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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A Democratic mayor has been elected in Boston.

The pope has appealed to Poles to maintain order.

It is possible that an oil refinery will be established in Portland.

Cossack troops have now joined in the Russian mutiny and have organized for reform.

The emperor of Korea has repudiated the treaty with Japan, saying it was obtained by force.

The report of the director of the census contains a recommendation for an extension of the census work.

Governor Wright, of the Philippines, is in Washington to confer with Secretary Taft regarding island affairs.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Nicholas Longworth.

Midshipman Meriwether has been sentenced to confinement in the naval academy for one year and to be publicly reprimanded by Secretary Bonaparte.

Puter, McKinley and a number of other Oregon land fraud operators are being sought by Federal officers. McKinley is reported to have reached Japan.

St. Louis, Mo., and Peoria, Ill., are the only two cities in the United States that did not show an increase in postal receipts for November, as compared with the same month last year.

Anarchy reigns in the Russian Baltic provinces.

War between Persia and Turkey is threatened.

Many Russian exiles are arriving in New York.

The Sultan has yielded to all the demands of the powers.

The pope has just appointed four American cardinals.

France is weary of waiting on President Canto for a settlement.

The Liberal cabinet has taken office in London and Roseberry gives it his support.

Witte is almost hopeless of doing anything to settle the Russian internal troubles.

In the recent wreck on the Union Pacific in Wyoming \$90,000 in gold was lost by the express company.

The senate has confirmed the appointment of John Barrett as minister of the United States to Colombia.

Senator McCreary has a bill providing for unqualified free trade between the United States and the Philippines.

In his annual report the commissioner of the general land office recommends that the office of receiver of land offices be abolished.

Washington society claims it is no longer a secret that Miss Roosevelt is engaged to Representative Longworth. It is said the wedding will occur this winter.

Discussions in the Russian cabinet continue.

A new cordage trust has been formed in New York.

Four men were killed at Elizabeth, New Jersey, by coal gas.

J. P. Morgan and associates have formed a syndicate to control railroad shares.

Admiral Dewey declares that the men of the American navy surpass those of any other country.

Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, is confident that the joint statehood bills will pass this session.

The battleship Idaho has been launched at Philadelphia. Louise May Gooding, daughter of the governor, christened the vessel.

The famous Manitowish park, 20 miles west of Colorado Springs, has been given to Colorado college. The park contains 15,000 acres.

The United States grand jury at Topeka, Kansas, has indicted 24 cattle barons. Three of the indictments are for defrauding the government out of land and 21 for fencing public domain.

Secretary Bonaparte recommends that the old freight Constitution be destroyed and Boston is up in arms at the proposal. The secretary calls attention to the fact that none of the original ship is left.

A forest fire on Mount Lowe destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and endangered the Lick observatory. At one time the flames were within 500 feet of the observatory buildings.

Hitchcock urges reforms in land laws.

Troops in Manchuria have mutinied and killed their officers.

The National Child Labor congress calls attention in strong terms to the increase of child labor in the United States.

The president has ordered a prosecution of the Standard Oil.

French cabinet ministers are accused of betraying state secrets.

Russian workmen are reserving their greatest strike till January.

Witte has offered his resignation to the czar, who refused it, though the Liberals demand it.

A conference of 13 college authorities has appointed a committee to amend football rules so that foul or brutal play may be eliminated from the game.

LAID TO REST.

Funeral of the Late Senator John H. Mitchell Takes Place.

Portland, Dec. 13.—Impressive funeral services over the body of John H. Mitchell were held at the First Congregational church yesterday afternoon. The large auditorium was crowded to the doors long before 2 o'clock, the hour when the ceremonies began. In the front pews sat the members of Hasalo lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., Portland lodge No. 142, B. P. O. E., and the Portland bar. The pallbearers occupied seats at the right and the public filled the remainder of the building. All of the available standing room was filled and hundreds were turned away.

The Elks were in charge of the funeral services from the time that the body was taken from the city hall, where it had lain in state during the morning, until the ceremony at the church was over and the long procession of carriages started for Riverview cemetery, where interment took place in the family lot. The services at the grave were conducted by the Odd Fellows in accordance with the ritualistic procedure for their departed members.

