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## APPROPRIATION FOR COLUMBIA APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

Senator Chamberlain, as the Chairman, Has Limit Fixed at \$5,000,000.

### TO RUN THE GAUNTLET

Full Committee Has Yet to Pass on Amandment to Rivers and Harbors Bill; Oregon Senators on Guard.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 20 .-- With the tendency toward retrenchment in national expenditures it may be found difficult to secure the appropriations actually required for meritorius projects for river and harbor work. Oregon is greatly interested in this question and especially because of the improvements in Columbia river navigation which are contemplations and under way.

Senator Chamberlain as chairman of the subcommittee having these appropriations in charge has met with very gratifying success thus far in his efforts to keep all of the Oregon items in the bill, and he has even secured some increases over the original recommendations. The verdict of the subcommittee, however, will still have to run the gauntiet of criticism and possible objections in the whole committee, after which the bill will steer a somewhat perilous course on the floor of the senate.

#### Columbia Mouth Improvements.

Because of the many uncertainties attending legislation at this session, Senator Chamberlain has shown some reluctance about announcing what recommendations have been agreed on, but it may be said that the subcommittee has agreed to indorse the amendment to the rivers and harbors bill, introduced January 12 by Senator Chamberlain, putting the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia on a continuing basis and making the limit of cost \$5,100,000. This amendment reads as follows:

"Continuing improvement and for maintenance, including repairs and op-eration of dredge (act of March 4, 1913, 37, page 820, section one), \$1,000,-000: Provided, That the secretary of war may enter into a contract or contracts for such materials and work as may be necessary to complete said project, to be paid for as appropria-tions may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate \$4,100,000, exclusive of the amount herein appropriated.

#### Lane Asks Smaller Amount.

Apparently not knowing of the amendment offered by Senator Cham-Senator Lane on April 13 last also introduced an amendment fixing the limit of cost for this work at \$4,-000,000, but as the bill already carried an appropriation for \$1,000,300 which would be superseded by the adoption of the amendment, the result of the adoption of the Lane amendment would have been to make the limit of cost \$4,000,000 instead of \$5,-100,000 as proposed in the Chamberlain amendment. On this account the Lane amendment was not considered

by the subcommittee.

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