



RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS GAIN BIG HEADWAY

\$500,000,000 Bonds For Waterways Favored

GREATEST IN WORLD

Scheme for Large Amounts is Planned to Cover a Period of Ten Years

GOVERNOR JOHNSON TALKS

Governor Brings an Enthusiastic Message of Accord From the Middle West in Schemes For Development of Inland Waterways.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Sentiment in favor of government bond issue for comprehensive improvement of rivers, harbors and canals of country to that end that this nation will have the greatest system of waterways in the world gained headway at opening session of annual meeting of rivers and harbors congress here today. The scheme contemplates \$500,000,000 worth of federal bonds for internal water courses to be distributed over a period of ten years, or \$50,000,000 annually. The speakers included Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie, Ambassador Bryce, Seth Low, Representatives Ransdell, Clark, Governor Chamberlain and Samuel Gompers. Upwards of 35 delegates representing 44 states and territories of Alaska, New Mexico and Hawaii, and Porto Rico were in attendance.

Advocacy of Governor Chamberlain for defeat of senators and representatives who pledged themselves in favor of waterway improvements and fail to redeem their pledges, was opposed by Representative Clark, who declared congress is not opposed to river and harbor improvement and never had been. To say so he declared would be to assume that congress is composed of a job lot of political idiots. He expressed belief that if congress were presented with a feasible scheme for waterways improvement it would be adopted.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota, in an address today before the joint conference of national conservation committee and governors of different states, brought an enthusiastic message of accord from the great Middle West in schemes of conservation and declared that the para-

mount problems of the hour is the development of the Inland Waterways. Following the inventory of lands, presented by Senator Nelson, there was an informal discussion. Senator Newlands and Smoot and Governors Noel, Broward, Ansel Lee and former Governor Hoke Smith and Blanchard participated.

AUTO VICTIMS IMPROVING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Don Juan Barrion, Guatemalan foreign minister who was injured in an accident here yesterday has a fairly good chance for recovery. The other members of the party are also improving.

SENATOR FULTON ASKS FOR BIG SUMS

INTRODUCE BILL APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING IN ASTORIA.

\$2,500,000 FOR PORTLAND

Also Asks For \$100,000 For Public Building in Oregon City, Portland Appropriation For a Big New Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator C. W. Fulton today introduced bills appropriating \$2,500,000 for a public building in Portland, \$500,000 for a public building in Astoria, \$100,000 for a public building in Oregon City; also to create Saddle Mountain National Park in the western division of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, and providing for repayment of fees and purchase money to land entrymen whose entries have been declared void.

NEW STEAMER PROBABLE.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Service of the Canadian Pacific leaves in a few days to join other Canadian Pacific officials at Winnipeg to discuss the estimate of the money required for necessary works in the western division of the railway and steamship service during 1909. It is generally expected that among other things the consideration of the building of a new freight and passenger steamer for the Prince Rupert and Northern British Columbia service will be among the matters discussed.

KANSAS CITY RIOT LEADER AT LARGE

Efforts of Police to Locate John Sharp are Unsuccessful—Reward is Offered

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—All efforts of the police to find John Sharp, hailed by his ten fanatical followers as the second Messiah, failed today to reveal his movements after yesterday's bloody fight with the police. The only clue so far secured is that he went into a negro barber shop shortly after the tragedy and had his long beard shaved off and hair trimmed. Chief of Police Ahearn has issued circulars giving Sharp's description and offering a reward for his capture. Policeman Mullane the most seriously of those hurt has a

chance for recovery and the others are steadily improving.

At the general hospital, Lieutenant Pratt, first disciple of Sharp and father of the children, is lying on a cot with his right leg amputated at the knee and a bullet in his brain. He persists that he is divinely guided and is bitter in his denunciation of the police. Mrs. Pratt and her four surviving children are detained at the police headquarters and Mrs. Sharp is in jail. None show any emotion when speaking of the death of Lulu Pratt, but assert it was God's will.

