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NO RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL THIS SESSION

CANNON HAS MACHINE MAN WIELDED THE AX OPPOSES HUGHES.

The House Committee Votes Against Measure of Great Importance to the West—Promises Relief Next Session of Congress.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 16.—An ice water bath was given the rivers and harbors bill today in the house committee on rivers and harbors. "Uncle" Joe Cannon is said to have been back of the faucet. The vote against the measure which provides for many urgent needs of the Pacific coast as well as other riverways and harbors of the nation was 15 to 2. The defeat was directly attributable to the cry of shortage of treasury funds, the economic streak having been outlined some time ago by the speaker of the house.

As a sop for the disgruntled ones the committee promised to consider a bill at next winter's session of congress, but that this was not sufficient food for those who fought for the appropriations was evident in the disappointment manifest in lobbyists for the measure.

A silent, determined fight had been waged against the bill. The west was most interested and from the west came most of the support the appropriations received. Communications were received from the Portland commercial bodies, the Seattle chamber of commerce, the San Francisco board of trade and chamber of commerce, the Los Angeles chamber of commerce and a strong appeal from the commercial bodies of San Diego, which city urgently needs harbor appropriations.

CUT TO PIECES BY THE FLOOD

Central California Resembles Island Group—Worst Is to Come.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 16.—Severe rainstorms, augmented by melting snow in the mountains, are creating havoc in central California. Hundreds of bridges have been washed out and roads destroyed by the water. Porterville, Elgin, and many other small towns are inundated and cut off from all communication. Two hundred feet of railroad track at Summit in the Sierra mountains, has been washed away. The weather bureau forecasts more rain for today and Sunday. In Sacramento the electric service and railroad systems are utterly demoralized. The damage throughout the Sacramento valley will total many thousands of dollars. This city is safe if the levees can withstand the floods. Much water is seeping through the levees and the waters of the American river are rapidly rising toward the danger line.

LABOR LEADER ASSASSINATED

John Hancock, Former President of Miners' Union, Decoyed by Appealing Letter and He Is Mortally Wounded—No Clue to the Assassin.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., Jan. 15.—The Helena police are today working on a mysterious murder case which has proved most baffling. Early this morning John Hancock, a well known mining man and former president of the Miners' union, was found lying unconscious in the front yard of St. John's Catholic hospital. Last night he received a note pur-

SOCIAL SET OF WASHINGTON, D. C., READY FOR THE SEASON'S FUNCTIONS



Next Monday will usher in a number of social events in Washington, D. C. Among the charming debutantes for the season will be the young ladies whose pictures are shown above: At the right, Miss Maitland Marshall, daughter of Brigadier General Marshall, U. S. A., one of the great favorites in the younger army set. In the center, Miss Lucy Virginia Russell, daughter of Assistant Attorney General Russell, the recipient of many social entertainments at the national capital. At the right, Miss Elizabeth Matile, daughter of General Matile, U. S. A.

McHARG NOT FEDERAL OFFICIAL; NOT AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT ADMINISTRATION, SAYS PRESIDENT

By John E. Lathrop. Washington, Jan. 16.—President Roosevelt today said, after reading a telegram saying a Portland paper had asserted that Ormsby McHarg was there representing the national administration and the national Republican organization in an effort to induce the Oregon legislature to elect a Republican senator from Oregon. "You may quote me as saying that Ormsby McHarg is not a federal official. I was not aware he was in Portland; furthermore, neither he nor any other man there or here is or will be authorized to represent me for any purpose as indicated in your communication from Portland." The president spoke with his usual firmness and with no hesitation, qualifying his statement in no wise. Senator Bourne's message from Augusta, when taken in connection with President Roosevelt's statement to me herein quoted, is accepted here as evidence for all time all doubt as to the attitude of the chief executive, as the present leader, and the president-elect, as the coming leader, of the Republican national organization, regarding the Oregon senatorial election. Bourne's message comes from him as a visitor at Judge Taft's temporary home, at the latter's invitation, and sufficiently indicates Taft's view of the matter. The policy of Chairman Hitchcock in refusing to repudiate a report that he countenances an effort to overthrow Statement No. 1, has operated to induce the belief that he has given his consent by his silence. However, the attempt to transfer the fight to Washington to secure effective anti-Chamberlain aid has failed utterly.

