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RECLAMATION PROJECT MEN HOLD SESSION

Mistake Claimed to Have
Been Made in Forcing
Early Payments Before
Crop Harvested

FACT FINDING MEETING HELD IN SALT LAKE

"Moratorium" at Beginning
Would Make One at End
Necessary Is Claim

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—Reclamation in its varying moods testified before the fact finding committee today when the representatives of the Minidoka (Idaho) project, emphatically asserting their ability to pay dollar for dollar, followed the representatives of the King Hill (Idaho) project, who, after 15 years of struggle and adversity, finally announced that the project was hopelessly bankrupt.

These were followed by men from the Emmet (Idaho) project, who are to plant their first crop this spring and who hope to avoid the many pitfalls which have beset the reclamation efforts in the various parts of the country. Then as a conclusion of a diversified day came an echo of the strife between a commercial irrigation canal and the reclamation service, a matter which now is before the courts.

Plan Proposed

What was thought by some to be a basis for future success in reclamation work was hit upon by delegates representing one unit of the Minidoka project, who said that the government had made a mistake in forcing their early payments. Many farmers were thrown in arrears at the start because the first payments were due before the first crops were harvested. A "moratorium" at the beginning would make one at the end unnecessary, the witness stated.

In examining into the troubles of the Minidoka project the witnesses suggested classifying lands into individual projects in assessing charges. In answer to questions it was brought out that lands under the project could be divided roughly into three classes with gross production under normal conditions of \$75, \$50 and \$25 per acre.

Abolish Penalties

Moratoriums of three or five years, abolishment of the penalties which have been assessed the delinquents, an opportunity to pay the government its original estimate first and handle the excess later as supplemental contracts, were among the plans suggested. The last met with favor from many for the actual cost of most projects is much in excess of the cost first estimated by the government and the settlers maintain that the government should permit them to pay these costs first and then collect the excess.

The King Hill project is gone forever, according to Charles Stout, secretary of that project. Not if the government maintained the district for ten years would King Hill pay out, he testified. Too heavy maintenance costs and insufficient water, due to excessive under-drainage were given as the reasons for the failure of the project.

The Minidoka project, on the other hand, is not a failure, witnesses said, though over two-thirds of the settlers have become so much delinquent in payments that notices of cancellation of water rights have been issued. The estimated cost of the project was \$26 an acre, and the actual cost was \$56, said W. R. Griswold. Settlers have suffered the last few years, but they have made good farms and good homes, he said.

Profit Returned

The Minidoka project, he said, was charged with construction of the Jackson Lake storage and the

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair Saturday;
moderate westerly winds.
LOCAL WEATHER
(Friday)
Maximum temperature, 51.
Minimum temperature, 31.
River, 2.6 feet; stationary.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, southeast.

MEXICAN PROBLEM OCCUPIES CABINET; STATEMENT ISSUED

White House Says Flatly That Opinion of Texas Governor Will Be Respected by Federal Government—Acting Governor Still Hesitates, Neff Not Yet at Austin.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Mexican problem, particularly with relation to the attempted rebel blockade of Tampico, occupied cabinet attention today almost to the exclusion of other matters. For a time it appeared that some action to insure the freedom of American commerce with the port was impending but developments of an undisclosed character later prompted an authorized statement at the White House that the president was not expecting any difficulties on account of the Tampico blockade.

Before the White House statement was issued, the state department announced that on arrival of the cruiser Richmond at Vera Cruz, probably tomorrow, she would take aboard the 268 members of the crew of the wrecked Tacoma who are ashore in the rebel-controlled city under protection of American consul Wood. Captain Sharrow and 48 men of the Tacoma's crew are still aboard the stranded vessel and presumably navy personnel will remain aboard until wreckage or salvation operations have been completed.

GOVERNOR IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Governor Pat Neff of Texas, who arrived here today to attend the unveiling of the head of Robert E. Lee tomorrow on the Stone Mountain memorial, tonight declined to comment on the action of the lieutenant governor of Texas in refusing passage through American territory of Mexican troops.

FOUR INJURED IN AUTO CLASH

Russell Beckett Seriously Hurt, But Now Resting Comfortably

Four men were injured when a large automobile crashed into a truck on the Pacific highway about 2 o'clock Friday morning in the vicinity of Brooks. Russell Beckett, of Salem, is in Willamette sanitarium with possible fatal injuries; Harry Rich, one of the proprietors of the pool hall at the Terminal hotel, owner and driver of the automobile, is suffering from cuts about the head and hands; Walter Klein, partner of Rich, was cut and bruised, and H. M. Moore, the fourth occupant of the machine, also suffering as a result of the accident.

