PRESIDENT IN DEFENSE OF CANAL

Special Message Declares Congress Was Wise in Position It Took Toward Big Ditch—Locks Are Best, Says Roosevelt.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt today submitted to congress in a special message a report of a board of engineers indorsing the present plan of construction of the Panama canal.

Roosevelt said that it would be inexcusable folly to change the plan to a sea level canal. He said:

"I am happy to report that the accompanying document shows in the clearest fashion that congress was wise in the position it took. In fact the report not only determines definitely the type of canal but makes evident that hereafter an attack on this type of canal—the lock type—is in reality merely an attack upon the policy of building any canal at all."

Referring to the engineer's report he said:

"I commend most careful consideration of their report. The report shows that the only criticism that can be made on the work at the Isthmus is that at times there has been almost an excess of caution in providing against possible trouble.

"As to the Gatun dam itself they (the engineers) show that the dam is not only safe, but that on the whole, the plan already adopted would make it needlessly high and strong. Accordingly they recommend that the height be reduced to 20 feet, which change, I've accordingly directed."

In conclusion the message says:

"Every American citizen should feel not only satisfaction but keen pride in the statement by the engineers on the way the work has been done and is now proceeding.

"The American people are to be heartily congratulated upon everything of importance that has been done in connection with the building of the canal."

The report of the engineers, accompanying the message, unanimously favors the continuance of construction of the lock and dam system.

REFUSES $1200 FOR BRIDGE FRANCHISE

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, this morning filed with the council a notice of his refusal to accept $1200 for the company's rights in the Madison street bridge. The money was tendered by the executive board yesterday. The way is now left open for the immediate commencement of condemnation proceedings, which will be the next step toward the erection of the new bridge.

SENATE VOTES FOR BOUNTY ON COYOTES

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—The coyote scalp bounty bill, H. B. 150, passed the senate this morning without amendment. It met with some opposition because it carries bounties on cougars, wildcats and wolves, and for payment of one half from the general fund, some senators contending that the revenue from payment ought to come in part from the game fund.

The senate, in passing Kay's bounty bill a few days ago, left out the coyote bounty, but fixed the same rewards as are named in the house bill on other animals that destroy deer.

This bill provides for half payments from the game fund. An effort to amend the house bill so that it would apply only to coyotes, thus allowing coyote scalps to be paid for from the general fund and other bounties to be paid in part from the same fund under the senate bill now in the house, was defeated.

Those finally voting against the coyote bounty were: Abraham, Barrett, Caldwell, Miller (of Linn and Lane), Schofield, Smith (of Marion) and Wood, seven in all. There were 22 votes in favor, with Miller of Linn absent.

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STREET CAR COMPANY PLANS BETTERMENTS

More than $3,250,000 will be expended in Portland during the coming year by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, if plans now under serious consideration by C. M. Clark of Philadelphia, one of the principal stockholders and local officials, mature. Extensive extensions, improvements and important readjustments of the system, beside the erection of a $200,000 office building are contemplated.

Before Mr. Clark returns to the east, in a week or so, the budget and schedule of expenditures for the year will have been definitely drawn up, and the plans of the company fully announced. However, through a lengthy consultation held by Mr. Clark and other officials this morning the information came out that there was little doubt but that all contemplated improvements and extensions will be allowed.

These include the building of an eight or ten story steal structure at Alder and Seventh streets, the extension of the Irvington and other lines, the franchises for which the company recently asked the city council; the completion of the substation at Jefferson and Front streets, the reconstruction of tracks and paving in all parts of the city, the installation of a complete set of storage batteries in the uptown substation, the construction of an underground wiring system, the possible purchase of a number of new cars and the complete renovation and reconstruction of a larger part of the present rolling stock, and the repairing of the Madison street bridge, the latter should it be so allowed the city and county.

Plan Office Building.

There is a probability that an appropriation will be made for the erection of the proposed office building. It will cost approximately $200,000 and will be built over the present substation building without disturbing the operation of the plant. It has yet to be decided whether it will be eight or ten stories.

