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MORE MEMBERS WANTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The National Red Cross Society has begun an active campaign for new members. Circulars and application blanks are being sent out in large numbers. The national body to greatly enlarge this membership. "We are encouraged to believe," said Cleveland H. Dodge, chairman of the executive committee of the Society, "that we can overtake the German society with its half million members, and even the powerful Japanese society of a million and a quarter, and parallel their wonderful efficiency."

AFTERDAMP KILLS MINERS.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 2.—The fate of the five Americans and 42 foreign miners while not definitely known is pretty well established late today by the finding of one body under circumstances as lead to the belief that the miners still entombed in the mine succumbed to the deadly afterdamp. Up to midnight 13 bodies had been recovered from the Naomi mine.

FORD'S SECOND TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The second trial of Tiley L. Ford, general counsel for the United Railroads and former Attorney-General of California, on the charge of having bribed members of the former Board of Supervisors in connection with granting franchises was resumed today. The prosecution closed its case and the defense rested without offering testimony. It is expected the argument will be concluded tomorrow, and the case go to the jury late in the day.

EXPENSES INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou today sent Congress estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, aggregating \$760,508,273 as against a total of \$710,287,826 for 1908. The estimates submitted by the Isthmian Canal Commission for the fiscal year, 1909, aggregate \$33,133,143. Appropriations for current needs for the fiscal year amounted to \$27,161,367.

DOESN'T FAVOR BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The President is opposed to the bill restricting Oriental immigration prepared by Representative Hayes, of California. The provisions of the measure were made known to Roosevelt today by Hayes and the representative of Japan. Hayes will introduce and press the bill despite the opposition of the President.

NO VERDICT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Bradley murder case closed today, the judge delivering the charge which contained the instruction that the insanity feature be considered after all the other features were exhausted. At 1 o'clock tonight word from the jury gave no hope of a verdict tonight and Judge Stafford ordered them locked up for the night.

KLEINSCHMIDT GOES FREE.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 2.—The grand jury today refused to return an indictment against Henry Kleinschmidt, accused of murdering his friend, Frank Bellow, the evidence being insufficient. District Attorney Brown states he will take no further action in the case. Kleinschmidt will be released by habeas corpus proceedings.

AD BEHIND WALL OF FLAME . . .

All hope for the safety of the 11 miners entombed in the Fremont mine, which is on fire, is practically abandoned. All attempts to get into the mine are futile. The mine will be flooded to quench the fire.

TEA

The way to buy tea is in packages; somebody is responsible for it.

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CHAMBER COMMERCE

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to save the leading industry of the state, the Fisheries.

"Secretary H. M. Lornsten of the Columbia River Fishermen's Union will inform your honorable body about the attitude of Gov. Chamberlain and other state officials, whom we recently interviewed about this matter.

"I can fairly say that if the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Astoria, with their customary energy, will help in getting the initiative petitions signed so that this matter can be properly placed before the voters of Oregon, there is not the least doubt about the issue.

"I regret not being able to attend the meeting of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and more fully go into this matter, but work of our organization—and it is work to protect our Fisheries—calls me to Chicago and to Washington, D. C. About January 1 I shall return to Astoria and shall then be only too pleased to take the matter up with Committees authorized by your Honorable Body to help in the saving of our Fishery Industry of the Columbia.

"I remain, very respectfully yours,
"(Signed) Ed. ROSENBERG.
We have a pressed brick here made by Mamer Bros. of Campus, Ill. from clay sent them by the Chamber of Commerce.

"As yet we have no delegate to the national rivers and harbors congress and as this is the second of December and as the congress opens on the fourth it does not look like we would have any.

"We have here a little package of iron extracted from black sand which we sent to Portland. The man who extracted it, writes asking for interested parties.

"I had a talk with Dr. J. M. Holt, concerning the needs of this port for a quarantine station since our last meeting. He has made a recommendation for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the enlargement of the station and for an appropriation of \$10,000 additional for the construction of new barracks.

"He says that what we especially need at this time is, first, an increase in the size of the station, and second detention barracks. If the size of the reservation were properly increased, then the Marine Hospital authorities would have control of water rights which are very much needed. As it is at this time they have to rent water. The size of the reservation is so small that if the badly needed barracks were to be built, it would practically be necessary to increase the size very considerably. There could not be the proper isolation of suspects and contracts. Because of the railroad surveys through the property and because of the general development throughout the Northwest he has recommended that the land for a larger reservation be bought as soon as possible, believing that further delay will mean much higher cost.

"I have written to Senator Fulton asking that he do what he can to assist Dr. Holt in securing the appropriations he had asked for.

"Our advertising during the past months has shown larger returns so far as replies are concerned than during the previous month, perhaps because the turn in financial conditions has again drawn people's attention to the Northwest and to real estate. During November we received 1613 letters, while during October we received 861 letters. Altogether we have received since our advertising was started 5716 letters. The five months on the third day of this month. We have again received a considerable number of letters from Europe. We have a letter that sets forth that the writer would like to have a tract of timber land near Astoria for specific purposes, which he enumerates and which any member may see by applying at the office. Here is a sample of the value of the advertising we are now doing, an extract from a Chicago man's letter.