At the church, aside from the ceremony of the Elks' ritual, there were beautiful anthems, an eulogy by Dr. Solis Cohen, and prayer by Dr. E. L. House. One of the notable features of the occasion was the reading by Dr. House of Senator Mitchell's favorite poem, "Not Understood."

The floral pieces were a cause of comment, because of their beauty and profusion. They completely covered the casket, which was encased in black broadcloth and had extended handkerchiefs after the style of casket used only for the interment of men who have held high public position.

CUTS OUT BONDS.

Senate Committee Favors Canal Appropriation of \$11,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The emergency appropriation bill to provide the Isthmian canal commission with funds to carry on the construction of the Panama canal will contain no general legislation. This was decided by the senate committee on appropriations at a meeting last night of yesterday, at which it was agreed to report the measure appropriating \$11,000,000, the amount named by the house bill. The first section, in relation to the issuance of bonds, was stricken out. A bill containing this feature was introduced in the senate by Teller, and it will be dealt with by the finance committee. The bill was amended to further provide that the future no expenditures shall be made for the canal except by authority of congress, and when appropriations have been made by congress.

Santo Domingo Treaty Up.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In the senate yesterday Teller took the oath of office for his new term as senator. The senate at 12:10 p. m. went into executive session, and at 12:20 adjourned.

In executive session of the senate, Lodge moved to send back to the committee on foreign relations the treaty in relation to Santo Domingo affairs. Opposition developed, and Lodge withdrew his motion. When Lodge was asked why he desired to have the treaty sent back to the foreign relations committee, he said it might be desirable to consider the amendments that had been offered in committee. Several senators said they saw no reason why the amendments could not be considered by the senate.

War on Rebates.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Attorney General Moody today sent a circular letter to all the United States District attorneys, 85 in number, directing them vigilantly to enforce the provisions of the Elkins act against rebates and discriminations of all kinds by carriers. It is the expectation that this letter will result in the prompt investigation of all complaints made of discrimination by carriers, followed by indictments. The department, itself, it is said, has investigated thoroughly all cases of discrimination brought to its attention.

Woolen Trust Raises Wages.

Boston, Dec. 13.—Raising on Monday, January 1, 1908, 30,000 operatives employed by the American Woolen company of this city, will have their wages advanced 10 per cent. The Celia Worsted mills, of Woonsocket, R. I., controlled by an independent concern, and employing 175 hands, tonight posted notices of a similar advance. It is estimated that the advance will give the American company's operatives an aggregate of about \$1,000,000 more each year than they have been receiving.

Rate Bill After Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Railroad rate legislation will be allowed to rest until after the holidays. Members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce have agreed to take up and dispose of less important measures before the recess. In the senate also there is a disposition to let rate legislation slumber. The members of the interstate commerce committee in that body have decided to hold but one meeting a week before Christmas and there is a general understanding that rate legislation will not be pushed.

No Ship Subsidy Possible.

Washington, Dec. 13.—There is to be no ship subsidy legislation at this session of congress. The senate is lukewarm. The house is opposed to such legislation. The new merchant marine committee appointed by Speaker Cannon is said to have ten members against four who are favorable to the proposed measure. The speaker is understood to oppose the project at this time, because of the likelihood of a tariff discussion.

Queen Lil Would Like Ten Millions.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A petition from ex-Queen Liliuokalani, asking for the payment of \$10,000,000 to her, was yesterday presented to the senate by Vice President Fairbanks. The petition was accompanied by an autograph letter requesting early and favorable consideration.

MITCHELL IS DEAD

Oregon's Aged Senator Passes Away Suddenly.

DEATH DUE TO HEMORRHAGE

For More Than 40 Years a Leading Figure in Both Oregon and National Politics.

Portland, Dec. 8.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell died in Good Samaritan hospital early this morning, following a furious hemorrhage of the gums which began yesterday and which the doctors were unable to check.

Excessive loss of blood resulting from the loss of four teeth yesterday morning made it necessary that Senator Mitchell be removed to Good Samaritan hospital. He sank rapidly. The flow of blood was not continuously heavy, but came at intervals. The senator grew weaker after each hemorrhage. Finally it was decided to use transfusion, the injection of a saline solution into the veins in order to furnish more fluid for the system and to stimulate circulation. Temporary relief was obtained in that way and the patient was apparently improved in condition for a brief time.

