

DELEGATES AGREE TO MAN ON THE WORTH OF TUMALO PROJECT

Men Attending the Irrigation Congress Have Highest Praise for Work.

TESTIMONIAL TO OREGON Achievement of Making Success of Enterprise in Face of Repeated Failures Is Complimented.

Although delegates from central Oregon are said to have been divided on several irrigation questions which affect that part of the state when they reached Portland for the irrigation congress yesterday they all agree to a man on the worth of the Tumalo project.

There are nearly 150 of them in Portland today for the congress, and each has the highest praise for the work that has been accomplished by the state and by O. Laugaard, the engineer in charge.

At the caucus of the central Oregon contingent held Wednesday afternoon Laurence A. Hunt of Lower Bridge sponsored a resolution thanking the people west of the mountains for their share in making the Tumalo project possible.

Mr. Hunt lives some 15 miles from the project itself, but he has been over it again and again, and with experience in matters irrigation has convinced him of the superiority of state over private development enterprises.

"Most private irrigation enterprises have failed," said Mr. Hunt this morning, "but in the Tumalo project the state has stepped in for the first time in the history of this country and has perfected an irrigation project which is an unqualified success."

"It is a testimonial to the state of Oregon, and shows what the state can do for the individual in preparing the soil for him as well as developing the whole state."

Proposed Measures Will Be Discussed OKUMA MINISTRY IS LIKELY TO BE BEATEN OVER ARMY INCREASE

Cabinet to Take Increase to People in March, Following Defeat in Lower House. HIGHER TAXES UNPOPULAR People Believe Government Wants More Soldiers for Service in Europe and They Oppose Paying Such Bill.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Yokohama, Jan. 8.—If signs count for anything, the Okuma cabinet stands little chance for winning the election it probably will call in March in the hope of securing the necessary funds for increasing the size of the army.

In was because the lower house of parliament refused this extra appropriation that the ministry dissolved the session recently, announcing it would take its case before the voters in a national referendum in the spring. Since then it has been pushing an energetic campaign in support of its military policy.

Japanese Taxed to Limit. The fact is, however, that the Japanese already feel they are taxed to the limit of endurance. As will be remembered, the ministry preceding Premier Okuma's was shipwrecked on the question of more money for naval purposes, and indications are that the present cabinet will come to a similar end as a result of its insistence on an army increase.

Should it fail to carry the coming election, it is the consensus of opinion that its position will become impossible, and it will have to resign, though under the Japanese system of government this is not an absolute certainty, as in England, France or the majority of other European countries.

European Service Suspected. Even in the event of a victory at the polls, the actual attempt to pass the necessary legislation in execution of the ministry's plans would be likely to provoke grave disorders, just as the effort to put through heavier appropriations for the navy caused grave riots a month ago.

Despite all statements to the contrary, the belief is general that what Premier Okuma wants more soldiers for is service in Europe. Otherwise, it is pointed out, there is no reason why he should desire them. And sentiment throughout Japan is strongly against further interference in the European conflict. The people do not propose to foot the bill.

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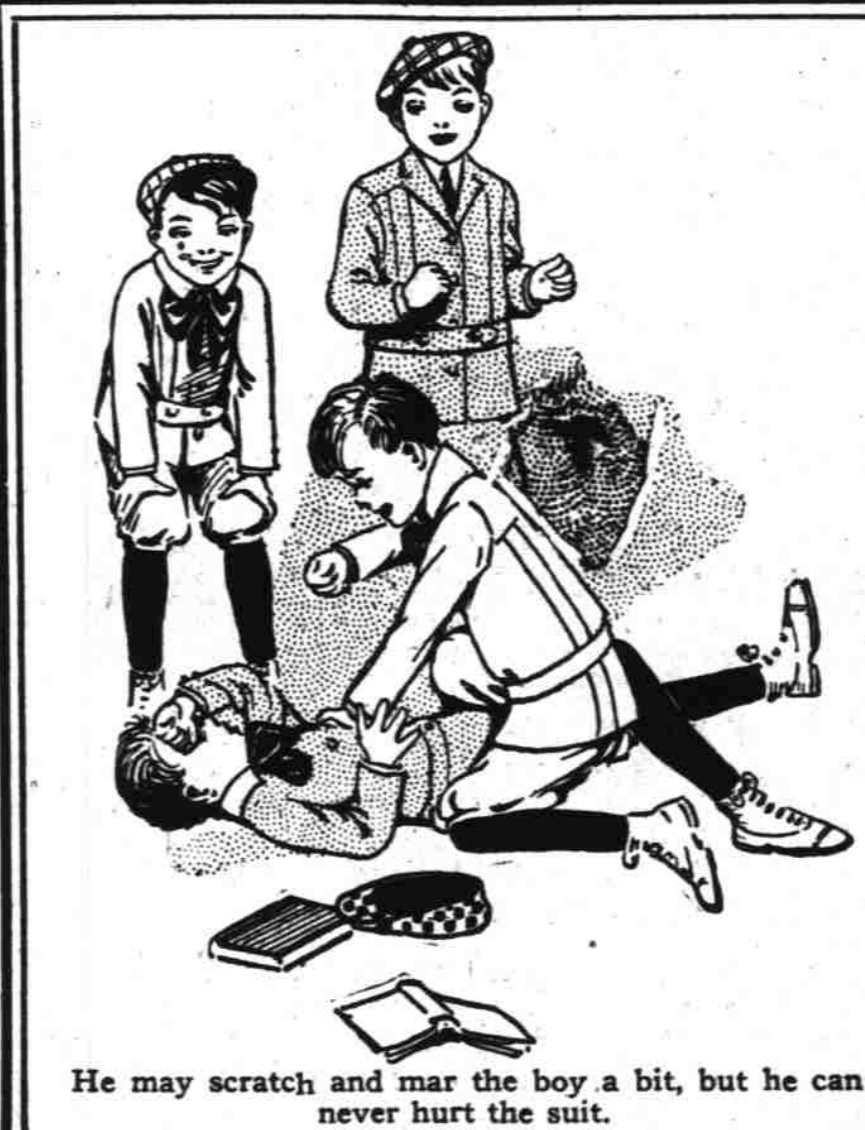
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