INSPIRED, THEN BOUGHT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—In an attempt to show that profits have not been unduly large and that the oil business is beset with hazards, political economists and college professors will be called by the defense before the conclusion of the Government's suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey. Prof. Jas. J. Johnson, who occupies the chair of political economy at New York University, will be called first, according to counsel for the Standard, and will testify on the questions of profits.

CORN AND CATTLE.

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 9.—Gov. Chas. S. Deneen is to become a student of the Agricultural School at the University of Illinois. He will attend the state school during the short course which begins in January and will seek special instruction, it is said, in cattle and corn judging. The decision of the chief executive officer of the state to become a scientific farmer is the result of his attendance at the recent Illinois Corn Show in Springfield. Mr. Deneen announced at that time that he would take a course in the State University if he could find the time.

EGGS VERY HIGH.

Chicago Feels Famine Like That Prevalent Here.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Hens this year have utterly failed to supply the market properly, according to local merchants. Consequently eggs have advanced to a wholesale price of 36 cents a dozen for the "strictly fresh." By the time these eggs reach the household they have reached a price of at least 40 cents a dozen and in some cases 4 cents apiece. Less fresh eggs are quoted at 27 cents by the wholesale dealer and the consumer is charged from 30 cents upward.

ALL HAVE TROUBLES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—A letter from China received by Joy Lung, 1250 Belmont avenue, believed to have contained the news of the death of some relative, drove him insane yesterday and led his brother, Moy Lung, to attempt to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. The latter was taken to the Lakeside Hospital by the police and his life is despaired of. Joy Lung will be put in the detention hospital.

S. AMERICAN RAILWAYS AMALGAMATE

SYSTEM IS DETAILED BY WM. E. CURTIS OF RECORD HERALD

TEN MILLION DOLLAR ROAD

Bolivia Government Two Years Ago Granted a Concession to an American Syndicate to Build the System.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Amalgamation of two South American railway systems is detailed by Wm. E. Curtis in today's Record Herald. The article says in part:

"Two years ago the government of Bolivia granted a concession to an American syndicate to build a system of railways within its territory. Ten million dollars for the payment was received from Brazil as indemnity for the relinquishment of the title to a disputed province called Acre, and is deposited in New York and London banks.

"Under this concession about 125 miles of road have been constructed from LaPaz to Oruro, where the line connects with an English railway running from Oruro to Antofagasta on the Pacific coast.

"The plans adopted include the ex-

RUEF CASE GOES TO JURY

Curious Spectators Crowd Court Room

DEFENSE IS NERVOUS

During First Hour Jury is Out Ruef Paced Nervously Up and Down Room

HEAVY GUARD OF POLICE

Unusual Precautions Taken After the Shooting of Heney Are Again Renewed and Spectators Are Closely Watched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The case of Abraham Ruef, charged with bribery of former supervisor of this city went to the jury at 3:36 this afternoon. At 5:45 the jury went to dinner. At 8 o'clock they returned to the jury room and after deliberating an hour and a half sent for Judge Lawlor and asked that the testimony of former supervisors Purey, Wilson and Gallagher be read. Reading of this testimony was not concluded until nearly midnight. Throughout the last day of the trial, which has required 105 days to bring to a conclusion, the court room was crowded with men and women of local prominence and popular interest in the outcome was indicated by the men who were unable to gain admittance, remained outside in the street during a downpour of rain.

The instructions of the court were delivered after a slight delay, and contrary to expectations, occupied an hour in delivery to the jury. There was a slight ripple of excitement as the 12 men in the box filed out for their deliberations, but a greater number of spectators remained in their seats and the crowd in the street was augmented in numbers by persons who learned that the jury was out.

