APPROVE PROJECTS CASTRO REFUSES TO PAY MORE

Hitchcock Will Reverse Himself on Irrigation.

TO THE BENEFIT OF NORTHWEST

Had Taken Bad Advice - Walcott Removes Objections to Umatilla, Okanogan and Sunnyside.

Washington, Nov. 18. - Secretary Hitchcock is preparing to reverse himself and approve the Umatilla irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, as well as one or more projects in Washington. This, at least, is the inference to be drawn from an authorised statement made at his office today to the effect that action on the Umatilla project would be taken some time next week which would be satisfactory to a further provocation. the people of Oregon, and that similar action was to be looked for on one or more Washington projects. It is not known at this time what Washington projects will be approved, further than that the choice will lie among the Tieton, Okanogan and Sunnyside schemes, all of which have been favorably recommended by the Reclamation service.

This announcement from the secretary's office was made after a conference between Mr. Hitchcock and Director Walcott, of the Geological survey, who is the intermediary between the secretary and the Reclamation service. This afternoon Mr. Walcott returned to the secretary all papers bearing on the Umatilia, Okanogan and Tieton projects and, in addition to the original recommendations, submitted unanswerable arguments showing that all these projects are not only feasible and desirable, but that there is no feature about them to which objection can

be legitimately raised.
In point of fact, Mr. Hitchcock, shortly after taking adverse action on the Umatilla, Tieton and Okanogan projects, saw that he had acted on bad advice, and realized that his position would become untenable. He saw that be had made a blunder which would have to be rectified, and he has cautiously been feeling his way back to solid ground. He is not yet ready to make the final leap, but is preparing for it and, when he does, Oregon and Washington will benefit. Incidentally it might be mentioned that the men who gave the secretary bad counsel have heard from it, and have been warned to display more intelligence and common sense in future

ONLY AMERICANS AS CONSULS.

Root Will Not Appoint Foreigners if He Can Help It.

Washington, Nov. 18 .- Not a single American consular service abroad since Secretary Root assumed office. He time of political stress, wherein rela- on the banks of the Volga. tions might become strained, no such test should be placed upon the loyalty of a foreign consular agent to his native country as would be imposed by requiring him to do his full duty to the country which merely employed him.

So, although a number of vacancies have occurred in these posts since Secretary Root assumed office, he has held consistently to the policy above laid down, and where it has not been possible to find Americans to fill the vacancies, the offices have been allowed to of Liberia. Liberia wished to borrow remain vacant. Of course, the vacancies cannot continue indefinitely, but cate certain territory as security. Gerthe secretary hopes that, with the pressure of the business world behind of undue expansion of British and it, congress will yield to his appeal for French influence in that quarter of more liberal compensation for these Africa. The State department has not small posts, so as to enable him to send felt called upon so far to take any acout American officials.

Ballot Reform in New York.

New York, Nov. 18. - At a conference yesterday between representatives of organizations interested in ballot reform, a resolution was adopted declaring that ballot reform in New York should proceed on the lines of the Austrailan ballot as in use in Massachusetts. As the representative of the Corrupt Practices association, D. Cady Herrick asked the support of the conferees for a bill which his organization intends to present to the legislature and which he said would be drawn so as to do away with election corruption.

Peasants Sack an Estate.

Kursk, Russia, Nov. 18. - Agrarian disorders are increasing. The estate of Prince Kassalkine Rostkoftsky, in the Novoekol district, has been sacked by peasants, who attacked and wounded the prince and princess. Several buildings were burned and cattle and horses driven off. The police commissary has burn has been informed that it will take sent an urgent appeal to the government for regular troops to aid the Coseacks, who are powerless to cope with the disorders.

Plan International Parliament. Paris, Nov. 18 .- Representatives of the parliaments of the principal nations will assemble here November 18 to consider the American appeal for a and a general arbitration treaty, as presented at the Brussels parliamentary congress by Congreseman Richard Barthe United States at the congress.

