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FRAMING BILL

House Committee Looks After Rivers and Harbors.

COLUMBIA RIVER IN HIGH FAVOR

Classed as One of the Most Important Improvements—Will Be Taken Care of First.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The house committee on rivers and harbors held a preliminary meeting today to prepare a bill which will be ready for presentation to the house before the Christmas recess. The measure was discussed only in a general way, but an agreement was reached that the more important projects would be taken care of first by the committee and the less important afterward. Representative Jones, of Washington, will look after the interests of the Columbia river, the improvement of which means so much to his constituents in Washington. Members of the committee who were seen today were of the opinion that the Columbia project properly came within the classification of important, and it will be among those considered first.

Mr. Jones was present today. In addition to caring for the Columbia river work, Mr. Jones will control to a large degree appropriations for improvements in the state of Washington.

It has been definitely determined that a river and harbor bill shall be passed at the approaching session of congress. Chairman Burton decided to get his committee together in advance of the convening of congress, so as to complete work on the bill and have it ready to present to the house just before the holiday recess. Once the bill is called up in the house it will take but a short time to get it through that body, and it will go through in practically the shape in which the committee reports it.

In the senate, however, there is likely to be considerable discussion of various features of the measure, and there is apt, before the bill reaches the senate, to be considerable discussion and amendment by the senate committee. The senate will, of course, pass the bill about as it comes from the committee on commerce, with probably a few amendments, increasing individual appropriations. Then it will be a question of holding the senate increases in the bill, and this will have to be done by the combined efforts of the various members of delegations whose states are interested.

TRIES TO HOLD MEETING.

Herr Most Taken Into Custody by St. Louis Police.

St. Louis, Nov. 30.—John Most, alias Herr Most, anarchist of New York, was arrested at 11 o'clock to-night after a fruitless effort to hold a meeting in St. Louis, and is now a prisoner at the Four Courts, held for Chief Kiely.

For ten days St. Louis detectives have watched Most. He was to have made a speech in National hall on Sunday afternoon, November 20, but the police prohibited it in view of the approaching visit of President Roosevelt.

He remained in St. Louis until last Wednesday, when it was announced he had gone to Chicago. Instead, it is declared he went across the river to East St. Louis, where he remained at the home of a friend until last night, when he recrossed the river. With the presence of Most in the city, it has developed that an international convention of anarchists was held in St. Louis for ten days just prior to the arrival of President Roosevelt. Chief of Police Kiely had a man at the meeting who made a complete report to him of the proceedings. It is declared that the chief business transacted at the convention, in addition to numerous speeches on liberty and free speech, was a resolution binding each delegate to use his influence to bring about a strike of all trades unions in the country next spring.

Negotiating for Steamer.

New York, Nov. 30.—Negotiations are reported to have been nearly completed whereby the steamship J. I. Luckenbach may eventually become the property of the Russian government. She was formerly in the trans-Atlantic service under the name Saale, and was partially destroyed in the great fire which swept the Hoboken water front several years ago. The steamer, which is now at South Brooklyn, was rebuilt after the fire and fitted up as a cargo carrier. She is valued at \$300,000. She will be used as a transport.

Powers Urge America End War.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: The powers are again urging America to end the conflict in the Far East. Diplomats attach great significance to Prince Fushimi's visits to Secretary Hay and the interest of the United States in the return of Manchuria to China is emphasized.

DEWEY MAY BE SENT.

United States Government Has Not Been Officially Informed.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Gratified by the spirit which has animated the contracting parties in agreeing to intrust to a commission the ascertainment of the questions of fact connected with the North sea incident, the United States government will cordially co-operate in the naming of the commission by the designation of one of its high naval officers as a member of that body. The outcome is especially pleasing to the administration, following as it does so closely on President Roosevelt's invitation to the powers of the world for a second Hague conference.

The popular impression has been all along that Admiral George Dewey, the ranking officer in the American navy, would be asked to be the American representative on the commission, although other names have also been mentioned in connection with the appointment. A decision will be reached promptly after the formal invitation has been received from the Russian and British governments as to who shall be designated.

This formal invitation has not yet been received, the two governments in the negotiations which have been in progress between them acting entirely on the presumption that the United States would cheerfully give its assistance and detail a naval officer.

JAPANESE OVER THE HUN.