During the first hour that the jury was out, Ruef paced nervously up and down the aisle, occasionally stopping to speak to acquaintances and often singing into his seat he he appeared to bowed low in thought.

tension of the American road from Oruro to Potosi, and from there to Tupiza, on boundary of the Argentine Republic, to connect with the railway already constructed to Buenos Ayres. When this line is finished it will be possible to cross the continent of South America by rail.

"The line from Oruro to Potosi, would practically be parallel to the Antofagasta road as far as the town of Uyuni, and not only create a competition which neither can well afford, but would necessitate the expenditure of that and other reasons it has been thought advisable to arrange a consolidation between the two systems and the Bolivia minister at Washington has received notice that his government has modified the concession granted to the American syndicate in order to permit the amalgamation to take place. The legal steps having been completed the financial details will now be promptly closed. The name of the new company will be the Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway Limited."

JAPANESE CARRIERS.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—The Steamer Tango Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, sailed yesterday with 5,500 tons of cotton, flour and salt fish and general merchandise. Steamer Aki Maru, which is due to-day, is bringing 1,500 bales of silk and silk

goods valued at about three-quarters of a million dollars. Five baggage cars have been prepared at Seattle to rush this valuable freight eastward.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS.

OURAY, Colo., Dec. 9.—With the issuing today of capias against Geo. R. Hurlbut, President Judge Theron Stevens, vice-president, and Frank P. Tanner, cashier of the defunct bank of Ouray, it became known that indictments were found against them by the grand jury which recently sat here, charging them with receiving deposits when they knew the bank to be insolvent.

Happy in Narrow Circumstances.

It is comparatively easy to be pleasant and cheerful when our bread-and-butter problem is solved, when we are strong and healthy, when we have harmonious, comfortable homes and money in the bank; but the test of character comes when there is a family to support, when a wife and little ones are looking to us for bread and clothing, and the wolf is pretty near the door; when we are struggling against poor health, a discordant home, a dishonest partner. It is a very difficult thing to be cheerful and hopeful when a man is out of a job, with no money in the bank, and an invalid wife and children depending upon him.

It is comparatively easy to be optimistic when the granary is full, when there are no clouds on the horizon, but a very difficult thing to be hopeful and cheerful when the capital is small and business poor. It is hard to be optimistic when notes and bills are coming due and there is no money to pay for goods which lie unsold on the shelves.

It is easy to smile when we are well and everything is coming our way, but when everything goes wrong with us, when undergoing misfortunes or hardships, when those near to us are sick and in distress, when poverty pinches, when the flour is getting low in the barrel, and hungry children look longingly into one's face, then it is not so easy to smile, to give the cordial handshake, to be serene, balanced and poised. But this is just the time that real character, that fine training, will stand one in good stead. "Success Magazine."

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The President has accepted the resignation of Chaplain George J. Waring to take effect in January. That officer, who is now with his regiment in Cuba, has been ordered to proceed to Fort Des Moines, Ia.

MOVING PICTURE SHOW AT WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS THE GUESTS WITH OF BIG WOLF HUNTS.

OVER 100 GUESTS PRESENT

The Miniature Theatre is Fitted up in the East Room of the White House With John Abernathy as Manager.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Moving pictures of wolf hunts turned the east room of the White House last night into a miniature theatre. Nearly 100 invited guests made up the audience. The stage manager was John Abernathy, friend of the President and United States marshal from Oklahoma, who, it is said, catches wolves with his hands.

Some nights ago he showed the pictures privately to the President and the latter was so delighted with the exhibition that he decided to invite some friends to see it. The performance began about 10 o'clock, following a dinner at the White House. Those who saw the pictures declared that they were remarkable. No onlooker, expressed himself as more pleased with them than the president.

CHAMBERLAIN TAKES ACTIVE PART FOR FOREST RESERVES

MILTON'S TRICENTENARY.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—There was a notable gathering in the theatre of the British Academy tonight at the opening of the celebration of the tercentenary of John Milton's birth. Those assembled included men prominent in arts, science and literature, and the learned professions. White-law Reid, the American ambassador of other powers attended. The British and American flags were entwined over the platform. The features of the evening were the recitation of a poem of homage specially written by George Meredith, the novelist, and an oration by Dr. A. W. Ward of Cambridge, who presided.