Keeps Back Second Installment on Plumley Award.

Paris, Nov. 17- The foreign office is advised that President Castro yesterday refused to pay the second installment of the Plumley arbitration award. The by French citizens in Venezuela during the revolutionary periods prior to 1903.

Judge Frank Plumley, of Northfield, Vermont, was president of the arbitration committee, which met at Norththree months ago. The second payment was due yesterday, but was not paid.

Apparently the Venezuelan President's failure to pay the installment was on the ground that diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela are interrupted. The officials here decline to admit that this justified President Castro in not paying the installment. The incident is considered to be

CZAR HELPS PEASANTS.

Remits Millions Due on Lands and Makes Purchase Easy.

London, Nov. 17 .- A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Reuter's Telegram agency says that an imperial manifesto granting land concessions to the peasants was issued this morning. By its road and our income is about \$500 a terms the land redemption tax pay- month. If we were getting all the ments from January 14, 1906, will be traffic that is available and naturally reduced by one-half, and from January 14, 1907, the payments will be totally abolished.

At the same time the capital of the Peasant bank is increased and the bank is granted additional loan privileges with the object of facilitating to the utmost the purchase of lands by peas-

It is estimated that the amount of taxation thus lifted from the peasants by the manifesto will aggregate \$40,-000,000, while the extension of the field of operations of the Peasants' bank will enable wast tracts of crown filings to secure new sources of water and reach its destination. and private lands gradually to become the property of the peasants.

PRETENDER LEADS PEASANTS.

Army of 50,000 Supports Usurper's Claim to Czardom.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17 .- A false emperor has suddenly made his appearance near Penza, and already his followers number 50,000. This is the filing is for 1,500 cubic inches per The present library was instituted by startling report received this afternoon second at a point about 10 miles above a private library association and conin a dispatch from Simbrisk. Penza is in the heart of the vast region extending westward from the Volga, where agrarian uprisings on a large scale have occurred, and if the report turns out to be true that the pretender to the throne foreigner has been appointed to the has placed himself at the head of the peasantry, the government will soon face, besides its other troubles, a formfeels that it is his duty to "put none idable agrarian rebellion. It required but Americans on guard." Aside from a year to suppress the famous rebellion the fact that a foreigner naturally led by Pugaticheff, who impersonated might be expected to take less interest the dethroned and murdered Feter III than an American in the development in the time of Catherine II. That upof our trade abroad, it is felt that in rising was started in the same region

STORM CLOUD IN AFRICA.

Germany Protests Against an Anglo-French Agreement in Liberia.

Washington, Nov. 17 .- The State de-France against the conclusion of certain negotiations now on foot between those two governments and the government some money and is willing to hypothemany sees in this proposition a threat tion in this matter, and in fact regards the communication merely as informa-

Anarchy at Vladivostok. St. Petersburg, Nov. 17,-The latest eports from Vladivostok indicate that the rioting has not yet been suppressed. Both sailors and fortress artillerymen particapated in the outbreak. ommandant lost his head, the situation got beyond control, and energetic measures were not taken until a large part of the city had been destroyed. The population is still seeking refuge on the vessels in the harbor. Accordrioters, mostly sailors and artillerymen, were killed or wounded.

Battleship Idaho Not Ready. Washington, Nov. 17 .- The Navy partment has not been advised by the ramp Shipbuilding company that any date has been set for launching the battleship Idaho, although Senator Heyplace December 9. The Idaho is only 40 per cent completed. It is unusual to launch ships in that early stage, and it seems improbable that the launching would be fixed for a date so near without notifying the Navy department.

Standard Oil's Big Dividend.

New York, Nov. 17 .- The Standard Oil company has declared a quarterly permanent international parliament dividend of \$10 a share. The previous dividend was \$6 a share and the dividend at this time last year was \$7 a. share. Today's declaration brings the to ship. Manager J. H. Hall advises

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PORTAGE ROAD WILL PAY.

