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 Columbia river this summer will be the late river and harbor bill. The of Alaska. Several unimportant treaties were ratified, but beyond these matchief of engineers will soon award the ters no legislative business was traanswill be pushed seaward.

abandon dredging on the Columbia river bar. Major Langütt 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 Dalles-Celilo canal, because the state of locality where dredging produces better Oregon has not yet conveyed to the

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 direct- by the state looking to the purchase or ed to submit to the War department a plan for utilizing the \$300,000 carried and army engineers are advised that by the river and harbor bill. It is believed this amount will be ample to has been purchased or condemned. In construct the first or lower lock.

SAY IT IS NOT A SQUARE DEAL

Canal Commissioners' Heads Will Go Off Under Protest.

their successors may be made tomorrow. purchased.

cided that they will not tender their 000 appropriated last session can be exresignations until requested to do so by pended. Notwithstanding this situathe president. They feel keenly the fact | tion, Major Langfitt will proceed with that during the recent criticism of their the preparaion of the project for the management of affairs they have not expenditure of this money and work been requested by the president to pre- will begin in accordance with this plan sent their side of the case. Their just as soon as title to the right of way friends declare that snap judgment is rests in the government. being taken and they are quoting against the president his famous motto: WILL ADOPT LESSONS TAUGHT.

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 zier, chief of the bureau of ordinance 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 training than heretofore has characterthat 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 dur- comrades in time of emergency. The here about the first of July. ing 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 for Japan at Barrow-on-Furness, are possible. Fifty thousand copies will month shead of time, the usual date throughout the city will be suspended 10,400 tons, and are to have a speed of be printed for distribution among the being about the middle of April. Five 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 from the seventh floor, where the fire started, and it was only by the greatest mit to an arbitrary increase in the price animals. good fortune that all escaped. As it was, many were more or less bruised.

Japanese in Front of Him. St. Petersburg, March 23. - A disatch from General Linievitch, dated March 21 says: "Yesterday Japanese of our advance posts. Behind the cavestimated that the total loss to local alry were infantry who halted at the village of Machantzy."

the rivers are receding rapidly. It is operation. There are plenty of logs close to the mill. I. L. Smith, a well industry since the flood began wilsl exceed \$1,000,000.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Friday, March 17.

In the executive session of the senate today Morgan continued his speech of yesterday. He spoke until 4:45 p. m., when Foraker took the floor in defense.

Adjournment is looked for tomorrow. It is not determined whether the treaty will be recommitted or whether it will be allowed to lapse without action of any kind.

Senator Spooner discussed briefly the riations between the Philpipines and this country, and said he believed the time would come when the islands would have their own government.

Saturday, March 18.

The special session of the senate was at 3:30 today adjourned without day. of improvement at the mouth of the firmed with the exception of five, the All the nominations sent in were conmost important of which was that of confined exclusively to jetty extension, Judge James Wickersham to succeed in accordance with the provisions of himself as judge of the District court contract for furnishing stone for the acted. Most of the session was devoted jetty and as soon as possible thereafter to the Santo Domingo treaty and at addelivery will commence and the jetty journment no action had been taken on the matter and it was allowed to re-It has been finally determined to main on the calendar.

WAITS FOR TITLE.

As Soon as Secured Gogernment Wil Begin Celifo Canal.

Washington, March 24. - It devellikely to begin construction of The scheme right of way for this waterway.

The original act of congress authorizcondemnation of the necessary lands most, if not all, of the land necessary 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 Languit with the Washington, D. C., March 23 .- The understanding that the state would president and Secretary of War Taft are make payments for the various parcels conferring tonight on proposed changes of land included in the right of way. in the personnel of the Isthmian canal Since that time nothing has been heard commission. It is thought that an an- from Major Langfitt or from the state, nouncement of the removal of the pres- and, so far as the War department is ent members and the appointment of aware, this right of way has not been

Chairman Walker and the members | Until the title is turned over to the of the commission have practically degovernment, not one cent of the \$300,-

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 Croand several officers of the general staff. The importance of individual initiative in the soldier and of higher physical ized the private in the ranks has been new methods will be promulgated in general orders to the army.

