

McNARY ACT WILL PASS, IN OPINION OF WILL R. KING

Congress will pass the McNary reclamation act before next May. In its present form the measure will make more than \$2,000,000,000 available for reclamation of arid, swamp and logged off lands within a period of 25 years. The government will be fully reimbursed.

Such, in a paragraph, is the belief of Will R. King, former solicitor of the reclamation service and former justice of the Oregon supreme court, but who is today registered as "attorney and counselor of Washington, D. C." at the Multnomah hotel.

"The adoption of the McNary bill will inaugurate the greatest constructive policy of this country since the enactment of the homestead act," Judge King declared.

WINNING OF WEST

"It will result in the reclamation of an area greater than Belgium, France and Italy combined. It will bring into fruition an area as great as the British Isles and pre-war Germany combined. It will mean the real winning of the West. The effect upon the rest of the country will be incalculable.

"But it will have tremendous results in the life of the nation as a whole. As originally proposed, the McNary bill contemplated the reclamation of 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 acres of arid land through the utilization of \$250,000,000 as a revolving fund. That fund, with its turnover, would have amounted to \$1,414,175,568.75 by 1954.

SWAMP LANDS INCLUDED

"The modified bill takes in swamp lands. It contemplates a reclamation of 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 acres. In its territory it will become more than \$2,000,000,000.

"The modification of the McNary bill means that the measure will have the support not only of the West but of the South and Northeast. It means that sufficient support is now assured for its passage.

"The entire operation will be under the irrigation district plan with five-year turn over periods applied to regulated units. As soon as the lands are found to be double the assessed valuation due to reclamation, the bonds may be sold and the money returned to the government.

"The results will prove so great as hardly to be within the grasp of our first imagination on the subject.

"When eventually reclaimed the area contemplated under the bill as I have said will equal the combined area of Belgium, France and Italy, where they have a population of over 80,000,000; it will equal the area of the British Isles with pre-war Germany added, with 100,000,000 of population. When all this is taken into consideration I think the fears so frequently expressed of the excess production and competition lines merely means this, that to make the suggestion is to answer it.

BENEFITS ENORMOUS

"By this bill a way is provided to double our population, double our military strength, double our ability to pay in the World War debt, double our national happiness, double the standing of the nation many times not only in fact, but in the eyes of the world."

Judge King says he is happy to be returned to private life and that he has no intention ever to seek public office again. He came west to settle a case in Montana and took advantage of his proximity to visit his daughter Myrtle, who with a companion made a picturesque and somewhat spectacular trip across the continent last summer. She is now teaching at Canby.

TEMPERATURE AT EGGENE
Eugene, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Tuesday, the sixth day of the cold snap, found the thermometer at Walling River into one of coat collars while walking the ice-coated streets. The mercury went down to 19 degrees above zero Monday night, the coldest weather so far this year.

Nipping winds from the north and northeast added to the discomfort. No snow fell Monday night, but Monday's thin layer of white lays on the ground. It is practically one frozen half inch sheet of ice.

TEMPERATURES CLOSE TO ZERO MARK
Joseph, Dec. 21.—Wallowa county is having its first real cold weather of the season. For three days the temperature has been close to zero.

YEAR'S COLDEST DAY IS RECORDED; SNOW FALL ON ROSEBURG
Roseburg, Dec. 21.—The coldest weather of the year, 21 above zero, was recorded here Tuesday. Snow fell the greater part of the day and night, with every indication of more snow during the next 24 hours. Broccoli is the only crop about which any anxiety is felt, but so far this crop has not been harmed to any extent.

TROUBLE IS EXPERIENCED KEEPING SCHOOLS WARM
Estacada, Dec. 21.—With a strong and piercing east wind, the thermometer registering 12 below, and the ground covered with snow, Estacada is shivering. Snow flurries, which began Saturday night, have continued much of the time since. Water pipes are freezing and considerable trouble is experienced at both grade and high schools in keeping the rooms warm.

NORTH BANK WARMER
White Salmon, Wash., Dec. 21.—The coldest weather up to Tuesday night here has been 18 degrees above, reported considerably higher than the low point at Hood River, across the Columbia river.