Moore denied that any of the party had been drinking, either on the trip or during the entire day. The men had driven to Portland to attend a prize fight, he said, and were on the way home when they met one of the large Willamette Valley Transfer company's trucks driven by H. Shavelin. Moore claims that the truck driver signaled for the other machine to dim but before Rich could work the dimmers, Shavelin turned on the spotlight, blinding the driver of the automobile.

The Rich automobile was practically demolished by the impact. As he came down the highway he applied the brakes, causing the machine to turn around twice on the slippery pavement before it crashed sidelong into the truck. Shavelin claims that he saw the automobile coming down the highway on a zig-zag course, and drove his truck to one side, with two wheels off the pavement and stood.

According to Bert Smith, deputy sheriff, who investigated the accident, it was apparent that Rich had been traveling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. He found a flask on one side of the road, upon which was written Rich's name. The bottle is said to have contained a small quantity of liquid thought to be a physician's prescription. The sheriff's office is holding the bottle and will find out the nature of the contents.

Not only was the automobile in which the four men had been riding nearly demolished, but the impact was so great that a large hole was smashed in the side of the truck which also received other damage.

The men were picked up by a passing motorist and rushed to Salem.

Foreknowledge that the department was preparing to issue some statement with relation to the Tampico blockade led to the strong impression that the sending of American war vessels to Tampico for the protection of American commerce and other interests was under contemplation. Cabinet officials did not deny that the question had been discussed during the day but the nature of the state department's announcement was the only word obtainable in official quarters with regard to the situation of the Mexican gulf coast.

Purpose Stated
It has been emphasized in connection with the warning from the state department to Adolfo de la Huerta, revolutionary leader against interference with American shipping passing in and out of Tampico, that the Washington government had made no restrictions.

In view of the evident desire in Washington to avoid, if possible any clash with the rebel faction it is conceivable that the state department reiterated in an official way the purpose of the Richmond's visit to Vera Cruz in order that there might be no misunderstanding of her mission.

Secretary Hughes was in conference during the day with representatives of American oil interests in the Tampico region and other fields but no word of what occurred was obtainable. It was evident that Mr. Hughes had indicated his desire that there should be no public discussion of the conference.

The visit of the oil men however, served to emphasize the delicacy of the present situation in Mexico. American holdings there represent very great investments and there are many Americans working in and about oil fields.

Situation Involved
The grounding of the Tacoma and the necessity of placing most of her crew ashore in rebel control in the territory undoubtedly has added to the complications of the situation in many ways. Not only must the welfare of the shipwrecked men be considered but until the Richmond arrives on the scene there is no American controlled means of direct communication with the rebels' capital city.

Lack of that means which the wireless equipment of the Richmond will supply, may be embarrassing somewhat to negotiations with the De la Huerta leaders for the purpose of keeping Tampico open to commerce. So far as known no communication has reached the state department telling of the reception by De la Huerta of Secretary Hughes' warning against interference with American ships at Tampico.

While the Tampico situation with the center of interest in the Mexican problem during the day, they exchanged correspondence with the acting chief executive of Texas relative to the request of the Oregon government to move troops through American territory formed another angle for official action. Rejection by the acting governor of the request was viewed as tentative in administration circles. It was indicated that further information to the necessity for granting permission for the troop movement would be forwarded to the Texas capital. It was flatly stated at the White House, however, that the opinion of the Texas governor would be

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MELLON PLAN STORM CENTER IN CAPITOL

Coolidge Tells Visitors He Thinks Plan Is Gaining Favor in and Out of Congress

SAYS HE EXPECTS IT TO BE MUCH CHANGED

Garner Will Fight for His Proposed Amendments in House if Necessary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Secretary Mellon's program for tax reduction was a storm center in legislative and political discussions today. While views for and against the proposed income tax rates were placed before the house ways and means committee at public hearings, the bill's course in the house was confronted with preliminary developments which majority leaders admitted threatened its major provisions. At the same time President Coolidge let it be known that he still intends to accept no compromises in the main principles of the treasury secretary's proposals.

Mr. Coolidge told visitors he believed the Mellon plan was gaining favor both in and out of congress, although he reiterated that he expected some changes in the bill.

