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DIVISION OF SUM VEXING PROBLEM

Claims on Reclamation Fund Double the Amount Available.

Supervising Engineers and Secretary Ballinger Gather at Portland for Conference on Apportionment—Eleven Millions to Be Disposed Of—No New Projects Encouraged.

Portland, Aug. 3.—An apportionment of the reclamation fund among the various government irrigation projects for the year 1910 will not be determined until Secretary of the Interior Ballinger holds a further conference with the officials of the reclamation service today. Mr. Ballinger yesterday held a preliminary conference with these officials, at which were present the supervising engineer of the six divisions into which the entire reclamation field is divided. There is to be apportioned for these projects about \$11,000,000, but the demands for funds aggregate an amount fully double that available.

The conference, which was an executive one, was held in the offices of the reclamation service in the Beck building. There were present all of the directing and supervising officials of the service. In addition to Mr. Ballinger they were: F. H. Newell, director; A. P. Davis, chief engineer; O. H. Ensign, chief electrical engineer; D. C. Henry, consulting engineer, and the following supervising engineers: F. E. Weymouth, Idaho division; I. W. McConnell, Central division; H. N. Savage, Northern division; C. H. Swigart, Washington division; L. C. Hill, Southern division, and E. G. Hopson, Pacific division.

"Today's conference was only preliminary and there is nothing definite to announce regarding the probable apportionment of the reclamation fund, for the reason that final conclusions were not reached," said Mr. Ballinger last night. "The various supervising engineers presented their demands for funds with which to carry on the work undertaken by the government, during the ensuing year. These requests will be considered further at another conference which will be held tomorrow. It will not be until after tomorrow's hearing that I will be able even roughly to determine how the funds for this work shall be expended. From the fact that the demands for money far exceed the amount of funds that will be available, I find it will be a difficult job to decide on any apportionment that will satisfy all. Oregon has not been receiving its share of the proceeds from the sale of public lands within its borders, as contemplated under the reclamation act. To see this state next year receive more nearly its share of this fund is another problem with which I am confronted, especially in view of the increased demands coming in from other sections of the reclamation field."

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED.

Open Secession Reported in Many Communes of Spain.

Bayonne, France, Aug. 3.—With all trades unions in Northern Spain declaring a general strike today, and with several communes in Catalonia having proclaimed a republic, conditions in Alfonso's kingdom are anything but satisfactory. While the government on the one hand sends out reassuring dispatches to the effect that it has the revolt in Barcelona and neighboring districts thoroughly under control, on the other hand it admits that it has seized the telegraph and telephone lines in the Biscayan provinces, in an effort to keep the revolutionists and strikers from communication with each other.

This conflict of official reports, taken with the fact that the municipality of Palamos has declared itself free and independent, lead unbiased outsiders to believe that the revolt is anything but suppressed, and that while revolutionists may be cowed in Barcelona itself, they are waiting in small bands in the hills for more reassuring times, and will then reassert themselves.

Suffering at Acapulco.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from Acapulco state that severe shocks continue. All the buildings that remain standing are uninhabitable and many are suffering from lack of shelter. Tents and temporary shacks in which people are sheltered are inadequate. Local authorities have sworn in a number of citizens as special policemen, as the force of gendarmes is insufficient. There has been some looting. Feed, clothing and medicine are urgently needed, but thus far no relief steps have been taken.

Calhoun Juror Accepted.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—The first juror in the second trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, on an indictment charging him with bribery, which is now in the third week, was temporarily passed yesterday. After more than 1,500 talesmen had been summoned to court, and a large number interrogated, Thomas Gainsford, a master plumber, is the first man accepted by both sides subject to pre-emptory challenge.

Alabama First at Income Tax.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 3.—The house of representatives yesterday unanimously ratified the proposed income tax amendment to the Federal constitution. The senate will vote on the question of ratification Wednesday.

MOTORMAN IS BLAMED.