TWELVE DEGREES IN CENTRALIA
Centralia, Wash., Dec. 21.—With the thermometer at 12 degrees above zero early Tuesday morning, Centralia cold weather records of the winter were broken.

SNOW MIXED WITH DUST
Ione, Dec. 21.—A fine, dry snow began falling here early Sunday morning and was continuing Tuesday, accompanied by an east wind. All day Monday the snow was mixed with a fine yellow dust.

IRISH MAY VOTE ON PEACE PACT
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That if no vote is taken Friday Dail will adjourn over Christmas.

DE VALERA ASSAILED

In the midst of a slashing attack on de Valera's policy, Sean Milroy, a deputy supporting Arthur Griffith and the treaty, sprang a bombshell by reading in open session the "oath" prescribed by de Valera as acceptable to him. The "oath" made no mention of the republic but pledged allegiance to the king, differing in its wording only slightly from the oath prescribed by the treaty. Milroy wrung from de Valera the admission that he has an alternative document "in an slightly different form but substantially the same" as the peace treaty signed in London.

"Then I am going to publish it," Arthur Griffith interjected. "I am going to fight to a finish," Milroy continued. "How would you like the following oath instead of the one in the treaty? Thereupon he read from a document taken from his pocket:

ALLEGIANCE SWORN

"I swear to bear faithful allegiance to the constitution of Ireland and to the treaty of association of Ireland with the British commonwealth of nations and to recognize the king of Great Britain as the head of the associated states."

"Is that more acceptable than the other oath?" he demanded.

"No," shouted de Valera's followers. "The," Milroy said, dramatically, "I am surprised. The cat is out of the bag. That is de Valera's own oath."

Immediately the Dail Eireann burst into a wild and a stormy battle of words. A heated exchange took place between the president and Griffith in which the conservative leader demanded immediate publication of all documents in the case to which de Valera finally agreed.

Reading the de Valera oath again, Milroy said:

"That is de Valera's shadow. Now you know what you are going to war for."

SNOW FLURRIES AND COLD ARE FORECAST
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Tuesday, however, and found the ice fairly solid, though rough in spots.

LOGGING AT STANDSTILL

MILL CLOSING PROBABLE

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 21.—Logging operations are virtually at a standstill in Pacific county and may force a brief shutdown of mills if logs are not available. The present cold snap has not available. The present cold snap has not available. The present cold snap has not available. The present cold snap has not available.

BLIZZARD AT SHANIKO; SNOWING AT THE DALLES

The Dalles, Dec. 21.—Following the severe blizzard-like conditions which set in Tuesday morning, the snow was still falling Tuesday night, with a total of about 6 inches on the ground, although the storm is not comparable with the devastating one of a month ago.

The maximum Tuesday was 22 degrees above zero. A low mark of 17 was reached during the night but Tuesday evening the mercury was steadily falling, and with the strong east wind still continuing, zero weather is looked for.

Facts From U. S. Census

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LICENSES GRANTED FOR OPERATION OF ROOMING HOUSES

Licenses to operate rooming houses and hotels were granted this morning by the city council to Mrs. N. E. Stover, 631 1/2 Hood street; Stella A. Fisher, 245 East Broadway; William Higgins, 228 1/2 Fourth street; Peter Bossert, 107 1/2 First street; Mrs. T. J. Lavassner, 363 1/2 First street, and to Mrs. Ada Dalton, 289 1/2 First street.

The application of Richard Shepard to use the Little theatre, 58 Twenty-third street, to exhibit drama plays and moving picture films was referred to the commissioners of public works and affairs.

The application of Aram Aktericam and Gazel Kalehian to conduct a coffee house at 26 North Fourth street was denied on the grounds that the location was undesirable. In denying the application the council stated it was being done with due regard to the character of the two men and stated that if any other location could be found favorable action would be taken.

APARTMENT HOUSE PLEA WILL BE RECONSIDERED

Raleigh Trumbull appeared before the council this morning asking that the recommendation of denying permission to the Trimble estate to erect an apartment house on St. Clair street be reconsidered. He said that the apartment was to be a two-story building and in accord with the general type of structures in the neighborhood. The council decided to reconsider the matter and hold a public hearing next Wednesday.