May Be Changed

Republican leaders admitted that with the rules revision adopted by the house today it was possible the entire rate structure of the Mellon plan might be changed when the measure reaches the floor as a result of elimination of the rule restricting amendment of revenue and tariff measures. In this connection Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, democrat, whip announced and he would offer an amendment when the bill reached the floor to restore the excess profits tax, with lower rates, and Representative Frear of Wisconsin, insurgent republican member of the ways and means committee, sought support for his proposal to provide revenue for a soldiers' bonus in the tax bill in a letter directed to members of the house.

Representative Garner of Texas, author of the democrats' surtax proposal has declared that if he is not successful in the committee in obtaining normal income tax rates of two and four per cent in place of the three and six per cent rates suggested by Secretary Mellon, and higher surtax rates than those suggested by the secretary of the treasury he would seek to amend the bill to this effect on the floor.

Rate Endorsed

The income tax rates of the Mellon plan today received endorsement before the ways and means committee before the American Bankers league and the American Mining congress, while they were criticized by the American Farm bureau federation and the National grange, the latter proposing higher surtax rates. The surtax rates of the Mellon program at the same time were vigorously defended by Garrard Winslow, under secretary of the treasury in answering questions of committee members as to the probable effect of the plan on future revenue.

Election of Officers Business of Federation

Election officers for 1924 will be a feature of the meeting of the Marion County Community Federation to be held at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium at 8 o'clock Wednesday, Jan. 23. Joseph J. Keber, of Mt. Angel is president and A. N. Fulkerson, of Salem, secretary of the organization. Coffee and doughnuts will be served from the club room "bar" upon the arrival of members and their families, with refreshments again at the close of the meeting.

Harley O. White, president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, will make the welcoming address, followed by several two-minute talks on "What Shall the Federation Do This Year?" Mrs. Blakeley, professional visiting nurse of Portland, will speak upon "What a County Nurse Would Mean to Your Community," followed by an address by John L. Brady on "Community Life and What It Means to You."

Officers to be elected are president, vice president and secretary.

PARENTS FACE ARREST WHEN JUNIORS ROAM

Those Who Let Children Under 18 On Streets After 9 O'Clock to Be Arrested

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 18.—Parents of children under 18, who are allowed to roam the streets after 9 o'clock at night, are to be arrested and prosecuted under charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors, it was decided at a conference of juvenile law enforcement officers here today.

The second step in curbing juvenile crime and delinquency will be the arrest of pool hall owners, motion picture theater owners, dance hall owners who allow children under 18 to frequent their places after the 9 o'clock curfew hours, it was announced.

Store owners who sell cigarettes to minors will be henceforth charged with contributing to the delinquency of those minors, instead of the city charge of selling cigarettes to minors.

KOZER IS OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

Secretary of State Makes Public Statement Announcing Candidacy

Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, yesterday announced his candidacy for the Republican renomination and election for that office. Mr. Kozier has been secretary of state since May 28, 1920, when he was appointed to the office by Governor Olcott. Mr. Kozier was elected to the office to succeed himself at the general election of November, 1920. Prior to being appointed to the office, he served several years as deputy.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Kozier made the following statement: "In again seeking the Republican nomination for secretary of state, I am basing my candidacy solely upon my conduct of this important office, to which the people of the state so graciously elected me in 1920, and the discharge of the numerous duties in connection therewith during the more than three years past.

"Four years ago, when I was a candidate, I made the pledge to the people of Oregon that in the event I was nominated and elected I would, during my term of office, serve the people to the fullest extent of my ability, believing, as I always have, that a public official is, in fact, a public servant.

"That in the conduct of the state's business I would be guided by an intimate and comprehensive knowledge of its affairs and transactions and endeavor to give to it that high degree of efficiency which the people are justified in demanding of a public official.

"That as a member of the various state boards passing upon important public matters, I would endeavor to dispose of them in a careful and conservative manner, having always in mind that I was acting in the capacity of a trustee of the people's interests.

"I have earnestly and studiously tried to fulfill my conception of the obligations and duties of a public servant, whether in the disposal of some one of the many important public transactions falling to me individually, or as a member of one of the various state boards, and to practice such strict economy in the conduct of public affairs consistent with their proper administration. In this effort I have had the tireless support and closest cooperation of all members of the force of the department, and whatever has resulted from the conduct of its affairs is largely due to their loyalty and fidelity.

