

# TO HELP WEST COAST

## Immediate Appropriations Necessary for Commerce.

### NEEDED TO SECURE CANAL TRADE

#### Congress Must Change Plans if Country Is to Receive Any Marked Benefits of Work.

Washington, Oct. 30.—“The Pacific Coast harbors need immediate appropriations from congress to deepen them and provide for commerce through the Panama canal. Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Grays Harbor, San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland and Eureka must be provided for more liberally in the future if the Western coast is to reap the full benefit of the great Isthmian cut now being made. The Sacramento and San Joaquin, the Columbia and Snake rivers on the western slope traverse a country that is developing too fast to wait for appropriations made in the old manner. They must receive larger amounts from congress if the country is to receive any marked benefits.”

These are sentiments expressed by John A. Fox, special director of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, who has just completed a tour of the country, covering substantially the route followed by President Taft.

Mr. Fox, who is an engineer of distinction, having been connected with many of the big waterway projects of the country, is to make a report to the Rivers and Harbors congress at its next meeting in Washington on December 8, 9 and 10. In his report he will elaborate upon the idea above quoted, and will undertake to impress upon the congress, and through it upon the national congress, the importance of making large appropriations for immediate use in further improving the big harbors of the Pacific coast, so that they may, as he indicates, reap full benefits from the commerce that will seek the Pacific coast upon completion of the Panama canal.

On his recent tour Mr. Fox started from Washington, went down the Atlantic coast, through the southernmost tier of states, and northward along the Pacific coast from San Diego to Bellingham. He then retraced his steps to Portland and studied the situation on the Columbia and Snake rivers, and from there followed the Missouri from its headwaters to its mouth. He returned by way of the Great lakes and completed his tour with an inspection of the Ohio river.

#### PRAIRIE FIRE RAGES.

Homes of South Dakota Claim Holders Are Swept Away.

Adrian, S. D., Oct. 30.—A prairie fire extending a distance of three miles from east to west is raging in Tripp county, in the southwestern part of the state.

Much loss to farm buildings and crops is reported and hundreds of men and women are out fighting the flames.

The towns of Lamro and McNeely, threatened for a time, were saved after strenuous efforts.

The fire started in the Southern part of the county and was swept along by a high south wind. At one time Lamro was completely surrounded by flames, but at last reports the place was believed to have been saved.

The entire population and the surrounding country went out to combat the flames and for hours worked desperately.

The town of McNeely suffered a similar experience and the flames were diverted only after heroic efforts.

Out on the open prairie, away from all help, the homes of many claim holders were destroyed.

No deaths have been reported.

The fire has burned over an area estimated at more than 60 square miles. The flames were checked today after they had destroyed farm and ranch property worth \$100,000. Several people had narrow escapes.

#### Coreans Are Glad.

Seoul, Oct. 30.—It is evident from the attitude of a considerable section of the Korean population that the assassination of Prince Ito was not unpleasant. Those comprising this element, which is now deprived of opportunities formerly offered here, are agitating for further violence. Viscount Sone, Japanese resident general, is much disturbed by the reports coming regarding the attitude of some officials and others who formerly were closely connected with the emperor's court.

#### Reward for Dynamiters.

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.—Mayor Book-walter today issued a general call for a meeting of manufacturers, merchants and insurance writers tomorrow for the purpose of assembling a large fund to be offered as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the conspirators that wrecked buildings in different parts of the city last Sunday night by exploding dynamite. The mayor has also asked the common council to appropriate \$1,000.

#### Wireless Picks Up Eureka.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The United Wireless here reported later that it had established communication with Eureka and that no serious damage had been done by the shock there beyond the wrecking of telegraph and telephone wires.

#### FAVORS WARRANT PLAN.

Senator Carter Proposes Method to Obviate Bond Issue.

Denver, Nov. 1.—United States Senator Thomas C. Carter, of Montana, chairman of the senate committee on irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, arrived in Denver this morning, several others of the committee arriving later in the day.

“There are projects now under way,” said Senator Carter, “which call for the expenditure of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 for enterprises which ought to be rushed to completion immediately, in order to open up homes for the settlers and to provide for replenishing of the reclamation fund.

“It has been suggested that government bonds be issued to provide the capital necessary. My own idea is that warrants issued against the reclamation fund would serve the purpose equally well.

“There has already been expended on the Pathfinder system in Wyoming \$1,000,000, but until the distributing system is completed there will be no payments collected by the government.

