

CASH FOR KLAMATH

\$1,000,000 Set Aside for Government Irrigation Canal.

NO DELAY IN ITS CONSTRUCTION

Last Obstacle to Project Removed by Purchase of Private Works— Will Cost \$4,400,000.

Washington, May 18. — The government is going to build the Klamath irrigation project, which will ultimately reclaim 236,400 acres of land in Klamath basin, in Oregon and California. The project will cost \$4,400,000. Secretary Hitchcock today formally approved the project drawn up by the reclamation engineers, who have been at work for the past year. He also set apart from the reclamation fund \$1,000,000 to be used in commencing construction. There is not enough money in the reclamation fund at this time to pay for the entire Klamath project, but the money today made available will defray all expenditures that need be made immediately. There is no question that there will be ample funds as they are needed.

The adoption of the Klamath project was assured when Secretary Hitchcock accepted the offer of the Klamath Canal company to sell its canals and works to the government for \$150,000, in accordance with its recent offer. There had been considerable doubt whether the secretary would pay this price, since it is known that these canals cannot be utilized by the government, but the secretary concluded it would be cheaper to buy out this company at its latest figure than to enter upon a long suit in the courts, which would consume much time as well as money.

Chief Engineer Newell, of the Reclamation service, has been instructed to take steps looking to early construction of this project. But before construction work is begun, he will complete all purchases that have been authorized, so there will be no further question as to the absolute right of the government to go ahead with its work. It is the expectation of the reclamation officials that the project will be built in several units, that is to say, one storage system will be completed and water turned onto land lying under its canals before work is begun on the next storage reservoir. The lay of the land and the source of water is such that this plan can be followed. After making the preliminary purchases, there will be \$500,000 left for actual construction, probably enough to finish one unit.

Approximately 45 per cent of the land to be reclaimed is still vacant. The owners of the remaining 55 per cent have already signed agreements and agreed to pay for their water right at the price fixed by the government which will be \$18.60 per acre.

Fire Burns All Day Long.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 23.—One of the most disastrous fires that has occurred in this city in years started early today, and not until afternoon were the firemen able to control the flames. The loss will reach \$300,000. The fire originated in the millinery department of the Isaac Long dry goods house in the Wells building, on the west side of the public square, one of the handsomest and costliest structures in Wilkesbarre. When first discovered the flames were promptly controlled by the firemen in less than one hour. A second fire broke out in the basement of the building an hour after the first one had been subdued.

General Davis Home from Panama.
New York, May 17.—Major General W. Davis, the retiring governor of the canal zone, accompanied by his two daughters, arrived tonight on the steamer Alliance from Panama.

JAPAN CONTROLS KOREA.

Minister Runs Country, and Removal of Emperor is Proposed.

Paris, May 22. — Reports received here through authoritative channels represent Japan as carrying things with a high hand in Korea. Whether the reports are influenced by sentiment it is impossible to say, but they recite a number of specific facts supporting the view that M. Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Korea, no longer observes the position of the other ministers at Seoul. He is said to consider himself a sort of resident general or viceroy, thus taking precedence over his diplomatic colleagues, who are obliged to await his convenience in dealing with the court and government. The general commanding the Japanese troops is represented as seconding the assumption of precedence on the part of the Japanese minister.

The official reports confirm reports from Peking that the Japanese recently exerted strong pressure upon the emperor of Korea to induce him to leave the country and go to Japan with the evident purpose of removing him as an obstacle to the development of Japanese control. The emperor is said to have requested the departure of the Japanese officials who had made this representation and to have taken discreet means to permit the European government to learn of the prospects of his removal. Finally, when this information reached the St. Petersburg Foreign office, it issued a protest against Japan's assumption of control of the affairs of Korea.

FERRY BOAT RUNS AWAY.

Loaded Down With Excursionists It Smashes Into Wharf.

San Francisco, May 20.—The lives of over 2,000 passengers, most of whom were women and children on their way to the annual picnic of St. Dominic's church, were endangered today by an accident on the ferry boat Tamalpais. Running at full speed, the boat, with engines entirely beyond control, crashed into the dock, ripping out piles and woodwork and throwing the frightened passengers into a wild panic.

A break in the engine room was responsible for the accident. When the captain gave the engineer the signal to slow down, 100 yards from the ferry slip, the levers gave way and the boat ran at full speed straight into the dock. Realizing the impossibility of averting a crash, the officers drove the crowds back from the forward deck and sounded the danger signal to attract the employes on the wharf.

The steamer struck with a terrible crash, but hawsers were thrown aboard and, though the engines were still running at full speed, the apron was lowered and the frightened crowd rushed ashore. Several women fainted during the excitement.

Japan May Buy Argentine Ships.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The Rusky Slovo declares that Russia having failed to complete the negotiations for the purchase of the Argentine warships, an intermediary has now arrived in Paris and is negotiating their sale to Japan.

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Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18c per doz.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c per pound.
Apples—Table, \$1.50@2.50 per box.
Strawberries—Oregon, 10@15c per pound.
Potatoes—Old, \$1.05@1.15; new potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.
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