For some time Senator Mitchell has been a sufferer from diabetic trouble, and this, together with the severe mental strain which has been upon him for months past, have weakened his vitality and rendered his system exceedingly susceptible to any tax which is put upon it. His blood, too, has become thin and impoverished, so that it does not coagulate as that of a person in normal condition. To these facts is due the persistence of the hemorrhage and the inability of the physicians to stop the loss of blood by the usual means.

John H. Mitchell was born June 22, 1835, at Butler, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was 72 years, 6 months and 6 days. For more than 45 years he has been a resident of Portland. For more than 40 years he has been a leading figure in Oregon and national politics.

Oregon has known no other political character that occupied a prominent position in state affairs so long, nor who has been identified with the state's development in such a measure. No public enterprise since the year 1860 in behalf of the state has been without his aid.

PROVIDES FOR CANAL.

House Appropriates \$11,000,000 for Immediate Use.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was voted by the Panama canal by the house yesterday. The amount was a compromise between the \$16,500,000 carried in the bill under consideration and an estimate of something over \$6,000,000 recommended by Williams.

This was the only business transacted by the house, and at 3:35 adjournment was taken until Monday.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The subject of campaign contributions by insurance companies occupied the major portion of the time of the senate yesterday. It came up in connection with Tillman's resolution calling for an investigation of national banks' aid in politics, and was exploited by the South Carolina senator in a speech of some length. The address dealt with the president's recommendations for the punishment of bribery in elections; with Senator Platt's testimony before the New York investigating committee and various pertinent matters. It was couched in characteristic language and attracted much attention. The resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to report whether the reports of the national bank examiners show that the banks have made campaign contributions in recent years was adopted at the close of Tillman's remarks.

At 2:18 the senate adjourned until Monday.

Try to Check Emigration.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—The Catholic Bishops of Ireland are making another attempt to stem the tide of Irish emigration. A circular signed by Cardinal Logue and Bishop Sheehan, of the diocese of Waterford, has been ordered read in the churches throughout Ireland, warning the younger generation of the evils of emigration, appealing to the people not to be lured by the enticements held forth in letters from the United States and especially dangers that beset the path of girls emigrating to that country.

After Kansas Grabbers.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 8.—Henry S. Boice, of Kansas City, president of the H. S. Boice Cattle company, and all the officers of that company, as well as the company itself, were indicted today for illegally fencing in government lands in Morton county, Kansas. There were four indictments against Boice and his associates, each being a joint bill against all of the officials of the company. An indictment was returned against A. B. Lynch and Robert Metton, cattlemen, of Stevens county, also for illegal fencing.

Estimates for 1907, \$622,723,151.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The annual book of estimates of appropriations required for the government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, was transmitted to congress yesterday by the secretary of the treasury. The total for all departments, including deficiencies, miscellaneous and permanent annual appropriations, for the current fiscal year were \$629,739,097, and the estimates were placed at \$691,669,832.

Turkish Trouble is Ended.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The foreign office here considers that the controversy between the powers is practically closed, and that only details remain to be settled previous to securing a satisfactory adjustment. The international fleet is remaining inactive pending the conclusions of these details.

CANAL BILL IS FIRST.

An Emergency Appropriation Will Be Passed in Some Form.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first important measure which will involve the attention of the senate will be the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill, and its consideration will begin this week. Some senators predict that it will become a law before the close of the week, but others have expressed the opinion that final action will be deferred until the week following. There will be no effort to prevent the passage of the bill in some shape, but there will be some opposition to the proposed restoration of the \$5,500,000 subtracted by the house from the amount to be appropriated.

Regardless of the sum, the bill will be used as a basis for the general discussion of the canal question. It is expected that the debate will deal largely with the question as to whether the canal shall be constructed on the sea level. There is some conflict of opinion as to whether the bill shall be referred to the committee on appropriations or to the committee on interoceanic canals.

The general expectation is there may be comparatively little additional legislation before the Christmas holidays. Several other measures will be vigorously pressed during the session, but with the exception of the merchant marine bill, the sponsors of the bills do not count upon getting early consideration. Senator Gallinger will call up the merchant marine bill at the first opportunity and is hopeful that debate will not be long delayed.

No one counts upon even getting a report from committees on the railroad bill until some time after the holidays. The three measures mentioned are considered the most important that will come before the senate this session, and they will receive much attention until they are finally disposed of.

