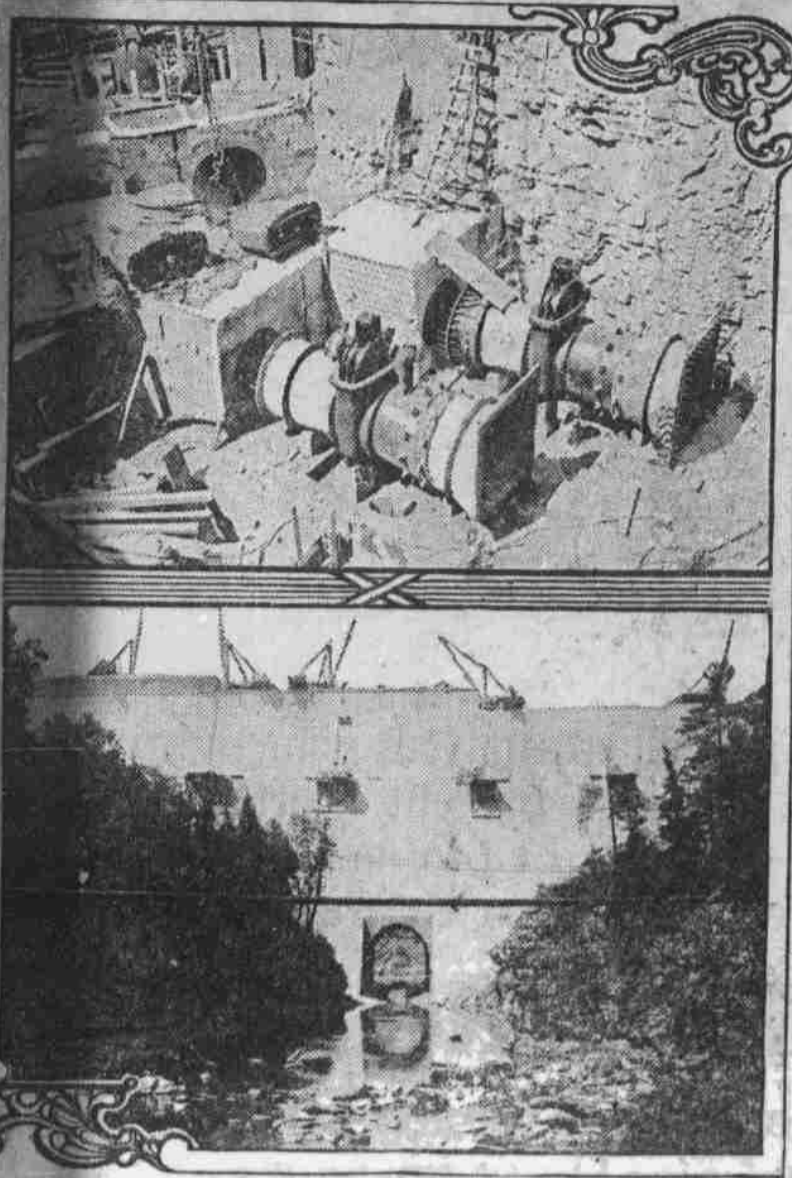


Completion of Ashokan Dam to Give New York City More Water



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NEW YORK city is soon to have a new system of waterworks. Work started several years ago, and the hope is held out that the gigantic task will be completed early in 1913. The entire operation is the most extensive ever attempted with the exception of the Panama canal. An army of 15,000 men is working on the job today, and the total cost will be more than \$100,000,000. The huge Ashokan dam that will form a reservoir with an area of twelve square miles is to cost \$12,570,000. The dam is something more than 600 feet high, and its main portion is more than 1,000 feet long. It is 50 per cent bigger than the world famous Garin dam on the Panama canal. In the picture above the lower portion shows a general view of the huge dam with the opening left for Esopus creek to flow through until it is time to begin filling the reservoir. The upper photograph shows two of the huge valves that will be used to regulate the flow of water.