“The Salt river project will require an expenditure of more than \$3,000,000. Up to this time \$2,000,000 has been expended and the dam which impounds 1,000,000 acre feet of water is just so much dead effort unless we go further immediately and place the water on the land.”

#### BUILD FREIGHT AIRSHIP.

Pioneer Aeronaut Believes He Has Problem Solved

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 1.—After 60 years of activity in the field of construction Professor Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, of Pasadena, announces that he is about to complete the labor of his life and give to the world a practical freight-carrying air craft.

“The day of experimenting has passed,” said Professor Lowe today, “and I hope before long to be able to start the largest practical airship the world has ever seen on a trip to the Atlantic coast.”

While the plans of the airship are as yet a guarded secret, the inventor has shown them to General Allen, chief of the United States signal service, and to the practical minds that have conceived and reviewed them they contain no flaws destined to prove fatal in the final test.

“If you will imagine that I had in my balloon car when I went up for reconnaissance with General McClellan the 100 or 150 horsepower motor engines of 1909, you will see that I could have ended the Civil war in a week. I will be able to carry 20 tons on my experimental airship,” he said.

#### BLIND MAN READS MINDS.

Russian Studies Medicine Through His Sixth Sense.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—Blind from birth, but able through telepathy to take the different courses of medicine and surgery without study, is the remarkable condition of J. W. Bowlotin, a student in the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery.

Bowlotin, a young Russian, asserts that through a sixth sense, which he cannot explain, he can read the minds of his friends and classmates, and in that manner acquire from them the knowledge they obtained through hard study.

H. Wolk, a roommate of the mysterious blind student, said yesterday that after completing his studies for an evening, Bowlotin, even though no conversation had passed between them, would be familiar with the subject which he (Wolk) had been reading. Bowlotin does not believe his power is anything supernatural nor anything beyond what any man could do if he would think hard.

“The whole thing is largely a thing of memory and sound reasoning,” he said. “With Wolk here I get along nicely. We understand each other thoroughly.”

“Is it true that Wolk reads reads to himself and you understand what he is reading?”

He replied that it was.

#### Fire Sweeps Black Hills.

Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 1.—No less than six forest fires are now burning in the Black Hills, and damage already done will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The most serious one, near Pactola, is still unchecked. The Deadwood office of the forest service has been notified of a fire burning north of Custer, another east of Hill City, one between Mystic and Merritt, and still another near Merritt. The Homestake mine force at Pactola has been recalled to save its timber reserves.

#### Nine Lives Lost in Fire.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Nov. 1.—When the ruins of the Citizens Savings Bank block were thoroughly searched today it was learned that nine lives had been lost in the fire which practically destroyed the principal buildings of this town early today. Two other persons were probably fatally burned. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000. Of the dead, two persons fell from the upper stories while seven were burned to death.

#### Spain Suspends Cases.

Barcelona, Nov. 1.—Premier Moret telegraphed today to the authorities here to suspend the execution of all court martial cases until they could be examined by the government.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

#### NEW RATE PROBLEM.

Steam-Electric Question Comes Before Commerce Commission.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Whether steam railroads shall co-operate physically with electric lines is a question which has been presented to the interstate commerce commission and which is to be argued in Cincinnati in a few days.

The case at issue is of unusual importance because up to the present time the steam railroads of the country have refused to enter into any arrangement with the electric lines for through routes and joint rates either for freight or for passengers. The law does not explicitly require physical connection between two roads—either steam or electric—but it has been the policy of the commission in interstate business to require such connection to be made between two steam roads, where the conditions appear to demand or even to warrant the connection. The making of through rates and joint rates for both freight and passengers naturally follows the physical connection of the two roads.

The extensive construction and operation of electric lines has increased the demand for their connection with steam roads. Many of them endeavored to effect a joint arrangement with steam roads, but in practically every instance the efforts have been of no avail.

#### Gompers Rebukes Eliot.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Referring to a statement of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard university, that the government should prohibit labor unions on the ground that they have monopolistic tendencies and are opposed to democracy. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said: “Since his retirement as president of Harvard, Dr. Eliot has nothing to do but talk. He now lives in an age which he cannot understand. Since the time when he was mentally capable of appreciating industrial and commercial conditions, great changes and development have taken place.”

#### To Shoot at Airships.

Washington, Nov. 3.—To devise some means of defense against aerial invasion, the bureau of ordinance of the War department, it was learned today, is about to begin a series of experiments in shooting at air craft with cannon. The experiments will be carried on at the Sandy Hook proving grounds in New Jersey. Captain Charles Dey Chandler, of the signal corps, one of the two qualified pilots in the army, left Washington today for New York to make arrangements for the balloons to be used. He will be stationed temporarily at Fort Wood, near New York.

