

ALL GOES TO JETTY

No More Money for Dredging
Columbia River Bar.

CONTRACTS WILL SOON BE LET

Big Dredge Chinook Will Not Continue Operations on Bar During Coming Season.

Washington, March 23.—The work of improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river this summer will be confined exclusively to jetty extension, in accordance with the provisions of the late river and harbor bill. The chief of engineers will soon award the contract for furnishing stone for the jetty and as soon as possible thereafter delivery will commence and the jetty will be pushed seaward.

It has been finally determined to abandon dredging on the Columbia river bar. Major Langfitt is not impressed with what was accomplished by the dredge Chinook last season, and inclines to the opinion that the money required for operating this dredge might better be expended on permanent work on the jetty. This view is now concurred in by the department officials. What will be done with the Chinook has not been determined. She may lie up at a dock or be sent to some other locality where dredging produces better results.

The government will have to pay more for stone this year than it did under the former contract, but the exact figure is not yet known, as all data is not now at hand.

The engineers are not ready to commence construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal. Major Langfitt has been directed to submit to the War department a plan for utilizing the \$300,000 carried by the river and harbor bill. It is believed this amount will be ample to construct the first or lower lock.

SAY IT IS NOT A SQUARE DEAL.

Canal Commissioners' Heads Will Go Off Under Protest.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The president and Secretary of War Taft are conferring tonight on proposed changes in the personnel of the Isthmian canal commission. It is thought that an announcement of the removal of the present members and the appointment of their successors may be made tomorrow.

Chairman Walker and the members of the commission have practically decided that they will not tender their resignations until requested to do so by the president. They feel keenly the fact that during the recent criticism of their management of affairs they have not been requested by the president to present their side of the case. Their friends declare that snap judgment is being taken and they are quoting against the president his famous motto: "A square deal for every man; no more and no less."

HAY IS WORN OUT.

Health Will Never Permit Him to Return to Duty.

Chicago, March 23.—Private advices received in Chicago from friends of Secretary of State John Hay indicate more fully than recent press dispatches that the distinguished American, now on his way to Europe, has no expectation of ever resuming his official duties and that he feels his physical condition to be quite serious. Three personal letters to Chicagoans, one from the secretary himself and two from close personal friends of his, show this.

"I need a long, long rest," he himself wrote to an old-time acquaintance here, "and I must have it, even at the cost of many ambitions for the work I have under way. I am very tired and not well, the springs of youth are not what they were. Some one else must go on with what has been started during my time here."

Forty-Four Are Still Missing.

Brockton, Mass., March 23.—No more bodies have been found in the ruins of the R. B. Grover company's shoe factory today. The number of bodies recovered is 55. Late last night City Marshal Boyden issued a statement to the effect that 44 persons who were employed in the factory were still missing. Practically all business throughout the city will be suspended today during the funerals. The schools are closed, and so far as possible all traffic will be discontinued as the cortege passes through the streets.

Panic Due to Fire in Skyscraper.

New York, March 23.—Many lives were endangered and damage to the extent of \$50,000 was done by a fire in the nine-story Empire State building at Broadway and Bleeker streets today. Scores of girls employed in the upper portions of the buildings were thrown into a panic when the flames swept up from the seventh floor, where the fire started, and it was only by the greatest good fortune that all escaped. As it was, many were more or less bruised.

Japanese in Front of Him.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A dispatch from General Linievitch, dated March 21 says: "Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry who halted at the village of Machantay."

WAITS FOR TITLE.

As Soon as Secured Government Will Begin Celilo Canal.

Washington, March 24.—It developed today, upon inquiry at the War department, that the government is not likely to begin construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal, because the state of Oregon has not yet conveyed to the Federal government absolute title to the right of way for this waterway.

The original act of congress authorizing the canal stipulated that no work should be done until the state had presented right of way to the government free of cost. When this condition was imposed by congress, steps were taken by the state looking to the purchase or condemnation of the necessary lands and army engineers are advised that most, if not all, of the land necessary has been purchased or condemned. In fact, last September Major Langfitt transmitted to the chief of engineers abstracts of title to this land. These abstracts were examined by the attorney general and approved as being sufficiently binding. The papers were then returned to Major Langfitt with the understanding that the state would make payments for the various parcels of land included in the right of way. Since that time nothing has been heard from Major Langfitt or from the state, and, so far as the War department is aware, this right of way has not been purchased.

Until the title is turned over to the government, not one cent of the \$300,000 appropriated last session can be expended. Notwithstanding this situation, Major Langfitt will proceed with the preparation of the project for the expenditure of this money and work will begin in accordance with this plan just as soon as title to the right of way rests in the government.

BACK TO BAIKAL.

Russians May Continue Their Retreat When Harbin is Reached.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The possibility that, if the Russian army should be unable to hold the lower line of the Sungari river and Chunchiatu, it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese Northern Manchuria and the Russian maritime Amur provinces as well, is the latest startling news from the front.

The strategic weakness of General Linievitch's position as he falls back northward is made clear by the Gunshu dispatches to the Associated Press, in which it is pointed out that, unless Chunchiatu and the Sungari lines, a scant 100 miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain a position farther back before Harbin, where, with the front of the army paralleling the railroad, the practicability of a turning movement to completely sever communications and isolate the army 5,000 miles from home is too serious for Russian consideration. In view of this possibility the dispatch alluded to suggests the advisability of immediately providing Vladivostok with war munitions and supplies for a two years' siege.

WILL ADOPT LESSONS TAUGHT.

President and General Officers Will Apply Them in Army.

Washington, March 24.—Results of the observation of American army officers during the Russo-Japanese war formed the subject of a conference today between the president and Assistant Secretary of War Oliver, General Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordinance and several officers of the general staff. The importance of individual initiative in the soldier and of higher physical training than heretofore has characterized the private in the ranks has been made evident. The conference today was preliminary to the adoption of such means as will increase the training and add to the initiative of the enlisted men join the army. The methods will be taught them which are born of experience and observation. It is expected that these methods not only will increase the efficiency of the private soldier, but also will enable him the better to protect himself and perhaps his comrades in time of emergency. The new methods will be promulgated in general orders to the army.

Election Indictments Quashed.

Pueblo, Colo., March 24.—Eighty-six grand jury indictments for forgery and uttering forged instruments in connection with the recent election were quashed in the District court today by Judge Voorhees, who sustained the motions directed against the bills by counsel for the defense. At the conclusion of court District Attorney White stated that he would at once prepare direct information to cover every indictment quashed today. All the defendants are held under heavy bonds on other charges.

Must Make Price Uniform.

Laansing, Mich., March 24.—In the house today a bill was introduced prohibiting differences in the price of oil other than those directly traceable to freight charges. The bill is aimed to prevent discrimination between localities. It has been alleged that one county in Michigan recently had to submit to an arbitrary increase in the price of oil coincident with the winning of a lawsuit against the Standard Oil company by residents of that county.

Damage of \$1,000,000 is Done.

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