The extensions proposed, as contained in the franchise submitted to the city council, will cost from $130,000 to $150,000, and perhaps more. If the franchise is allowed work will be commenced immediately.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be spent in reconstruction and paving. Officials of the company give this amount as a conservative figure. Six gangs of men will be kept working all summer. On Union avenue alone the cost of paving between and in the tracks and the relaying of steel will cost approximately $125,000. The Hawthorne avenue improvements will aggregate $140,000. Sixty thousand dollars will be expended on East Belmont street. Other smaller improvements necessary are scattered over the city. In many cases the present rails will be replaced with heavier steel. In nearly all cases it will be necessary to tear up the track before paving.

Put in Storage System.

The storage batteries to be installed in the substation at Seventh and Alder streets will cost approximately $100,000. They will be used to regulate the currents lighting the downtown district, making it possible for all lamps to burn with equal brilliancy, and also as reserve power in event of the temporary shutting down of the power plant. Work will be rushed on the substation at Jefferson and Front streets, which will be put in operation as soon as possible.

The underground wiring system to be installed in the business district will cost the company about $1,000,000 during the coming year. It will also mean the expenditure of an additional sum next year.

There is a strong possibility of the company placing an immediate order for a number of new pay-as-you-enter cars, which hereafter will be the only style purchased for the Portland lines. A number of the old cars will be rebuild with pay-as-you-enter vestibules. Eventually the company hopes to have no other style of car running on its Portland lines. "From our point of view they are eminently satisfactory," said F. I. Fuller, vice president, today. "They seem to be generally liked by our patrons."

Should the city and county so allow, the company will agree to repair the Madison street bridge, now closed to traffic. If the bridge is not opened, Mr. Fuller said today that the company would be compelled to continue the transfer service to the east side, with a few modifications, until another structure is built.

Has an Alternative.

In view of the refusal of the officials to allow the resumption of traffic over the bridge, the railway company is preparing to expend $8000 improving Water street, at which point passengers are transferred from the stub line cars to the O. W. P. trains. The street is being planked and several side tracks built.

Nothing has been definitely decided as to what will be done to replace the car barn and woodworking shop at Twenty-third and Washington streets, which was gutted recently. It was directly stated today, however, that the company would be necessarily compelled to either rebuild the old barn or erect one on another site.

ELEVATOR FALLS, ONE BADLY HURT

A heavily loaded elevator in the Chamber of Commerce fell to the basement last evening at 6:30, injuring one man and throwing the occupants of the cage in a heap in the corner. There were several women and children in the car.

According to the occupants of the car there were either 9 or 11 people in it when it made its final stop downward at the fifth floor. The operator, an experienced man, attempted to stop for passengers who were waiting on the fourth. The elevator failed to respond to the lever at the third also, although it slowed up a trifle as it passed this floor. From there down to the basement, however, the fall was unbroken, the safety devices apparently failing to work.

Injured Man Cannot Walk.

Among those in the cage were Assistant District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald and his wife, and Deputy District Attorney Frank Hennessy, Mrs. Hennessy and their little daughter. A young man whose name could not be learned, but who had boarded the elevator on the fifth floor, was unable to walk when the car came to a stop with a crash in the basement. He was helped out by those in the building and it is said is being cared for by the management of the building who declined, however, to give his name.

Both Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Hennessy were thrown to the floor, while all the men in the car were knocked to their hands and knees. Mr. Fitzgerald was noticeably lame today as the result of the accident, and found some difficulty in getting to and from the office.

C. M. V. Silva, agent for the building, said this noon that the accident did not amount to anything. "It was due to some failure of the electric pump to work as it should," said he, "and nothing whatever was broken. The machinery was just a trifle out of order. We were running the night shift at the time and the large steam pump which we operated days was not working. I have started an investigation but have not yet determined exactly what caused the trouble."