New Japanese Battleship. new Japanese battleship Kashima was launched today at the Elswick shipbuilding yard here, in the presence of

for Japan at Barrow-on-Furness, are consist of four 12-inch guns, four 10- and Clark fair this summer. inch guns, and 12 six-inch guns. The armor belts will be nine inches in thickness.

Must Make Price Uniform.

Laansing, Mich., March 24 .- In the iouse today a bill was introduced prohibiting differences in the price of oil short time ago the market promised to other than those directly traceable to frieght charges. The bill is aimed to for cows, and in one or two instances prevent discrimination between locali- those figures were paid, but after those into a panic when the flames swept up tes. It has been alleged that one sales the prices immediately fell until county in Michiagn recently had to sub- only 31/2 cents is paid for the choicest | \$11@12. 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. Pittsburg, March 24 .- The crest of the flood was reached early today and has decided to put the mill into active

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESUME WORK ON UMATILLA

Irrigation Project Has Attention of New Legislative Apportionment to Be Government Engineers.

Pendleton-John T. Whistler, engineer of the reclamation bureau for Oregon, says work will be resumed on 1905, must be made by the legislature the Umatilla irrigation project in a of 1907, and for that reason it behooves short time. The engineers will con- each county to see that a full enumeratinue their investigations of the John tion of inhabitants is made this year. Day river proposition and ascertain if The growth of Eastern Oregon and the the river can be diverted from its chan- city of Portland in the last five years is nel over the desert lands of Southern supposed to have been more rapid than Morrow county.

The feat would be a difficult one, and, contrary to the belief of the public, who think the river would its channel at the headwaters of Wil- by securing larger representation in the ow creek, the canal would necessarily follow the deep canyon of the river for miles, emerging to the top at a point west of Ione, Morrow county, and take an easterly direction toward sitated running north to the Columbia. \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000, but Mr. that 250,000 acres could be recliamed it would be feasible. Should the amount of land be much smaller than this it will be deferred until such a the census will bear out his figures. time as lands are of a sufficient value to warrant the expenditure of such a and representative districts is not alsum, or at least until the reclamation oped today, upon inquiry at the War fund reaches such an amount as to wardepartment, that the government is not rant the commencement of such a

Federal government absolute title to the might prove feasible. The character might be some important changes in of the soils in that district is such that the apportionment of representatives. great care is being exercised upon a ing the canal stipulated that no work site. Some have proved after tests to should be done until the state had pre- be of such a nature as not to hold sented right of way to the government water through the hot season and free of cost. When this condition was would lose a great amount by the perimposed by congress, steps were taken colation through the sides and bottom of a reservoir.

Instructions for Taking Census.

Salem-Secretary of State Dunbar has issued the blanks and instructions to county assessors governing the taking of the state census of 1905. plies will be sent to each assessor in a day or two. The legislature, at its last of State Dunbar has adhered closely to the law, out of date though it is. Two blanks are provided, one for the enumeration of inhabitants and the other for the enumeration of industrial products. For the convenience of assessors the military roll was included in the enumeration of inhabitants. The instructions given are very complete and if studied and carefully followed the census should give a very accurate collection of statistics.

To Exhibit Sumpter Ores.

Sumpter-The building which will the Sumpter mining district, is combit is the concentration at one piont President and General Officers Will that are produced in this district. This will permit of inspection of ores without the necessity of visiting the many different sections where they are found. Many visitors from the East, attract their attention.

To Import Black Percherons.

Pendleton-A. C. Ruby & Co. this week sold to John Crow, the wheat made evident. The conference today grower, a black Percheron stallion, was preliminary to the adoption of such making the eighteenth sale since estabmeans as will increase the training and lishing a distributing depot in the add to the initiative of the enlisted men place. Mr. Ruby is preparing to go to join the army. The methods will be Europe to purchase another lot. and taught them which are born of exper- will leave the latter part of May. He ience and observation. It is expected will first visis England to purchase a that these methods not only will in- few Shires and then to France to purcrease the efficiency of the private sol- chase the black Percherons, which are dier, but also will enable him the bet- more popular than other breeds. The ter to protect himself and perhaps his animals will be shipped and will reach

Umaiilla County Booklet.

