

EFFORTS TO AGREE ON OIL CLAIMS END

Naval Department Refuses to Compromise Regarding California Fields.

FEAR OF SHORTAGE HELD

Chairman of Joint Congressional Committee, However, Says Government Lands Hold More Than Billion Barrels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Efforts of a joint congressional committee to agree on legislation for the relief of claims to lands in California naval oil reserves came to an abrupt end today, when the Navy Department, through Secretary Daniels, refused to yield to any compromise proposals.

The attitude of the Navy imperils the mineral lands conservation bill, which has been before Congress for several years, and in the opinion of committee members will prevent action at this session.

The disagreement with the Navy has been over the Phelan amendment, which would grant relief to private claimants of California oil lands affected by Government withdrawals of 1923.

Daniels Rejects Flatly. Two weeks ago a sub-committee of each house was appointed, with Senator Pittman as chairman and with representatives of the Navy and the Interior Department and the Department of Justice co-operating. Today it abandoned its work when it received from Secretary Daniels flat rejection of compromise proposals suggested by the committee and the General Land Office.

The committee proposed remedial legislation for the California claimants to eliminate from the effect of the pending leasing bill all railroad lands and other patented lands in the naval oil reserve and all claims involving charges of fraud. It would grant preferential leases only to claimants of unpatented lands who had entered their rights prior to the first Government withdrawal order in September, 1923, and who had presented the work on their claims in good faith previous to the discovery of oil, all royalties to go to the Navy.

Back Royalties Provided. The proposal would involve about 5000 of the 30,000 acres in what is known as naval oil reserve No. 2 in California. The land office proposal would give preference to claimants in good faith upon relinquishment of all other claims to title, payment to the Government of back royalties on oil extracted, all other future royalties to go to the Navy.

The Navy Department opposed the plans suggested. It was explained, through fear the Navy's supply of fuel oil would not be adequately protected. "The proposal of the committee," said Senator Pittman today, after the conference had failed, "was for the possible remedial legislation for private claimants. The position of the Navy Department has been that to give this relief would cripple the Navy. I do not think that it would."

Naval Needs Given. "Assistant Secretary Roosevelt said the Navy requirement at the present time was 1,000,000 barrels a year, that in 10 or 12 years the requirement would be 12,000,000 barrels annually, and that there already about 25,000,000 barrels in reserve for war emergencies.

"In the three big naval oil reserves there are estimated to be 339,000,000 barrels of oil and the Government has shale land withdrawals in California there are reported to be 1,000,000,000 barrels of oil."

PRESIDENT FREES TWO

CHRISTMAS PARDONS GIVEN MANY AND WOMAN IN PRISON. Mr. Wilson Asks That Hall Ross and Lillian C. Munson Be Released so as to Be Home Tomorrow.

NEW BODY IS PROPOSED

COLORADO LEGISLATURE MAY CREATE STATE CONTABULARY. Plan Is to Have Military Organization to Relieve Militia of Taking Part in Strike Duty.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23.—Organiza-

tion of a state constabulary to replace the state militia is contemplated in proposed legislation, which with other important measures, is to come before the session of the Colorado Legislature, which convenes here on January 3 next. The proposal to create a state constabulary is the result of much and serious industrial trouble in the coal-mining districts.

State militia officers, in reports after a recent serious situation, in which the militia was called upon for strike duty, declared the state militia ought not to be used for duty in cases of industrial disturbances. They pointed out that in recent difficulties Federal troops had to be called upon to restore order and maintain peace.

Other important legislation has for its object the extension of the scope of the Industrial Relations and Public Utilities commissions. Both of these,

with the proposed legislation to strengthen the existing prohibition measures, probably will furnish much of the interest in the session. Love's young dream probably will fare badly, due to proposed laws designed by their sponsors to prevent the elopement of very young couples. They have for their object heavy penalties for persons performing marriage ceremonies for minors who have not the consent of their parents. Another law would forbid the solemnizing of marriages outside the county wherein one or both principals reside. Other contemplated measures are re-education of the criminal, abolishing all state institutions under the control of one board, an adult probation law, women's minimum wage, diversion of inheritance taxes to pay state warrants, and the appointment of a state guardian for unattached minors.

PROJECT AID IS URGED

CAPTAIN J. W. SIEMENS SAYS PROPOSED WORK IS IMPORTANT.

Area of 65,000 Acres Would Be Brought Under Cultivation Along California Line.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the First State & Savings Bank, manager of the Klamath Development Company and president of the Klamath Commercial Club of this city, when asked today about the swamp lands embroiled in the Klamath drainage district, lying south of this city, said: "I do not believe this matter has been sufficiently impressed upon the local public, and I cannot believe that when the truth of the situation is grasped and it comes to be known that such a tremendous addition to our resources is already made possible and its materialization contingent only upon legal technicalities, which our legislators can obviate this winter, that the whole people of the community will get behind the movement and assist in getting the matter into proper shape."