The consideration by the senate of the joint statehood bill and the bill for the reduction of the duty on Philippine imports into the United States will necessarily be postponed until after the holidays. No one now expects any effort to modify the tariff, unless in the direction of Senator Lodge's bill providing for a maximum and minimum rate. The Massachusetts senator regards this proposal with much more favor and will press it strenuously.

TOO MUCH FREE MAIL.

Postmaster General Points Out Cause of Deficit.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Postmaster General Cortelyou, in his annual report for the past fiscal year, says that while a self-sustaining condition of the postoffice would be gratifying, he is less concerned about the deficit than the efficiency of the administration. For the fiscal year 1905 the total receipts from all sources were \$152,826,585, and the total expenditures \$167,399,169, leaving a deficit of \$14,572,584. In connection with these figures the postmaster general directs attention to the increased amount of free matter handled, which he says averaged 12.58 per cent of the entire weight carried, or a loss in revenue of \$19,822,000.

"Manifestly," he says, "had the matter carried free been required to have been prepaid, notwithstanding the large expenditures for the rural free delivery service, there would have been no deficit."

Answering some of the criticisms which he says have been directed against the postal service, the postmaster general says that most of it overlooks the unusual conditions existing in this country, its great extent of territory, its widely scattered population. With the introduction of rural free delivery as yet unfinished, and other details of postal development incomplete, he thinks it the part of wisdom to proceed conservatively until the present service is more perfected.

War of Naval Exporters Ended.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—The war that for six months has been waged among naval store exporters has ceased. All naval stores ports in Florida except Pensacola have been made open markets. The accumulated holdings of the Naval Stores Export company will be taken over by the S. P. Shotter company and allied interests, known as "Big Four," and the price paid for these holdings, which include 45,000 cases of spirits of turpentine, is about \$2,500,000. The change takes effect at once.

Grist of Bills Before House.

Washington, Dec. 12.—That there will be no lack of legislative proposals is indicated by the 5,963 bills which have already been introduced in the house since the opening of this session. Many of these are known as private bills, affecting only individual interests. The holiday adjournment, it is believed, will be fixed on as Thursday, December 21. Leaders are disposed to expedite consideration of the Philippine tariff bill and hearings will undoubtedly begin as soon as the ways and means committee has organized.

Boycott All Foreigners.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.—As the result of a dispute over a kidnapping case in a mixed court between Chinese magistrates and the municipal police, a fight followed. The Chinese of the city became greatly excited and held meetings at which 3,000 merchants declared that a boycott on foreign goods be begun at once and that taxes would not be paid unless the police inspectors concerned in the dispute are removed forthwith. The situation is serious.

Powers Asked to Intercede.

Antwerp, Dec. 12.—A group of international lawyers is endeavoring to induce the powers to intercede with the Turkish government in the case of Edward Jora, a Belgian, who was condemned to death by a native court at Constantinople for alleged participation in an attempt to assassinate the sultan in July last.

Mutiny in Penitentiary.

Havana, Dec. 12.—The convicts in the penitentiary mutinied tonight and a fierce fight between them and the guards followed, in which two of the prisoners were mortally wounded, 16 more or less seriously wounded and three of the guards slightly injured.

VERY LITTLE DONE

Both Houses of Congress Slow in Getting to Business.

CANNON ANNOUNCES COMMITTEES

Senate Takes Up Railroad Rates and Refers Bill for Canal Appropriation to Committee.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With spirited debate on the subjects of railroad rate legislation, arising through the introduction of a bill by Mr. Tillman to authorize the Interstate Commerce commission to fix maximum rates, and of the Panama canal, due to a controversy over the reference of the emergency appropriation bill to a committee, yesterday's session of the senate continuously proved interesting for more than four hours.

An adjournment was taken without a mention of the late Senator Mitchell of Oregon, and so for the first time the death of a senator was permitted to pass unnoticed by the senate. The erasure of Mr. Mitchell's name from the rolls followed. Chaplain Hale recalled the situation to mind in his prayer by referring pointedly to corruption and death and by praying that members of the senate be given strength to bear each other's burdens.

After more than a score of senators had discussed the Panama bill it was referred to the appropriation committee by a vote of 40 to 23.

The senate then, at 4:50 p. m., went into executive session and at 5:10 adjourned.

In the House.

The only matter of importance coming up in the house was the announcement of committee appointments by Speaker Cannon, after which adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

Northwest Committee.