Evidence Shows He Ran by Switch Near Coeur d'Alene.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 3.—In the collision of two passenger trains on the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane railway Saturday afternoon, two miles west of Coeur d'Alene, 12 persons were killed and 102 injured. About 60 of the latter sustained only slight injuries and are not in hospitals.

Motorman Campbell, of the wrecked train, who was reported among the dead last night, is alive today, but it is thought it is only a matter of a few hours until he dies. He was badly mangled in the vestibule of his car, and is barely breathing.

Campbell stated tonight that he understood his orders were to meet the other train at a siding five miles from where the collision occurred.

It is learned from an official who declines to be quoted that Motorman Campbell, of the westbound train, the extra which was wrecked, had orders from the dispatcher to pull out of Coeur d'Alene and to take a siding about three-quarters of a mile out, in order to allow the regular eastbound train to pass. He passed that siding, either forgetting his orders or imagining he could make the next siding, about another mile ahead. It was between the two sidings that the collision occurred.

ACAPULCO IN RUINS.

Destitute Inhabitants of Mexican City Face Famine.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from Acapulco today states that 73 distinct shocks of earthquake have been felt there since the first shake Friday. The city has been destroyed and the inhabitants face a famine. During one of the shocks a tidal wave engulfed the harbor and a number of lives were lost. Chilpancingo also has been practically destroyed. What the earthquake of Friday failed to do was accomplished by the stronger one Saturday, which either leveled or rendered uninhabitable every building in the two places.

All the markets at Acapulco were destroyed in the shocks of Saturday and the country people are afraid to take in more produce to the town. People are camping in the public squares and have no food. The buildings standing are being leveled by dynamite, as they are little more than tottering walls.

During the heavy shock Saturday the water in the harbor receded 33 feet, and then rushed back, covering the docks and piers, causing considerable damage. The people are suffering from exposure. The tents in the public squares and streets do not keep off the heavy rains that fall at this season of the year.

Funds are being raised in Mexico City to relieve the distress of Guerrero. In Mexico City Saturday the shock was heavier than any other yet experienced. So far as known no lives were lost in the last tremor.

REBELS DECLARE REPUBLIC.

Don Jaime de Bourbon to Lead Revolution in Spain.

London, Aug. 3.—Quickly following messages received here early today that Spanish troops had been repulsed in a collision with revolutionaries at Barcelona, came a report that the insurgents in that city had proclaimed a republic. Color is lent to the report by other dispatches emanating from Cerbere on the Franco-Spanish frontier. These tell of a continuance of fighting between the troops and revolutionaries in Barcelona, showing the government has not gained control of the insurgents, as censured dispatches stated. Officials of the Spanish government at Madrid and other points have contended for several days that the rioting was the work of anarchists and socialists. These claims are challenged by a message received yesterday from Barcelona by way of Cerbere, stating: "Nine thousand armed revolutionaries have formed a committee of public safety. A meeting of Carlist leaders has been held at Figueras, and the arrival is expected of the pretender, Don Jaime de Bourbon, in order to place himself at the head of the rebellion."

Cigarettes Under Ban.

Minneapolis, Aug. 3.—The cigarette is an outlaw in Minnesota. The new state law prohibiting their sale went into effect Saturday, and it is now illegal to put them on the market. The cigarette market assumed a peculiar phase in the closing hours. The price varied, and was as unsettled as the stock market after a flurry in Wall street. In the evening there was a shortage in popular brands at some cigar stores, and sent up prices. Reports came from other sections of fresh supplies, which caused a rush there.

Alaska Road Is Operating.

Cordova, Alaska, Aug. 3.—The first ticket was sold and the first regular passenger train made its run yesterday on the first all-American railroad in Alaska, the Copper River & Northwestern. The passenger fare charge is 15 cents a mile. Fifty-three miles of track have been completed and placed in operation. The tracks will reach Tickle river in October. At present 4,000 men are at work on the construction of the road.

Ship With 3,000 Overdue.