"The Lower Klamath marshes lie close to the California state line, 27,500 acres in Oregon and 27,000 acres in California. Twenty-four thousand six hundred acres are now within a National bird reserve and, while no doubt valuable for that purpose, are much more valuable for agricultural purposes. In addition to the 54,000 acres mentioned, there is an open area of 28,000 more acres, of which approximately 10,000 will be reclaimed and opened by the Government, making a total area of about 65,000 acres."

SALVAGE COST IS BIG

\$50,000 NEEDED TO RESCUE SUBMARINE H-3.

Only Hope of Refloating the Stranded Diver Said to Be to "Log" It Across Spit for Mile and Relaunch It.

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 23.—It will cost at least \$50,000 to rescue the United States submarine H-3 from the breakers, north of here, according to H. B. Whitelaw, of San Francisco, whom the Navy Department sent here to inspect the stranded vessel. Whitelaw said this is the only hope of refloating the H-3 was to "log" it across a peninsula a mile wide and relaunch it in Humboldt Bay.

The submarine was rolling violently in the surf today and beginning to leak. It struck in the breakers opposite the village of Sismo during an early morning fog a week ago Thursday. The crew was rescued.

ROAD FUNDS ARE WANTED

Eastern Washington Legislators to Urge McClellan Pass Route.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Effort will be inaugurated at a meeting of members of the State Legislature from Yakima, Benton, Kittitas and Chelan counties, here today, next month to secure appropriations for completion of the McClellan Pass route through the mountains of this city. An appropriation of \$175,000 will be asked. The conference here will be for agreement on a joint legislative program.

Two Hood River Hogs Net \$96.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Hogs are money-makers, declares P. H. Mohr, a rancher of the East Side, who yesterday received for two hogs that had been included in a lot shipment to Portland. The two hogs, both 2 years old, netted the East Side grower the sum of \$96.04. They were of the Chester White breed. This sets a record for swine returns in the Hood River Valley.

SHIPBUILDING TO BE ESPECIALLY FEATURED IN ANNUAL OREGONIAN.

Shipbuilding is the one outstanding feature of industrial activity in Oregon in 1916. Within less than a year the industry has grown from a modest stage to tremendous proportions. Today 16 shipbuilding companies hold contracts for a total of 65 ocean-going vessels that will aggregate in cost more than \$25,000,000. Contracts for additional ships are pending and it is expected that the industry will make big gains during the first months of 1917.

Most of the yards are at work on construction and other yards are being equipped rapidly, and it is expected that all the plants will be working to capacity in a few months.

The shipbuilding industry in Oregon provides employment for more than 3500 men. When all are operating more than 8000 men will be employed.

The industry will be featured especially in The Annual Oregonian, which will be published Monday, January 1, 1917.

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MAILS ARE IN CRUSH

Blizzards and Car Shortage Contribute to Delay.

CHRISTMAS INCREASE BIG

Volume 25 Per Cent Greater Than Last Year—Use of Freight Cars Ordered—Most Gifts Will Be Delivered on Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Blizzards in the Middle West, shortage of mail cars and an inadequate number of mail handlers in large railway terminals have contributed to the delay in the Christmas mail service, the Postoffice Department announced today.

JOHNSON HAS MAJORITY

GOVERNOR'S FRIENDS TO RULE BOTH CALIFORNIA HOUSES. Legislative Programme Not Definitely Announced, but Revision of Taxation System Is Desired.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—The 42d session of the California Legislature will open here January 8 with a majority of members in both houses favorable to a continuation of the policies of Governor Johnson, United States Senator-elect. The same heavy vote that resulted in the Governor's election to the Senate last November also swept into power members of the Legislature who are known to be in sympathy with progressive reforms instituted by Governor Johnson in the sessions of 1911, 1913 and 1915. Many of his staunchest political supporters have been re-elected in each house.

No definite announcement has been made by Governor Johnson of his legislative programme he will favor before turning his office over to Lieutenant Governor Stephens and departing for

Washington. His biennial message to the Legislature will be in process of compilation and no inkling of its contents will be made public until it is received in the Legislature.

It is known, however, that Governor Johnson wishes to see a plan undertaken which will result in the revision of the state's system of taxation for governmental maintenance. At present the public service corporations meet the entire cost through a tax on their gross revenues. The Legislature, it was said, will be asked to create new sources of revenue, so that the taxation burdens may be more equally distributed.

The Legislature will remain in session 30 days, when bills will be introduced, as provided by the constitution, and then recess for 30 days. On resumption early in March it is believed Governor Johnson likely will step out and the Lieutenant-Governor will assume charge of the state's affairs. Stephens was appointed Lieutenant-Governor to succeed the late John Eshleman.

Until the next state election, two years hence, the state will be without a Lieutenant-Governor. The President of the Senate, who is yet to be selected, will take over the functions of that office.

