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ARMY ENGINEERS PAY VISIT TO PROJECT AT HERMISTON

INVESTIGATE EXTENSION

Practicability Will Be Deciding Element in Proposed Extension.

Spokesman of Investigating Board Instills Hope Into Local People—Ability of Land to Bear Reclamation Charge Will Be Chief Question Considered—Elaborate Banquet Served by Hermiston Ladies—Many Speakers Urge Extension.

The army engineers, they came and they saw. What they will do remains to be seen, but if they accept advice that was freely and frankly given at Hermiston last evening, they will order that the land lying under the project extension be conquered. That there is good hope for the extension being undertaken is indicated by the remark of Col. Langfitt, spokesman for the engineers last evening, that the chief question regarding the practicability of the extension has to do with how great a reclamation charge the land will bear. He was assured by numerous speakers that the land is such that it will be worth reclaiming, no matter what the cost may be.

As stated yesterday the board of army engineers arrived at Hermiston on train No. 6 yesterday morning. The entire day was passed by members of the party in visiting the land lying under the proposed extension, in viewing the reservoir and damsite, the headgate of the feed canal for the Umatilla project, the Cold springs dam and the land lying under the present project. It was after dark when the day's trip was finished and the party again reached Hermiston.

Meanwhile again had gathered in the west end metropolis for the purpose of meeting the members of the party and attending the banquet arranged in honor of the engineers by the people of Hermiston. Between 30 and 40 business and professional men were in the delegation from Pendleton and most of this number made the trip to Hermiston on the motor car. Prominent men were also in attendance from Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla and other points.

The Banquet.
At 9:30 an elaborate course banquet was served in the dining room of the Hotel Oregon and the capacity of the room was taxed, so large was the number of guests. The banquet was served by the ladies of Hermiston and was of such a character as to bring forth strong praise from those who partook thereof.

Col. Bailey, Toastmaster.
At the speaking which was taken up after cigars had been passed around, Colonel J. H. Bailey acted as toastmaster. He opened the discussion of the evening with a reminiscence of the first irrigation enterprise ever launched in the west end of the country.

Congressman W. R. Ellis was next called upon and devoted most of his time to an explanation of the repeal of section nine of the reclamation act. Section nine was the clause of the law which required that money collected from a state be expended within that state. As explained by Judge Ellis, the repeal passed the house because of the fact that some states contributing to the reclamation fund have no feasible projects yet, while the old law was in force the senators and congressmen from those states kept insisting that work be undertaken within their states.

Irrigation Brings People.
Senator C. J. Smith was the second speaker called for and in a brief manner he outlined the intense need of more irrigation in this section. He pointed out that during the past ten or twenty years the wheat section of this county has been on the standstill or upon the retrograde with respect to population and development. During the past ten years the population of the wheat section has decreased and the fact that the county population is now slightly greater than in 1900 is due to the adoption of irrigation within the county.

Hon. Wallace McCamant of Portland made an able argument in behalf of the extension of the project and upheld the doctrine that natural resources belong primarily to the people residing within the territory where these resources abound.

J. T. Hinkle was introduced as the father of the Hinkle project and discussed at some length the possibilities of irrigation in the west end. He urged that the engineers look with favor upon the extension.

car, Col. W. C. Langfitt, of the army board, was asked to speak in behalf of the board and to ask any questions he might desire of those present. His talk was one of the most interesting and significant of the evening. Disclaiming any intention of making a speech, Col. Langfitt frankly declared that the people of this section could answer one of the greatest questions involved in connection with the proposed extension. It is the question as to how great a charge settlers may be able to pay for the reclamation of the land. He indicated the cost might be \$60, \$75 or \$100 per acre and asked if settlers would be able to pay such a price for the land. Continuing he told of the function of the army board which is to pass upon the feasibility and practicability of projects now under consideration and their extensions. The board has nothing to do with the division of the \$20,000,000 to be received from the irrigation bond issue.

