

US Stake in Grand Coulee \$100,000,000

Solons Seek Added Funds

Oregon Benefits From Big Project to Extent of \$1,975,507

GRAND COULEE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The nation's stake in the uncompleted Grand Coulee dam, for which Representatives Leavy and Coffee, Washington democrats, sought the president's support for an additional \$8,000,000 appropriation today, was just under \$100,000,000 at the first of the year.

A bureau of reclamation report of all expenses since the dam was started, also released today, showed that payrolls and supplies on the project thus far were \$99,978,025 and that every state in the union had to some extent shared in the expenditures.

Equipment and supplies, nearly half of the amount cement which was mostly purchased in Washington, amounted to \$61,427,266 while the payrolls at the dam added to \$38,550,759.

The report included payrolls and expenditures of the bureau of reclamation, Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier company, the foundation dam contractors; Consolidated Builders, Inc., the present contractors, and sub-contractors.

Washington led the roll of states benefiting from the purchases of supplies with a \$31,311,556, most of it from cement, but nine other states had more than \$1,000,000 listed in benefits to them.

They were: California, \$5,604,848; Illinois, \$3,341,416; Pennsylvania, \$3,032,139; Indiana, \$2,601,278; Ohio, \$2,593,143; New York, \$2,469,875; Oregon, \$1,975,507; Alabama, \$1,569,928; New Jersey, \$1,214,639.

After the White House conference at which the two congressmen asked the president to support the additional appropriation for the dam, Leavy explained the \$23,000,000 appropriation for this fiscal year would be used up in March and unless more money was provided work would have to be closed down.

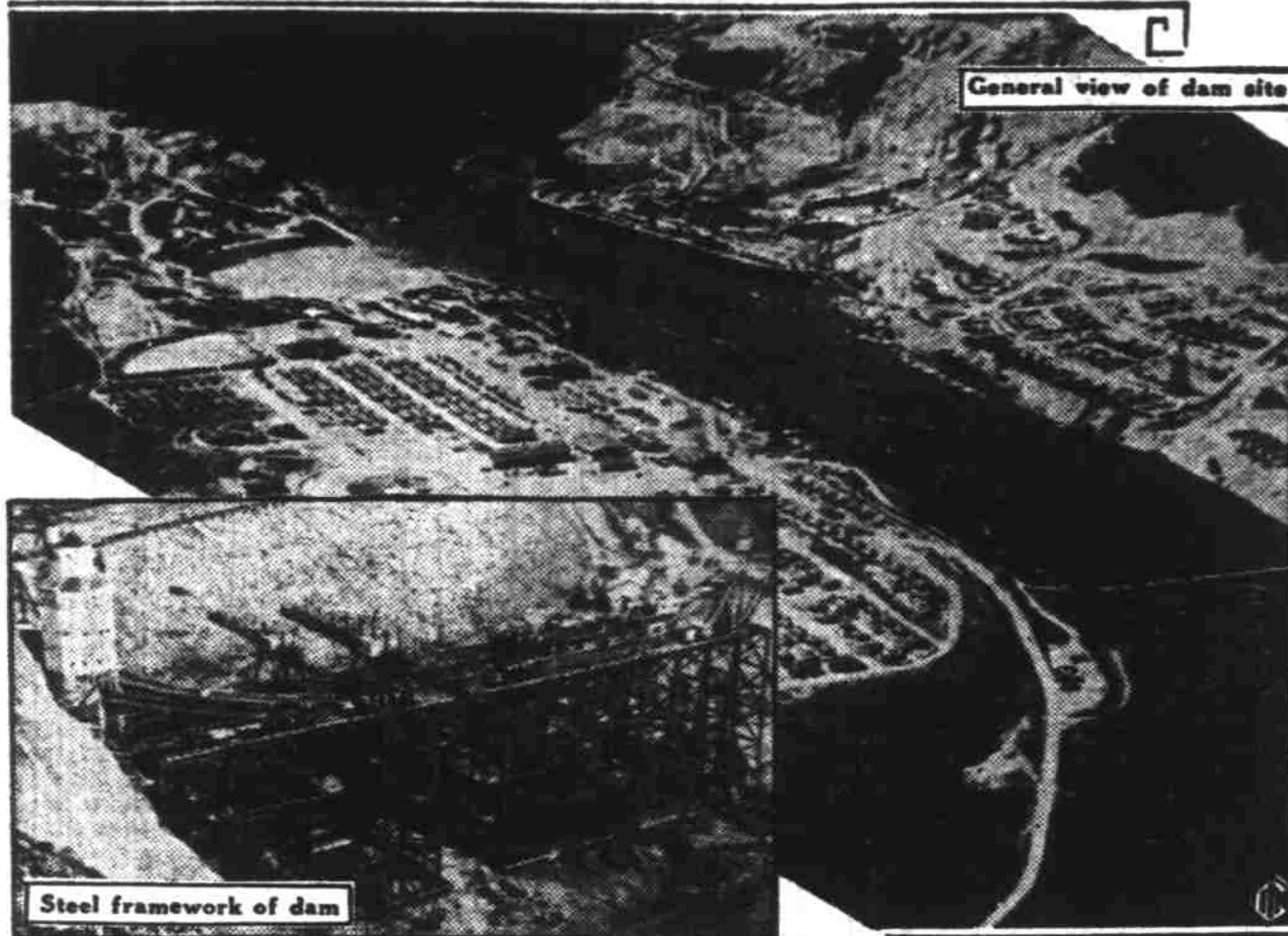
Because the Columbia reaches its flood stage in June, the suspension of construction might cost millions of dollars, he said, if the flood waters rolled over the unfinished structure.

