

FAVORS RECLAMATION BY PRIVATE PARTIES

As Result of Western Tour Senate Committee on Irrigation Is of Opinion That Government Should Withdraw From Most Reclamation Work.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
By Ralph M. Whitledge.
Washington, Dec. 4.—Friends of irrigation and reclamation are worried over a report that a fight is to be made in congress this winter to reverse the present policy in regard to these important matters.

Senator Borah of Idaho confirmed in a general way the impression which has been giving worry to the reclamation section by some observations delivered in the White House today.

The senate committee on irrigation took a trip through the west during the summer, visiting the various projects. Members of the party gave out emphatically the impression that they favored a gradual withdrawal of the government from a dominating participation in these activities, and a return to the plan of letting private enterprise do most of the reclamation work hereafter.

Senator Borah this morning said he understood that to be about the view of the committee. It was regarded, he said, as preferable for the government to handle only those projects in which it might be difficult to enlist private capital, and to allow private enterprise to handle those it was willing to take up on a business basis.

In its simplest terms, the friends of reclamation are saying, this means that the government will handle only the dubious projects of which the outcome is more or less doubtful, while private enterprise will be permitted to take up those in which profits are easy and apparent. It is pointed out that there is still a vast field for these activities, and that the demand for irrigating lands, as the number of people increases who know how to farm them, is growing all the time.

Boosting San Diego Fair.
J. W. Sefton Jr., of San Diego, Cal., is in the city in the interests of the Panama-California Exposition company. The city of San Diego is planning a big exposition for 1916, when, it is expected, the canal will be completed. Mr. Sefton speaks in glowing terms of the possibilities of the exposition.

"P. C. Peterson, of North Bend, Wash., is the government hunter of the state of Washington, and he killed last year more than 200 wildcats, 10 bear, 13 cougars, and other lynxes," said E. G. Lynch, of Seattle, who was in this city recently.

"There are some persons who assert that there is not much big game in Washington, but Peterson says the reason such statements are made is not because of the scarcity of the animals, but because of the difficulty of finding them in the heavy timber."

"Peterson has hunted all over the

United States," continued Mr. Lynch, who claims to be somewhat of a hunter himself, "and he declares that the report he had in the Cascade mountains rivals any other part of the country."

"Hunting, with Peterson, has been a passion since childhood. What to the average hunter is thrilling is to him commonplace. Ask him if he has had many narrow escapes, and he will say no, and then go on and tell some hair-raising story that to him is simply a great joke."

Aged Justice Dies.
The funeral of George Robinson Murphy, for a number of years justice of the peace at Westport, Md., took place there recently. Grandchildren acted as pall bearers. Mr. Murphy was 88 years of age.

He witnessed the unveiling of the Washington monument in Baltimore, the first shaft to be erected to Washington in this country. He marched with his father, Captain John Murphy, in the funeral procession of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the last of the signers of the Declaration of Independence to die.

Frank Carpenter, private secretary to the president, has developed into a great horseback rider. He takes his ride every afternoon through the country outside of the city. His mount is a big black horse, and Carpenter bestrides him as if he were glued to him.

Oleomargarine Row.
The old fight between the oleomargarine and the butter interests is to be waged again in congress this year.

Within the last few days President Taft has received a number of communications from various men on both sides of the controversy, and most of them request him to take up the matter in his annual message.

It is claimed that the Armour in Chicago have cornered the butter market, with the intention of running up the price to 50 cents a pound or more this winter, to serve as an object lesson against the wisdom of congress in passing the oleomargarine law.

The important work of constructing fortifications for the entrances of the Panama canal will be given careful consideration by a joint army and navy board during the coming winter. This board, the personnel of which has been partly completed, will visit the isthmus and go over the entire ground in a thorough and systematic manner, making the investigation of conditions there most complete, so that congress may be prepared to act intelligently as soon as it is decided that the work of fortifying shall begin.

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ATLANTIC SEA FLOOR TO BE INVESTIGATED

By Eric Grundmark.
(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—The Norwegian government has placed the steamer Michael Sars, at the disposal of an expedition which will devote four months of the exploration of the deepest part of the Atlantic sea floor.

The expedition was suggested by Sir John Murray, the well known English expert and was readily accepted by the Norwegian government.

The Michael Sars will leave Plymouth about April 6. A series of sections will be made from the coast of Europe over the Continental slope into deep water as far south as Gibraltar, and even off the coast of Africa as far south as Mozambique. Observing stations will then be made as far as Madeira and the Azores. Should good weather be encountered, she may then proceed to Newfoundland, Iceland, the Faeroes, and Scotland. Should, however, the weather not permit this extended cruise the ship will return again along the coasts of Europe to the Faroe Islands.

Sir John Murray, Dr. John H. Mort, Professor Gran, Dr. Holland-Hansen and Mr. Koefoed will take part in the expedition. Captain Tversen has been in command of the ship for the past seven years, and the crew are experienced in deep sea work.

The North Atlantic has been the object of numerous investigations during the past 50 or 60 years. Its physical, chemical, and biological conditions were especially examined by the great Challenger expedition of 33 years ago, and since then, though less extensive explorations have been undertaken by American, German, French and Danish expeditions as well as by the Prince of Monaco.

The purpose of the forth-coming cruise of the Michael Sars is to try in the great ocean the new methods and instruments which have been developed within the past few years, especially during the international fishery explorations. It is believed that the great fishery nets and trawls which are now used for economic purposes in shallower waters can be used with success in great depths of the Atlantic, even to three and a half miles. On one occasion the Challenger from a depth of nearly two miles with a 10 foot trawl, brought up 27 fish, belonging to seven species, but recently the Michael Sars, by means of a trawl with 60 foot headrope, brought up from a depth of over half a mile 228 fish, 199 which belonged to new species. If these larger catching appliances can be used with success in the greatest depths of the Atlantic, some important and interesting zoological results may be obtained.

Special interest will be attached to observations with Ekman's new current meter. This has been used with success by the Michael Sars down to depths of 500 fathoms. An attempt will be made by means of this current meter to measure the rate of currents over opposite shores.

All in all, readiness for the data, to be furnished by Dr. Frederik A. Cook, concerning his Polar trip. One of the faculty of the University of Copenhagen, is speaking of the forthcoming investigation said so just: "While the best expedition is Denmark in favor of Dr. Cook's claim that he reached the North Pole, it must not be thought for a moment that this belief will influence in the least the thoroughness of the investigation. Every observation and every statement will be subjected to the closest scrutiny and every inquiry met. When the verdict is given it may be depended upon as being as true as the truth as known science can reach it."

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The work of Mr. Bos was a joy. It stood out as a distinct feature of the program, and such succeeding numbers gave the pianist further opportunities of artistic work. The brilliant accompaniment to Schubert's "Eifersucht und Stolz," completely overshadowed the theme, and Mr. Bos was given his own share of the applause for his fine work in this number. His charming reading of the accompaniment to "Die Taubenpost" and of the playful score of "Die Forelle" were not the least important features of these numbers.—New York Times, February 25, 1909.

It was evident last night at Carnegie hall that even blizzards have no effects upon the size of an audience if the attraction is sufficiently strong. The immense auditorium was filled to the capacity to hear Dr. Wullner in his fourteenth appearance in this city, and at the close of the program the demonstration proved that he has enlarged his circle of admirers until he has gained a standing quite as remarkable as it is unusual. It has been said of Dr. Wullner, as frequently of Paderewski, that he hypnotizes his audience.—New York Evening Mail, March 5, 1909.

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