Director F. H. Newell.
Director F. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation service since the government took up reclamation work was next called upon to speak and the reception accorded him proved his popularity in Hermiston. Mr. Newell spoke briefly and like Col. Langfitt, stated that it was of supreme importance to the board to learn actual conditions and to secure accurate information as to how great a charge intending settlers will be able to pay for the land under the extension.

The Question Answered.
In order to enlighten the members of the party as to the estimated value of the land when reclaimed several prominent west end men were called upon. Col. H. G. Newport insisted that the cost of reclamation was of little importance. The land is worth reclaiming no matter what it may cost. W. H. Skinner of Hermiston also spoke optimistically upon this point as did D. C. Brownell of Umatilla. Mr. Brownell told from his own experience of the profits to be made from irrigated farming in the west end country. Will M. Peterson

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BALLINGER'S FATE TO BE FINALLY FIXED

COMMITTEE TO MEET AGAIN TOMORROW

Absent Members Hurrying to Scene—Senator Fletcher Formulates Report Upholding Glavis and Pinchot—Bitter Fight Expected.

Minneapolis, Sept. 8.—Representative Denby, member of the Ballinger investigating committee who was absent from the meeting yesterday, arrived today in response to a telegram. Representative Olmstead, also absent, wired he would arrive tomorrow night. The meeting will probably be tomorrow afternoon. It is believed the anti-Ballinger faction will be in control with a ratio of five to four.

Minneapolis, Sept. 8.—Senator Sutherland, who with Representative McCall bolted yesterday before the investigating committee took a vote on the Ballinger adverse report said today that the resolution was worthless. Sutherland admitted, however, that the anti-Ballinger forces stole a march and that yesterday's action was a surprise. Both are Republicans. Denby and Olmstead will be present at the committee meeting tomorrow. Representative Graham and Senator Fletcher are formulating a report upholding the Glavis and Pinchot charges. A tie vote is expected tomorrow. Senators Root and Flint will be absent tomorrow but will have the privilege of concurring which means a majority in favor of Ballinger.

Ballinger is Perturbed.
Seattle, Sept. 8.—In reply to his detractors, Secretary Ballinger before the Arctic club last night, said he was innocent of all wrong in office and he would pay no attention to "fanatics." Ballinger is much perturbed over the action of the five members of the investigating committee who tried yesterday to force through a resolution censuring him and ordering his removal.

Open Life Convention.
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 8.—Representatives of all the leading life insurance companies of the country were present when the annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters was opened in Detroit today. Many problems of importance affecting the life insurance business are on the program for discussion during the next three days.

CRIPPEN BEGINS LEGAL BATTLE

Accused Doctor and His Paragon Are Fighting for Their Lives.

DEFENSE SHAKEN BY EVIDENCE OF POISON

Chemists Testify Poison Was Found in Body of Dead Woman—Two Defendants Are Haggard—Former Acquaintance Testifies Mme. Levene Was Wearing Clothing of Mrs. Crippen—Dew Says Crippen and Wife Quarreled.

London, Sept. 8.—At the resumption of his trial today, Dr. Crippen looked haggard as did Mme. Levene. Evidently the announcement of chemists that they found evidence of poison in the body of the murdered woman has caused the doctor anxiety. Unless the defense will be able to throw out the poison as evidence, it is believed a staggering blow has been dealt to Crippen.

Mrs. Smythson, an acquaintance of both Mrs. Crippen and Mme. Levene, declared today she saw the latter wearing the clothing which was the property of Mrs. Crippen before she disappeared. About the same time, she testified, Crippen told her his wife had died while enroute to America.

Inspector Dew testified that Crippen told him he and his wife had quarreled the night preceding her disappearance and that Mrs. Crippen told her husband she would leave him for another man. Dew said Crippen said he had spread the story of her death to hide a possible scandal.

Dew also testified the relation of Crippen with his wife was strained at the time of her disappearance and intimated her temper had something to do with the cause of the rupture. The court then adjourned until Wednesday.