Rivers Will Soon Bear the Weight of Transport Wagons.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—News received from the region of the Shukhe indicates that the Japanese have been across the Hun river. Further reports are to the effect that the Russian outposts on the right bank of the Shukhe were within 300 yards of the Japanese picket line. Frequent exchange of gun fire occurred and minor attacks are quite everyday affairs. The rivers will soon be frozen sufficiently to bear the weight of the heavy transport wagons. The following report has been received from Field Marshal Oyama:

"From the night of the 25th to the morning of the 26th bodies of the enemy's infantry attacked us in the vicinity of Signluten, Fagnig and Shaotukau. All these attacks were repulsed. In the afternoon of the 26th the enemy's artillery east of Tanha hotly cannonaded us, but we suffered no injury. "The greater part of the village of Changtaimun has been burned by the Russians."

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN CHILI.

Consul Winans Charged with Giving Improper Bills of Health.

Lima, Peru, Nov. 30.—It is reported here that Senor Martinez, the Chilean minister to the United States, will request the State department at Washington to cancel the authorization of Charles S. Winans, American consul at Iquique, to take charge ad interim of the Peruvian consul at that place. The request, it is said, will be founded on a charge that Mr. Winans has given improper bills of health to steamers leaving Iquique.

While the prevalence of bubonic plague has not been officially declared in Chile, it is said that there are cases that the Chilean government daily conceals in order that steamers may not omit touching at ports at which there are no sanitary regulations. This alleged action is considered a great peril to the Peruvian coast, Panama and the entire country bordering on the South Pacific ocean.

Sultan Greatly Alarmed.

Salonica, European Turkey, Nov. 30.—The Bulgarian revolutionary movement has recently assumed such alarming proportions that the sultan is sending Nazir Pasha to Salonica as special envoy with instructions to take all measures necessary to suppress the Bulgarian movements by the quickest possible methods. Ten battalions from Albania are expected here soon and the Redifs will be probably mobilized in order to afford effective military protection in every village of Macedonia.

French Embassy Building Delayed.

Paris, Nov. 30.—Work on the new French embassy building at Washington will probably again be delayed. Foreign Minister Delcasse asked for an initial appropriation. Minister of Finance Rouvier objected on the ground of economy, but finally conceded \$20,000. The committee of the budget on foreign affairs, however, eventually struck this out, saying the amount would not permit of much progress, and that it was better to wait until the finances permitted of a more ample appropriation.

Russia Will Copy America.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—A project for applying the American scheme of free land for settlers in Siberia in order to attract colonization from the congested districts in European Russia is attracting much favorable comment. The plan as proposed follows closely the American homestead system.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

LIBRARIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Light Tax Not Burdensome in Oregon—Convention of Officers.

Salem—Two departures in public school work are proving very successful wherever tried and promise to become permanent features of the public school system. They are the common school library, supported by special taxation, and the convention of school officers. Four counties have levied the library tax, amounting to 10 cents per capita upon the school population, and it is found that by this means the country schools are provided with books as good as those accessible to the pupils of town schools.

"The tax, being one-tenth of 1 mill, is not felt," says Superintendent Alderman, of Yamhill county, "and it puts the best books where they do the most good. The library law has now been in operation two years and has given complete satisfaction. While the amount that some of the small districts get is small, yet it is in proportion to the number of pupils. I consider the law a boon to the country boy and girl and I think it ought to be made mandatory on the county courts."

Conventions of school officers have been held this year at Baker City, Dallas and McMinnville, at each of which there was a very full attendance of school directors and clerks. Addresses were made by Superintendent Ackerman, by the county superintendent and outside educational workers, and those present held discussions of topics of general interest to school officers.

Consolidation of schools and school districts was one of the principal topics discussed at these conventions and the members of school boards learned the plan and purpose of this latest move for the improvement of the rural schools.

Briggs Strikes It Rich Again.

Grants Pass—David Briggs and boys, who were made rich in a day by the fabulous surface wealth of the Wounded Buck claim, on Upper Sucker creek, have located a claim on Upper Chetco, away up in the mountains near the Curry county line, and will work the rich ledge they have found there. They have had samples from this claim recently assayed here, and while they do not give the returns the Wounded Buck quartz has given, the proposition appears very promising, and the lucky family will move their scene of operations from the Upper Sucker to the Chetco. The Wounded Buck is under bond to a company for a consideration of \$100,000.

Government Gets Site.

Baker City—A deed has been filed with the county recorder from W. A. Houston to the United States for 100 feet square on the corner of Main street and Auburn avenue. This was the site selected for the government building soon to be erected in this city. The deed calls for \$4,800, the amount appropriated for the purchase of a site, while, as a matter of fact, the property brought over double that amount, the balance having been raised by adjacent property owners.