The supplementary appropriation would carry the construction until the end of the fiscal year on June 30, when funds appropriated by the present congress are expected to be available.

Speeding up of work at the dam, through improved work schedules approved by the bureau of reclamation, has allowed the CBI to gain nearly eight months on their schedule for completion as originally planned.

All concrete in the main dam, the power house and the wing dam are expected to be poured by the end of the year, leaving only about 200,000 cubic

\$8,000,000 More Asked for This Project



Representatives Leavy and Coffee of Washington, both democrats, asked the support of President Roosevelt yesterday in their request to congress for an added appropriation of \$8,000,000 to carry on the work of the vast Grand Coulee dam reclamation projects. Above photo shows the dam in earlier construction.

Guarded After Extortion Threat



Eben Parsons, prominent attorney of Marblehead, Mass., is shown with his daughter, Estelle, 12. G-men and local police placed the girl under strict guard after her father received an extortion note threatening her life unless he left \$500 under a tree.

yards of supplemental and finishing work to be put in place in 1941. The completed dam and subsidiary structures will contain 10,800,000 cubic yards of concrete. The total cost, when work started, was estimated by the bureau at \$126,000,000. The greater Grand Coulee project, including clearance of the backwater reservoir along the Columbia river to the Canadian line, the irrigation reservoir dams in the Grand Coulee and the canals and ditches for the Columbia basin reclamation project, besides the dam itself, will cost roughly \$320,000,000.

Lewis' Outburst Excites Capital

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without the cake, because it had been broken in a truck jolting over Washington's snowbound streets. Bakers were set to work repairing the pastry so it may be presented tomorrow.)

Some senate observers said Lewis' policy seemed to be pointed toward disapproving one candidate after another until he had narrowed the field to the one he wishes to support.

Whether Lewis could command the full support of the United Mine workers for or against any question. Several of the mine workers' sister unions in the CIO already have endorsed Mr. Roosevelt for another term.

Senator Wheeler voiced surprise at Lewis' statement regarding the president, and challenged Lewis' contention that the party had failed to keep faith with labor.

Wheeler had been scheduled to attend a banquet tonight when was arranged by President Green of the AFL but friends reported that, after accepting, he had found that Mrs. Wheeler had made a prior engagement for him.

The banquet was given by the labor division of the committee for the celebration of the president's birthday in connection with the infantile paralysis drive. Green is chairman of the division. AFL officials said that Wheeler was among 20 or 30 legislators invited.

Power Resale to Follow Mandate

Ickes Tells Pierce That Proposed Engine Rate Had no Provision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The government will obey a congressional mandate for resale of Bonneville dam power to the public in accord with plans for low cost distribution, Interior Secretary Harold Ickes said today.

There were no provisions for resale rates in a contract under consideration for Eugene, Ore., the secretary said in a letter to Rep. Walter M. Pierce (D-Ore.), but the document did contain a statement of principles of operation consistent with the local situation.

Ickes added that it guaranteed local control in plant operation and power policy.

Resale rate provisions were not contained in the contract with a Portland utility, Ickes wrote, because it was purely a temporary agreement to take care of a serious power shortage in the area pending negotiations for a long-term contract with resale rate provisions.

It is a general Bonneville policy, he explained, to include in such provisions concerning resale as are necessary to assure that full benefits of low cost power will pass through the distributor to the ultimate consumer. The administration hopes, the letter stated, to encourage the widest possible use of electric energy and to make rates reasonable and non-discriminatory.

Purposes of the Bonneville act can be achieved in some instances, Ickes said, without including resale rate provisions. Eugene has a "long and successful operating record and low rates" was placed in this classification.