With Its Traffic. Salem-"That the Portage railway traffic has been established, there is no doubt," said Superintendent L. S. ford has rendered a decision holding Cook, of the Celilo Portage railway, that the State Board of Health bas no favor of France, which was awarded about \$650,000, and President Castro reasons we have not been settled the foregaining admission. paid the first installment of the award business we should have had at the start, but present difficulties will be removed and avoided in the future.

for the boats on the upper river to take power to establish quarantines. on wheat at some places to bring it vaccination rule would not be in the down to Celilo. For example, at nature of a quarantine; hence the Quentin there was 12,000 sacks of board cannot find its authority in that wheat piled up on the shore, but the provision. water was so low the boats could not get near enough to load. Some 150,000 clause giving the board general supersacks of grain along the Upper Columbia have been shipped out by rail, when a new qualification for admission to the under normal conditions of water, it public schools unless there is apparent would have come down by boat and the danger of an epidemic of smallpox. portage road.

"I cannot give exact figures at present concerning the expenditure and inments with transportation companies when the charges are collected by one line and the amount apportioned. round numbers I should say that it costs us \$800 a month to operate the tributary to the portage road, we would have an income of \$1,200 a month and an expense of perhaps \$1,000. have handled 10,000 to 15,000 sacks of wheat this month, whereas we would have handled much more if the boats could have reached it."

WANT WATER FOR CANAL.

Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company Files on Water Rights.

Salem - The Deschutes Irrigation & supply for its extensive irrigation system near Bend. The present source of supply is about two miles above the town of Bend, but it is understood that the land upon which the headgate is located is owned or controlled by A. M. Drake. The Deschutes con pany has for the purpose of securing water for a small membership fee, the Benham falls canal, which will extend eastward and northward a distance of 30 to 40 miles, bringing the water to Prineville and irrigating large areas of land north of the canal.

The Portland Irrigation company, land, has filed on 15,000 inches of water in Chewaucan creek, Lake county, the point of diversion being in section 34, township 33 south, range 18

Fruit Drier Closes Down.

Freewater - J. P. McMinn, proprietor of the large fruit drier north of Freewater, has closed for the season, after a very short run, owing to the scacrity of prunes and the active demand and high price paid for the green fruit, 75,000 pounds being the output this year as compared with 200,000 partment has learned that Germany pounds last year. Heretofore he has has protested to Great Britain and shipped his prones east, disposing of the same in the large cities at prices from 3 to 3% cents a pound. He has sold half of this year's output at 6 cents a pound to Pendleton and Walla Walla merchants.

Sandlake May Talk.

Cloverdale - The Cloverdale Telephone company this week completed ten miles of new telephone line to Sandlake. The company has also lately completed its line to Dolph. This gives Tillamook City telephone connection with every voting precinct in the huckleberries, 7c per pound; pears, south part of the county. There is \$1.25@1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.50@ bardly a farm house from Tillamook to 1.75 per box; Concord, 15c per basket; Slab creek that has not telephone con-quinces, \$1 per box. nection, and it is hoped next year will see the system extended to the valley by way of Willamina. The system now embraces over 60 miles of wire.

Work on Coquille Bar.

Bandon-Work on the north jetty at Coquille bar is now fairly under way, pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carand will be completed probably within rots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 a year. This is part of the improve- per s ck. ing to one report from Vladivostok, 300 ments along the Coquille river, for which the government recently appro- \$1.25 per sack priated \$55,000. The jetty will be extended 555 feet seaward. Contractors Wakefield & Jacobsen, of Portland, have the task in hand, and extensive work \$2.15. had to be done before the actual work of building the extension was started.

Winter Irrigation a Success.

Milton-W. T. Shaw, the well known recently and reports that irrigation on increasing. This ditch uses the sur-, live, 8@10c; ducks, 14@15c. plus water of the Walla Walla river, and as a result it can only irrigate when olds, 712@10c. the ordinary irrigation season ends.