Electric Companies Consolidated.

La Grande—The La Grande electric company has consolidated with the Cove Power company, and they have incorporated under the name of the Grand Ronde electric company. The directors are Walter Pierce, J. A. Thomson, T. H. and Clarence Crawford and T. R. Berry. The consolidation was effected because the La Grande plant needed more power. The power from Cove will have a fall of 890 feet and will require 3,700 feet of pipe to convey it to the power station. The force will create 800 horse power.

Wind Puts Crops in Danger.

Weston—"The grain is in a safe condition yet, but if the high winds continue blowing it will dry out what moisture there is in the soil, and, unless rain comes soon, would seriously interfere with the grain that is sown," says James Kirkpatrick. "There is always a tendency to raise a cry of distress as to the future outlook of the crops, and, in truth, we have never seen it seriously injured yet, providence always providing at the needful time."

Oregon Supreme Court Reports.

Salem—Volume 44 of the Oregon supreme court reports is out of the bindery and the books have been delivered at the office of Secretary of State Dunbar for distribution to the judges and district attorneys and to be placed on sale to those who wish to buy. The state sells the reports at cost, \$3.50, and those who get the volumes by mail must incise 27 cents for postage.

PLAN TO RAISE PORTAGE FUND.

Prominent Umatilla Men on Committee to Canvass the County.

Pendleton—At a mass meeting of business men and prominent farmers the subject of raising \$5,000 as Umatilla county's portion asked by the Open River association for the portage road was discussed and plans decided upon. A committee was appointed to take active charge of the work and is composed of the following: George Peringer, M. M. Wyrick, W. P. Temple, T. J. Kirck, extensive wheat raisers, and County Commissioner Horace Walker.

The committee will make a thorough canvass of the county. It will be the plan to divide the county into districts and each member of the committee have charge of the district he may choose. In this manner it is believed the entire county can be covered in a few days and the desired amount raised without difficulty. A large portion of the amount asked for has already been donated.

Timber for Land Hunters.

Grants Pass—It is quite evident that there will be a grand rush for the woods when the final announcement is made of the release of the forest lands of Southern Oregon, which were withheld from entry several years ago, but which are soon to be thrown open to buyers, settlers and squatters. While the lands are not the regular forest reserves, they cover a large portion of the well-timbered sections of Josephine, Jackson and Curry counties, Southern Oregon, and parts of Siskiyou and Del Norte counties, California. A great portion of them is covered with fir and pine, with considerable sugar pine.

Hammond Company's Title Clear.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record whereby the Seaside Spruce Lumber company sells to the Hammond Lumber company 2,184.67 acres of timber lands in the Necanicum river district. The price is not made public and the consideration named in the deed is \$1. The transfer is understood to have been made in connection with the settlement of the claims held by numerous persons and firms against the Seaside company. These claims have all been settled and the mill property leased, so that it can resume operations at once, after a shut down lasting for several months.

Trappist Colony in Linn.

Albany—A colony of Trappist Fathers has been founded in Jordan valley, in the northern part of Linn county. Having been forced to leave their homes in France because of religious persecution, a number of these Trappist Fathers have come to the United States, and six of them located in Jordan valley, about three months ago, with the ultimate object in view of founding a Trappist colony there. They recently purchased considerable land, and are preparing to make extensive improvements, in anticipation of the arrival of more than 50 of the same order from France next spring.

Heavy Rains Loggers' Boon.

Astoria—The severe storms recently, with the accompanying large rainfall, has had benefits that many do not realize. It has been a boon for the loggers, and logs have been floated out of some streams that have been on their banks for a couple of years. How many feet of logs have come out of these streams to tidewater cannot yet be estimated with any definiteness, but it is fully 20,000,000 feet, and it may be double this amount in the Lower Columbia river district.

Epidemic Among the Chickens.

Albany—Several different citizens of Albany and vicinity have lost a number of chickens recently, they having died suddenly from some unknown cause. One Albany citizen lost all his chickens in a few hours, and a farmer named Cary living near this city, a few weeks ago lost 90 chickens in a short time. The fact that only a few flocks belonging to citizens living far apart have died, and that where any died almost all the flock died, leads to the supposition that death was caused by poisoned wheat.

Power Plant Almost Ready.

Milton—The flume for the Milton city power plant has been completed and workmen are finishing the power house. The plant will be completed about December 15.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; blue-stem, 88c; valley, 87½c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 85c; club, 88c.