



GOOD WORK BY FULTON

Northern Pacific Grant Lieu Lands.

FORCING BILL IN HOUSE

To His Own Detriment Does Faithful Duty as a Colleague.

GOOD ROADS NOW TO FRONT

Oregon Senator Busy Preparing For Demonstration on New Roads at Salem and Pendleton, to be Built After Government Methods.

[Special to Astorian]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Fulton is concentrating his energies upon the House of Representatives committee on public lands to get the Northern Pacific overlap relief bill through that body. But little time was lost in putting it through the Senate. There are from eight hundred to one thousand settlers affected on the Oregon side of the line, and their pleas for justice at the hands of Congress are at last having effect, through the energetic work of the senior Senator.

These cases have occupied the courts for several years. In all, 3000 settlers in both Oregon and Washington took land that was afterward declared part of the Northern Pacific Grant. Approximately 1500 of these had taken their land prior to the ruling of the Interior Department, which advised the settlers that they had a right to the land. In general numbers, a like number of people have settled on the grant lands since that ruling. The act of 1893 took care of those who had suffered from early conditions, and the bill which Senator Fulton has just put through the Senate provides that all of the 1500 who went on the land between the ruling of the Interior Department and the reversal of this rule by the Supreme Court, shall be granted lieu lands instead of those they lost through accepting the Interior Department interpretation of the law. A few more than half of this number reside in Oregon, and the others are on the Washington part of the Northern Pacific grant.

The question has been a difficult one to get clearly before Congress. Instead of going into the technical details, Senator Fulton has worked on the line of keeping before the Senate the fact that the settlers were wronged through acting pursuant to a government official's advice. This same policy will be pursued in the effort to get it through the House. The fact that 1500 poor settlers suffered seems a sufficient motive for enactment of such a law. If they are given the lieu privilege, they will lose practically nothing, as they will probably be able to get land worth as much as that they sought to take in the grant area.

Funeral Expenses Paid.

The final and only recognition accorded by the United States Senate to (Continued on page 8)

NARROW ESCAPE.

VICTORIA, Jan. 31.—The Norwegian steam collier Terje Viken, running by road reckoning overran her course and was but two miles from Cape Beale when the Salvor was sighted. The Terje Viken put to sea until she ascertained her whereabouts.

LAIID IN CASKET.

Body of Late King Christian Prepared For Burial.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 31.—The body of the late King Christian was placed in the casket today, but no official announcement was made when the funeral will occur. The king it is said, left a fortune amounting to less than \$250,000.

GOING SOUTH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Former Senator David B. Hill, who has been ordered south by his physician for a prolonged rest, stopped in town last night and will go on to Camden, S. C., this evening. He said that he would remain in the milder climate at least until April 1.

NO DEVELOPMENT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—There was no Packers' case today. The Packers continue introducing testimony to the effect that Commissioner Garfield promised immunity to the Packers for furnishing information.

DEBATE RATE BILL

House Discusses Railroad Rate Bill at Length.

BARTLETT SPEAKS 2 HOURS

Minority Member of the Committee Reporting on the Bill, Speaks in Its Support—Perkins of New York Opposes the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The discussion on the railroad rate bill in the House today took a wide range and extended to "trust evils" generally. Bartlett, of Georgia, a minority member of the committee reporting the bill, made a two-hour speech in its support.

Perkins of New York made the first speech against the bill. He opposed government control of business enterprises together with the red tape and fixed conditions, which he said, were inseparable from governmental action on any matter.

The discussion on the railroad rate measure was opened by Campbell (Rep. Kan.), with the avowed intention of reaching the Standard Oil Company. Campbell offered an amendment, which he will press later, emphasizing the placing of all private car and transportation facilities under the regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He quoted from the testimony of railroad officials showing that the beef packers practically made their own rates; the Standard Oil Company has dictated in the same manner; poultry, fruit and dairy products were subject to the same control.

Reverting to the Standard Oil Company, Campbell declared:

Threat of the Oil Trust.

"But yesterday they issued a decree to the Attorney-General and the Governor of Missouri that further prosecution of a suit now pending in the court against them must be stopped or they will destroy the value of billions and billions of property within the State of Kansas and the Indian Territory.

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SENSATIONAL MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DIVORCED HUSBAND SHOTS FORMER WIFE

Jealous Man Kills Wife Wounds Two Bystanders Shoots Himself at Lotta's Fountain at Intersection of Market and Kearney Streets.