"I have up to \$10,000, maybe more, which I would like to invest in some clean, legitimate well-paying enterprise. I presume your association has a pamphlet of opportunities in your city, and if so I would be pleased to have you send me one; also any particulars which you think might be of interest to me."

"I have secured nearly 100 pieces of property for sale in Clatsop county and have had descriptions of these prepared and they are now being published and will be sent out to our correspondents.

"Some time ago I was requested to secure from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce full information as to how the streets there are oiled and cared for. That data in very specific detail is now on hand.

"There has been some inquiry about a revenue cutter for this port during the present winter. Senator Fulton on the 20th of last March took this matter up with the division of revenue cutter services of the Treasury Department and received this reply:

"Referring to your letter of the 12th instant in regard to the matter of permanently stationing a revenue cutter at

Astoria, Oregon, you are informed that there is not at the present time one available for that duty. Congress recently authorized the construction of a revenue cutter for Puget Sound and adjacent waters to take the place of the Grant which was, some time ago, placed out of commission and disposed of. When the new vessel is ready for service the matter of an assignment to Astoria will be considered, and should a cutter be available for that district before then the subject will receive earlier attention."

At the suggestion of the president, this letter has been forwarded to the Oregon delegation in Washington through Senator Fulton, together with an editorial from today's Oregonian which says that three revenue cutters are now lying in the San Francisco harbor.

"Dear Sir:—The crippling of several different vessels off the coast during the fall storms, and the more recent reported loss of the Alliance which is only now being towed into port, shows the urgent necessity for having a revenue cutter stationed at the mouth of the Columbia River. The mouth of the Columbia being central to navigation, there is more use for a cutter here than at many other ports along the Pacific Coast where cutters are now stationed.

"The enclosed editorial from today's Oregonian in a measure sets forth the local feeling on this important subject.

"The Chamber of Commerce thanks you for past favors and anything you can do in this matter will be appreciated."

"On Friday afternoon of last week a number of our members met with Engineer G. B. Hegardt, of Portland, and talked over a plan for a seawall and filling-in of this city. At the request of General Manager Nutt of the Northern Pacific at Tacoma, I have sent them the blue print. This is for the purpose of trying to arrange a plan of cooperation with the Northern Pacific in this important matter.

"I wish to call your attention to the announcement made by President C. M. Levey of the Portland & Seattle Railroad Co., as published in yesterday's 'Oregonian' to the effect that F. F. Forest had been made general superintendent; H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent; and F. D. Keuttner, auditor, with headquarters in Portland, and with jurisdiction over the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad. This seems to carry out the Astoria contention that we are to become the real terminus of the North Bank road and that the Astoria & Columbia River road was originally bought for that purpose. This announcement also sets forth that the North Bank will be ready to receive freight within 30 days.

"This announcement is of very great interest to Astoria, as the completion of the North Bank road is believed by many to mean a revolution in economic conditions throughout the Columbia River Valley if not throughout the entire Northwest.

"It has been suggested that we should have a dollar dinner sometime during the present month so that all of our members which comprise the leading business and professional men of this city could get together and discuss plans for the next year. Most bodies have weekly, monthly or quarterly dinners, not because they care particularly about eating, but because they afford a splendid opportunity for getting together and talking over important matters under favorable circumstances. It might be well to discuss this dinner at this time.

"It is well to remember that there is but one more meeting remaining now until officers of the Chamber are elected for the ensuing year. The election of officers will take place on the first Monday night in January and it is well for every good, loyal member to be prepared for the lightning to strike him."

The report was adopted as read. Under the head of new business, John A. Montgomery was elected a member.

The communication of Ed. Rosenberg was referred to the fisheries committee.

The proposition of a dollar dinner was discussed and the members voted in favor of giving the dinner. The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five and the following members were named: James Finlayson, F. A. Fisher, J. Wingate, F. M. Clark and J. T. Ross. The committee decided to hold the dinner on or about the 18th of this month, but a definite date will be announced later. The invitations will be limited and those of the residents who desire to attend are requested to send in their names as promptly as possible.

SMUGGLERS WIN.

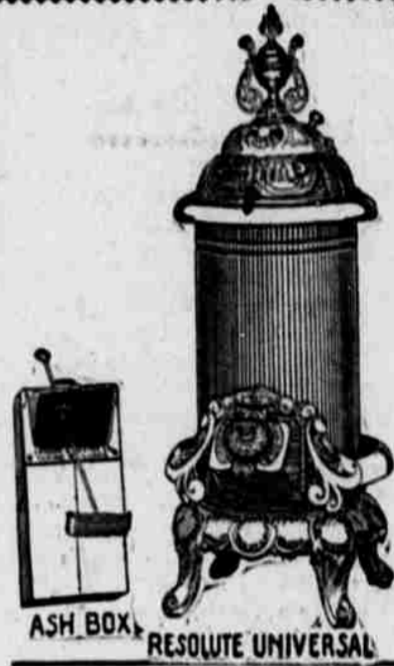
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 2.—Advices from Shanghai tell of a battle between a flotilla of imperial war junks and the salt smuggling fleet at Quinsan, which after severe fighting involving many lives, resulted in victory for the smugglers who captured the entire fleet of 19 war junks. Many atrocities were committed upon the prisoners taken, one imperial officer having his eyes gouged out, and right arm cut off afterwards being thrown on shore, where he bled to death.

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