KAISER TO SEE MANEUVERS OF HIS IMPERIAL ARMY

Berlin, Sept. 8.—With bands playing, flags flying and the guns roaring out an imperial salute, the annual maneuvers of the German imperial army were commenced today, with Emperor William as an interested spectator. The scene of this year's military warfare is a great field on the Baltic sea, near Danzig and Koensberg.

A spectacular feature of the maneuvers will be the participation of the fleet in combined landing operations. Dirigible airships of the various designs represented by the Zeppelin, the Farveal and the Gross types are on the field and with biplanes of the Wright pattern and several varieties of German flying machines, will take part in scouting and reconnaissance work.

Two army corps are participating in the maneuvers today, with a total of about 85,000 men engaged. One division of each of the corps is clothed in the new gray uniform which is soon to be generally adopted by all branches of the service for field work. Princess Louise and other members of the imperial family accompanied Emperor William to the maneuvers. Both the Kaiser and the Princess are wearing the brilliant red uniform of the Death's Head Hussars, of which the young princess is honorary colonel.

BRIDE WILL WEAR 100,000 DRESS AT WEDDING

Newport, R. I., Sept. 8.—When Miss Irene Shafford weds Lawrence Gillespie tomorrow afternoon, she will wear the most expensive and elaborate gown ever seen in this country. It will cost \$60,000 and be made princess style of ivory satin and lace. The wedding is to take place at the home of the brides parents on Ochoe Point.

ANOTHER STAMPEDE CAUSED BY RICH ORE STRIKE

Victoria, Sept. 8.—The discovery of copper and gold in the mountains near the little town of Hope has started a stampede. The town is almost deserted. People with scant provisions are hurrying to the scene of the new find. Some good claims are reported staked.

LA FOLLETTE'S PLURALITY IS FIFTY THOUSAND

Milwaukee, Sept. 8.—The latest primary returns give La Follette's plurality as approximately fifty thousand. The plurality of McGovern, the insurgent for the governorship, will be about 15,000.

To Try Alleged Murderer

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 8.—Trial of Bertram G. Spencer for the murder of Miss Martha E. Blackstone, is to begin here tomorrow. It will be the first murder trial in this city since 1902.

TEDDY BURSTS A BOMBSHELL

Refuses Absolutely to Sit at Banquet Table With Senator Lorimer.

CHICAGO CLUB HAS PROBLEM ON HANDS

Illinois Senator, in Connection With Whose Election Charges of Graft Were Made, Aroused Stir in Windy City—Roosevelt Refuses Emphatically to Sit at Banquet With Him—Says Lorimer Represents Antithesis of What He Does.

Freeport, Ill., Sept. 8.—Colonel Roosevelt today emphatically refused to sit at a table with Senator Lorimer at a banquet to be given tonight in his honor at the Hamilton club, Chicago. Lorimer's election to the United States senate and subsequent charges of irregularity resulting in court legislative charges, caused the colonel's action. Some state legislators were indicted for bribery in connection with Lorimer's election.

The colonel said: "Lorimer represents the antithesis of what I represent in politics. In justice to myself I cannot sit with him at the table." "Gentlemen, I can't do it," he declared, determinedly, as the committee sent from Chicago met him. "If Lorimer is at the dinner even, I must refuse to attend."

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL OF WIFE MURDERER

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 8.—Sheriff Stevenson of Skagit county, with bloodhounds, is assisting Sheriff Vandant of Whatcom county today in a search for Geo. Reid wanted by British Columbia authorities in connection with killing his wife. The woman was found in her home at Clayburn, B. C., with her throat cut and skull crushed. Her husband's razor was by the side of the body. It is believed he is in hiding in a thicket of woods in this district.

THIRD TONG IN FRISCO IS DRAWN INTO WAR

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Extra police reserves are stationed in China town today owing to the renewal of highbinder troubles. An effort will be made to prevent a repetition of last night's shooting when in a crowded street filled with white tourists an On Yick tong member was killed by gunmen of the Suez Sing tong. The killing complicates the matter as the gunmen made a mistake. They believed they were killing a Hop Sing. The On Yick tong will probably now join in the combat.