AWFUL TRAGEDY ENACTED IN MIDST OF IMMENSE CROWD

FRANK WALBRIDGE, DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE SEVEN YEARS AGO, FOLLOWS HER AROUND BEGGING HER TO MARRY HIM—MEETS HER LAST NIGHT AGAIN AND ASKS HER TO MARRY HIM—SHE REFUSES AND HE SHOTS HER; TWO OTHERS SERIOUSLY HURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—In the midst of a throng of pedestrians at Lotta's Fountain, at the intersection of Kearney, Geary, and Market streets, tonight, William T. Walbridge shot and killed his former wife, Mrs. E. T. Robbins, shot two bystanders and shot and killed himself. Jealousy prompted the acts. He had been separated from her. One bullet struck William T. Pearl, in the mouth, shattered a tooth, and lodged in his jaw. Another bystander was shot in the ankle. Walbridge was 40 years old.

He was once a blacksmith, but possessed enough means to permit his retirement from work and his leisure time was spent in dogging the woman who was once his wife. The couple were divorced seven years ago and the woman married E. T. Robbins of Oakland. The second marriage was performed on the high seas. Although divorced, Walbridge never lost his attachment for the woman, and constantly threatened her for receiving attentions from other men. Recently he shadowed her and after administering a brutal beating to her escort, warned him death would follow another attempt to see Mrs. Robbins. Tonight Walbridge met her at the Fountain and urged her to remarry him. The two quarred and Walbridge began shooting. Mrs. Robbins died soon after being shot.

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Packers' Claim of Immunity.
"And the beef packers today in Chicago are claiming immunity from prosecution for crimes committed because they admitted their crimes with what they believed to be an implicit understanding that they would not be prosecuted."

MARRIED ALREADY.

Widow of Late Charles T. Yerkes Secretly Weds Wilson Mizner.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Several New York newspapers announce today the marriage of Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, widow of the traction capitalist, to Wilson Mizner, of San Francisco. No confirmation of the marriage announcement was obtainable from Mrs. Yerkes or Mizner, but when Mizner was asked if he would deny that the marriage had taken place, he replied that he would not. He added that he had no statement to make on the subject. The witnesses to the ceremony were reported to have been J. L. Eastland and Emil Brugere, of San Francisco.

Efforts to confirm the marriage report were unsuccessful up to 11:40 a. m. At that time, communication with Mrs. Yerkes' home by telephone had been cut off, and Mr. Mizner could not be located. No denial, however, had been made by any of those interested or supposed to be in possession of the facts.

RACE WAR BREAKS OUT.

ELIZABETHPOL, Jan. 31.—A race war has again broken out in the region of Elizabethpol and Shusha, where the Armenians and Tartars are massacring each other. Typhoid fever and starvation are adding to the horrors.

QUESTION OF APPEAL.

Rate Bill Will Be Fought to a Finish.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The division in the Senate over the railroad rate bill seems to hang on the question of an appeal to the courts from the decision of the interstate commerce commission when it fixes the maximum rate. The House bill and Dooliver-Clay bill in the Senate provide no appeal, leaving the railroads to take any case into court under the present law. The opponents have a bill and similar bills to insist that railroads have the right of appeal in every case where the commission fixes the rate. A review of the action of the commission by the courts is the contention, and it appears the rate fight will be made along these lines. Elkins and Dooliver conferred on the subject but reached no agreement.

RAIDERS ROUTED.

French Frontier Guards Surprise Moorish Outlaws.

ALGIERS, Jan. 31.—A band of seventy-five Moorish raiders who had captured 1000 camels were surprised by a party of French frontier guards at Quednesly, South of Meziad. A fierce fight followed in which twelve of the raiders were killed. The camels were captured.

MAY YET ANSWER.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 31.—Regarding Justice Gildersleeve's decision in New York that H. H. Rogers to not be compelled to answer the questions which he recently refused to answer, while the case was pending in the Missouri courts, Attorney-General Hadley said if the Supreme Court of Missouri decides the questions material, under Gildersleeve's decision, it will be necessary for Rogers to answer the questions asked him.

RUSSIAN DOCUMENTS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A collection of Russian documents and state papers has been presented to Columbia University by M. Witte, the Russian Premier. M. Witte last September received from the university the degree of doctor of laws.

COMMEND ROOSEVELT.

Stockmen Endorse President's Stand on Taxing Stockmen.

DENVER, Jan. 31.—Resolutions commending President Roosevelt's policy in taxing stockmen for grazing on the forest reservations were adopted today by the executive committee of the National Woolgrowers' Association, and a committee was appointed to go to Washington to support this measure and advocate railroad rate legislation.

HUNTING BODIES.