Pendleton-The Commercial association is preparing matter for a booklet Newcastle-on-Tyne, March 24 .- The containing information of Umatilla county, to be distributed among the incoming homeseekers to induce them to locate in the county. A number of the Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister newspaper men and business men have to Great Britain. The Kashima and been asked to contribute articles for the been asked to contribute articles for the her sister ship, the Katori, being built book, and it will be printed as soon as in full bloom. The event is nearly a possible. Fifty thousand copies will month ahead of time, the usual date 19 knots. Their main batteries will visitors who pass through to the Lewis years ago the same orchard began blos-

Low Prices for Cattle.

Pendleton-Stock growers of the county are disappointed at the poor cattle market and a few are selling regardless of the fact that only the lowest figure of the season can be obtained. A reach 4 cents for steers and 31/6 cents

Wildwood Mill to Start.

Cottage Grove-The Wildwood Lumber company, which owns a large sawmill near the end of the Oregon & Southeastern track, above Wildwood,

NUMBER ALL NOSES.

Made in 1907.

Salem-A new legislative apportionment, based upon the state census of the growth of the Willamette valley counties, and if the state census should show much of a difference, Multnomah

legislature. From computations made by Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff last summer, that official reached the conclusion that some of the older settled valley counties Umatilla county until the grade neces- are not increasing very rapidly in population. His report showing that opin-This project would probably cost from ion raised a storm of criticism from the counties that received an unfavorable Whistler states that should it be found showing, but Commissioner Hoff asserted that his computations were made according to plans approved by the best statisticians, and he anticipates that

The apportionment into senatorial ways made in strict compliance with the constitution, and therefore some counties get a larger representation than their population entitles them to, Other investigations in the Umatilla while other counties get less. Should project proper will be continued, as a the legislature of 1907 be actuated by a site was found late last fall which desire to follow the constitution, there

Water War On.

Klamath Falls-The Klamath Canal company ordered the headgate of its canal opened on Link river and the water went coursing down the canal expect over 35 feet, if that much through the tunnel, under Ankeny canal, down Eleventh street, in Klamsth Falls and out onto the flats bordering L ke Ewauna. Immediately Sheriff Obenchain served the manager of the company with an order from the court directing him to shut off the water, bestreet brought suit against the company session, having failed to pass any act for damages, as the secretary of War show amending the old census law, Secretary had notified the company that taking hour. water out of Link river would be illegal. The company will now undoubtedly have the attention of the United out the fires. From three to five feet States district attorney.

Oregon Hops are Dirty.

Silverton-Fred Arthur has just returned from a four months' visit in England, and among other things he brought back a sample of choice hops upon comparison with which the best hops of Oregon are found to be clear and bright in appearance. Arthur says that although many of ontain the permanent ore exhibit of Oregon's hope found a market in England this year the buyers there com plete in its interior decorations and plain that the hops are too dirty and now ready for the reception of a dis. that instead of getting better they are that the reputation of Oregon ho, will of the many different kinds of minerals suffer unless there is an improvement in the picinkg.

Klamaths Must Pay Taxes.

Salem-Attorney General Crawford visiting the Portland exposition, are holds that the Indians of the Klamath expected to stop over and inspect this reservation, who have just received ing to thousands of dollars was done to section, and the mineral display will their allotments from the government, be one of the most important objects to are subject to government under the laws of this state, and are entitled to enjoy the same privileges as other citizens. This means that the lands held by these Indians are subject to taxation the same as those of white men. Al- killed and several injured on the though the act making this allotment passed congress in 1899, it has just been approved by the president.

Plan for Larger Iron Works. Ashland-The Ashland Iron' Works ompany, whose plant was partially destroyed by fire a few months ago, has let the contract for new buildings and

machinery on a new site and on a greatly enlarged scale. The company has been reorganized with a nominal capital of \$20,000, but the plant when completed will represent an investment of nearly \$75,000, it is said. The new buildings are to be completed and the ment at Laie for evidence of polygamy, new plant installed by May 1.