"The duties of the secretary of state are so many and varied, and cover such a broad field of operation that they bring him in immediate touch with nearly every citizen of Oregon. In their performance every effort has been made to transact or dispose of them in a uniformly courteous, considerate and efficient manner, whether the service rendered was small or inconsequential, or one of much magnitude and involving much time and attention, and it is my determined purpose that in the event the people of Oregon may again favor me with nomination and election to this high office, to continue earnestly to give to them the same conscientious application to duty and service."

REQUEST GRANTED

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 18.—A request by Premier Armstrongs of Nova Scotia to defer reductions in the wages of Cape Breton coal miners who quit work Wednesday has been complied with by officers.

FULL AIRING IS PROMISED DINES AFFAIR

Four Sided New Years Shooting Affray Has First Inning in Los Angeles Court Room

MISS PURVIANCE FAILS TO REMEMBER DETAILS

Says "I Do Not Know" or "I Do Not Remember" to Many Questions

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Complete airing of the Dines-Greer-Normand-Purviance affair of New Year's night, when Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man was shot by Horace A. Greer, chauffeur for Mable Normand, film actress was indicated in court here today when Greer was arraigned and the hearing continued until next Monday.

Dines and Miss Normand were not in court. The former is still nursing his bullet-punctured lung. The latter was said by her physician to be in a state of complete nervous collapse. She was operated on for appendicitis according to the physician's announcement, recently. Prosecutor W. H. Hanby indicated by statement today he intended to sift matters to the bottom and lost no time in doing so. He also repeated his earlier announcement that he would transfer the hearing to Dines' bedside if it became necessary in the speeding up of the process.

Has Legal Talent

Greer faced the court backed by a quadruple tier of attorneys which was taken by court attaches to mean that he intended to do his part in bringing out all evidence possible for the defense. He gained his first point today when his legal advisers obtained reduction of his bail from \$10,000 to \$5,000, but lost a second skirmish to wipe from the records the testimony of Edna Purviance, another film actress, a participant in the New Year's night party in Dines' apartments at which the shooting occurred and the only principal witness examined today.

Miss Normand already has declared that when she is able to attend court she is going to add her bit to the effort to bring out all the facts.

Memory Is Poor

Miss Purviance told the court she did not see Greer in the Dines apartment the night of the shooting. She explained she was not in the room in which the shooting occurred but heard noises like the cracking of a whip. Her memory and knowledge of what did occur added little to the information the court is seeking to gather as many of her answers were either "I do not know," or "I don't remember."

Chinese Gambling Den Is Raided

Salem Police Take Ten in Late Night Raid on Ferry Street Joint

The police raided a Chinese gambling den over Bin Sin's place on Ferry street last night just before midnight. Ten Chinese were taken to the station and are now at liberty, each having furnished \$25 bail.

Oregon to Be Visited Soon By Counterfeiters

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—Counterfeiters circulating spurious \$20 federal reserve bank of San Francisco notes are headed for Washington and Oregon points, according to a report received by a local detective agency today.

FLEET FIGHTS WITH "ENEMY" IN PANAMA

Atlantic Fleet Defeated By "Blacks" in Southern Waters Friday

(By The Associated Press)
COLON, Canal Zone, Jan. 18.—The American Atlantic fleet was defeated today by the "enemy" fleet in a two and a half hour engagement in Colon bay. By the victory, Admiral McCully, commander of the "black" or enemy fleet is believed to have gained control of the Caribbean sea and perhaps of the Panama canal.

The battle commenced at 9 o'clock this morning at the short range of 6,000 yards. At about 10 o'clock the "black" main fleet, screened by torpedo destroyers and submarines attacked the "blue" fleet commanded by Admiral Samuel S. Robinson. The "blue" submarines and destroyers were outside the breakwater and the battleships inside.

The active combat ensued immediately. Fort Sherman supported the "blue" forces with all possible vigor. At noon the "black" commander withdrew his entire force and broke off the engagement probably to replenish his ammunition.

The losses of the "blues" were heavy. Last night the "black" transport Henderson was sunk in the main channel entrance, partly blocking the channel. It is considered that today's action may have a decisive effect on the joint naval program which the Atlantic and Pacific fleets are working out.

The chief umpire tonight is summing up the situation arising from the successful attack by the "black" fleet.