VICTORIA, Jan. 31.—Miss Bruer, of Minneapolis, a society girl, whose uncle was drowned on the Valencia, has engaged an Indian girl as guide and will search along the shore for her uncle's body. Sidney J. Van Wyck, brother to Laura Van Wyck, a San Francisco society girl, will leave for the wreck on the next steamer.

TEN MEN LAND.

VICTORIA, Jan. 31.—The tug Lorne landed ten men at the wreck of the Valencia this morning and recovered three bodies, those of William Sibley Jr., and what is believed to be the two Marks' children.

RETURN FROM NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Miss Roosevelt and party returned from New York today.

WANTED TO REMAIN

Belogous Wished to Stand By the Valencia.

BUNKER WOULD NOT STAY

Greek Coal Passer on the Wrecked Valencia Testifies Before Investigating Board That Bunker Would Save His Own Life First.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—In his testimony before the board of inquiry investigating the Valencia disaster, George Belogous, a Greek coal passer, one of the nine who reached shore after the vessel struck, declared he wanted to remain on shore and try to rescue the passengers. "Bunker," he said, "appeared to be the leader of the party and when I suggested we stand by the ship he said: 'I have lost a wife and two children and am now going to save my own life.'"

The entire party then started inland, the witness went on, and when they reached the telegraph line, the witness again urged Bunker to turn back, but the latter refused.

Members of the crew examined today asserted the passengers responsible for the boats being placed in the water. George D. Haradon testified the ropes broke in lowering the middle starboard boat, and Tony Brown, a passenger, testified that a tulle life belt picked up by him on the beach weighed over fifty pounds.

Searching For Bodies.

VICTORIA, Jan. 31.—The revenue cutter Perry with the veteran pilot and master, Captain John Irving on board has gone to search the middle channel of Barelay Sound for bodies.

To Victoria First.

All bodies found at the scene of the wreck of the Valencia will hereafter be brought to Victoria. The police officer on the Lorne has been instructed to permit no more corpses to be taken direct to Seattle.

STATEMENT IS NOT TRUE

Pacific Mail Manager Denies Taft's Charges.

CONCERNING PANAMA

Steamship Company Has Not Willfully Allowed Panama Freight Congestion.

GOVERNMENT IS TO BLAME

General Manager of Pacific Mail Steamship Company Tells Senate Committee That Commercial Shipments Are Held up by Movement of Canal Material.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Robert P. Schwerin, general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was before the Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals today. In reply to the recent criticism of Secretary Taft to the effect that the Steamship Company willfully allowed freight to congest at Panama, Schwerin said the Secretary's statement was either made through malice or ignorance of causes of the difficulties which he complained of. He asserted all commercial shipments were held up by movement of canal materials. The understanding was that the United States had bought railroad to build the canal and cared nothing for commercial business and it was said by Secretary Taft, Mr. Wallace, Admiral Walker and others connected with the building of the canal, that commerce was secondary to the movement of canal materials. Senator Knox asked Schwerin if he had not smarted a little under Taft's criticism. Schwerin said he thought it too bad to be held up to ridicule and disgrace by a high official of the United States when doing everything to uphold the American flag if a business that had been almost driven off the seas. He denied the Pacific Mail was connected with any transcontinental railroad. He said: "May be they are not making dirt fly as rapidly as they want, but I'll not let them make the fur of Pacific Mail fly without giving the public an understanding the way business is being done."

MARRY IN JUNE.

Spanish King Will Wed Princess Ena in Month of June.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The Echo de Paris prints an interview with Marquis de Viana, an intimate friend of King Alfonso, who says that the marriage of the King and Princess Ena will take place in the early part of next June. The ceremonial will follow that observed at the wedding of King Alfonso the twelfth.

OFF FOR COPENHAGEN.

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 31.—King George will start for Copenhagen Saturday or Sunday leaving Crown Prince Constantine as regent. The court will go into mourning for six months.

LAKE ERIE-PITTSBURG CANAL 100 MILES LONG

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House sub-committee of the committee on railways and canals today decided to report favorably on the bill granting a charter for the construction of a canal

100 miles long and twelve feet deep, from Astabula, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie, to Pittsburgh. The purpose of the canal is to provide a cheap means of transportation of the iron ore from the Lake region.

CORBIN RESIGNS COMMAND OF PHILIPPINES DIVISION

MANILA, Jan. 31.—General Corbin relinquished the command of the division of the Philippines today to General Leonard Wood, and sailed for Hong Kong accompanied by his personal staff.

All classes of business men declare Corbin has done more to aid commerce than any previous commander. There is a popular demonstration when Corbin embarked.