Car Shortage Felt.

"Freewater-Owing to the scarcity of cars on this division the Peacock and Eagle mills are working at a great disadvantage on account of storage capaci- 4@4 %c. ty being blocked with millstuffs ready

NEED NOT VACCINATE.

arbitration covered damages sustained Low Water in River Has Interfered Children Cannot Be Forced to Take

Precautionary Measures. Salem-In answer to an inquiry from of Portland, Attorney General Crawbe vaccinated before gaining admission cial very close to Secretary Hitchcock,

The attorney general quotes from the law creating the board of health, showing that the board has general super-"Low water has made it impossible vision of the health of the state and

Neither does Mr. Crawford think the vision will authorize them to establish

AIDS THE CATALOGUE HOUSES.

come, because we have not made settle- Baker City Merchants Protest Against Numbering of Rural Boxes.

Baker City-The merchants of Baker City are circulating a petition asking the postmaster general to withdraw his order to the effect that all rural mail boxes must be numbered in consecutive order. In this work they have asked the aid of all the merchants from Boise to Spokane, and petitions have been sent to these towns for circulation.

The merchants allege that the num bering of the mail boxes on the rural free delivery routes would give the catalogue houses in the large cities like New York, Chicago and St. Louis a great advantage, as these big concerns would be enabled to send out their catalogues and other literature to every patron along every rural free delivery route without knowing the names of the parties, as the literature could be Power company has made two water addressed to Box 24, or any number,

Start Free Library.

Baker City - Baker City now has a free public library, the council having ratified the appointment of the library commission as named by Mayor C. A Johns. A special library tax will be now made a filing for 1,000 cubic feet voted on the the next June election, of water per second about three miles and in the meantime Andrew Carnegie further up the stream. The filing is will be asked to renew the offer of tor the purpose of securing water for the Central Oregon canal. The other establishment of a library in this city. Bend, at Beham falls. The filing is ducted for the benefit of the public at

O. R. & N. Block System.

La Grande - The construction gang at work erecting the block system on the mountain division of the O. R. & N., has almost completed its labors for represented by Edwin Mays, of Port- the winter. The system is installed well along the line between Meacham and Bingham Springs, and when the crew reaches the latter place work will be suspended this season, although it far as Umatilla, at least by another year.

Nucleus of Permanent Exhibit. Ontario-The Malheur county exhibit returned from the fair at Portland is being installed in the office of Don an delegation from New Mexico called Carlos Boyd. It is to be made the nucleus of a permanent exhibit of the the proposed sale to the government of products of the county.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 73c per bushel; bluestem, 75c; valley, 746675e; red, 69c. Oats-No. I white feed, \$26; gray, \$26 per ton.

Barley-Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$22@22.50; rolled, \$22.50@ Rye-\$1.50@1.60 per cental.

Hay-Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@ 16 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$8@9,

Fruits-Apples, \$1@1.50 per box;

Vegetables-Beans, wax, 10@12c per pound; cabbage, 1@154c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 506660c per dozen; pumpkins, 34 oftic per pound; tomatoes, \$1 per crate; sprouts, 714c per pound; squash, 14 061c per

Onions - Oregon yellow Danvers, Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks,

75@80c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1 90; crates,

Butter - Fancy creamery, 25@27 \cdot c per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 3214@35c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 11@12c Hudson bay rancher, was in the city per pound; young roosters, 90210c; springs, 11 @ 12c; dressed chickens, the line of the Hudson Bay ditch is 12@14c; turkeys, live, 17 1/4 @18c; geese,

> Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 30c.

Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 9@11c;

Beef - Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4e; country steers,

Veal-Dressed, 3@716c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 7@716c per IRRIGATION MUDDLE.

Oregon and Washington Suffer From "Too Many Cooks."

