

SECRETARY WORK ASKS PROTECTION OF TIMBER

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RECLAMATION HELD UP

Territory of Alaska Becoming "Lost Province" Study of Country Recommended

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Protection of the government timber lands, a revision of the reclamation policy, and a prompt and sympathetic study by congress of the Alaskan problem, are the chief recommendations contained in the annual report of the interior department submitted to congress today by Secretary Work.

Administration of the department during the past fiscal year was shown to have cost \$40,137,465 less than the previous one, and savings of \$22,625,920 were effected in the last two years.

Famine Believed Coming
Recommendations for measures to protect the timber reserves were based on the Secretary's prediction that at the present rate of consumption the country will soon be faced with a timber famine, and as a means of rehabilitating the government's reserves he urged congress to revise the timber and stone act, so that the present government acreage would remain intact for 10 years. This act, which provides for the outright sale of public timber land, was passed by congress almost 50 years ago—long prior to the adoption of the national forest policy.

"Abuses have occurred in the past under its operation," said the report, and subsequent measures to prevent speculation and to obtain a fair price for the timber sold by the government had been operated successfully at the expense of the government's method was not preserving the timber.

Young Timber Damaged
"As soon as it passes into private ownership," the report explained, "the marketable timber is usually cut and sold, young growth damaged, and brush left as a fire menace."

The section of the timber and stone act relating to timber was said to be obsolete, and should, the report asserted, be repealed, the leasing or sale of stone deposits to be continued.

"I believe," said the secretary, "congress should authorize discontinuance of the sale of government-owned standing timber for a ten-year period. In Oregon, this plan would defer temporarily the amount going to the railroad and wagon road companies and the counties from timber not yet sold. The increased receipts which would accrue from later handling of the timber and resources would, however, more than compensate the counties for this delay in disposition."

No Founding Made
Calling attention to the fact that the reclamation fund, originally intended to receive or be funded in ten years, had not been funded in 20 years, and that there are large tracts of productive lands on irrigation projects for which there are no settlers, the secretary declared that "until measures have been put into effect to solve these problems of settlement and development and the old projects have been made sustainable, the advisability of undertaking new projects would seem to be conjectural and the entire matter should receive the most serious attention and consideration by congress as a basic and unsolvable problem. A permanent policy is ever to be evolved."

The secretary said a report would be made to the present congress embracing recommendations under the new reclamation law covering the proposed charging off of approximately \$26,000,000 in losses to be levied against unproductive lands, which was suggested by the department's fact finding committee.

"If this relief is approved by congress," the report declared, "it will relieve farmers from indebtedness they cannot meet because of obstacles such as land of little or no value. Whether the loss to the government is \$26,000,000 or double that, is not of material concern when balanced against the continuance of a mistaken policy."

Lack of Time Seen
"Two years," the secretary said, "are not enough to correct the errors of inexperience, lack of vision, or mistaken policy. It has, however, been long enough to dispel the secrecy which has so long veiled the operations of federal reclamation. We are entering a new era in the history of reclamation. It lies within the power of the congress to determine an equitable and economically sound policy which will remove the evils and make impossible the recurrence of conditions which have demoralized the federal reclamation service."

The secretary said that the department had been cautious in beginning application of the \$4,230,000 for projects and extensions appropriated by the last congress because of experiences with old projects, and held up entirely the \$3,600,000 Baker project in Oregon. In this, he said, he had the approval of the Attorney General, and the project will be held up until congress has had time to review the department's former action.

State Co-operation Asked
In the interest of proper reclamation development, the secretary said, the government should have the active co-operation of the states to the extent that the states should take over the projects on their completion and assume responsibility for their settlement. This, the secretary added, the states have declined to do, and under the proposed revised policy, such a refusal by a state would be taken as evidence against the feasibility of a proposed project.

Alaska was described as a territory which is rapidly becoming a "lost province" and where opportunity for expansion had been curtailed by bureau of the interior, and the project will be held up until congress has had time to review the department's former action.

Alaskan Study Needed
The situation, Secretary Work declared, called for a prompt and sympathetic study by congress of Alaska's natural resources and their possibilities; of its methods of government and their effect, and the question of whether gov-

World Tourist



LUDLEY LARUS

Only sixteen, Dudley Larus has arrived in New York after completing a tour of the world all alone. He was gone seven months and visited many out of the way places.

Environmental control should be constructive in type or continue to cultivate dependency, or be removed entirely. The suggestion that all the government's activities in Alaska be merged into one department was committed to the immediate attention of congress.

To abandon the Alaskan railway, as has been suggested, the secretary said, would be a reversion of the American policy of progress despite that the road's upkeep is expensive and out of proportion to its earnings. Suggestions that the bed of the railroad be converted into a truck highway were characterized as impracticable because of Alaskan weather conditions.

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LABOR REPORT IS GIVEN

Improvement in Relations Between Employers and Employees Seen For Past Year

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Improvement of relation between employers and workers, with an absence of unemployment and a diminution in strikes was declared today in the annual report of Secretary of Labor Davis to have been an outstanding feature of the past year in industry.

With the pressure of major industrial emergency removed, he said the department had been able to give constructive thought to the improvement of its work in controlling immigration, aiding labor, and promoting the public welfare.

Mr. Davis sketched a possible line of future attack on the problem of over-production in industry, which he held responsible for much part-time and seasonal employment of workers. No mention of the anthracite suspension was made in the report, which covered the fiscal year ending with last June.

Unemployment Is Problem
"One of the great elements of the problem of unemployment is the present over developed state of stock that cannot be sold in this or any other country. As an illustration, the census lists 1570 boot and shoe factories; of these 277 or 14 per cent produce 65 per cent of all shoes produced, and if they should run full time, they would produce 95 per cent of all shoes now produced and sold. In other words, 14 per cent of the factories, employing 69.4 per cent of the workers, could with steady work for 300 days a year produce all the boots and shoes we need."

