to conduct classes at one of their houses. The teachers are to be the country club members and lodgings, in the case she furnishes as an example, the cost amounted to about \$100 a year for a class of six children.

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GIRL THROWN OFF CLIFF. ITALIAN ASSAILANT DROPS HER INTO HUDSON RIVER. Young Woman Pluckily Resists His Attack With Stone, Even Though He Uses His Knife. YONKERS, N. Y., June 25.—Miss Minnie Brown, a 15-year-old high-school girl with an enviable record in school athletics, is in a Yonkers hospital suffering from shock and serious injuries received late last night when she was attacked near her home by an unidentified Italian and thrown over a cliff into the Hudson River after a fight against her assailant. Police today are scouring the outlying districts in search for the man. Miss Brown, who is the daughter of a wealthy New Yorker, was the hostess last evening at a party given to a number of her schoolmates. When the party was over she accompanied several of her guests to their streetcar, two blocks away. On her return down the lonely river boulevard she was halted by a slouching Italian. He grasped her by the arm, trying to tie a handkerchief over her mouth, and started dragging her toward a dark pier. The girl struggled with all her power and the Italian pulled out a knife, gashing her lightly to force his threats. At this she drew back quickly, lifted a big stone from a roadway and struck the fellow full in the face. Infuriated, he clutched madly at her, picked her up in both arms and hurled her over the edge of the embankment into the river below. Policemen heard her scream from a street corner two blocks away and ran to the scene. She was pulled out of the water and taken to the hospital, apparently in a critical condition, but this morning the physicians expressed the opinion that she would recover. Foreign Horses Coming. NEW YORK, June 25.—Cable dispatches received from Alfred G. Vanderbilt, president of the National Horse Show Association, state that a team of English officers has accepted the association's invitation to participate in the horse show at Madison Square Garden, November 14 to 19, and expresses the hope that the negotiations pending with the French and Belgian officers with a view to competing at the same time will be successful. Lieutenant Winfield B. Sifton, of Toronto, has also notified the horse show directors that he will send 10 officers to compete in the military classes. 8 ACRES AT A SNAP. I have 8 acres of choice platting property, all cleared and level, about 2 blocks north of Base Line road. Will be one block from Mt. Hood line, which is now being built. I must sell, so will offer at \$8000, on easy terms. The land can be platted and will readily sell at \$1500 per acre. Is only 6 miles from business center of city. Address A 77, OREGONIAN.

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