Humphrey, Wash., was placed on the merchant marine and fisheries committee; Jones, Wash., rivers and harbors; French, Idaho, public lands and immigration and naturalization; Hermann, Ore., Indian affairs; Williamson, Ore., mines and mining and irrigation of arid lands; Cushman, Wash., stays on interstate and foreign commerce and on private land claims.

The following are the principal committees with chairman: Ways and means, Payne; appropriations, Tamm; foreign affairs, Hitt; judiciary, Jenkins; military affairs, Hull; naval affairs, Ford; insular affairs, Cooper; banking and currency, Fowler; merchant marine and fisheries, Grosvener; territories, Hamilton; elections, Mann; rivers and harbors, Burton; railways and canals, Davidson; agriculture, Wadsworth; postoffices and post roads, Overstreet; public lands, Lacy; Indian affairs, Sherman; manufactures, Shibley; mines and mining, Brown; invalid pensions, Sulloway; pensions, Louden; slayer, claims, Miller; war claims, Mahon; irrigation of arid lands, Mondell; immigration and naturalization, Howell; printing, Wachter.

FRANCE WEARY OF WAITING.

Patience is Becoming Exhausted by Castro's Procrastination.

Washington, Dec. 12.—France has refused to withdraw her note to Venezuela, protesting against President Castro's treatment of M. Taign, the French diplomatic representative. M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, had a long conference with Secretary Root today regarding the Venezuela situation, which it can be announced on high authority is daily growing worse. France, it is understood, would have taken steps to protect her own interests in Venezuela before this, had it not been for the unwillingness of the French government to make any move which would hinder or embarrass the settlement of the American troubles with Venezuela. This is thoroughly understood by Secretary Root and although Mr. Russell, the American minister, is still endeavoring to assist in reaching a peaceful settlement of affairs at Caracas, it is evident that French patience is about exhausted.

Bill for Federal Control.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A novel method of seeing Federal control over insurance is proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Landis, of Indiana. The bill cites that congress has exclusive jurisdiction over the District of Columbia, the territories and the insular possessions of the United States. In consequence authority is given the department of Commerce and Labor to require full statements from all insurance companies doing business within such jurisdiction over which congress controls.

Uniform Insurance Law.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt received a call this afternoon from a committee appointed by the Interstate Commerce commissioners, who have been holding a meeting here for several days, who informed him that a call had been issued for a meeting of the governors, attorneys general and insurance commissioners of the various states to be held at Chicago on February 1, 1906, when a uniform insurance law for adoption by the legislatures of the various states of the Union will be drafted.

Mitchell Case Dismissed.

Washington, Dec. 12.—On motion of ex-Senator Thurston, Chief Justice Fuller, on behalf of the Supreme court of the United States, today directed the issuance of an order dismissing the appeal of the late Senator Mitchell in the case against him. The proceeding was brief. Senator Thurston announced the death of the Oregon senator and moved the dismissal of the case. The chief justice merely remarked that this course was usual in criminal cases.

Sympathy for Russian Jews.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, yesterday introduced a resolution of sympathy for Russian Jews.

NEEDS A STRONG LEADER.

Russian Nation Blindly Stagnates in Throes of Revolution.

St. Petersburg, via Eydikuhnen, Dec. 11.—But one question is being asked at present in this unhappy country: Where is the revolution leading Russia? It is the one all important subject before the people, and happy would be the man who could foresee just what is ahead. But this is impossible. The best informed men can only guess at what may come to pass. All is chaos and disorder, and what is worse, there is no light ahead. Russia today might well be likened to a giant staggering down a blind alley in the blackest midnight. He knows not where his path leads; he cannot tell where pitfalls are before him. The end of it all can only be guessed and no prediction is of any value.

For this revolution is a terrible thing. It has paralyzed industry, it has ruined all business, it has tied up the postal and telegraph service, and when it desired, it has effectually stopped all railroad traffic. It has been responsible for crimes unspeakable; it has caused the blood of Russian patriots to flow from one end of the empire to the other; it has arrayed class against class and man against man; it has bred mutiny in the navy and created dissension among the soldiers; it has caused the peasants to rise against the tyrants who for centuries have dominated them and ground them to the earth. It has practically nullified the authority of the government and given to the proletariat powers he never dreamed of possessing 12 months ago, because he has learned how he may bend all authority, even that of the czar, to his will.