GOVERNOR HAS HIS FULL FORCE

Representative Bedillion of Coos Comes From Hospital to Salem.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon, Democratic representative from Coos county, who was not in attendance during the first week of the legislative session, has arrived and is registered at the Cottage hotel. It was reported that Representative Bedillion was seriously ill at a San Francisco hospital and the political enemies of Governor Chamberlain were to that extent encouraged. His presence in Salem completes the governor's full strength of 51 votes in joint assembly.

JENKINS HAINS TO WRITE BOOK

With "Unwritten Law" He Will Coin the Blood of William Annis.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 16.—Thornton Jenkins Hains, who was yesterday executed by a jury from the killing of William Annis, announced today that he intended to write a book entitled "Unwritten Law." Hains will remain here a few days and then go to Washington, D. C., to accompany his daughter to Bay Ridge, where they will reside.

25 PERISH IN FLOOD CRISIS

PRECK BY RAIL BELIEVED PASSED

Trainmen's Disobedience or Blunder Causes Collision at Dotsero, Col.—Number Dead May Reach 50—Many Injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—Survivors of the wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Dotsero are arriving here with the news that as many as 80 may have been killed in the collision. The reports are so conflicting that no definite estimate can be made, some of the survivors saying the number of dead will not exceed 25.

The remains of the following were identified today: Edward Gooding, Omaha; Arthur Williams and wife, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. L. Z. Zell, Williston, S. D.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—A collision took place last night between a passenger and freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Dotsero, Colo., in which at least 25 and possibly 50 persons lost their lives. Twenty bodies have already been removed from the wreckage and it is thought at least 30 more are under the debris.

Responsibility for the wreck has not been definitely fixed, though the railroad officials are inclined to blame the crew of the passenger train. Others say if the crew of the freight train had obeyed orders to wait to Dotsero until the passenger train passed on its way west the accident would not have occurred.

As it happened, the freight train, pulled by two engines, ran upon a siding some distance from Dotsero to let the passenger pass, but did not quite clear the main track. When the passenger came thundering along at full speed it struck the end of the freight and left the train in a heap of wreckage. The chair car was cut in two and one of the tourist cars was telescoped. Those sleeping in the Pullman cars were not injured.

Additional information received here is to the effect that S. Olsen, the engineer, miraculously escaped. Thinking he had 10 minutes to spare, he pulled the freight train past Dotsero, where it should have waited for the passenger train to pass. He started under full speed for another siding down the track, but had hardly reached it when the passenger train rounded a curve and crashed into it.

The bodies of the 20 victims taken from the wreckage were placed side by side near the track. The coroner will not permit their removal until after an investigation is made. Many of them are so mutilated that there is no hope of identifying them.

The injured are: T. B. Miller, Denver; Mrs. Nellie J. Morton, early to Cal.; A. W. McCauley and child, Winne-mucca, Nev.; W. C. Maxey, Los Angeles; F. Chandler, Pullman conductor; McGowan, Denver.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 16.—The New York express of the Grand Trunk railroad, going at the rate of 60 miles an hour today crashed into a freight train filled with people at Gimby, near here. William Wilson and wife and George G. Tester and wife were instantly killed. Gordon Neilson was so seriously injured that he will probably die. Two other occupants of the sleigh were slightly injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 16.—The bureau of navigation today received a cablegram from Admiral Sperry, announcing that the bodies of American Consul Cheney and his wife were found in the ruins of the American legation in Messina yesterday afternoon.

The bodies were recovered by the crew of the battleship Illinois, who were specially detailed for the search. The bodies will be taken to Naples today and prepared for shipment to this country.

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