#### Minister Espinosa Resigns.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Dr. Don Rodolfo Espinosa, the Nicaraguan minister to the United States, announced today that he had resigned and that Zelaya, the deposed president of the republic, had accepted his resignation. Dr. Espinosa stated that his brother, Emilio, was practically at the head of the revolutionists under Estrada, the provisional president, and he gave this as the cause of his resignation. The resignation of Espinosa is regarded here as a severe blow to Zelaya's tottering government.

#### Government Will Appeal.

Washington, Oct. 29.—“The government will at once institute an appeal from this decision,” announced Attorney General Wickersham today in reference to the action of Judge Holt in the Circuit court at New York yesterday sustaining the plea of the statute of limitations interposed by the defendants, Kissel and Harned, to the indictment against them jointly with the American Sugar Refining company. The attorney general said Judge Holt's decision was of far reaching consequence.

#### Higher Registration Rates.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The new order of the Postoffice department of the United States, by which the fee for the registration of mail is increased from 8 to 10 cents, while at the same time the liability of the government for indemnity in the case of loss, theft or destruction of a registered article is increased from \$25 to \$50, went into effect Monday. The increase of the registration fee was ordered by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

#### Favors Ten Equal Payments.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Secretary Ballinger today expressed decided objection to making material change in the method of collecting water payments from settlers on government irrigation projects. He is not in favor of graduated payments, small for the first year or two, increasing thereafter, but would adhere to the plan of ten equal payments now in force.

#### Nowell's Writ Denied.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The Supreme court today denied the petition for a writ of certiorari in the case of Thomas S. Nowell vs. J. C. McBride, involving the contract conveying title to three mining claims near Berners bay, Alaska.

#### New United States Treasurer.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Lee McClung, formerly treasurer of Yale university, has assumed the duties of United States treasurer, succeeding Charles F. Treat, who resigned his position last month.

#### TARIFF WAR IN SIGHT.

France Gets Out Her Ancient Chip and Carefully Poises It.

Washington, Oct. 28.—A tariff war of such gigantic proportions as to threaten demoralization of trade between this country and France and eventually to lead to the prohibition of French imports into this country, is looming up.

Although France has not issued a proclamation imposing a maximum duty on all American products received in that country, it is admitted that a preliminary notice has been published indicating that such a proclamation will be issued.

It is expected here that the change in the duties charged by France will become effective November 1.

The apparent cause of France's resentment is the fact that Germany is given a longer time than France to comply with the conditions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

Under the new law President Taft is given authority to prohibit imports from countries discriminating against the United States. Officials here believe Taft will be forced to take this action against France, in case the threatened rise of duty on American goods is made.

#### PRIVATE CAPITAL FAVORED.

Government Will Allow Individuals to Build Malheur Project.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Secretary Ballinger, in response to telegraphic inquiries from Oregon, has declared that the government cannot build the Malheur irrigation project because it has no available funds. This leaves the project at the disposal of private enterprise, if still desirous of undertaking its construction.

It is understood that if the money could be had, Secretary Ballinger would authorize the construction of this project immediately, but the condition of the reclamation fund is such that there will be no money available for at least a year, and perhaps for a longer period.

It is the understanding of the department that private enterprise stands ready to build this project, and if a practical private project, acceptable to landowners, is undertaken, there will be no opposition from Washington.

#### Asks for More Doctors.

Washington, Nov. 2.—“I do not mean to say that the negro doctor alone should practice among his race, but I do think that any fair minded person will agree with me that we ought to have a fair proportion of negro doctors to practice among negro patients,” said Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee institute, in addressing the matriculating students of Howard university. Dr. Washington admonished the students that the high medical standard already established must be maintained. He said there are about 2,500 negro physicians in the country and urged that that number be doubled.

#### Japan Will Keep Pledge.

Washington, Nov. 2.—That Japan intends to keep its pledge with China to remove its military forces from Chien Tao, a territory lying between Manchuria and Korea, which long has been in dispute, is indicated by the fact that by today all Japanese troops will be entirely withdrawn. Announcement to this effect was made at the Japanese embassy yesterday by Mr. Keishro Matsui, counselor of the embassy and charge d'affaires, who has just received a cablegram from his government in regard to the matter.