Captain Silva Explains.

When asked about the safety devices for the elevators Captain Silva said that they were in perfect working order. "The reason they did not work was that the cage fell too slowly. Unless it is going with some speed these devices do not work. The elevator only fell from 12 to 15 feet anyway and it merely settled to the bottom of the shaft."

MORNING'S RECORD IN BOTH HOUSES

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—The senate passed the following house bills this morning:

H. B. 150 (Eastern Oregon delegation)—Granting bounties on coyotes and other wild animals.

H. B. 155 (Dodds)—Permitting members of state railroad commission to ride on any engine, car or train.

H. B. 152 (Mariner)—Relating to the state railroad commission.

H. B. 98 (Farrell)—Requiring all doors on public buildings and halls to open outward.

H. B. 277 (Jones of Polk)—Providing for free ferry over Willamette river at Independence.

H. B. 172 (Dodds)—Authorizing the county school superintendents to make partial apportionments of school moneys.

The following senate bills passed the house this morning:

S. B. 158 (Oliver)—Amending railroad commission act relative to the filing of verified lists of tickets, passes and mileage books.

Sub. S. B. 68 (Coffey)—Providing for sterilization of criminally insane, rapists and convicts.

S. B. 123 (Parrish)—Fixing the salary of county treasurer of Harney county.

S. B. 34 (Oliver)—Providing for the printing of supreme court reports.

ITALY INTERESTED IN PORTLAND'S GROWTH

The chamber of commerce of Genoa, Italy, has written the Portland chamber of commerce for details concerning the industries and resources of Portland and Oregon. The inquiry was prompted, according to the letter received today, by the great interest being shown in Italy concerning the Pacific northwest.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY IS FORMED

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office today by Sydney C. Peterson, A. R. Hadley and Douglas J. McCallum. The corporation will be known as the American Life & Accident Insurance company and will carry on a general insurance business. It is capitalized at $500,000.

REED REPLIES TO CRITICISM

In answer to a petition filed last fall for his removal as administrator of the estate of H. W. Goode, filed in the county clerk's office yesterday, Samuel G. Reed denies that he has been unfaithful to his trust or that he has not performed his duties properly.

Goode, at the time of his death, held options on 1500 shares of Portland Railway, Light & Power company common stock. Reed explained that when these shares matured the stock was far below par value and he believed it a beneficial transaction to the estate when he had the contracts cancelled. He further says that Goode's death invalidated the agreement whereby the latter was to receive 500 shares of stock on July 1, 1907.

As to the opening of the Goode private vault the answer admits that it was opened, but says the action was taken on a telegraphic request from friends of Mr. Goode in Atlantic City, who wished to learn if his will contained any instructions as to the disposition of his body after death. The vault, it is asserted, was opened by Frederick V. Holman and Mr. Reed in the presence of witnesses.

In conclusion the answer sets out that the best interests of Mrs. Goode and her two children are being safeguarded. As to resigning, Reed says he has offered to do so as soon as all matters concerning the administration of the estate can be settled.

DATE OF BRIDGE ELECTION CHANGED

Declaring that Dr. L. M. Davis and others are seeking to defeat the wishes of a majority of the people for a bridge across the Willamette at Broadway by their efforts to have alternate locations submitted at a special election, Councilman Menefee opposed a resolution to that effect by the council this morning, and succeeded in having the resolution voted down.

The council then amended the ordinance, submitting the $2,000,000 bond issue for the Broadway bridge so that the question will be voted on May 8, instead of April 23, the date originally named in the ordinance. The change of date was made so that the election can be held at the same time as the primaries, thus avoiding an extra expense to taxpayers.

KRUGER LETS WIFE TAKE HER DIVORCE

The case of Clara Kruger against Richard Kruger was heard in Judge Gantenbein's chambers this morning. In October, 1908, Kruger sued William Reed for the alienation of his wife's affections. Later his wife asked for a divorce on the ground of false accusations as to her character and cruelty and inhuman treatment. Kruger contested the case and the hearing was set for this morning. The attorney for the defendant did not appear and the divorce was granted.