Prune Trees About to Bloom.

Corvallis-By the latter part of this week the Italian prunes in the big 155acre orchard north of Corvallis will be soming March 11, and that season yielded a heavy crop. Peach, almond and apricot trees in the vicinity have nearly finished blooming.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Walla Walla, 86 @ 87c; bluestem, 94c; valley, 87c, per bushel. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.37 %@1.42; gray, \$1.50 per cental.

clover. \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, western trip. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 18c per dozen.

Butter - Fancy creamery, 2714@ Potatoes - Oregon fancy, 85@95c:

mmon, 65@80c. Apples-Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25. Hops-Choice 1904, 231/@24c per

pound. wool—Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 12@17c per pound; mohair, choice, 25@26c per pound.

supported by Great Britain, France, peace. Minister Hayashi consented, but received no further communication.

DEATH ROLL GROWS.

Hundred Dead and Missing at Brockton, Massachusetts.

Brockton, Mass., March 22.-Satisfied that there was no chance of recovering additional bodies from the ruins of the R. B. Grover company's shoe factory, search was abandoned at 11 o'clock tonight by the small army of volunteers after 37 bours of constant toil. Although the police and Medical Examiner Paine left that they have removed from the debris all remains which were not reduced to ashes, a second search shortly will be instituted to satisfy relatives and friends of the victims.

The revised list as given out by the police at 11:30 o'clock tonight was as ollows:

Bodies recovered, 55; identified, 14; missing, 45; reported as escaped, It now seems probable that but county and Eastern Oregon may profit 14 bodies will be buried with their identity positively established."

An inquest will be held shortly. The day saw the first movement or the part of the workmen in trades similar to that pursued by the victims to raise a relief fund for the bereaved families. It is expected that several thousand dollars will be subscribed.

At the rains tonight hundreds of men drenched to the skin by the rain toiled unceasingly amid the half-burned timbers for fragments of flesh and bone which, when found, were harried to the morgue to be scanned by those waiting there. That the 55 dead represent the total number of victims no one familiar with the disaster believes. It is extremely doubtful, however, that

WORST FLOOD IN YEARS.

Swollen Rivers Swamp the Pittsburg Mills and Drive People Away.

Pittsburg, March 22. - Pittsburg is threatened with one of the worst floods in years. At 11 o'clock tonight Forecaster Frank Ridgway predicted over 30 feet of water in the river. He does not

During the early hours today the water began to recede from the rise in the Allegheny, but a fresh impetus was given to the rushing torrents by a rain fall of nearly two inches over the entire watershed of the Monongahela river. Tonight about 50 miles above Pittsburg cause the property owners on Eleventh the Monongahela rising eight inches an hour, and at the harbor here the gangse show a rise of nearly three inches an

Already a number of mills have shut down as a result of the water putting more of water is expected up the valley, and a total of 20,000 men are liable to

Hundreds of houses on the South side and in McKeesport and other suburbs of this city are surrounded by from two places the water has entered the upper rooms and homes are being abandoned for the time being. No fatalities have

TORNADO TAKES NINE LIVES

have reached here of one of the most sonable sum, as other claims are awaitdisastrous storms that ever visited that section, which swept across the southern part of Randolph county late last has rendered an opinion in which be night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost, and damage amount. French Warships Ordered to Proceed property. The tornado started at a point near Double Heads and proceeded in a northwesterly course.

The residence of Mack Carlisle was demolished and R. C. Haynes, of Roanoke, was killed. Three negroes were Wilson plantation. Three or four negroes were killed on the Holly plantation, near Rock Willer postoffice a store was demolished and a little white girl, daughter of a Mr. Lucas, was killed and her mother seriously injured.

Details of the storm are difficult to obtain on account of the wires being

Are Suspected of Polygamy. Honolulu, March 22 .- R. W. Breckns, United States attorney, is reported to be investigating the Marmon settle

on instructions from Washington. Mr. Breckons refuses to confirm or deny the report. A. T. Atkinson, superintendent of public instruction, and father of Territorial Secretary Atkinson, has resigned at the request of Governor Carter, who considers his administration trail 30 feet wide was burned around unsatisfactory. In his letter of resignation, Superintendent Atkinson de mands a public investigation.