Washington, Nov. 15 .- "The Malheur irrigation project in Eastern Oregon is reeking with graft," said a high official of the Interior department today, "and until this graft has been eliminated the government will not adopt and build the project which the FOREIGNERS TERROR STRICKEN will be self sustaining when regular State Health Officer Robert C. Yenney, Reclamation service has prepared. The government does not propose to be held

> This statement was made by an offiand he, apparently, knows whereof he speaks, for he but recently returned from Malheur county, where he made careful investigation into the entire irrigation situation, and found such conditions as warranted him in recommending against the immediate construction of that project. It is his when the government will undertake the construction of the Malheur project; project will ever be built by govern-

There is no just reason why the waived. The Maxwell company merely asks to retain 300 acres, with water Cronstadt. right, but Mr. Hitchcock rules that, but 160 acres, with water right, overof the Maxwell company, should they hold 160 acres, or 480 acres in all, with water rights attached.

The same thing is true of the Sunnyside project in the Yakima valley, in Washington. The Sunnyside canal owners are willing to sell out for \$1,-500,000, but they ask to retain more than 160 acres of the land they now own, with water right attached, and the secretary is unwilling to grant them this privilege. So he holds up that project, which in the opinion of the reclamation engineers is very attractive and can be acquired to advantage at

Representative Jones, through his Nearry a year ago Mr. Hitch- of the island to Cuba. cock allotted \$2,800,000 for the construction of the Palouse project, but in both states for immediate work, but to pay these settlers for the land. Mr. Hitchcock refuses to authorize its expenditure.

Bargain in Irrigation Works.

Washington, Nov. 15 .- A nonpartison the president to discuss with him an irrigation project which has been built to irrigate the Pecos valley. The dam and its contingent system were constructed by private individuals at a cost of \$750,000. Last spring a flood carried away a part of the dam and left the reservoir practically dry. farms, orchards and gardens, which were irrigated by the system, are threatened with total destruction unless the dam is rebuilt. The delegation proposes to sell the entire plant to the government for \$150,000. The president promised to give full consideration to the proposition.

Unrest Still Prevails in Odessa.

Odessa, Nov. 15 .- Considerable unrest continues to pervade this city. measures and in cronsequence the people fear to leave their homes after nightfall. pendent.

Suez Route is Favored.

Washington, Nov. 15 .- The Navy department has been informed that the charges for the passage through the 000 or to give favorable consideration preparations contemplate that route. Caesar and Brutus and the supply ship towing machinery.

Mutiny at Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15 .- The latest advices from Vladivostok, received at an early hour this morning, state that the mutiny there is now under semicontrol, although the danger is by no Pork-Dressed, 6@7%c per pound. Is impossible to secure details.

STORM STOPS RIOTS

Russian Capital Held in Grasp of Flerce Blizzard.

Fear Escape May Be Cut Off - Are Advised to Leave Country Without Delay.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16 -A flerce northeast blizzard and snow, which blew down on St. Petersburg tonight, prevented bloodshed in the Russian capital. The bitter cold, by forcing the strikers to remain indoors, did more to preserve order than all the candid opinion that the time is remote Cossack cavalry patroling the streets. Heavy military reserves are stationed in all the industrial districts, but up to midnight there was no rioting, indeed, he has doubts whether that There were rumors of collisions in different parts of the city, but on investigation they turned out to be false.

The Social Democrats had an impressive response on the part of all organis-Umatilla project should be delayed one ations of workmen to their summons day. It has been demonstrated that for a general political strike to dethere is money available; the technical monstrate their solidarity with the objection is trivial and ought to be struggle of their Polish comrades for autonomy, and to protest against the execution of the mutinous sailors at

The situation has caused a renewal of under the law, this company can have the panicky feeling among the inhabitants, whose nerves were already shattered by the events of the last fortlooking the fact that the three members night, and hundreds of persons who had just returned are again leaving for mak entry individually, could each Finland. The foreign residents are becoming more and more alarmed, and many of them are hastily preparing to go abroad for the winter. In case the Finnish Socialists should join their Russian comrades and tie up the Finnish railroad, the only egress would be by water, and the freezing of the gulf of Finland a fortnight hence would close the last exit.

