

SNAGGING OPERATIONS ON WILLAMETTE ARE NOT TO BE EXTENDED

No Funds Available for Clearing the River's Channel From Harrisburg to Eugene

COLONEL TAYLOR REPORTS

Says the Work Can Be Undertaken Only if Congress Authorizes It, Which Is Improbable.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Snagging operations on the Willamette river from Corvallis to Eugene, Or., were found several years ago to be impracticable at a reasonable cost, and for that reason nothing will be done in that direction unless congress specifically provides for it.

This is the substance of a letter received by Senator Chamberlain from Colonel H. Taylor, acting chief of engineers of the army, in connection with a request from the Oregon City Transportation company, which desires to extend its service up-river to Eugene. Funds are authorized to be used for aid to navigation at high water between Corvallis and Harrisburg, but nothing for the section between Harrisburg and Eugene. Originally the project covered snagging to Eugene, but this was discontinued in 1904.

Colonel Taylor summarizes the project, upon which money may be used as including the removal of obstructions and construction of controlling works to secure 12 feet at low water from Portland to Oswego, seven miles; dredging, snagging, dam and revetment work to secure a channel of two and a half to three and a half feet at low water from Oswego to Corvallis, 112 miles, and dredging in aid of high water navigation from Corvallis to Harrisburg, 33 miles.

In view of the positive feeling that no new projects or extensions are likely to be authorized by the next congress, there is little prospect for extending the scope of work on the Willamette.

Mexico Not Burning Issue.
Washington, Dec. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Mexico seems destined to occupy a much less prominent place in congressional discussion than seemed probable a few months ago. Still, many pages of the Congressional Record will be expended upon it, and several Republicans are expected to bring out those things considered most damaging to the administration, such as property losses, the number killed in the border, and troubles in aid of the Vera Cruz expedition.

Further, it will be argued that the day of intervention has only been postponed, and that General Carranza will remain in the task of restoring tranquility to his country. Some of the critics, not all, will argue that Huerta should have been recognized.

Defenders of the administration look to the success of Carranza to offset this criticism. They are satisfied that this country did not want war with Mexico, and the brighter outlook in the southern republic has already stilled much of the criticism. It is felt that the people of the United States are more interested in keeping out of war than they are in the fortunes of Mexican factions, and that in waiting until the situation had somewhat adjusted itself before extending recognition the country has not been injured in any degree as it would have been by sacrificing uncounted lives in an expedition across the border.

Express Earnings Growing.
Washington, Dec. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Statistics of the earnings of express companies for the month of July, making comparison with the same month in the previous year, just completed by the Interstate Commerce commission, show that all the companies are out of the "red," whereas, one year previous, the American and the Western were going behind.

The net result for all companies listed shows that they are recovering from the first shock of parcel post competition, which came along at about the time of the severest industrial depression and an operating income of \$697,124 is announced for the

month of July, compared with only \$194,540 for July, 1914. Total operating revenues increased only a little more than \$200,000, but the companies succeeded in cutting their operating expense in the sum of \$290,000, and the amount charged to taxes was \$5000 less.

Denies Request of Fairbanks.
Washington, Dec. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—The postoffice department, through Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster-general, has made unfavorable report on the request of the Fairbanks Commercial club of Fairbanks, Alaska, for more expeditious handling of second class mail from Cordova during the winter months. Senator Chamberlain has had the matter up with the department.

School Difficulty At Seaside Settled

Controversy Is Amicably Adjusted at Big Mass Meeting, at Which Mayor-elect Paget Presided.

Seaside, Or., Dec. 5.—A mass meeting was held in the K. of P. hall Saturday, to try and straighten out the union high school difficulties. Letters were sent out to invite all voters of the outlying districts to be present. A large number responded and filled the place.

Honorable J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, County Superintendent O. H. Byland and District Attorney Mullins came down to help unravel the tangle, and succeeded in obtaining the good will of all present. Mr. West, one of the pioneer men of Seaside, gave the best talk of the afternoon. Mayor-elect Paget presided. A hot luncheon was served.

Eugene Yards of S. P. Are Improved

Eugene, Or., Dec. 5.—The work of improving the track in the local yards of the Southern Pacific company was started Saturday by a large crew of men. The main line will be ballasted with crushed rock from Lincoln street on the west to Pearl street on the east, and a line of drain tile will be placed between the tracks extending between these two streets. One great difficulty in maintaining the tracks in the Eugene yards for years past has been the lack of proper drainage, and it is believed that with this drain tile carrying off the surplus water, the tracks can be kept in much better condition.