NEW YORK THUGS ROB STREET CAR

KNOCK DOWN AND BEAT CONDUCTOR IN SIGHT OF PASSENGERS

THEN MAKE EASY GET AWAY

When Police Appear on Scene Terror Stricken Conductor Says Robbers Were Gone, Although They Were Still on the Car.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A score of passengers, one-third of whom were women, were helpless spectators early this morning during the operations of a gang of toughs, who boarded a southbound Eighth avenue car, near 114th street, knocked down and beat the conductor, robbed him of all the money he had with him and terrorized him into an attitude of non-accusation when an officer appeared. The passengers were warned not to leave their seats until the gang had worked its will with the conductor and escaped. In the midst of the fracas the motorman, who had kept the car moving at its usual pace, blew his whistle for a policeman. When the officer appeared the terrorized conductor said the men who had committed the robbery had escaped, although they were then on the car. When the car had gone a few blocks further the conductor was beaten again and severely bruised. The men then escaped from the car with their loot.

BARTLETT IS ASSIGNED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Major George T. Bartlett, Coast Artillery Corps, has been assigned to command the post of Fort Stevens, Or., and the artillery district of Columbia.

3 BANDITS HOLD UP N. P. TRAIN

Force Engineer to Uncouple Baggage and Express Car From Train—Posse on Trail

SPOKANE, Dec. 9.—The Great Northern passenger train east bound, was held up a mile and a half east of Hillyard at midnight tonight by three bandits. They crawled down from the tender soon after the train left Hillyard, a division point, and covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers. They made them stop the train and uncouple the mail and express cars from the coaches and then proceeded with these for some distance where they are now supposed to have rifled their valuables. A posse of 100 men have been hurried to the scene.

Tells of Benefit and Advises Immediate Action

MUCH WORK IS DONE

Distinguished Witnesses Testify For White Mountain Forest Reserves

MARKS OPENING OF FIGHT

For Five Hours the House Considers Bill Providing For Taking of 13th Subsequent Denial Sentences and Passes it Without Change.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A distinguished assemblage of witnesses testified today before the house committee on agriculture on needs of federal government establishing forest reserves in the White Mountains and in the Southern Appalachians. It marked the opening of a fight in this section of congress for creation of these reserves to protect the navigability of navigable streams, the purpose of which the committee concedes is excellent. Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, former Governor Pardee of California and Dr. Edward Everett Hale were among those who appeared. Chairman Scott of the committee said the house committee on judiciary had questioned the constitutionality of the congressional action on the part of congress looking to purchase of land for conservation of forests whatever it might do toward protecting navigability of the streams of the country.

Governor Chamberlain told of the benefit of system of federal forest reserves in his state and declared that if the nation does not now take action to propose it sooner or later it will be compelled to do so at a greater cost.

For five hours the House today considered the bill providing for taking of the 13th and subsequent denial sentences, and passed it without material change. From the very outset in debate it became evident that progress of measure toward passage would be impeded by numerous amendments and by arguments which they developed prolonged and heated discussion was precipitated by the amendment by Gillett of Massachusetts who sought to have temporary census force authorized by the bill with the exception of a few minor positions appointed upon the

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FINEST ON EARTH, TOO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—According to the figures obtained from the Southern Pacific Railroad, the fruitgrowers of California shipped 12,917 carloads of fruit out of the state during the season which has just closed, an increase of nearly 100 per cent over the shipments for the season of 1907. Following is the record by carloads: Table grapes, 3,816 1-4; pears, 2,701 1-2; apples, 2,201; peaches, 1,980 1-4; plums, 1,763; apricots, 231 3-4; cherries, 208 1-4; miscellaneous, 15.