The plaintiff was also allowed $35 a month alimony and the custody of the 15-year-old son. The Krugers were married in Berlin, Germany, in 1895.

Boy Dead in Elevator Shaft.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Earl Williamson, an office boy employed by the Pacific Lithograph company, was killed today in the Gabriel Meyerfield building, at 311 Battery street. His body was found at the bottom of an elevator shaft and it is not known whether he fell in or was struck by the elevator.

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WHITE SLAVE CRIMINALS FOILED

Ella Gingles of Chicago Rescued After Being Terribly Tortured—Kidnaped and Held Prisoner in a Hotel—Tells Story.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Miss Ella Gingles, 19 years old, a handsome Irish girl, an expert lace maker and a protege of a number of Catholic women's societies, was found drugged, stabbed and tied to a bathtub in a lavatory at the Wellington hotel here today.

The girl had managed to write a short note saying, "I'm being killed at the Wellington; please come and save me."

The message was found by Attorney P. H. O'Donnell, who notified the police. Just as O'Donnell was presenting a police sergeant with the note, word came from the Wellington that a maid had found the girl.

Miss Gingles was taken to a hospital, where it was found her hands had been cut 30 times with a sharp instrument and that her face had been seared with a candle, portions of the tallow being congealed in the burns.

In her delirium the girl pleaded with a man and a woman to stop torturing her. It is believed she was made the victim of kidnapers working in the interests of criminals conducting the white slave traffic.

After she had recovered consciousness the girl told the police that she was waiting for a car last night when some one threw red pepper into her eyes and poured a liquid down her throat. She remembers being placed in a cab before losing consciousness. She did not regain her senses until she found herself in the Wellington.

STATE ROADS MUST BE BUILT

(Continued From Page One.)

Monday night, has been received by the senate, and I am just advised reported upon unfavorably by the committee to whom it was referred. It has for its purpose the submission to the people of an amendment of article 11 of the constitution so as to authorize the creation of railroad districts within the state empowered to construct railroads or other highways, authorizes the purchase or construction of railroads, the pledging of credit of state or county, the levy of taxes, the condemnation of rights of way and the exercise of other powers usually incident to railway construction and the operation of railways by the state.

People Ignored.

The people of Oregon and particularly those along the coast line and in central and southeastern Oregon have been entirely neglected and ignored in so far as their needs for transportation facilities are concerned. The railroad company which controls the destinies of the state has promised from time to time, through its officials that it would extend its lines into the neglected territory and give some relief to the producers and consumers, but as often as these promises have been made they have been violated, and although the sections to which I call your attention are being rapidly settled up and are being developed, transportation facilities are entirely denied them and the development of the state is in consequence greatly retarded and the people impoverished.

Palpable Trick.

The very next day after the resolution referred to passed the house it was announced in glaring headlines in some of the daily papers of the state that central Oregon would at once be opened up and a road extended along the Deschutes river to reach one of the richest sections of the state and in the same papers where this announcement was made, it is reported that this proposed constitutional amendment would be killed in the senate and the question of amending the constitution submitted to the people in the form of a bill calling for a constitutional convention.

It seems to me that the time has arrived when Oregon ought to do something to relieve herself from the oppression of railroad monopoly. If her people show a determination to act for themselves it may be prophesied with safety that the one system now operating within the state will redeem promises which have been made from time to time and which have thus far been violated.

People Should Act.

Certainly it can do no harm to submit the proposed amendment to the constitution as the resolution under consideration authorizes, to the people for their consideration and let the people say whether or not the state is ready to construct and operate a railroad for their benefit. Business men from different sections of the state have been before committees in the legislature in behalf of the proposed resolution and it seems to me that your attention needs only to be called to the importance of the resolution to have this distinguished body give it earnest and careful consideration.