ARTICLES WRITTEN TO EXPOSE STRENUOUS ONE

New York, Sept. 9.—The New York World today prints the first of a series of articles by George Earle, former receiver of the Penn Sugar Refining company, designed to show that Roosevelt, while president refused to prosecute the sugar trusts. Earle says these are being written because of Roosevelt's attack on the United States supreme court. Today's story says Earle asked Roosevelt and Bonaparte, then attorney general to prosecute the trust.

NATIVES OF ALASKA MADE BLIND BY DISEASE

Seward, Alaska, Sept. 8.—There are 117 cases of trachoma among the natives of southwestern Alaska. Dr. Joseph Romig, in charge of the native schools, started today on a tour of his district to treat a score of new victims of the eye disease. Several patients are already totally blind.

Fatal Fire on Battleship

Newport News, Va., Sept. 8.—An oil barrel in the fire room of the battleship North Dakota exploded today resulting in a fire in which it is believed three seamen were burned to death. Eleven more are missing. The explosion occurred within the Virginia capes. Admiral Schroeder aboard the hospital ship Solace started under a forced draft for the scene of the accident.

Expect Frost Tomorrow

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Private weather prophets who stick to the old "signs" are confidently predicting that Colonel Jack Frost will swoop down upon the central west tomorrow. It is alleged that the katydid is responsible, that cheerful insect having for ages been received as a weather prophet second only to the groundhog and the raccoon. Predictions of a frost, based on the peculiar song of the katydid, have come from many central states, and nearly all agree that September 9 is the date. Local sharps hold that this indicates a very heavy and general frost.

GIFFORD PINCHOT ADDRESSES CONSERVATION CONGRESS

OPEN NEW RAILWAY TUBES UNDER RIVER

New York, Sept. 8.—Direct railway connection between Manhattan and all points on Long Island, without the use of ferries, was established today by the opening of the tunnel under the east river. A complete passenger service was inaugurated today between the Pennsylvania station and the Long Island railway system. Through electric service will be operated from the Far Rockaway branch from Long Beach, from the Hempstead branch and from Jamaica, connecting with all steam trains to more distant points on Long Island.

The opening of the tunnel under the North river, the Pennsylvania railway now has a tube stretching from the Jersey shores of the Hudson under that river and the entire island of Manhattan and the East river to Long Island. To the traveler from the west to points on Long Island, New York will be less than a whistling station, since the passenger may, if he desires, pass under the metropolis and ignore its existence. The palatial new Pennsylvania station in Seventh and Eighth avenues and Thirty-first to Thirty-third streets will serve as a terminal for both the North and East river tubes. The new building is the finest railroad structure in the world. The ferries of the railway companies will be continued on both rivers for a time, but it is likely that they will be abandoned entirely when the traveling public has become accustomed to the tubes.

SAN FRANCISCO CAN NOW BOND HERSELF

Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 8.—The legislature at a special session today unanimously passed the constitutional amendment permitting San Francisco to amend her charter so she can bond for five million dollars for the Panama-Pacific exposition. Resolutions were also adopted endorsing the Taft administration.

NEW PHONE LINE TO WALLA WALLA

FIFTY MEN AT WORK ON THIRD TRUNK LINE

Pacific Telephone Company Making Improvements—\$20,000 Will Be Expended in City.

Fifty men, employed by the Pacific Telephone company, are now encamped in Byers grove in the east end of the city and are engaged in putting in a long distance line between Pendleton and Walla Walla. This will make the third trunk line between the two cities. In about eight or ten days a second crew will arrive to build the extension of the line into Pendleton and connect it with the local exchange.

About a week later a third crew is due to arrive to begin the improvements within the city which are to necessitate the expenditure of \$20,000, according to statements made by officials of the company. These will consist in the establishment of aerial and underground cables.

