

GOVERNMENT ROAD IN SIBERIA POINTS OUT SUCCESS FOR ALASKA

James Dietrick, Former S. P. Official, Writes Wilson Praising Chamberlain Plan

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 7.—There has been a wealth of information distributed during the past few weeks about Alaska and its ability to support a government railroad, but no one has contributed a more interesting statement than a man who is known to many persons in Oregon and the northwest, a former official of the Southern Pacific railroad and the builder of a section of railroad running into the state of Oregon. As the matter was quite ably and fully presented, the story is offered for extracting the story in full from the Washington Star.

James Dietrick, a railroad contractor, who has recently completed large work for the Russian government and is in Washington, preparing to undertake another large task in Brazil, has sent President Wilson a letter urging the necessity of a railroad in Alaska. In what he gives some intimate details of conditions there.

Will Develop Big Domain.

In connection with his letter to the president, Mr. Dietrick, who is at the New Willard hotel, said today to a reporter for The Star that the construction of the proposed Alaskan railway will people and develop the vast domain in the northwest and undoubtedly put a stop to the exodus of American farmers to Canada. The Alaskan railway bill proposes to create a \$40,000,000 fund for the construction of 1000 miles of railway in that country.

Mr. Dietrick, who has been in Siberia for several years, declares that the government operation of a railroad in Siberia is beneficial and that Alaska resembles Siberia in all particulars.

"Such a railroad in Alaska," Mr. Dietrick said, "will open a great farming country, which can be taken up under the homestead laws, and the American farmer of a wandering habit will no doubt be satisfied with these new wheat fields. Had the railroad been constructed some years ago the chances are that a large number of the 350,000 farmers who located in Canada from America would now be shipping their products from Alaska."

Calls Attention to Siberia.

In Mr. Dietrick's letter to the president he says: "Some friends have requested me, as a railroad man of considerable general experience in the work in this and foreign countries, to write you five or six views upon the construction and operation of a railroad in Alaska."

"I have crossed Alaska during the summer months and again during the winter and spring, from north to south and east to west, and feel that my observations were sufficient to warrant my giving an opinion.

"First, I will call your attention to a country similar in climatic conditions as well as to agricultural, mineral, timber and other resources.

"Northern Russia and Siberia resemble Alaska much like the state of Ohio resembles Indiana, all conditions of climate, lands and resources being about on a par.

"Let us take as an example what the government of Russia has accomplished by railroad construction and operation within such a zone.

"People Asked for Road. "Siberia was looked upon in early times as a glacial, moss-covered arctic region; a sort of dumping ground for the criminal class and with no other special use except for its mineral wealth. The men located in Siberia soon found that the soil would produce a greater return to the acre each year than the soils of the rich Volga River valley of southern Russia. The people petitioned their government for rail transportation. The Trans-Siberian railroad was ultimately constructed across the so-called ice-bound north. The government also created a good roads department and operated stage lines into all parts of the country that boasted of a few settlers, opening up very small and large valleys in all of Siberia to the farmer.

"Every section had a connection with the railroad, a postoffice and a local government. More than 2,000,000 people have moved from western and southern Russia to Siberia, and the farming class is steadily making Siberia one of the largest producing countries in the world. Finally the 5000 miles of railroad across the country could not cope with the business and the shipping, the government built a railroad north to the port of the shores of the Arctic ocean. Large warehouses were erected, wheat and other products are shipped to this port and when the Arctic ocean opens to shipping in the summer the ships proceed to the port and take away the products to the markets of Europe. Even with this network of rail and branch railroads placed in operation, making a part of the Siberian railroad practically a double track along long stretches of the country of three to five tracks, though separated by miles in their parallel operation, the business has increased to such a great extent that today the Russian government is building another system of railroads.

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NEGRO USED AS BAIT FOR PESKY MOSQUITOES

Washington, March 7.—Lieutenant Colonel William M. Siebert, under whose direct supervision the Gatun locks and dam were constructed, calls attention to the fact that the poetic allusion to the wedding of the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific by the canal isn't applicable to the Panama canal. In an interesting batch of comments sent by him to the National Geographic society, he remarks that for about 32 miles the canal is 85 feet above sea level and that "water can't run up hill." Siebert humorously described the sanitation experiments on the Zone. In 1912, he said, Gatun had a pest of malarial mosquitoes. The health officials wanted to locate the breeding places. The scheme was hit upon of catching mosquitoes at known breeding places, and after painting them to turn them into a white batch was caught at Gatun, the color would tell from what breeding grounds they came.

Would Create Gasoline Monopoly

Paris, March 7.—Certain members of the chamber of deputies are thinking of introducing a bill in the chamber making gasoline a government monopoly.

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PROFESSOR IS CALLED 'MOUNTBANK' FROM ROSTRUM BY CLARK

Speaker Celebrates Sixty-fourth Birthday by Nailing an Alleged Lie.

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, March 7.—Speaker Clark celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday today by denying vigorously that he arbitrarily prevented a roll call on a resolution to expel Congressman McDermott of Illinois from the house on account of the Mulhall charges against him.

The accusation against Clark was made by Charles Zueblin, a former professor of sociology from Chicago. "The words are a base, malicious slander of me and reflect on the integrity of the house," the speaker declared from his rostrum. "It is an evident attempt to bring discredit upon every prominent public man under this government—to represent them all as crooks. When I think how some people swar the words and think they can't hear, I consider it a grave matter to let a slander like this go uncontradicted."

Zueblin is a mountebank," Congressman MacDonald, author of the McDermott resolution, spoke in high praise of the speaker and repudiated Zueblin's charge.

