

APPROPRIATION BILL PROVIDES FOR \$30,000,000

River and Harbor Bill as It Will Be Introduced Next Month Is for Half of the Amount Sought.

By Ralph M. Whitehead.
(Publishers Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 15.—The river and harbor appropriation bill for improvements upon the national streams and harbors, which will be reported to the house early next month, is described by Chairman Alexander of the committee on rivers and harbors as being "very comfortable." The bill provides upwards of \$30,000,000. The amount sought to be carried in bills introduced early in the present session of congress, aggregated \$60,000,000, added to which are \$15,515,100 sought to be carried in bills that were introduced at the special session that adjourned last August. This total of almost \$75,000,000 should include the \$20,000,000 for the Mississippi river, but does not of course include the \$15,000,000 which Representative Langley proposed to have congress provide.

"There has been a strong disposition to fight everything during the present session that looks like 'pork' and this coupled with punishing the insurgents has tangled appropriation affairs greatly."

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POINDEXTER'S FIRM ON STAND AGAINST CANNON

Fight Grows Bitter Over Personnel of Ballinger Investigating Committee—Pinchot in New York.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 15.—"We claim victory, absolute and unqualified," said Representative Poindexter of Washington today, "as to the only matter which has been settled between the progressives and the regulars as to the membership of the Ballinger investigating committee."

"We have made no concessions as to our caucus. We get Madison of Kansas as our member and the Democrats get their own choice, so our member, with the two Democrats, gives a number equal to the Cannon regulars members."

"When it comes to caucuses on measures we reserve our rights. We will not be bound down by caucuses to support measures, in present form, that may be shown during weeks of debate to need material amendment."

Poindexter's statement is endorsed by other insurgents. "Tonight the insurgents do not place words in 'denouncing the trick' it was sought to play on them by issuing what they allege were misleading statements from the white house, and by Congressmen Dwight for the Cannonites, whereby it was sought to create the impression that the insurgents had laid down their arms under the terms of a truce with the Cannonites. They are as militant as ever."

Cannon Must Down.

"To temporarily unhorse Cannon," Poindexter said, "is not sufficient. What Cannon stands for, namely, big business in control of politics, must be driven from domination of our government. Until that occurs the cause of the progressives must be fought for with all possible energy."

To Poindexter belongs the credit of forcing the concession from the regulars that persons under charges in the pending investigation shall have the privilege of counsel. He injected the proposition into the original debate and hammered away until the conferees of both house and senate agreed to it.

Glavis arrived in New York today. It is expected he will remain there pending arrangements for his appearance as a witness.

The investigation will begin caucuses many members of congress to grow nervous and blame the president for passing up to congress so grave a political trouble as has grown out of this noted controversy. This sentiment is crystallizing into the form of a quiet demand that Ballinger resign. One hears such whispers, with hints that the demand will attain greater proportions. There are members who realize that the country has already formed a verdict against Ballinger which no investigation can change.

For art, whereas the Bostonese and Philadelphians have sat merely playing sordid politics, Senator Newlands' bill is designed to place the jurisdiction over all federal buildings under one official, a director of arts and public buildings. Mr. Newlands was so wrapped up in his plan that he did not even go home for the holiday season.

Speaking of the attitude of the northwest on conservation, former United States Senator John L. Wilson of Seattle, who has been here on business, says: "We all believe in conservation in Washington. The conservation policy, however, that we believe in is a policy which will benefit the great mass of people, those who labor and toil and not the United States government or corporations. There are various sides to the question, and Washington will soon be heard from."

"For instance, what right have these mining corporations to dig gold in Alaska? Who gave them this privilege? The gold belongs to the people. In Ohio, in Pennsylvania, as well as in every other state, why should I be compelled to buy my coal from a certain concern at a high rate when I can take coal from a nearby mine at a much lower cost?"

Attorney Milton Hamilton of Oakland, Cal., was in Washington on legal business and took occasion to visit several of the representatives of his state. Mr. Hamilton did not discuss politics, in fact, he preferred to describe the marvelous manner in which San Francisco celebrated New Year's day. He thinks "Prisco can put it all over Washington and New York on New Year's celebrations."

Congress is expected to be a liberal provided for the Panama-Pacific exposition, which will be held in San Francisco in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal. Edward A. Ross of San Francisco, who has been in Washington for some time, said that the people of California look for the most liberal federal donation ever made. Mr. Ross, in discussing the affair at the Raleigh hotel, said:

"Such an expenditure will give San Francisco an incalculable amount of advertising, and will be an impetus to still greater achievement. The site generally favored for an exposition grounds is the western end of Golden Gate park, and among the suggestions already made for the fair is that in place of a midway, pier or trail, there shall be a replica of the canal in the middle of the exposition grounds. It is proposed to build locks, dams and spillways as they are to be arranged in the Panama canal, together with a reproduction of the great Culbreth cut, the Gatun dam, etc. It is believed that such a miniature could be made the one-hundredth part of the original length and one fifth of the width."