Some extensive improvements have also been made recently within the local telephone office building. A glass partition has been put in across the front and the methods of handling long distance messages in the local office has also been changed.

Local Manager Moore says the improvements will enable the company to render its patrons better service than in the past.

SENATOR ELKINS DENIES HIS DAUGHTER WILL WED

Elkins, W. Va., Sept. 8.—Senator Elkins today denied that he was in Europe where a rumor said he had gone to discuss plans for announcing the engagement of his daughter Katherine to the Duke De A'Bruzzi. "I am right here in the United States," said the senator angrily. "I have denied these silly rumors until I am worn out. My daughter is not to marry A'Bruzzi, she is not to be made a countess. I much prefer my daughter to marry an American than any nobleman living."

Cracksmen Secure Loot

Vallejo, Calif., Sept. 8.—Cracksmen opened the safe of the El Verano postoffice at Sonoma, California, today and secured \$600 in cash and a like amount in stamps. They escaped but a posse has tracked them to Napa. It is believed the robbers are working towards San Francisco.

Spinners in Session

Boston, Sept. 8.—With delegates from all the local branches represented by delegates, the International Spinners' Union convened in Boston today.

EXPLAINS HIS VIEWS

Deposed Chief of Forestry Expresses Conception of Conservation.

National Conservation Congress Closes Tonight—Fight Between State and Federal Rights Advocates Called Off—Pinchot Explains Needs for Carrying Out Safe and Sane Conservation Policy—Great Obstacle is Political Power of Special Interests, He Says.

St. Paul, Sept. 8.—The resolutions committee in the conservation congress by a vote of 43 to 4 adopted a plank favoring federal control of water power sites.

St. Paul, Sept. 8.—Tonight will see the closing session of the conservation congress. Shortly after the delegates were called today it was decided to eliminate the session planned for tomorrow and declare formal adjournment tonight. In view of this, running fights between the advocates of state rights and federal rights to control national resources were declared off and a truce declared while reports of the progress of the conservation movement in the various states which were advocated by conservationists were heard.

Introduction of politics into conservation affairs was the subject of addresses by Forester Allen of Oregon and J. W. Whipple of New York. All demanded that officials to whom the conservation of natural resources has been entrusted be permitted to prosecute their duties without political interference.

Pinchot's Speech.
"During the first part of the agitation for conservation," said Gifford Pinchot before the congress today, "conservation met with little opposition for it interfered with no man's private profit. From the beginning of the world the preaching of righteousness in general terms has been contemplated with entire equanimity by men who rise in violent protest when their own particular privilege, graft or advantage comes into question."

"Conservation has now passed into the stage of a practical fighting attempt to get things done. It has begun to step on the toes of the beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries of unjust privilege. The resulting opposition, considering the quarters whence it comes, is one of the best proofs that conservation is a live movement for the public good."

"The demand for the abandonment of the principle of the greatest good for all of us for the longest time. The so-called conservationist merely asks that conservation shall be safe, sane and practical. Safe and sane legislation, as that expression is used by the men who use it most, means legislation not unfriendly to the continued control of our public affairs by the special interests. Safe and sane conservation means conservation so sterilized that it will do the special interests no harm and the people no good. Real conservation is putting public welfare ahead of corporate profit and keeping it there."

"The sanity and safety of conservation were never called into question until conservation began to be really embarrassing to the grabbers and effective to the public interests. I'm not a soft pedal conservationist myself."

Special Interests Oppose.

"The one great obstacle to practical progress of conservation lay in the political power of the special interests. Every effort to conserve natural resources for the general welfare was met by legislative agents of the men who wanted to exploit these resources for their own private profit. "So long as the political domination of the great interests endures, corrupt control of legislation will carry with it the monopolistic control of natural resources. This is what we face today in the effort to apply conservation. The conservation program is definite and concrete. It has been so almost from the time the conservation movement was born at the congress of governors at the White House. The principles are few and simple. One of the first is that the natural resources belong to all the people and should be developed, protected and perpetuated mainly for the profit of the few. Another principle

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