#### Oregon to Get Full Share.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Secretary Ballinger is determined to give Oregon its full share of benefits under the national reclamation law. In addition to the amounts heretofore allotted, Oregon, by 1912, he says, will be entitled to about \$2,700,000, and in the near future he will take up with the reclamation service various undeveloped projects in Oregon with a view to starting work on one or another as soon as the necessary funds become available.

#### Will Divide Indian Fund.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Half a million dollars in the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian tribal funds is involved in a decision announced by the controller of the treasury today, authorizing the disbursing officer to pay claimants who satisfy him that they are entitled to receive the money on behalf of the minors or deceased allottees, without incurring the expense of judicial appointment of guardians or administrators.

#### Conspiracy Verdict Sustained.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The Federal Supreme court today denied a rehearing in the contempt cases against Sheriff Shipp and Deputy Sheriffs Gilson, Williams, Nolan, Hugdet and Maxey. It is ordered that they be brought to Washington November 15 for sentence. They were convicted of conspiring to lynch Edward Johnson, a negro, at Chattanooga, Tenn., March 19, 1906.

#### Medal for Saving Shipmate.

Washington, Oct. 28.—For his heroism in rescuing a shipmate who had fallen overboard in the harbor at Seattle, Michael Millis, a boatswain's mate on the cruiser Pennsylvania, has received a silver medal sent by the treasury department.

#### ERA OF LOW MORTALITY.

It Has Been Reached by the Civilized World.

Washington, Oct. 29.—“The civilized world has indeed arrived at an era of low mortality.”

This conclusion is stated in census bureau bulletin No. 104, on mortality statistics for 1908, prepared by Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics under Director Durand, who has transmitted it to Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor.

The death rate of the registration state in 1908 was 15.3 per 1,000 of population, which was slightly lower than that for the entire registration area, 15.4 per 1,000, and it is the lowest on record. Dr. Wilbur states it is probably the lowest death rate that has ever occurred in the United States.

The death rate of the rural portions of these states was still lower, being only 14 per 1,000, while that of the urban population was 16.5 per 1,000; the latter including all cities having a population of 8,000 or more inhabitants in 1900, and being, as usual, somewhat greater than the rural rate. Such rates would have seemed quite out of the question a few years ago.

Nearly one-fifth of all the deaths that occurred were those of infants under one year of age and over one-fourth are of children less than five years of age.

Nearly one-fourth of all deaths registered were those of persons born outside of the United States. The states having the largest proportion of native-born Americans of native birth are, Dr. Wilbur states, the ones in which it is the most difficult to secure the passage of effective registration laws. Therefore, the actual mortality of Americans of native parentage is not fully represented in the registration area, although over two-thirds of the deaths registered were of native-born persons and one-third were of native-born with native parents.

It appears that the month of maximum mortality in 1908 was January, with 67,763 deaths and that of minimum mortality was June, with 49,701 deaths.

#### ZELAYA BOTTLED UP.

Insurgents Have Nicaraguan President in Tight Place.

New Orleans, Oct. 2.—Passengers arriving today on the steamer Imperator from Bluefields, Nicaragua, report that, when they left Bluefields three days ago, President Zelaya was virtually bottled up at Managua. A general advance by General Estrada is being checked by want of ammunition.

Several of the passengers on the Imperator stated that general news of the revolutionary movement was unreliable, as the revolutionists were inclined to exaggerate their successes. They said their own assertions regarding the serious situation faced by President Zelaya were based on their personal observations.

Captain John Pedersen, master of the Imperator, said General Estrada had already established a provisional government over Grayton, Cape Gracias, Bluefields and Rama. The strict discipline was being maintained, all saloons were closed at nightfall and drunkenness and disorders were immediately suppressed.

Captain Pedersen confirmed the Associated Press dispatches from Port Cortez telling of the capture and holding of a launch sent by the revolutionary leaders to Port Barrios. The launch, he said, was to have brought a large supply of ammunition to the insurgents.

#### De Lara Out on Bonds.

Los Angeles, Oct. 29.—L. Guiterrez de Lara, the Mexican attorney held by the United States immigration authorities on charges of being an anarchist and illegally in this country, was released from jail today on \$3,000 bond pending his hearing before Chief Inspector Ridgway, of the immigration service. De Lara's bond was signed by C. C. Reynolds, a prominent and wealthy hardware merchant, and Alfred M. Salyer, a well-known local business man.

#### Battleship Plans Stolen.

London, Oct. 29.—Discussing a recent rumor in the house of commons today, Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, admitted that confidential drawings having to do with the construction of the Dreadnaught cruiser Indomitable had disappeared. He added, however, that as the British battleship had been in commission for some time the missing plans had lost much of their value. The loss of the sketches has resulted in the usual suggestion that they have found their way into the hands of the Germans.