JARED FLAGG.

He is Charged With Using U. S. Mails in Alleged Schemes to Defraud. Hundreds of persons scattered through the country from Maine to Oregon are interested in the outcome of the arrest of Jared Flagg of New York, charged by the government postal authorities with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. With Flagg were arrested Daniel Nash Morgan, former United States treasurer under President Cleveland, and six other men. Flagg is out on \$25,000 bail, the size of the bail demanded furnishing an idea as to the importance which the authorities attach to the case. Flagg conducted what he styled an "investment" business. Customers

His books, which he sold, showed that he had customers in practically every large city of the country, many of whom were prominent men and some of them clergymen. No trouble seemed to have arisen over inability of customers to withdraw their money because everybody seemed thoroughly captivated by the 1 per cent weekly dividends.

Doubting customers were referred to Mr. Morgan and they usually were reassured when the former United States treasurer endorsed Mr. Flagg and his proposition as trustworthy.

Mr. Morgan and the other men arrested are alleged to have been parties to the business and are accordingly jointly accused with Flagg.

A FREAK MULE.

It is Normal in Every Way Except as to Its Feet. This pig legged mule is normal in every way except as to its feet. It has six hoofs, no two of which are alike, and is compelled to walk with the aid of a wooden leg because of the exceptional malformation of its left fore foot. This foot tapers to a



MULE WITH SIX HOOFS.

point, there being a hoof or toe six inches long at the end. Growing at right angles from the left fore leg is another leg, at the end of which is another slender hoof eight inches long.

The right fore foot has a double hoof, the right hind hoof is cloven like that of a cow and the left hind hoof is an imperfect mule hoof. The mule is two years old.

It Reminded Him.

"I have seen in my journeys several tribes," said the traveler, "who voluntarily undergo all sorts of self-inflicted lacerations."

"That's nothing," answered Mr. Tutt. "I know a lot of people who insist on shaving themselves."

Great Little Sight.

"Where are you going so fast?" "My wife has just telephoned me that the baby is asleep, and I am going home to see what it looks like."— Toledo Blade.

ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN.

Something of the Career of the New Prime Minister of Canada.

Robert Laird Borden, Canada's new prime minister, is of Yankee ancestry. His family came originally from Connecticut. Its members were, however, loyal to the English cause during the Revolution. He is the only Conservative member of a family that has always been strongly Liberal. His courtly presence, pleasing platform manners and clear, incisive style of address have made him an effective leader of his adopted party.

Mr. Borden is now fifty-seven years old. Five years before he assumed the leadership in 1901 he had never been heard of in public life. In 1896



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R. L. BORDEN.

he was elected Conservative member for Halifax. He went to Ottawa with the reputation of being one of the ablest lawyers in Nova Scotia. He soon became a leader in debate. By the close of parliament he was prominent in the opposition. Then the general elections played havoc with those who outranked him in service, and he soon found himself thrust from comparative obscurity to the forefront of his party.

Mrs. Borden was Miss Laura Bond of Halifax, a member of a fine old English family. Her magnetic personality, tact and political knowledge have been of vast assistance to her husband during the difficult years he has led the opposition. She entertains charmingly and extensively during the season and is an enthusiastic member of the Ottawa Golf club, plays an excellent game herself and has a wide range of social, philanthropic and artistic interests, eminently fitting in the woman called upon to discharge

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One of the most familiar questions asked by "personally conducted" tourists visiting Europe and the great pyramid built by Cheops is, "I wonder how much it cost to build?"

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The Cheops pyramid occupies a space of twelve and three-quarter acres, is 746 feet high and contains 143,315,000 cubic yards of stone and granite. The material alone represents an item of \$36,000,000, while the labor would increase this amount by \$72,000,000. To this must be added \$3,000,000 for tools, transportation and similar items. The pyramid is built on a solid rock 150 feet deep, and to build a foundation of this character would add to the cost to the extent of making the total of \$100,000,000.

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