Eugene Board of Trade Elects.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Jan. 15.—At the annual meeting today of the Eugene board of trade, R. M. Day was elected president and E. J. Fraser secretary and manager. Directors were elected as follows: E. L. Campbell, Dr. L. L. White, R. M. Day. The board has been organized since 1888 and has done much for the advancement of the city.

Sophia Defeat Seniors at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 15.—The sophomore basketball team took another step toward the class championship by defeating the senior team at the O. A. C. today. The final score was 18 to 8, in favor of the second year team.

Journal want ads bring results.

FIVE ENGINES FAIL TO CONQUER BIG SNOW DRIFTS

Trains Stalled for Days on So—Omaha Line by Snow Blockades—Abundant Fuel and Food Aboard.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 15.—Combating drifts of snow as high that five engines, one a six-wheel, failed to conquer them, So and Omaha line passenger trains from Chicago struggled from Thursday night until this afternoon before they could land their passengers in Minneapolis.

Not one Omaha train has arrived from Chicago since Thursday.

Officials say they are not worried over the fate of the passengers, as there is plenty of fuel aboard. Thrilling stories of experiences of the So line passengers were told today by Engineer James Hook, who took number three on the So line from Chicago at 6:30 Thursday.

"So well was the storm that when sixteen hours had passed we had made but 75 miles," he said. "Then everything stopped. The snow was heaped so high we could not see anything from the windows. I think in some places it was over the car roofs. There was only one engine when we left Chicago. Another was added a few miles this side. Twenty-five miles out we had five engines, three behind and two in front. Somehow or other the track was partially cleared and we got to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where we got food."

"The Candy Kid" Returns to Fold

Star Female Criminal of the Pacific Coast Is Jailed on Charge of Vagrancy.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Portland, Jan. 15.—The most prominent Danish residents in America, including the Honorable J. C. Dan, Danish consul general to the United States, avoided reference to Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited explorer, at a dinner tendered tonight to Dr. Maurice P. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, by the Danish American association, at the Cafe Martin. Dr. Egan was the only one present to mention the Cook episode, complimenting Denmark on its action throughout.

"I have just returned from Washington where I talked with many prominent people, including President Taft," said Dr. Egan. "He said there is but one feeling in our country regarding the Cook episode. That feeling is respect for the generosity of the Danes in their reception of an American citizen who asserted that he had done a great thing, and admitted that his courage in being the first to acknowledge their error."

"Above all things, the American people admire generosity, courage and the spirit of fair play. These qualities have been shown by the Danes under trying circumstances and their action has strengthened the bonds which bind America and Denmark."

When Fritz got home he found his back missing. Detectives were unable to find the woman that night. Discovering she had skipped, Detectives Hubbard, of Seattle, Wash., and Joe Day of Portland, accompanied by Fred Fritz, the victim's brother, followed her to Salt Lake City, Utah. Captured, the woman turned over \$2400 to Fritz and was released.

"The Candy Kid" is one of the star female criminals of the Pacific coast.

Judge Trying to Find Right Home for Girl

Whether Little Gladys Walden, 6 years old, shall remain in the custody of her aunt, Mrs. S. B. French, or shall be subject to transfer to another family, according to the decision of Judge C. H. Walden, was a question that consumed all of Judge Brown's time yesterday afternoon. After hearing witnesses on both sides Judge Brown continued the case until tomorrow for decision.

Walden, who is a traveling agent for the Southern Pacific, obtained a divorce from his wife at Oregon City some time ago. Even before they separated, the child was left in care of Mrs. French, and the father who had been awarded the custody, did not attempt to remove her until recently. Yesterday he was, in turn, accused of being unfit to have the care of the little girl. He denied the charges against him and asserted that in reality an effort is being made to place the child where her mother's influence will predominate, although the court that granted the divorce declared her unworthy to intrust with the girl's custody.

Smallpox Epidemic at Walla Walla

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 15.—Just as the epidemic of scarlet fever had been controlled, Walla Walla found herself yesterday face to face with another, this time of smallpox. The cases are not at all of the severe type, but they have spread to an alarming extent and the county health officers are taking every precaution to stamp out the disease. According to Health Officer E. E. Shaw of the city, and M. Stiles of the county, there are about 15 cases in the city at the present. Several cases are reported in the suburbs. Already some of the patients have been removed to the pest-house, and the county poor farm is in quarantine.

Masons Prepare for Ceremonial Session

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

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