Potter Is Candidate.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 5.—E. O. Potter, a well known attorney of Eugene, has announced his candidacy for the circuit judgeship on the Republican ticket. He is a native of Lane county, born near Irving in 1850. He was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1877 and three years later from the law school of that institution in Portland. He is a former county judge and is now a member of the Oregon bar.

"Jeffs" Organized For Charity Work

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 5.—Not to be outdone by Portland and her order of Muts, Roseburg has a new organization, "The Jeffs," which has been organized for the same purpose—that of aiding the needy. Elbert B. Hermann, a local attorney, is sponsor for the new organization. Never before have so many people been desirous of providing provisions and supplies for those in unfortunate circumstances, as this year, and it is for this reason that the new organization has been perfected.

Brands Tumulty as "Liar or Trickster"

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—(I. N. S.).—"Presidential Secretary Tumulty is either a liar or a political trickster." This was the editorial comment Saturday by the Morning Star, the Catholic organ of the south, on the secretary's statement that a book issued here charging Carranza's men with brutal treatment of nuns and other Catholics in Mexico was untrue.

Great Britain takes, from the North Sea, enough fish to supply 20 pounds each year to each inhabitant.

12 REGIONAL BANKS TO HANDLE MONEY TO LEND FARMERS

Private Capital Will Supply Nearly All Funds Needed for Operation.

6 PER CENT IS THE RATE

Plan of Joint Rural Credits Committee of House and Senate as Outlined by Congressman Hawley.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—The joint rural credits committee of senate and house probably will recommend legislation establishing a federal farm commission, with 12 regional banks, under a plan of loaning money to farmers at 6 per cent, the money to be supplied almost entirely by private capital.

This is the statement of Congressman Hawley of Oregon, a member of the committee. This plan will be in line with the idea of the administration, and it was well understood at the last session that President Wilson was inclined to veto any bill that included a scheme of extensive government aid.

Outline of Plan.
This is the main outline of the plan as given by Mr. Hawley: Establishment of 12 regional banks, composed of the secretaries of the treasury and of agriculture and one other member, the latter to be the executive head of the system.

Establishment of 12 regional farm banks, each with a capital of \$1,000,000. Subscriptions to this stock to come from private sources, with a provision that any deficiency, which it is expected would be small, be subscribed by the government.

How Loans Are to Be Made.
Loans to be made on application of a group of 12 or more farmers, chartered for the purpose on three different plans, which will include individual liability loans, collective liability and joint liability.

Borrowers to pay in \$50 for each \$1000 borrowed, this having been shown by experience in other countries as a sum sufficient to constitute a credit basis for such purposes, this providing a safe continuity for the system.

Rate to Be Six Per Cent.
Bonds to be issued as mortgages are made, the amount of bonds and mortgages to be kept approximately equal. Bonds to bear a probable interest of 4 per cent, to which will be added 1 per cent for administrative cost and 1 per cent for an amortization fund. This makes a cost of 6 per cent to the borrower, but in this he will be paying up principal as well as interest.

In this way, through the issue of new bonds and accumulation of funds, the system is to gain headway as it goes and to take care of itself from the financial side.

Based on Experience.
All of these provisions, says Mr. Hawley, are based on practical experience elsewhere, as the committee does not intend to take up new adventures, and the system can be changed, if necessary, to adapt it more perfectly to American needs. It had been hoped to reduce the interest rate below 6 per cent, and some effort will, no doubt, be made in that direction when the matter comes up in the house.

Extensive hearings have been given by the committee, and it is expected that substantial aid will be given by the administration in urging the enactment of legislation on this subject at the coming session. President Wilson recently indicated his desires along this line in a talk with Senator Fletcher of Florida, who is chairman of the rural credits commission.

Senator Chamberlain's Bills.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Among the measures to be introduced by Senator Chamberlain early in the session are the following:

Providing for experimental oil well boring in semi-arid sections.

Giving veterans of Indian wars the same pensions as are granted those of Civil war.

Authorizing federal district courts to parole prisoners convicted of criminal offenses. Some courts have exercised such authority, others had against it.

Authorizing the president to appoint a commission to investigate shipping conditions.

Apply Swiss military training system to United States, with certain modifications.

Senator Chamberlain will also introduce a bill dealing with the Oregon & California land grant. The draft has not yet been made. Representative Hawley will propose a bill directing sale of the lands at \$2.50 an acre, under terms of original grant.

One of Representative McArthur's first measures will be one directing the secretary of the interior to turn 240 acres adjoining Benson Park to the city of Portland.

Oil Steamer Rehearsing Asked.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Attorneys for the Southern Pacific company have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission a brief in support of their effort to secure a rehearing on the commission's order requiring the company to dispose of its interest in oil steamers transporting oil from California to the Pacific northwest.