TRIES CHLOROFORM TO END HIS LIFE

David B. Coble Jr., formerly of Nez Perce, Ariz., attempted to kill himself with chloroform in the Hotel Philip, Burnside street, between 4 and 5 this afternoon. Coble saturated a rag with chloroform and put it over his face. It made him sick, however, and the smell of the drug was detected in the halls. He was carried out of his room and taken in a Red Cross ambulance to the Good Samaritan hospital, where it was said he would recover. Coble is said to have been despondent because of family troubles.

CITY TO BUY STRIP OF LAND FOR PARK

The city council this morning passed an ordinance appropriating $5500 for the purchase of a strip of land adjoining Columbia park.

Mayor Lane was authorized to appoint a board of appraisers for the proposed park sites in the Montgomery and Smith tracts. Councilman Belding's opposition to the ordinance did not effect the votes of the majority. Mr. Belding thaught the money could be spent to better advantage elsewhere.

Senatorial Deadlocks.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—Despite frequent balloting there was no indication today of a break in the deadlock for United States senator.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—The legislative deadlock over the election of a United States senator was unbroken today and there was no indication that a choice would be made.

POOL TICKETS; PHONY CHECKS

These the Sole Assets of C. L. Rice, Suicide, of San Luis Obispo.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—With a great number of pool tickets as the record of losses at the Emeryville race track and several checks marked "no funds," telling the story of his inability to meet his hotel bill, C. L. Rice of San Luis Obispo was found dead on his bed today with a bullet wound in his temple, at the Grand Central hotel.

Rice came here two months ago after selling a livery stable at San Luis Opisbo. He had $1500, with which he hoped to buy a saloon. He did not find the bargain he had expected and began spending his afternoons at Emeryville. The rest of the story is told only by the pool tickets and the worthless checks.

At the hotel last night no one noticed that Rice was despondent and no one heard the shot that ended his life. When the chambermaid found the body the pistol was still grasped in his right hand. The body was taken to the morgue. Rice was a Mason, an Elk and an Eagle. He was a widower.

MURDERS GIRL; KILLS HIMSELF

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Reading, Pa., Feb. 17.—George E. Kraut, a young telephone lineman, shot Stella Rocktashel, a beautiful 18 year old girl, and then sent a bullet through his own brain while they were driving in a taxicab toward the girl's home at an early hour today.

After shooting the girl, Kraut instructed the driver to rush to a hospital. A moment later the chauffeur heard a second shot. When he summoned aid, both the girl and Kraut were dead.

It is the opinion of the police that Kraut deliberately planned the double tragedy. He is known to have tried to borrow a revolver from several of his friends yesterday. The couple entered the taxicab in the business district at 2:30 o'clock.

EXCURSION COMING FROM PUGET SOUND

The Seattle and Tacoma excursion, bound for California, will reach Portland Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The committee from the Commercial club appointed to entertain them includes Roger Sinnott, chairman; W. J. Hofmann, vice-chairman; T. W. B. London, Sig Sichel and H. Beckwith. This committee will appoint a larger special committee to assist in the reception and entertainment of the visitors from Puget sound. The entertainment mapped out will include a car ride in the afternoon and dinner at the commercial club in the evening. It is not known yet how many people will be on board the special train.

ANY UNIFORM GOES; DOORS OPEN OUTWARD

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Fearing that Buchanan's bill to prohibit the wearing of any uniform "resembling" that of the United States army or national guard is too stringent, and may interfere with legitimate uniforming by societies or organizations, the senate this morning defeated the bill, seven voting in favor and 21 against.

Farrell's bill requiring the outward opening of doors on all public buildings and halls was carried with one negative vote, cast by Hedges.

TERMINAL QUESTION IS NOT DISCUSSED

The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Pacific Terminal company was held in the office of J. P. O'Brien, in the Wells Fargo building, this morning. Those in attendance at the meeting were H. C. Nutt, representing the Northern Pacific from Tacoma; J. P. O'Brien, Joseph Simon, Chester V. Dolph and R. Koehler. Only matters of routine business were considered at the meeting, it was stated, and the differences between the terminal company and the North Bank road were not discussed.