HOCH STARTS OIL WAR.

Would Spread Kansas Laws Over Entire Nation.

Topeka, Dec. 11.—Governor Hoch has started a national war on the Standard Oil company. Last year the governor threw the gaff into the Standard by means of several laws regulating the oil industry. Now he wants the same thing to happen in the other states of the Union and accordingly is sending letters to every other state governor asking for the passage of the same laws that Kansas has now on the statute books.

He recites the facts in the Kansas fight and explains the pipe line common carrier, the maximum freight rate and the anti-discrimination laws which cut the Standard tactics, and concludes: "It is extremely desirable to extend the operation of these principles of government to other states, that the greatest possible good may come of them. I therefore most heartily recommend these enactments to the favorable consideration of the governors of sister states, and trust they may think the subject of sufficient importance to recommend to their respective legislatures, and I urge the legislatures of the several states to study these Kansas enactments and if thought wise to incorporate them or their essential features into the laws of their respective states."

MARTIN TO FRONT.

South Dakota Representative Wants Commerce Controlled.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The Washington correspondent of the Post wires as follows: Eben W. Martin, of South Dakota, hitherto counted as one of the most conservative Republicans in the house, has brought trouble to the door of the party leaders by introducing a bill of substance so strongly paternalistic that it casts some of the radical measures into the shade and by comparison makes the others appear as bulwarks of conservatism.

Mr. Martin's measure aims to give the government control of every corporation in the country that is engaged in interstate commerce in fuel or food supplies. Two years ago Representative Martin forced consideration of his resolution asking for investigation of the beet industry. The resolution passed the house and the beet inquiry is on.

Oranges Battered on Trees.

Santa Ana, Cal., Dec. 11.—The worst wind storm of the season prevailed throughout the Santa Ana valley today, the wind coming down the Santa Ana canyon from the desert in gusts that frequently reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour. The storm was general from Oceanside, in San Diego county, to Whittier, in Los Angeles county, and extended to the interior as far as Riverside, Redlands and San Bernardino. Wherever it was felt, damage was done to orange crops by the fruit being battered against the trees.

Big Game for Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Major M. H. W. Llewellyn, United States attorney for New Mexico, took luncheon at the white house today and urged the president to visit him next spring for the purpose of hunting jaguars or leopards, which are found along the Mexican border. He is hopeful of persuading the president to go. The major snapped his fingers in derision at the very idea of hunting for leopards and coyotes. The major is confident that the joint statehood bill, merging New Mexico and Arizona, will pass this session.

Jones Asks Quick Action.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Jones today sent a letter to Secretary Hitchcock strongly urging him to immediately approve the Tieton and Sunnyside irrigation projects. Mr. Jones believes that if these projects are approved and the money set aside for their construction, it will require but a short time to clear up the conflicting water rights and bring about the formation of satisfactory water users' associations.

Many Coal Barges Lost.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 11.—At 9 o'clock tonight the towboats Harry Brown and Raymond Horner, with tow of coal for New Orleans were caught in a severe wind storm opposite here. The Brown lost 27 barges, while the Horner lost seven. Each barge contained 25,000 bushels of coal. The coal was valued at \$120,000 and the barges at \$64,000. No lives were lost.

WORK OF CONGRESS

House Takes Up Emergency Appropriation for Canal.

SENATE RECEIVES MANY BILLS

Foraker Introduces Rate Measure to His Liking — Heyburn Would Annex Santo Domingo.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With an opportunity for unlimited debate on the subject of the Panama canal, the house exhausted its oratory on that subject in a session of four and three-quarters hours yesterday. The bill appropriating \$16,500,000 for canal work, which was the subject of discussion, will be read for amendment and placed on its final passage today. The feature of the debate was the criticism indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats regarding the incompleteness of the statement of expenditures and estimates furnished by the canal commission.

Townsend has redrafted his rate bill and introduced it in its new form. Representative Humphrey introduced a bill to permit appeals from the Alaska courts to be heard in Seattle instead of San Francisco.

Senate Receives Many Bills.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate began business in earnest yesterday. The session was of only little more than two hours' duration, but in that time several hundred bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to committees. There were resolutions dealing with the question of national regulation of insurance companies, the incorporation of interstate railroad companies and the contribution of funds to political parties by national banks.

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