Durban, Natal, Aug. 3.—Some alarm has been created by the non-arrival here of the British steamer Waratah, from Sydney, for London. She left Port Natal July 26, and since then has not been seen by any vessel. A search has been instituted for her. The Waratah has 3,000 persons on board.

A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Tuesday, August 3.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The complete collapse of all important opposition to the conference report on the tariff bill was evidenced today when the senate agreed to vote on that measure at 2 o'clock next Thursday. Half an hour after unanimous consent had been given for that course a disinclination on the part of senators to speak brought an early adjournment until noon tomorrow.

The lack of interest in the proceedings was evident. This was caused by an agreement of Western senators to vote for the conference report and to correct the hide and leather schedule by means of a concurrent resolution to be acted upon separately. The form of the concurrent resolution was agreed upon at an informal conference in Aldrich's committee room. Instructions are given by this resolution to the enrolling clerks of the senate and house to change the language of the provision reducing duties on boots and shoes and harness.

Monday, August 2.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Tariff legislation has been delayed again by the hide and leather question, and the conferees were called together once more today. Western senators will compel further changes in the hides and leather schedule. These senators complain that the leather schedule as arranged by the conferees with the approval of the president, is unfair to the states interested in protected hides. It was agreed that some action must be taken to conciliate them if the conference report is to be adopted.

Saturday, July 31.

Washington, July 31.—The house tonight adopted the conference report on the tariff bill, 195 to 183. Twenty Republicans voted against the report and two Democrats for it.

Payne appealed to his Republican colleagues to stand by the bill, saying that if they wanted to drive their party into chaos they would vote against it. But he said it would be a delusion to vote against the bill upon the idea that the Dingley rates would be continued.

"We have revised the tariff and have taken off unnecessary duties," said Payne. "Not all along the line generally, but in our revision of the tariff we have revised the tariff downward and yet we have held the scales so evenly that we have done no injury to any person or any industry in the United States."

"These rates increase the revenue from customs less than \$4,000,000. The corporation tax is estimated to produce \$26,000,000 and tobacco \$9,333,333."

"The Dingley law, during all its period of existence has provided ample revenue, and there is no doubt this law will do the same for another 12 years."

Washington, July 31.—After three hours' discussion the senate passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, including \$25,000 for the president's traveling expenses, appropriations for executing the tariff bill's provisions, reducing the salaries of five judges of the new Customs court from \$10,000 to \$7,500 per annum, and reducing the salaries of other Customs court officials. There was a large attendance when the bill was taken up.

Friday, July 30.

Washington, July 30.—Entering upon the last stages of its consideration by congress, the tariff will as reported by the conferees was submitted today to the house by Chairman Payne and ordered printed in the Congressional Record. Discussion of the conference report will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the indications being that a day will suffice for its adoption.

Thursday, July 29.

Washington, July 29.—Bowling to President Taft's ultimatum as to gloves and lumber, the Republican tariff conferees brought their work to a conclusion this afternoon, signed the report and tomorrow will submit it to the house. Two tentative agreements—one reached yesterday and the other the day before—were repudiated by the president. The bill as it now stands will have the president's hearty approval.

President Taft gets the two things upon which he insisted in addition to free hides and radical reductions in the duties on manufactured leather—the existing rates on gloves and lumber at \$1.25 a thousand.

Wednesday, July 29.

Washington, July 28.—The conference committee finished its work today, but Taft is displeased and may not stand for the agreements, which are:

Lumber, rough, \$1.40 a thousand feet. The house rate was \$1 and the senate rate \$1.50. The senate differentials were adopted, making lumber planned on one side dutiable at \$1.90; two sides, \$2.15; three sides, \$2.52 1/2; and four sides, \$2.90. The senate

Safety Device Ordered.

Washington, Aug. 4.—All American steamship companies were directed to equip the boilers of their vessels with independent waterfeeds by October 31 next in a decision of Assistant Secretary McHarg, of the Department of Commerce and Labor. If at the time indicated all such vessels are not so equipped, the companies affected will have their licenses revoked. It is pointed out that this will reduce to a minimum the danger of explosions.

rates on lath and shingles, which were higher than the house rates, also were adopted.