PERSONALS

Fred H. Wilson, advance agent for Admiral Evans, is at the Hotel Portland with Mrs. Wilson.

A. Keller, a brewer at The Dalles, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ryker and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wilcox of Albany, N. Y., are guests at the Portland.

Ezra Meeker of Seattle, who has charge of the pioneer exhibit at the Seattle fair, is at the Cornelius.

O. C. Lightfoot and D. H. Welch of Astoria, are at the Cornelius for a few days.

Secretary E. C. Giltner of the Chamber of Commerce, is in Salem today on behalf of the bills which the Chamber has been advocating before the legislature.

Mormon President at Hawaii.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salt Lake City, Utah., Feb. 17.—President Smith and his party left here today for San Francisco on a special car, en route to Honolulu, to visit Mormon colonies in the Hawaiian Islands.

Marines to Serve at Sea.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 17.—An amendment to the naval appropriation bill, restoring the members of the marine corps to service aboard the United States warships was adopted by the senate this afternoon.

For Humane Society Fund.

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—The Oregon Humane society was given its appropriation of $3000 for two years by the house yesterday afternoon. There was little opposition.

SHERIFF'S FEEL POWER OF VETO

Senate Lets Kay Bill Stay Dead—No Crab Fishers' Monopoly.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Senate bill 88 was returned to the senate this morning with the governor's veto, and it met with instant death. Senator Kay first introduced the bill, making several changes in the system of transporting prisoners to the penitentiary by sheriffs. A substitute was framed by the committee on penal institutions, and this gave the sheriffs additional compensation of $3 per day in addition to regular pay and expenses for taking prisoners to the reform school. Governor Chamberlain objected to this new kindness to the sheriffs and Kay remarked that the bill had been disfigured since he proposed it. He moved indefinite postponement, which carried.

Another veto from the governor came on Barrett's bill for the protection of salt water crabs in Lincoln county. It prohibits taking more than 50 in one day, but the governor objected that it was not specific enough as to size and kind and tended to give a monopoly to certain fishermen. The bill was made a special order for tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENTS OF ST. PAUL HERE

President A. J. Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and President H. R. Williams of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Washington, arrived in Portland this morning, and will spend the day here. Mr. Earling came on his private car from California this morning and Mr. Williams met him here. They will go north together tonight. Mr. Earling stated that his trip to the coast had been a pleasure excursion for the most part, but that he expected to look over the terminals in Seattle and Tacoma.

He said that while his road had arranged to share its track with the O. & W. from Tacoma to Seattle he could not state whether the Milwaukee would enter Portland over the Harriman tracks. He also denied any knowledge of the recent terminal purchases made here.

CONSIDER CLUB INDEBTEDNESS

A special meeting of the members of the Commercial club has been called for Saturday evening, February 27, to consider plans for liquidating the indebtedness of the club. The problem that confronts the new board of governors is the payment of $44,000 on the furnishings of the club. This item of $44,000 is divided into two loans of $16,000 each and another item of $12,000 still due merchants. The two notes are secured by the personal indorsement of some of the club members.

To raise the money needed it has been suggested that $1.50 a month be added to dues for one year, thus providing $1800 a month additional. This it is claimed would practically solve the problem. Another expenditure that will be considered is the assessment of $25 upon all members.

An innovation in the club service is the institution of dollar table d'hote dinners, which will be given every Friday and Sunday evenings, beginning next Friday.

DIES FROM EFFECTS OF BARROOM FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Feb. 17.—Knocked against a barroom safe in a fistfight last Thursday, P. C. Warwick, a commercial traveler with headquarters at Seattle, received injuries from which he died today in a local hospital. The man was intoxicated at the time of the saloon fracas, and, according to spectators, forced a fight upon George Botts, a bartender, who knocked him down. An inquest will be held.