The remonstrance to the application was signed by Wallace MacCamman and 18 others.

CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORIZED TO SUE AMERICAN CAN CO.

Authority was granted the city attorney to file a suit against the American Can company for damages to the sewer at the foot of Fourteenth street. It is claimed that improper construction of the can factory broke down the sewer and that the amount of damage is \$1130.

SEWER BIDS OPENED

McNary Brothers were the low bidders for the construction of the sewer in East Eighty-fifth street. Bids opened this morning showed that the firm bid \$2870.50 for the contract. The sewer is to be from Burnside to Stark streets.

WASHINGTON AMUSED OVER PACT BREACH
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brought in to complete the picture. Here enters also Great Britain to fight the submarine, probably not hoping to eliminate it, but to reduce the quotas proposed by the American plan to knock out the long radius type suited for offensive warfare on the high seas.

Thus it appears that the conference will have a long road to travel before naval ratios can be announced.

SENATORS URGE HARDING TO MAKE RESERVATION

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Harding will be urged by Republican senators to approve a reservation to the four-power treaty, thereby making it clear that the United States is not bound by the pact to safeguard the territorial integrity of Japan.

Senator Borah today prepared a reservation to Article II of the treaty providing that in carrying out the article none of the powers shall be obliged to use force.

There were intimations today in administration circles in the senate that Harding might himself suggest that reservation when he submits the treaty and thus iron out the difficulty caused by the difference of opinion with the American delegation on this point.

At the White House it was indicated President Harding's present intention is not to attempt to force the pact through the senate, because of his disagreement with the American delegates as to its meaning, but to leave that to Secretary Hughes and Senator Underwood.

Meanwhile, Senator Borah is demanding that the treaty be rewritten so as to leave no doubt as to its meaning.

"There is no proper reason," he said, "why the language of the treaty should be permitted to remain so ambiguous."

Irreconcilable senators today predicted that the four power treaty would go down to defeat under an avalanche of adverse public opinion as the result of Harding's statement.

LECTURE ON THIBET AND MUSICALS ARE AD CLUB FEATURES

Thibet, land of the daring expedition to Mt. Everest, and music, furnished equally approved themes today at the Ad club luncheon in the Benson hotel. The "Portland Exposition Quartet," composed of Miss Georgia Baldwin, soprano; Miss Vera Gertrude Shaver, contralto; George D. Ingram, tenor, and William Fraser Robertson, bass, with Mrs. Alice Rose, pianist, gave the piano, sang in behalf of the 1925 show with such spirit and harmony that they were roundly encored. Major Jack Hamilton, who was a member of the Young-husband Thibetan expedition, said Himalaya means "land of snow" and L'Hanna, the Forbidden City, "milk" because the milk white mists that forever hang over its 14,900 foot elevation. Everest, highest of the world peaks, reaches into the sky 29,300 feet.

Charles Kingsley, Ex-S. P. Conductor, Found Dead in Home

Charles Kingsley, 69, former Southern Pacific conductor, was found dead at his home, 418 Roseway avenue, late this morning, when Mrs. Kingsley returned home from a shopping trip. Inasmuch as no physician had been in attendance the coroner took charge of the body, which was removed to the Finley mortuary pending arrangements for the funeral. Death resulted from natural causes, which have caused Kingsley some suffering lately. The wife and a daughter in Texas survive.

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Little Girl Is Dead As Result of Burns Sustained at Play

Verna, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Zednik, 276 East Eighty-eighth street, died at St. Vincent's hospital this morning as a result of burns. The accident happened Tuesday afternoon and it was believed at first that she had fallen against the heating stove which set her clothes afire. The first intimation the mother had that something was wrong was when little Verna, with her clothes flaming, ran into the kitchen. While it was not fully determined, it is now believed that she set her little dress afire while playing with matches.

A report was made to Coroner Earl Smith and the body was taken in charge by Holzman.