TANKER IS IN DISTRESS

MESSAGE RECITING PERIL SENT ASHORE IN BOTTLE. Belgian Vessel Emanuel Nobel in Danger of Going on Rocks Off Nova Scotia if Wind Veers.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—A steamer in distress off Sober Island was identified today as the Belgian motor tank ship Emanuel Nobel, of 4312 tons gross. The steamer Arammore has been sent to her assistance by the Marine and Fisheries Department.

The Emanuel Nobel, Rouen, France, for Newport News, Va., put in at St. Johns, N. E., on December 3 with engine trouble. A dispatch to the Marine and Fisheries Department from Sheet Harbor, Sober Island, said the sea was so high that it was impossible to go out to the Emanuel Nobel, but that the crew had been successful in sending ashore a bottle containing a message asking for assistance.

The message said there was trouble with the machinery, but that the anchors were holding, and that if the wind continued in the northwest the ship probably will be in no danger. A shift to the eastward, however, it was feared, would send her on the rocks.

Foundation Has \$105,000,000. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cash value of securities owned by the Rockefeller Foundation at the close of 1916 was about \$105,000,000, according to the annual report for that year, issued here today. Standard Oil stocks represented about \$50,000,000 of this amount. Expenditures totaled more than \$8,562,000. War relief appropriations amounted to approximately \$577,000, which, added to those of 1914, brought the total to about \$1,562,000.

SANTA IS EXCUSED

French Families Deny Selves for Boys in Trenches.

CHILDREN TO GET LITTLE

Toy Trade Is Demolished, Shops Have Few Patrons and Customary Christmas Feasts Are Sacrificed to Economy.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The celebration of Christmas along the fighting front in France is regarded as of more importance than that of the people at home. Families everywhere are denying themselves to send great quantities of comforts, delicacies and useful gifts to the men at the front.

In addition to this abnegation, the new spirit of economy in France is causing much reserve in buying. The growing weight of the war has limited sharply anything in the nature of indulgence in festivities. The shops have unusually few patrons, and there will be no relaxation of the early closing hours of restaurants, none of the customary midnight suppers, no midnight masses and no watch-night meetings, the church authorities having decided to effect a saving in lighting and heating.

The provincial cities are following the example of Paris. The Government is deferring until the day after Christmas the compulsory restrictions in regard to private heating and lighting. This is the first time since the war has begun that the children are feeling the consequences in the way of restriction or modification of Christmas distributions in line with the new regime of economy. The number of toys on sale is much reduced and the trade in them is demoralized. Dreary weather conditions are forecast for Christmas.

3000 MARINES GET GIFTS

Holiday Presents Arranged Through Efforts of Red Cross Society.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Through the efforts of the American Red Cross, which recently issued an appeal to Americans to remember the United States marines in their Christmas gifts, 3000 "soldiers of the sea" now in the field in Haiti and Santo Domingo will receive holiday gifts, according to Mrs. Lelia Montague Barnett, who is chairman of the special committee of the Red Cross in this city. Candy, tobacco, writing material, handkerchiefs and other gifts will be sent to the men who, on account of strenuous field service in the island

republics, are forced to dispense with the comforts and small luxuries enjoyed by their comrades at home. Although some of the necessary funds were contributed from other sources, the marines stationed in the continental posts were first to answer the appeal, and it is largely through the latter's efforts that their over-the-sea brothers will receive remembrances at Christmas time.

PAIR ACCUSED OF MURDER

Warrants Issued for Kansas City Woman and Chauffeur.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Warrants charging Edna Miller and Harry Fitzpatrick with the murder of Arthur Sim, a wealthy oil man of Wichita, Kan., were issued late today by James Meek, Prosecuting Attorney of Wyanott County, Kansas. Sim's body was found under a viaduct in Kansas City Tuesday after it is said by the police, he and Edna Miller were driven by Fitzpatrick to numerous cafes and hotels.

DUTCH THANK MR. WILSON

All Neutrals Said to Support Efforts for Peace.

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 23.—The Dutch Anti-War Council has sent the following cablegram to President Wilson: "Holland thanks you for your influence for lasting peace. All neutral nations greet your step with the greatest sympathy, and support your noble efforts in the interests of the whole of humanity."

PASTOR STRICKEN IN NIGHT

Butte Minister Found Suffering in Study From Paralysis.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 23.—The Rev. W. T. Groom, of Butte, who has been coming to Helena for the past year to conduct services in the First Christian Church here, was stricken with paralysis in the study of his home.

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Boy Scouts Building Cabin.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A little log cabin, 15 feet by eight feet, is being built in the woods near this city by the Aberdeen Boy Scouts, and soon will become their clubhouse. The cabin is to be equipped with a brick fireplace, and from time to time the boys will spend the night there after they have spent the day hiking. The Boy Scouts are felling the timber for the system from all along complete charge of its construction.

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