

### HUME INDUSTRY IS DENOUNCED

River Greater Asset as Auriferous Attraction Than as Fishing Stream. Say Local Men in Argument Before Committee of Senate.

The Salem Statesman contains the following complete account of the hearing on the Pierce bill before the senate committee last Wednesday evening:

That the Hume industry had been a curse to the country, that it had kept the lower Rogue river country from developing, that it was the most complete monopoly in the state, that its treatment of the people dependent upon it for a livelihood was such that they, after 40 years of service, were unable to even own the roof which sheltered them, and that the wages paid the fishermen at the mouth of the Rogue equaled one-fifth of those paid on the Columbia, were the charges made by George Putnam, editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, before the senate committee on fisheries last evening, which had under consideration the Pierce bill which re-opened the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

The Hume interests and the fishermen were represented before the committee by the following speakers: Herbert Hume, Jr., J. S. Hume, Ivan Humason, D. E. Keasy, F. P. Kendall, Senator Norton of Josephine and Representative Pierce of Coos and Smith of Josephine.

Their argument was that the initiative bill had been passed by the people through misunderstanding and that the title of the bill had been deceptive in that it claimed to be for the protection of salmon, when what was wanted was protection of steelhead. The speakers contended that the people did not have the power to confiscate property and declared that the Hume plant and land, an investment amounting to \$300,000, was rendered practically valueless. As proof of this it cited that the big insurance companies had cancelled 26 policies as soon as they heard that this act had been passed.

The statement was made that this was simply the result of hard feeling between Medford and Grants Pass, engendered because the fishermen at Grants Pass caught all the fish as they came up the river through the employment of fine-mesh nets; also that it was part of a plan of real estate dealers to sell.

It was asserted that the bill destroyed the means of livelihood of several hundred families on the Rogue and that the Rogue had the second largest pack of wild-cured salmon, being exceeded only by the Columbia river. One of the main arguments advanced in behalf of the passage of the Pierce bill was that it did not interfere with the essential intent of the initiative act, which was designed to protect the steelhead, because it is provided that nets of no smaller mesh than eight inches shall be permitted. This permits all the steelhead to pass. This provision is strengthened by another bill passed the other day which makes it unlawful to sell or keep for sale steelhead.

Other speakers who addressed the committee against the bill were Gus Newbury, W. F. Isaacs, J. E. Enyart and W. M. Davis. These gentlemen contended that the bill had been passed by the state people in an emphatic manner and that the people of the three counties concerned—Jackson, Josephine and Curry—had endorsed the measure by a majority of 2500. They took the position that it was not within the province of the legislature to change a law passed by the people, that the legislature was a mere creature of the people and could not override their will.

Another argument made was that the Rogue was a greater asset as a tourist attraction than as a salmon producer. They contended that when it became known that the stream was closed to commercial fishing and that it was the only stream where big steelheads would take the fly, that hundreds of disciples of Isaak Walton would flock into the state and would spend large sums of money here.

It was argued that these sportsmen would purchase land along the stream in order to enjoy the fishing, and the case of the Potter Palmers of Chicago was cited with the declaration that the reason this wealthy family had decided to invest heavily in the valley was through a fishing trip to the river.

These speakers declared that ten years ago the farmers living along the smaller tributaries of the river had been able to go out and catch a winter's supply of fish in a few hours, but that at this time there were no salmon in any of these streams.

R. D. Hume, the founder of the industry, was dubbed the "King of the Rogue." It was pointed out that the Hume estate owned 8000 acres of agricultural and 7000 acres of timber land and that it had done nothing to develop the property.

### CZAR ATTEMPTS TO FORCE CHINA

Russia Threatens Military Demonstration in Attempt to Force Signature of Treaty With China—China May Appeal to U. S.

PEKING, Feb. 17.—Semi-official opinion expressed here today is that the threatened Russian military demonstration against China in Li, Mongolia and Manchuria provinces is intended at this time in order to take advantage of the plague and famine conditions which at present are crippling China.

While no official statement has yet been made, it is intimated that China will resist the Russian invasion by every means short of cannon, trusting that the intervention of foreign powers will present a clash.

Russia's determination to act just at this time is viewed as a last desperate attempt to force on China a renewal of the treaty of 1881, which expires next month. For nearly a year negotiations on this subject have been in progress and China has shown great unwillingness to submit to Russia's demands.

Under the terms of the expiring treaty Russia has certain trade advantages in all three provinces, and she insists that these advantages be continued. China, while declaring that the terms of the 1881 treaty have been observed, is reluctant to renew the convention on the same terms. It is to force compliance with this demand that the czar has made his threat.