IDAHO'S CAPITOL TO BE INVESTIGATED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 17.—At the direction of the state senate a special committee has begun an open investigation of the charges of misrepresentation and extravagance in connection with the erection of the capitol building. It is alleged the building will cost $2,000,000, three times the original estimate.

The committee will also make an investigation of charges against the state land board.

Conscripts Victims of Collapse.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Valencia, Spain, Feb. 17.—Five persons were killed, 30 seriously injured and 50 slightly hurt in the collapse of the floor of a hall where a large number of men were being drawn by conscription for the army.

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PERSIAN GULF ENVELOPES VILLAGES

Temblor More Violent Than That of Messina and Calabria — Advices Meager Owing to Distance of Scene From Telegraph.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 17.—The mystery of the great earthquake recorded on instruments in various parts of the world on January 23 is solved today by reports that 60 villages were destroyed and 6000 persons lost their lives in an earthquake in the province of Luristan in western Persia. The temblor occurred on January 23, but owing to delays by the provisional authorities news of the quake did not reach the capital until today.

According to the records of the local seismograph violent earthquake shocks were recorded on January 23 and reports were received from other observatories of earth waves but the location of the disturbance could not be determined.

The government has issued orders to the various departments requesting further information as to the necessity of food, clothing and medical supplies.

Seismic instruments showed that the temblor was more violent than that occurring in Sicily and Calabria in southern Italy.

At least 12,000 cattle were killed.

Refugees are still flocking to Burijurs according to late dispatches. The quake covered an enormous area which was sparsely populated but it is reported that the general loss of life was along the shore of the Persian gulf where nearly every village in the province was engulfed.

WALCKER'S RECITAL TONIGHT

Great Basso Will Be Heard in Song Recital at Masonic Temple.

Considered by the foremost critics one of the greatest bassos in the world will make his first Portland appearance at the Masonic temple tonight in a remarkably fine program. It will also be the second appearance of this famous soloist since his return from Europe, where he created an international sensation in musical circles during his extended engagements at the Opera Royal, Berlin. His former concert was given at Carnegie hall, New York, last spring, when he was assisted by Maud Powell, violinist, and Clarence Eddy, organist. The papers of the metropolis were enthusiastic in their treatment of his work, and he has been repeatedly urged to make an extended concert tour of the world, which he now has under consideration.

A program that will make a tremendous appeal to music lovers has been arranged and the public may be assured of a rare treat in vocal music. Herr Walcker will be accompanied by J. Hutchinson, the eminent English pianist, who has created a considerable stir in affairs musical. There has been a big advance sale and all indications are that a very large and representative audience will be present to greet these distinguished artists. The program follows:

Henry Purcell (1658-1695)—Bass aria from "Diocleslan" (1690).

George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)—Aria, "Smiling Bacchus" from opera "Serse" (1738).

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1793)—Aria "Ini S. Degno" from "Il Flauto Magico" (1791).

Carl Lowe (1796-1869)—"Der Feind" (the enemy).

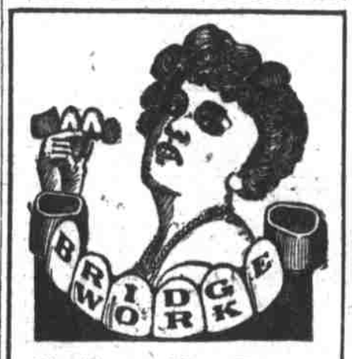
Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)—"Der Wanderer," "Ungedul," "Am Meer" (Heine), "Greisengesang," "Gruppe aus dem Tartarus" (Schiller).

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)—"Liebliche Wangen," "Auf dem Kischhofe," "Verrath."

Richard Strauss (1864)—"Das Thal."

Edward MacDowell (1861-1908)—"The Sea."

Sir Alexander Campbell Mackenzie (1847)—"Spring Song."



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