Votes were taken on rough lumber at \$1.25 and at \$1.50, but no agreement could be reached except at the \$1.40 rate for rough, with the senate differentials on finished lumber.

Gloves were made dutiable at rates considerably in advance of the duties fixed by the senate bill, which for the most part were the same as the Dingley rates.

The print paper rate was fixed at \$3.75 a ton. This is only 25 cents less than the senate rate and \$1.75 more than the house rate. It is expected that this rate will arouse the ire of the house committee which investigated the wood pulp and paper question.

Hides were left on the free list, contingent upon the adoption of the house rule authorizing the conferees to go below the house rates in fixing the rates on leather and leather products. If the report is laid before the house on Friday, according to present program, it will be taken up Saturday.

Accepts Reyes' Resignation.

Washington, July 31.—The resignation of President Reyes, of Colombia, was formally accepted today, according to a dispatch received here. Reyes wired his resignation to the president of the senate from Hamburg. He will remain abroad indefinitely. His message to the Colombian senate reads: "I irrevocably resign all future claims to the presidency." Reyes' term had four years yet to run. Since he has been at the head of the government there have been two attempts to assassinate him. His health has broken and with the people showing a disposition to support him no longer Reyes decided to resign.

Two Men Marked.

Washington, July 30.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Forestry service, and F. H. Newell, director of the Reclamation service, are equally aware that Secretary Ballinger is anxious to force them out of the Federal service, or at least reduce them from their present positions of power to places less important and less influential. But they are assuming different attitudes toward the secretary of the interior. Mr. Pinchot has donned his warpaint and feathers and intends to fight; Newell has assumed a passive attitude and will await a decision by the president, who is the final arbiter.

Mrs. Longworth Would Fly.

Washington, July 31.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of ex-President Roosevelt, has become an enthusiastic apostle of aeronautics. Her attendance upon the trials of the Wright aeroplane is almost constant, and now, it is said, she is determined to make a flight herself, not in the aeroplane, though it is said she even expressed her willingness to do that, but in a balloon. A. Holland Forbes, of New York, acting president of the Aero club of America, who is now in the city, has promised to take Mrs. Longworth up.

Utah Company Loses Lands.

Washington, July 30.—Attorney General Wickensham announced yesterday that the Utah Fuel company, a subsidiary corporation of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, had settled pending government suits for recovery of illegally acquired lands by paying \$73,000 cash and reconveying to the government 800 acres of coal lands, appraised at \$40,000. The attorney general stated that a rigid investigation would be made into the company's ownership of other lands.

Montana Lands Open to Entry.

Washington, July 29.—Over 213,000 acres of land in Montana that had been withdrawn from the public domain during the Roosevelt administration was thrown open for entry today by the Department of the Interior. The land was withdrawn because it was alleged that a powerful combination had been formed to grab it for water power purposes. The land will be subject to settlement about the middle of November.

Old Landmark to Go.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The district commissioners today received bids on the contract to tear down the Anacostia bridge, which is one of the historic landmarks of the national capital. It was over this bridge that John Wilkes Booth sped his horse to escape from the city the night he shot Lincoln. The old bridge has been replaced by a handsome new structure, connecting Washington proper with the suburb of Anacostia.

Checks Water Grab.

Washington, Aug. 3.—To frustrate the attempt on the part of combinations to secure control of the water-power of the country and to carry out the policy of the administration for the conservation of the nation's natural resources, approximately 42,000 acres of land for waterpower sites were temporarily withdrawn in Colorado, Montana and Utah, by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce today.

Shoup Statue at Capitol.

Washington, July 30.—A marble statue of the late Senator Shoup, of Idaho, is soon to be erected in Statuary hall in the capitol building. The statue is the gift of the state of Idaho, and was delivered at the capitol building today, but will not be unveiled until next winter. The ceremonies will then be conducted by the senate and house.

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