MORE CHURCHES FOR MR. SUNDAY

Influences at Work to Bring Famous Evangelist to Salem in June

Influences are at work to line up all the evangelistic churches of Salem in favor of bringing Billy Sunday, world's most noted evangelist, to Salem in June for a series of evangelistic meetings. Some of the churches voted in the negative because of a conflict of the dates with Chautauqua week, but it is believed an adjustment can be made so this will not happen.

Two more churches took favorable action Thursday night on the proposal to bring Mr. Sunday to Salem. While there is now a majority of those that have voted on the favorable side, it is believed that Mr. Sunday would not come unless all were favorably inclined.

Mr. Sunday is still waging his evangelistic campaigns as vigorously as he did in his earlier years and is now somewhere in the east conducting meetings. He numbers among his friends and admirers many of the nation's greatest personages, not only among the clergy, but among editors, actors, scientists, literary folk and celebrities of the athletic world. Numerous magazine articles have been written about Billy Sunday, and wherever he preaches his sermons furnish front-page newspaper copy.

Convicted Wife Slayer's Body Buried in Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—The body of Omer R. Woods, convicted wife-slayer, pierced by four bullets from the rifles of a firing squad in the Utah state prison at 8:17 a. m. this morning, was buried in the Olivet cemetery here this afternoon, the plan for taking the body back to Wood's old home in Tennessee having been abandoned.

Woods met his fate this morning calmly and without a quiver. He protested innocence of the murder of his wife to the very last and continued to declare that A. C. Vadney, now a resident of Council, Idaho, was one of the two men who strangled his wife and then attempted to burn the body.

Compensation Not Due Step-Mother, Court Rules

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—A stepmother is not entitled to draw compensation for a deceased soldier, according to an opinion rendered today by Assistant Attorney General E. W. Anderson to C. W. Clausen as head of the state veterans' compensation bureau.

HOUSE RULES FIGHT ENDED; LINES DIVIDE

Republican and Democratic Leaders Join in Opposing Amendment Proposed by Madden

NEW RULES EFFECTIVE FOR USE ON BILL TODAY

Underwood Amendment Rule Repealed—New House Committee Is Created

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The house rules fight in progress since Monday ended late today with the adoption of a resolution providing, among other things, for repeal of the Underwood amendment rule, votes on discharge of committee on petition of 150 members, and creation of a new house committee to handle legislation affecting war veterans.

Party Lines Break

There was a sharp break in party lines in the vote on the motion by Mr. Madden, who is chairman of the appropriations committee. Its supporters, who included Representative Tilton of Connecticut and a number of Republican leaders, were those either opposed to the whole proposition of facilitating the discharge of legislation from committees of the opinion that at least a majority of the house members had been requested to sign petitions.

Representative Longworth, the Republican leader, joined Chairman Snell of the rules committee in opposing the Madden position as did Representative Garrett, the Democratic leader and Representative Nelson, leader of the Republican insurgents, who yesterday led a futile fight to reduce the rules committee recommendation of a minimum of 150 names to 100.

Mr. Snell declared that in the main the Republican organization got the best of the rules fight which was forced by insurgents as a condition to their voting for Speaker Gillett for reelection. The Democrats and insurgents by forming a coalition, he pointed out, succeeded in having the Underwood rule, which restricted amendments from the floor to tariff and revenue bills, repealed but they failed to muster enough votes to gain their point on the provision for discharge of committees.

Rules in Force

During consideration of amendments to rules today the house adopted one proposed by Representative Moore, Democrat, Virginia, providing that rules reported by the rules committee cannot be put to a vote in the house within 24 hours unless two-thirds of the house members voting so de-

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Friday in Congress

The cabinet discussed the situation in Mexico but no announcement of action followed.

The interstate commerce commission suspended temporarily its order for express rate reductions on foodstuffs.

The senate foreign relations subcommittee decided to begin hearings on Russian recognition Monday.

Senate investigation of "diploma mills" was begun by a committee headed by Senator Cope-land, Democrat, New York.

Representatives of organized labor urged the public agriculture committee to report on the Norris farm aid plans.

The elections committee declined to recommend an investigation of the election of Representative Miller, Republican, Illinois.

Director Hines gave the house public bill committee an outline of appointments and additions to veteran bureau hospital facilities.

The fight on house rules ended at adoption of a resolution providing, among other things, for votes on discharge of committee on petition of 150 members.

President Coolidge and his cabinet gave their approval to a plan for extending assistance to northwestern banks which are in difficulties.