#### Indefatigable Is Launched.

Devonport, England, Oct. 29.—The new Indefatigable, a larger and improved battleship-cruiser of the Invincible class, was launched today. This vessel will complete the quartet of battleship-cruisers of this type designed for the British navy. The Indefatigable has a displacement of 12,000 tons, 45,000 horsepower and a planned speed of 25 knots an hour. Her length is 570 feet. She was laid down in January.

#### Epidemic Hits Academy.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 29.—Forty students of the Georgia Military Academy near here, were rushed to the city today suffering from an illness which has affected the school in epidemic form. They were distributed among several hospitals. The nature of their illness has not been learned.

# DEEP RIVER NEEDED

## Commercial Advantages of Mississippi Sleep, Says Taft.

### POOR CHANNEL DELAYS PARTY

#### Vessels of Flotilla Are Unable to Keep Together and Much Loss of Time Results.

Helena, Ark., Oct. 28.—President Taft's river schedule went all to pieces yesterday, owing to the inability of the vessels following his flagship, the Oleander, to maintain the designated speed. The president tried to remain with the fleet as far as possible and delayed his arrival at Memphis three hours in order that the boat carrying the 26 governors and the 177 congressmen, as well as other vessels carrying delegates to the waterways convention in New Orleans, might land at the same time.

Leaving here nearly three hours late, the president will not reach Vicksburg until 6 o'clock or later tonight, that being his next stop. Even to make that city at 6 p. m., the president will have to leave the other vessels behind. It had been intended that the president should be welcomed en masse to Arkansas by Governor Donaghey, but the governor's boat was an hour behind the president, and the introductory speech was made by Mayor Martin.

The delay in the arrival caused much confusion, however, and two of the president's cabinet ministers came near getting left on the return from the auditorium.

The president in his address at Memphis declared that such commercial advantages as the Mississippi river already afforded were not being taken advantage of. He also pointed out the hard work that would have to be done to start a system of commerce, even after the deep waterway had been secured.

The president is still very hoarse and it was with great effort that he spoke.

He referred to the flotilla jestingly as a “traveling show, booked for a full performance,” and regretted that one part of the show was called upon to fill the entire engagement. The trip down the river, according to the president, has simply demonstrated the inadequacy of present river traffic to compete with the railroads and is good argument for deep waterways.

#### HONOR ITO'S BODY.

Murdered Statesman Raised to First Rank After Assassination.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—The body of Prince Ito, the murdered elder statesman of Japan, will be taken aboard the Japanese warship Iwate at Darien and will be brought to Japan accompanied by a full suite representing the entire nation. The body lay yesterday in a hotel at Darien, the coffin covered by a simple white pall. Guards surrounded the hotel and only the prince's personal staff was admitted.

Before the official announcement of Prince Ito's death difficulty was encountered, which was of purely technical nature, in avoiding acknowledgment of the statesman's actual demise. This was obviated later when the death was officially announced, an ordinance being simultaneously issued and ante-dated, bestowing unusual honors, one of these being advancement from junior to the first grade in the court rank.

Those closest to the throne say that the emperor is deeply affected by the assassination of the prince. He has asked for every detail and apparently is unable to understand why the murder was committed, in view of the evident popularity of Prince Ito. But when informed of all the facts so far as they have been learned here, the emperor ordered that there must be no change in policy toward Corea.

#### Colored Man in Luck.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 28.—William J. Engle, of Butte, Neb., who won the first chance to select a quarter section of land on the Standing Rock and Cheyenne river Indian reservations in the land drawing yesterday, was disqualified three days ago when he filed on a homestead in Tripp county, S. D. This fact was not learned until today. As a result a negro named Bowdy, a porter, who drew the second number in the lottery, will be given the right to choose any quarter section of land of the 2,250,000 acres for his own.

#### Reject All Lords' Work.

London, Oct. 28.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that on November 5 he would move for the rejection of the house of lords' amendments to the Irish land bill. The premier also stated that the house of commons would adjourn on November 5 until November 23. This precludes the possibility of a general election before the new year. During the adjournment the budget will be in the hands of the lords.

#### City Slipping into Canyon.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.—That the old mining camp of Virginia City is sinking into the deep canyon on the side of which it is located, and that it has already slipped 11 feet within the last few years, was the announcement made by Professor George P. Young, of the University of Nevada, today.