HEAD PORTER RETIRES ON \$75,000 FORTUNE

London, Mar. 7.—With a fortune of \$75,000, a head porter of a hotel not far from Pall Mall has just retired. An investigation shows his case is not exceptional. Another man, head porter at a little hotel near Piccadilly, will retire in a few weeks with a comfortable fortune, although in the 18 years of his service he has never received wages.

At some hotels, it is disclosed, the head porter gets for the privilege of standing on the doorstep. Out of his tips he must meet the expenses of three or four assistants.

KHEDIVE'S BOLDNESS SHOCKS EGYPTIANS

Cairo, March 7.—The report that a French woman has recently arrived from Paris as a companion to the khedive and that she is enjoying regal favors at the palace has given rise to considerable comment in Egyptian social circles.

Some of the local papers are doing all they can to explain the woman's presence and to hush up the matter. Although Cairo is still oriental to a great degree the actions of the ruler in this incident have displeased the populace.

MANY STUDENTS ENTER PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOLS

Out of 544 Who Were Graduated From Grammar Grades Last Year 67.2 Per Cent Are Enrolled in Higher Institutions.

Of the 644 students that were graduated from the grammar schools of the city in February, a year ago, 373, or 67.2 per cent of them, entered high school, according to compilations made under the direction of L. R. Alderman, superintendent of schools. The compilation is one of the first to be made in connection with any of the schools of the United States and is the result of several weeks' inquiry, with reports on each student by each school principal. The purpose is to keep in touch with those who leave the grammar schools to find out how many enter high schools, to look up others and see why they do not go on with their education. The statement by schools is as follows:

Table with columns: Elementary Schools, Number prepared for High School, Percentage entering High School, Number who left before entering High School, Percentage of entire original number remaining in class.

In connection with Davis school it is noted that six were graduated and four entered high school. The other two left town. Twenty were graduated from Holladay school, 17 entered high school and two entered business college.

Parks Roseburg Chief. Roseburg, Or., March 7.—A. O. Parks was elected chief, and Edward Thornton was elected assistant chief of the Roseburg fire department at the annual election Friday night. Other officers elected were: Ross Goodman, president; Woodley Stephenson, vice president; Fred W. Marshall, secretary, and James Fletcher Jr., treasurer.

Potts Case Attorney Returns. John Day, Or., March 7.—Charles Ackerman, Los Angeles attorney, who has been retained for the defense in the Potts murder case here, has returned to his California home. Case meantime is in the hands of Otis Patterson, a local attorney. Mr. Ackerman will return to John Day when the case comes to trial next May.

PRUNING, SPRAYING, PLANTING SHRUBS IS ORDER OF DAY NOW

Suggestions Given for Getting Soil Into Proper Condition.

No matter whether this month continues to play the lion or the lamb, danger of killing frost has passed and it is now time to plant all ornamental shrubbery, trees, vines—in fact, all hardy, dormant plants—not forgetting blooming flowers and garden truck.

Spraying and pruning are also the order of the day and in every section of the city can be seen busy professional and amateur gardeners with hoes and spades, rakes and pruning forks, cutting away the dead twigs, removing the refuse of last year's growth and preparing the soil and plants for spring, which is nearing rapidly.

Already such flowers as tulips, crocuses, hyacinths and hellebores are blooming, and within a very few days snowballs, lilacs and other flowering shrubs will be seen in glorious profusion. They are the first blossoms to welcome the spring, which brings with it such a wealth of brilliant colors.

Care Means Better Planting.

Although the reward to the garden culturist does not come immediately, care taken now means better plants and prettier gardens later on in the season. The first thing necessary is to make sure that the soil is in condition which guarantees plenty of plant food. Soil consists of decomposed rock mixed with varying proportions of organic matter. The organic matter is called "humus" and is composed of both vegetable and animal matter, and the soil best used today are usually the result of the work of ages, and this work is continually going on.

Humus enriches the soil in many ways. It is chiefly secured through the decadence of roots, the annual growth of vegetation, which ripens and falls down in winter. While growing this adds to the soil's fertility and increases its power to attack and decompose mineral matter, still many soils need fertilizer to bring them to highest productive power.

Two Kinds of Fertilizer.

There are two kinds of fertilizers, natural and artificial, and the person who is genuinely in earnest about his garden should study the soil carefully and if he need seek expert advice as to the best manner of treating it. The natural fertilizers are manure and the artificial mixtures of chemicals and organic matter. In some cases only manure is necessary; in other cases it is best to use both the artificial courses must be taken to secure the best results.

Practical experience has proved that the food plants demands are nitrogen, potash salts and phosphorus, and these are secured from various substances and applied to the soil in varying proportions. If the soil is in good condition, the next step for the gardener is seeing

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to it that the garden is cleared of all litter which should be burned. In the case of shrubs and trees copious spraying should be done. These precautions will do much to stem the tide of insect life that preys upon plants later in the season and will also do away with the troublesome fungus diseases that kill many sturdy stems. Planting is an art. Simply dropping the seeds on the ground covering them and letting nature do the rest, works to a degree, but best results are secured when full consideration is given to character of plant which is being given its start toward growth. There are few set rules governing general planting, save two. The first is "Be sure the soil is properly broken up to allow free circulation of moisture and an uncaked area for root growth." The second is "See that sufficient moisture is always available. Moisture renders plant food soluble and makes it possible for the roots to absorb necessary sustenance from the earth." After plants have begun to grow, a watch should be kept for plant destroying insects and fungus, for the reason that they many times undo all the work that has previously been done.

Has Nerve If Nothing More. London, March 7.—"Bisher, slightly bald and of no particular social standing, tired to death of the needy clamor of the young, thin, well-born and the well-educated, desirous to meet with some charitably disposed person of more money than brains, who will enable him to taste the sun-worship and secular joy of living in luxury on someone else's bounty," reads an advertisement in the Morning Post.

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