"Take the flour mill industry as another example," he said. "Here we have perhaps the worst situation of all; 2.8 per cent of the plants, employing 42 per cent of the whole number of workers engaged in the industry, produce 62 per cent of the output, while 85 per cent of the establishments produce but 12 per cent."

Coal Mines Overworked
"Take another situation, that of coal mines. The average coal mine produces 1,000 tons of coal a day, and if it should run full time, it would produce 365 tons a day, or 365 per cent of what it now produces."

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"The stage of efficiency which has been reached in training units," he added, "the position that it has taken as a reserve air available for use in case of an emergency."

A survey of the guard air camps last summer disclosed "the efficiency and high morale of the personnel participating," the report said, singling out the air units of the twenty-ninth division (Maryland) as particularly praiseworthy among the fourteen divisional organizations now federally recognized. Difficulties met last year in getting pilot recruits for the guard had been overcome, it was added.

bituminous coal. There are 338 shipping mines in the state of Illinois. These operated an average of 139 days in a year. Had 84 of these 338 mines operated 200 days, they could have produced 5,000,000 tons more in one year than all of them produced in 1924.

"Go down the line and in nearly every industry you will find the same appalling state of affairs. But it is no use to consider the disease unless we make some attempt to discover the remedy. A generation ago our people were frightened by the term 'combination' or 'trust.' Most of the protest that went up against these new combinations came from the very people engaged in superstitious industry. Now we see the fact more clearly. The combination tends to wipe out over-production and the wasteful unproductive."

Monopoly Not Aim
"I do not advocate a movement toward monopoly or trust such as were conceived in the minds of a few years ago; not a single control or factory in each industry, but in cutting down of the number to the point where each establishment upon a competitive basis could operate at least approximately 50 weeks in each year."

"What is needed is some system that will keep going only the coal mines and the manufacturing plants needed to produce what we need and can sell, and need to keep an adequate number of workers employed for 300 days in the year, while the unnecessary mines and plants can be closed or held in reserve. We need some system for scattering unneeded workers in any industry where they are

really needed in industry yet to be developed. If this cannot be permitted under the existing law, then there must be a way of modifying them so as to permit it without incurring any other more serious consequence."

The secretary repeated his recommendations for legislation to permit examination abroad of all immigrants upon the system now operating in England and Ireland. He asked likewise for more liberal terms of retirement on pension to government employees, and for the construction of a building to house the labor department.

Immigrant Quota Asked
As to general immigration policy, he repeated recommendations for the establishment of quotas affecting immigrants from countries on the American continent, and for enrollment in the United States of aliens.

Heads of bureaus in the labor department reported directly upon the particular work under their jurisdiction. Hugh L. Kerwin, director of conciliation, said that during the year federal representatives had coped with industrial disputes involving an aggregate of 234,000 workers, and had been successful in aiding settlement in a large portion.

The United States employment service reported actually placing in employment during the fiscal year 1925, 1,609,377 workers. For the immigration service, Commissioner General Hull gave the total of aliens admitted to the United States for the year as 458,425. The usual tourist and business travel accounting for large numbers, but immigrants admitted numbered 294,314. A total of 25-

230 persons seeking to enter were rejected as inadmissible.

Larger Force Asked
Additional patrol establishment on borders, Mr. Hull said, had bettered the work of the bureau, but he asked for an increased force to cope with alien smuggling. Raymond P. Crist, chief of the naturalization bureau, said there were 277,218 declarations of intention to become citizens by aliens during the year, and 182,238 petitions for final naturalization. Of this last total, 15,613 petitions were denied, chiefly on grounds of bad character and insufficient length of residence.

Mr. Hull noted that desertions of seamen from foreign ships at United States ports were on the increase, and Secretary Davis took up the subject in his recommendations, asking the codifying of the immigration statutes with reference to this and other types of evasion of the immigration restriction policy. The legal provisions for deportation of aliens improperly within the United States, he said, were faulty, and should be revised by congress.

Old Time Dance
Every Tuesday night, W. O. W. hall, Public invited. 11-20-1 mo.

For next 30 days phone 1286-1, J. E. Cupp, Painting Contractor. 11-20-1 mo.

Highways Numbered
Highways of the United States have been numbered. The numbers are designated by the numbers and north and south roads to old. The numbering of the Canadian line to the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast are designated with the numbers and west route, 1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, 81, 91, 101, 111, 121, 131, 141, 151, 161, 171, 181, 191, 201, 211, 221, 231, 241, 251, 261, 271, 281, 291, 301, 311, 321, 331, 341, 351, 361, 371, 381, 391, 401, 411, 421, 431, 441, 451, 461, 471, 481, 491, 501, 511, 521, 531, 541, 551, 561, 571, 581, 591, 601, 611, 621, 631, 641, 651, 661, 671, 681, 691, 701, 711, 721, 731, 741, 751, 761, 771, 781, 791, 801, 811, 821, 831, 841, 851, 861, 871, 881, 891, 901, 911, 921, 931, 941, 951, 961, 971, 981, 991, 1001, 1011, 1021, 1031, 1041, 1051, 1061, 1071, 1081, 1091, 1101, 1111, 1121, 1131, 1141, 1151, 1161, 1171, 1181, 1191, 1201, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1241, 1251, 1261, 1271, 1281, 1291, 1301, 1311, 1321, 1331, 1341, 1351, 1361, 1371, 1381, 1391, 1401, 1411, 1421, 1431, 1441, 1451, 1461, 1471, 1481, 1491, 1501, 1511, 1521, 1531, 1541, 1551, 1561, 1571, 1581, 1591, 1601, 1611, 1621, 1631, 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