EXPOSITION PROGRAM IS NEAR TO DEATH

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the decks to postpone that proposal and get it out of the way.

WANTS SPEEDY ACTION

The opening discussion revolving about the controversy showed that there is to be a hard fight for any fair legislation. Overtures strenuously objected to postponing consideration until this afternoon.

He said that the legislature had been called to hear the proposal of the fair management, but it had been kept dilly-dallying around with no concrete proposals laid before it until it had become the laughing stock of the state. He wanted to get right down to business, determine the matter one way or the other and go home.

Hindman objected to hasty consideration of the subject, insisting that it was too big to be hurried over, and joined with Kubli in the motion to put the entire consideration over until 4 o'clock, when the Griffith proposal could be printed and laid on the members' desks ready for consideration with all the others.

URGES POSTPONEMENT

When the special order was announced in the midst of discussion on the Kubli motion, Gallagher took the floor and suggested that it was always the part of an Irishman to be peacemaker. He said that he could see a storm brewing and suggested that the entire fair consideration be put over until early in the afternoon.

Bennett then made his motion for indefinite postponement and the battle was on.

Belknap cautioned the house against haste. He said that he thought the majority of the members believed that a fair would be desirable if some agreeable plan of financing could be worked out.

Bean suggested that the only difference between the Kubli resolution and the Griffith offering was that the first provided for a property tax, while the second substituted that for a gasoline tax; and he thought that the amendments could be printed, put on the members' desks and the subject taken up at 2 o'clock.

FAVORS PROPERTY TAX

He said he wanted the whole question to be fully and fairly considered and acted upon.

Bennet insisted that the fair management had abandoned the idea of a property tax and contended that to indefinitely postpone the Kubli measure was getting one way of clearing the air and settling the subject down to the definite issue upon which it now hinged.

Kubli said he still believed in the justice of a property tax and that he thought the Multnomah delegation did as a whole.

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Gordon said Multnomah delegation was not trying to force any plan down the throats of the other members but that it was attempting to have the matter given full consideration in the hope that an agreement could be reached by which the eastern and central sections of the state might be thrown into a fair program into the waste basket.

He said that the question of holding the fair was too big to be lightly or hastily considered, that if it was a good thing for Multnomah county it would be a good thing for the state as a whole provided some plan of financing it is worked out on a satisfactory basis to the upstate people.

He insisted to the house that all of the progressive legislation of past years by which the eastern and central sections of the state had been advanced and prospered had been enacted with the aid and support of Multnomah county and he contended that the outside state ought not to give the fair proposal full and fair consideration.

NOW BEFORE HOUSE

Ray leaned to the idea of the Bennett motion, insisting that the property tax proposal was a dead issue and that to pass the Bennett motion would merely be the elimination of dead matter out of the final discussion.

Then Hindman raised his point of order and the program was pulled out of the hole of Burdick's motion to table.

Now that the house has the fair program up before it, the whole subject will probably be kept before the house until it is settled one way or the other as far as the preliminary action of the house is concerned. Whatever is finally done by the lower house will most likely get over into the hands of the senate by tonight or tomorrow morning at the latest with a consequent chance for adjournment some time tomorrow afternoon or night.

Kubli's County Salary Bill Is Winner in House

State House, Salem, Dec. 21.—The house passed house bill No. 2 by Kubli authorizing county courts or boards of county commissioners in counties having populations of less than 10,000 to levy a tax not to exceed one-fifteenth of 1 mill to create a fund for the payment of salaries of help in county offices. The purpose of the bill is to restore salaries cut out of the tax supervisor and conservation commissioner.

All-Night Parking Is Prohibited by New Amendment

Amendment to the city traffic ordinance, wherein all-night parking is prohibited, was suggested in an ordinance introduced by Mayor Baker this afternoon at the request of Captain Lewis, commanding the city traffic squad. The new regulations, if adopted by the council, definitely forbid parking after midnight longer than four hours. Outside of the district bounded by Taylor, Twelfth and Oak streets on the west side and Belmont, Grand avenues and Sullivan's gulch on the east side, lights must be displayed on night-parked cars, according to the ordinance.

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