MAY BUY OUT THE SETTLER

Possible Compromise, as War Depart-

ment Committed Itself. Washington, Nov. 16. - Senor Queecretary, today made inquiry as to sads, the Cuban minister here, called why Mr. Hitchcock refused to approve at the State department today and the Tietan and Okanogan projects, and seemed to be considerably agitated over found, as previously stated, that both the news of the movement in the Isle were sidetracked "because there is no of Pines to oppose the formal transfer

The contention of the American residents is that, as they own in fee simple the reclamation engineers recommended five-sixths of the ground, and as the reindefinite postponement of this under- maining one-sixth is in the hands of taking, and it has been temporarily one or two Spanish families, the 1,200 abandoned because of excessive cost, native residents being non-property It has been decided to withdraw this owners, they should have a right to be allotment, which contains enough heard by this gveroment. A suggesmoney to build the Tietan and Okanog- tion has been made here that is known an projects, and purchase the Sunny. to have received serious official considside canal as well, yet the department cration to the effect that, in view of still cries "no money." There is much the fact that the War department actquibbling among officials over the exact vally did at one time give ground for a status of irrigation projects in Oregon belief on the part of some persons that and Washington, but the situation is the Isle of Pines was American, it is likely that it will be extended on as as represented: There is money enough would be only just for this government

TAFT IN WASHINGTON AGAIN

Denies Story He Will Transfer Canal Affairs to Root

Washington, Nov. 16. — Secretary Taft arrived in Washington from Hampton Roads at 7 o'clock this morning. Immediately after he called at the executive office and saw the president when the latter came to the office. Secretary Taft made it clear today

that he had no intention of relinquishing supervision of Philippine affairs. During his temporary absence in Panama it was reported that matters relating to the Philippines were to be transferred to the State department and hereafter be under the direction of Secretary Root.

"That story," said Secretary Taft, 'o-iginated in the mind of the man who wrote it. There is absolutely no foundation for it, whatever."

Colorado is Dammed.

Los Angeles, Nov. 16 .- Local Souths Looting and attacks on individuals are ern Pacific officials state today that the reported to have occurred in various engineers and riprappers who have quarters. The new prefect up to the been at work for months past at Salton present time has not taken any drastic sea, in an effort to check the flow of water from the Colorado river, have been successful and that the waters are The university opened now practically under control. Expertoday. A number of policemen have iment after experiment has proved unresigned, and it is openly asserted that successful, and the railroad company they secured sufficient plunder during has been compelled to build several the disturbances to make them inde- successive new tracks to get away from the encroaching waters, at a heavy expense.

Favor Low Level Lock Canal.

Washington, Nov. 16. - The full board of consulting engineers of the Suez canal of the floating drydock built Panama canal had an all day session for the Philippines will be about \$20,- today and continued the work on the different types or canals. The result to the Suez route, and, in fact, all was a general impression that a large number of engineers, especially the for-Work is being hurried on the colliers eign, at present favor a sea level canal, but an intimation has been given that Glazier, which are being fitted with there might be a compromise on a low level lock canal, which would be very satisfactory.

Battleship Oregon Ordered Home

Washington, Nov. 16 .- Orders have een given by the Navy department for the return of the battleship Oregon from the Philippines to the United means over. The Chinese quarter has States at an early date. Two cruisers been entirely destroyed by fire, and the of the Denver class will be sent to the tholdt, of Missouri, who represented total dividends four the year to \$40 a he has 20 cars of flour and feed ready pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7 \(\) @8c. but, owing to the strict censorship, it bring back a crew of men whose enlistloss of life is reported to be very large Philippines later on. The Oregon will ments are about to expire.