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CANAL AT CELILO.

Major Langitt Submits Reports on the Project.

Major Langitt has sent a report on the proposed canal and locks below Celilo to the special board of engineers, which is evolving a plan to modify the Harts project. The report contains recommendations and estimates, derived from the surveys which the local engineers made last Summer.

The new canal project, in all probability will cost but little more than Captain Hart's plan. The estimated outlay, according to the Harts plan, as submitted in 1900, was less than \$4,000,000.

Captain Harts undertook to minimize the cost by means of a dam at the narrows, where the Columbia at low water is 150 feet wide and 180 feet deep. Evidently, he did not know the full depth or did not appreciate the difficulties of building the dam, for the special board has rejected it as impracticable.

The idea of the special board is that a continuous canal, some 45,000 feet long, on the Oregon shore, below Celilo Falls, is the best means of surrounding the barrier. It has been generally expected that the modified project would greatly exceed the cost of the Harts plan; consequently, that the difficulty of getting sufficient money would be augmented. The probability that the money required will not go much beyond the sum needed for the Harts project will be gratifying to the interests which desire the opening of the river.

About half the length of the canal is to be excavated in basaltic rock and the rest in sand and gravel. The canal will have seven feet of water over the miter sills, and will be 65 feet wide at the bottom.

Major Langitt has made the surveys for the purpose of affording the board required information. On those surveys the board will base its recommendations to the Chief of Engineers.

IN LINE FOR PEACE.

America Favors Arbitration Treaty With Britain.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Thomas Barclay, of Paris and London, formerly President of the British Chamber of Commerce, who is in Washington, expressed himself as favorable to the renewal of the efforts to secure an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, and added he felt somewhat encouraged over the prospects. He expressed the opinion that the success of the Franco-British treaty would prove helpful as a precedent, and said

that, while that treaty did not cover as much ground as did the treaty with the United States, it would be effective as an entering wedge.

Referring to the prospects for an Anglo-American treaty Mr. Barclay said: "At New York I had an opportunity of conferring with many eminent men of business, and without exception I gathered that on their part a revival of the movement would be heralded with great satisfaction. Everybody I spoke to had a vivid recollection of the financial results of the famous Venezuelan dispatch of Mr. Olney, and everybody showed a disposition to do their level best to get some system adopted to prevent a recurrence of such a disaster.

"But it is in this city that I have, without exception, received the warmest encouragement. Everybody of importance here agrees that as in the case of the Anglo-French movement we must not push forward with too great speed, but gradually get representative bodies of the country to show their approval and testify to the general desire of the country to consolidate the relations with Great Britain in some permanent form."

Mr. Barclay has talked with President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay on this subject.

Idaho Must Fix Law

Boise, Ida., Oct. 22.—The state has received advices from the General Land Office to the effect that the Government will not approve any more projects in this state for the reclamation of lands under the Carey act or patent any lands contracted to be reclaimed under that act until the state shall have amended its own law accepting the grant and making provisions for carrying it into execution. The ruling has come in connection with the application for the Marysville Canal Company.

In 1901 the state amended its land laws, the amendment providing that any lands which may not have been taken by settlers under any Carey Canal system may be patented by the state to the company by which such works were constructed. It is held that it is in direct conflict with the purposes of the Carey law, which stipulates that lands reclaimed under its provisions shall not pass to others than actual settlers and not in tracts larger than 160 acres. The state authorities are somewhat bothered about the matter since there are several operations in progress under the law and several others in contemplation.

General Manager Filer, of the Twin Falls Company, who is in town, states it will make no difference to them, as they will have settlers for all of their tract of 250,000 acres of land. Others who have applications pending have expressed a willingness to waive the right to have any unappropriated lands deeded to their companies.

They have no doubt the Legislature will comply with the requirements and that their projects can go on without interruption. The matter will be taken up with the department with the view of coming to a fuller understanding on the subject.

German on America's Need.

Berlin, Oct. 22.—President Koch, of the Reichbank, discussing American financial matters, said today to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"According to my private information from the United States, the most lively interest is manifested there for further reform of the currency system in the direction of greater elasticity. Your country already has taken long strides toward a sound monetary system in the repeal of the Sherman law, as well as in more recent measures. This legislation has been dictated by a determination to keep the currency sound.

"But from our German experience, we regard elasticity as being next in importance to soundness, and as being indeed indispensable for the circulating medium of a great commercial nation, and we think it would be of immense advantage to the United States to adopt some plan under which the volume of circulation would naturally adjust itself to the monetary needs of business

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besides developing a check and deposit system. Whether this end would best be attained through the establishment of a single, central bank, like the Reichbank, or several such banks in the important financial centers, but operate in harmony with each other in some other way, are questions which we at this distance are unable to answer, and must be determined by American conditions. "Secretary Shaw's recent suggestion that reform be undertaken along the general lines of the German system is a gratifying tribute from a competent foreign source to the successful working of the Reichsbank. Whatever may be the fate of his suggestion, the Secretary's speech shows that the minds of the leading American statesmen are seriously grappling with the problem, and that they are moving in the right direction."

Confer With Roosevelt.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Attorney General Knox, accompanied by Charles F. Bonaparte and Holmes Conrad, who have been retained as a special Government counsel in the prosecution of the persons indicted for criminal irregularities in the Postoffice Department, had a long conference with President Roosevelt this afternoon.

It is known that the matters under discussion related particularly to the matters of the postoffice investigation, which have not been developed thoroughly in any reports yet presented to the President or postoffice officials.

The Bonaparte and Conrad report recently submitted to the President, it can be said, deals with things rather than persons. The President desired from the special attorneys merely that they should report upon the accuracy of the Tulloch charges. It is known that the report did contain two or three recommendations, but these were as to methods and not as to men.

Attorneys Bonaparte and Conrad will, under the President's order, continue the investigations along the lines of their suggestions in their report, which will be made public probably at an early date. Later on the President will transmit to Congress all reports made to him concerning the postal investigations. Those portions of the Conrad Bonaparte report will contain the findings of the attorneys regarding persons who have not been indicted, but whose official actions have been irregular, if not criminal. It is discovered by the attorneys that cases against these persons cannot be made because of the statute of limitations, which bars prosecution at this time.

Admer T. Johnson, a self confessed highwayman, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary from Portland, Thursday.

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From Fossil to Arlington.

Portland, Oct. 23.—The first permanent work on the property of the Arlington & Pacific Coast Railway Company, the new road for Gilliam county to extend from Arlington to Fossil, is being done. A portion of the right of way is secured.

The company was incorporated about a year ago, and is known to include a number of the most substantial capitalists of Portland, thus insuring the completion of the road.

Every preparation has been made for the early completion of the branch. Gilliam county farmers, stockmen and merchants have long looked forward to this project as the one which is to relieve them of the heretofore gigantic task of disposing of the output of merchandise of various kinds which the country tapped produces.

Now the work has actually begun at Arlington, and it will be but a matter of

time until the right of way for the entire branch will have been secured.

The Arlington & Pacific Coast Company asks nothing of the citizens of Gilliam county except the right of way and the friendship of the people.

Says Britain Must Wake Up.

London, Oct. 21.—Joseph Chamberlain spoke to a large audience at Tyne-mouth today, but he did not add much to what he had already said. The ex-Colonial Secretary dwelt lengthily on the relations between Great Britain and her colonies, saying what he asked for was a mandate from the people to negotiate with the colonies. If the people gave the desired mandate he thought the Colonial Secretary should visit the various colonies and negotiate on the spot. The only policy suggested by the opposition was to let things alone. In his opinion, matters in this country had been left alone too long.

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