Cabinet Considers Canal. Washington, March 22.-Questions relating to the isthmian canal and the

reorganization of the canal commission occupied much of the attention of the cabinet at today's meeting. No definite announcement was made at the conclusion of the meeting regarding the canal question other than that a state-Hay-Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; the president's departure on his south- to the rate question. He stands for

Must Not Take Manchuria.

Kobe, March 22 .- According to the Pekin correspondent of the Mainichi Shimbun, one of the leading Tokio papers, United States Minister Conger has

EXPLODING BOILERS

Kill at Least Sixty Persons at

Brockton, Massachusetts.

THEIR BODIES ARE CREMATED

Shoe Factory Swarming With People Ripped Asunder by Bursting Boiler and Burned.

Brockton, Mass., March 21 .- At least 50 persons were killed early today by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campbell district conducted by the R. B. Grover company. The explosion was immediatey followed by a flash of flame which consumed the factory, a. long, four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women who were unable to extricate themselves from the mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler room, More than 50 of the employes in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground.

The fire extended from the factory toseven other buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of these buildings was a three-story wooden more than fragmentary pieces of other block, the others being cottages of small value and a blacksmith shop. The wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the flying boiler, but none of their occupants were seriously injured. The total financial loss is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which falls on the R. B. Grover company.

It may never be known just how many persons perished in the wreckage. No one knows exactly how many persons were in the factory. The number has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Charles O. Nelson said tonight he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for, and at midnight the remains of 50 bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night.

SAY AMOUNT IS EXORBITANT

America and Britain Hold Out Against Paying Samoan Claim.

London, March 21 .- The Associated Press understands that there are noprospects of an early settlement of Germany's Samoan claims. A tentativeoffer of \$40,000 has been declined. Germany's claim of \$120,000, when to eight feet of water, the occupants divided betweed the United States and living in the second stories. In some Great Britain, is conceded to be not worth haggling over, but the two governments stand together on principle on the refusal to settle.

The claim for \$120,000 includes moral damage, and the American and British experts to whom the accounts were submitted report that the claim represents ten times the actual losses. play specimen. The object of the ex- picked less clean each year. He fears Tears Through Alabama, Wrecking Germany has been informed that the Roanoke, Ala., March 22. - Reports and would be willing to pay any reaing the result of this settlement.

BIG GUNS MAY TALK.

At Once to Venezuela.

Washington, March 21 .- The French-Cable company complications have reached a crisis, and Minister Bowen has informed the State department that the French minister at Caracas, by instructions of his government, has notified the Vennezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings on its part toward the cancellation of the company's franchise or interference

with its property.

Further, Mr. Bowen reports that two-French warships, the cruisers Dupleix and Jurien de la Graviere, have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act. in accord with the instructions of the French minister. The warships are now in the Caribbean sea.

Fighting Hawaiian Forest Fires.

Honolulu, March 21 .- Five hundred or more persons, mostly plantation laborers, were today fighting the forest fires at Wahiawa. The fire is now believed to be under control. About 2,-000 acres were burned, being mostly land recently acquired by the United States for a military reservation. A it. The forest is being patrolled to-

night. The fires in Olsa and Kons are also believed to be under control. Rain helped to extingish the fires inthe Olas district.

Extra Session in October.

Des Moines, March 21 .- Senator Allison is authortly for the statement that President Roosevelt will call congress in extra session October 1, two months in advance of the regular session, for the purpose of considering the railroad ment on the general subject of the de- rate investigation. Senator Allison cisions reached will be made prior to also expressed his own views relative empowering the commission to adjust rates, declaring that there are many abuses which are subject to correction.

Witte Asked Peace Discussion. Paris, March 21. - In the course of

pers. United States Minister Conger has an interview in the Matin today, Visnotified the Chinese government that count Hayashi stated that M. Witte, in future no power will be permitted to when in Berlin last July, sent an acquire territory in Manchuria. It is emissary to London asking the Japanese also said that in this policy America is minister there to meet him to discuss

tion.