Law Enforcement Autos Excepted

The law providing that state-owned automobiles shall be lettered with the name of the department to which they are assigned, followed by the words, "State of Oregon," does not apply to automobiles used in law enforcement work, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled here Wednesday.

The opinion was requested by David Eccles, state budget director, and related particularly to cars operated by the law enforcement division of the state liquor control board.

20 Year Club Has Meeting at Dallas

DALLAS.—The members "20 year club" of the Mountain States Power Co. met for their regular monthly meeting here Saturday night. Members of the club are those who have been employees of the Mountain States Power Co. for 20 years or more. A dinner was served in the chamber of commerce rooms followed by a round table discussion.

About 30 were present for the dinner coming from Albany, Tillamook, Independence, Corvallis, Junction City, Springfield and Dallas.

E. J. Page of Dallas presided at the meeting.

Ballston Social, Sew Club Meets

BALLSTON.—The Ballston Sew and Social club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Yocum, vice-president, presiding.

Mrs. C. F. Gregg accepted the office of club treasurer on the resignation of Mrs. Norman Telford. Mrs. Gregg gave a report on the recent meeting of the Polk County Health association.

Present were Mrs. H. S. Fudge, Mrs. D. Mellema sr., Mrs. D. Mellema jr., Mrs. Joe Dauenhauer, Mrs. C. F. Gregg, Mrs. J. R. Bowman, Mrs. R. H. Brooks, Mrs. A. Van Gross, Mrs. C. E. Yocum.

Lafayette Downs Dayton

DAYTON.—The Dayton high school basketball team lost to Lafayette there Friday, 33 to 18. The Dayton girls' volleyball team won, 31 to 28.

Divers Honored



Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison presents the Congressional medal of honor and citation from President Roosevelt to William Badders, chief machinist's mate. Four enlisted Navy men, all divers, received the awards in Washington for "extraordinary heroism" in rescue and salvage operations on the submarine Squid.

Glamor Comes to New York



Glamorous Hedy Lamarr arrives in New York with her husband, Gene Markey, Hollywood screen writer. Hedy complained of the cold and was promptly ordered to bed by her physician.

How Long Germany Can Hold Out Is Question Only a Few Can Answer; Nazis' Economic Front Is Weakest

By MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER, BERLIN, Jan. 24.—(AP)—How long Germany, with raw materials constituting 40 per cent of her imports in peacetime, can hold out against the wartime allied blockade is a question perhaps no more than a half dozen individuals can answer anywhere near accurately.

Estimates range from six months to eight years.

Nazis say they are prepared for a war of several years, but what their reserves are and the amounts it is necessary to import are military secrets.

It is no secret, however, that

the economic front is Germany's weakest. This point continually is hammered upon, although officials say the existence of food rations and exceedingly strict clothing allowances are a precaution, rather than a necessity.

That reserves are insufficient is indicated, nevertheless, by the stress officials place on Adolf Hitler's peacetime edict to the country that it "must export or die."

Without gold or foreign balances, the only way the reich can import is through exports. The blockade has trimmed foreign trade 50 per cent—completely

Griffith Doubts Benefits of PUD

PGE President Scouts Plan of Hydroelectric Commission

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The adequacy of the state hydro-electric commission's report on the feasibility of a public utility district for Portland was challenged today by Franklin T. Griffith.

Griffith, president of the Portland General Electric company, said the report was based on the theory the district would need only the portion of the system within the city, with government facilities and energy displacing hydro-generating and transmission facilities now serving Portland.

"A surgical operation is proposed whereby the head, legs and arms of the system may be removed and there be substituted therefor the tax-exempt facilities provided by the federal government," Griffith said. "This plan may be scientifically possible but it is utterly foreign to equity and fair dealing."

Griffith also pointed out that the commission based its probable earnings upon rates in effect during the 12 months ending August, 1939, and did not reflect the domestic rate reductions now in effect.

ruining overseas trade except in the Baltic.

Countries which the actual blockade can not touch—such as the Balkans, Scandinavia and Russia—have been delivering sufficiently to keep the war machine at its present slow speed. They could deliver more, but Germany hasn't enough railway cars, and the neutrals are refusing to permit their cars to leave home during wartime.

Germany is depending upon her back door entrance to the reich—the Balkans now and Russia later. Hence a close watch is being kept on allied moves like the British efforts to buy Balkan products for cash and the presence in French-mandated Syria of General Maxim Weygand's army.

Rumor here says the French World War hero's forces in Syria may be used to seize Russia's rich Baku oil fields. This and British cash purchases in the Balkans would combine to disrupt the flow of much-needed goods to Germany.

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