It is asserted that these steamers, in which the Southern Pacific is interested through its part ownership of the Associated Oil company, could not be competitors of the railroad, as the railroad cannot meet water rates on the long haul to Portland except at a rate below the "out-of-pocket" cost the loss being still greater to points a further north.

Star Route Order Rescinded.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The postoffice department's order of November 9, establishing a star route service from Juntura to Riverside, Or., has been rescinded.

Chance for Oregon Printers.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Oregon printing firms will be given opportunity to compete with the government printing office for the publication of reports of the reclamation service, according to

information received by Senator Chamberlain, who recently inquired into a complaint from the Ben Franklin club of Portland. The club urged that public documents dealing with Oregon projects should be printed in the state. It is further stated that contract for printing a report on the Silver Lake reservoir has been awarded to the independent Printing company of Portland.

Roseburg Federal Building.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Plans for the new federal building at Roseburg, Or., will be ready in February, according to information received by Representative Hawley from the office of the supervising architect of the treasury. Bids will be called for soon after, and it is thought construction can be begun in June.

CONFIDENCE IS VOTED IN THE GOVERNMENT BY ITALIAN DEPUTIES

Premier Salandra Says Situation Is Grave but Victory Is Ultimate Result.

Rome, Dec. 5.—(I. N. S.).—Confidence in the government was expressed in a motion carried in the chamber of deputies yesterday by a vote of 405 to 48. One deputy abstained from voting. Another motion, which was adopted by declaration, expressed confidence in the army and navy.

The vote was taken following a speech by Premier Salandra, who declared that the government is fully aware of the gravity of the situation, but said there is no doubt as to the ultimate result.

Defends His International Policy.
The premier's address was confined chiefly to a defense of his international policy. He said:

"I have considered it inopportune in this trying hour to make any additional declaration concerning our international policy. Italy has been fighting to secure the hegemony of the Adriatic and to carry out its mission of civilization in the Balkans."

The premier reaffirmed his belief in the final victory of the allies and then launched into a defense of the censorship. Excited protests from the socialists ensued, when, after admitting the defects of the censorship and assuring the deputies that the censors were working with impartiality, the premier stated that should certain sections of the press attempt to weaken the combative spirit of the country he would use his powers of censorship to the extreme limit.

Signor Capelli Hissed Down.
Leading in the protests of the socialists was the voice of Signor Capelli, vice president of the chamber, who is aligned with the anti-war party. Each was the opposition aroused against the socialist demonstration that Signor Capelli was prevented from speaking and was hissed down.

It was at the climax of this scene that the motion for the vote of confidence in the government was put and carried down by an overwhelming majority.

YAQUIS DETERMINED TO KILL VILLA, BRING CARRANZA HIS BODY

Warriors Chasing Fatigued Remnant of Rebel "Army"; Former Friend on Trail.

VILLA NEAR END OF ROPE

Villa Trying to Escape General Estrada—Horses Fagged and Dying—Some Fugitives Have to March Afoot.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 5.—(U. P.).—While Francisco Villa and his exhausted followers flee through the Sauhuapipa district, 200 miles south of the border, today, they are pursued by Villa's former friend, Urbalejo, and 200 Yaqui Indians, determined to hunt down the demoralized rebels and carry the body of their leader to Carranza headquarters.

This report was made today by General Manuel M. Dieguez, Carranza military commander of the states of Sonora, Sinaloa, Tepic and Tlaxico, who is here for a conference with General Obregon.

Dieguez made the report to Captain Frederick G. Knabenshue, Twelfth cavalry, brother of Roy Knabenshue, the second son of Dieguez told Knabenshue that after Urbalejo and his men surrendered at Tonichie the Indian offered his services to the Carranza government, promising to follow Villa to the death and bring back his body as proof of victory.

General Trujillo, another Villa commander, surrendered in person to Dieguez at Hermosillo.

Reports from the fighting zone today indicated that Villa was "near the end of his tether." In addition to the Indian pursuit, Villa is trying to get away from General Estrada's Carranzistas, who have already beaten and scattered his rear guard under Colonel Jesus Beltran. This Beltran is the man who was reported to have killed the American, Edgar Beane, at Cananea. After scattering Villa's rear guard, Estrada sent back couriers to report that the Villista horses were worn out and falling dead by the wayside. Many of the remaining animals are carrying two or three men, and other fugitives are marching afoot.

Body of Unidentified Man Found by Boys

Hogquiam, Wash., Dec. 5.—While trapping skunks Sunday, boys discovered the body of an aged man near the rock quarry in East Hogquiam. The body was wrapped in a blanket, giving the impression that the man had stopped to rest and died. The state of the body indicated that death came two or three months ago. The identity of the man has not been established.

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