Various considerations, it is pointed out here, may intervene to balk Russia's scheme. One is the attitude of Japan. While no expression has yet come from Tokio on the situation, it is known that Japan is watching the developments closely, and it is not believed that she will stand idly by and see too great an extension of Russian influence in Manchuria and Mongolia without a stiff protest.

Another feature of the situation which may have a great effect is the danger of an anti-foreign uprising. General dissatisfaction already exists in China over the accession of certain railroad and trade concessions to foreigners and it is said that if Russia forces the renewal of the treaty of 1881 by force of arms, dissemination of this intelligence throughout China will be followed by outbreaks, perhaps more serious than the late Boxer rebellion.

### ONLY THE BEST IS CENTRAL POINTS' NEED

CENTRAL POINT, Or., Feb. 17.—Only the best goes here.

At an adjourned meeting last night the council voted unanimously for a combination sanitary and storm water sewer system to cover the entire city.

Provision is made for a city several times the size we now are and the ultimate cost will be cut in half by rejecting the cheaper system. The total cost will approximate \$80,000, but when figured down to a single lot frontage the cost to individual property owners will be but a few dollars yearly under the easy conditions of the Bancroft municipal bonding act.

### SERIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN ANNEXATION

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Serious consideration is given here today by the Evening Standard (Conservative) to Congressman Bennett's proposal in the United States house that America and Canada unite. The Standard says:

"We need not suppose that either Speaker-elect Clark or Congressman Bennett have unfriendly sentiments toward England, or that they propose to accomplish their design of the annexation of Canada by any illegitimate means. But they were not joking when they expressed their annexation sentiments. They were only saying publicly what thousands of Americans are saying privately."

The Liberal papers regard Bennett's resolution lightly, saying it thinly veils his purpose of defeating reciprocity.

In the house of commons today Rowland Hunt (Unionist) announced that he would ask Premier Asquith on Tuesday whether England will reply to America regarding the Bennett annexation resolution.

Haskins for Health.

### TWO MORE ROADS BILLS MAY PASS

Grangers Experience Change of Heart and State Aid and Working of Prisoners Bills May Be Passed by Legislature Before End.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—Several of the grangers in the house have experienced a change of heart concerning the good roads bills tabled on Tuesday and it is very likely that two of these, the state aid and county prisoner bills will be passed.

Negotiations looking toward the passage of these bills were started this morning by Representative W. J. Mariner, leader of the grange forces and Chairman Mann of the roads and highways committee with Representative Clemens of the Multnomah delegation. Mariner has never been strenuously opposed to the state aid bill and the one providing for the use of the county prisoners on roads other country districts did object and Mariner stood with them.

Should Be Passed. "Some of us have heard from constituents on these bills," Mariner told Clemens. "And we believe that it would be a good thing to take them from the table and endeavor to pass them."

Members of the special committee on roads composed of McKinney, Bigelow, Clemens and Thompson, in addition to Mariner this morning expressed themselves as willing to comply with the suggestion of Mariner and Mann and a favorable report will be brought to the floor of the house on the two proposed measures.

Sentiment today appears to assure the passage of these bills. Members of the Multnomah delegation have never been more than lukewarm on the state aid bill, but have told the country lawmakers they would vote for the bill, if the rural districts desired it.

Farmers Want Law. From the expressions heard to lay the farmers have apparently shown that they are very anxious for the passage of this bill.

The county bonding act presented by Gill of Hood River was re-called from the senate yesterday because of some minor errors in it. It is being corrected today, will be passed in amended form and again sent to the senate for approval. The form of the bill will remain unchanged.

### SAN FRANCISCO PLANS PANAMA CELEBRATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Plans for the Panama Pacific exposition celebration next week were practically completed today. The parade on next Saturday promises to be one of the most notable in the history of the city. Mayor McCarthy will proclaim that day a general holiday.

### Tacoma People Coming.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 17.—En route to California a party of 16 residents of Tacoma reached Portland today. After visiting the city a few hours the travelers resumed their journey. The party will visit the principal cities of California.

### ROBBIE CATARRH

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### JURORS' NAMES KEPT A SECRET

Smallpox Almost Halts Seattle Vice Probe—Names of Grand Jurors to Be Kept Dark—Detective Posed as Wealthy Broker.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The discovery of a case of smallpox among the prisoners in the county jail, located in the basement of the courthouse, nearly called a halt in the grand jury investigation of the police corruption scandal today. But the jail was fumigated and the smallpox victim removed to the post home and the examination of 80 veniremen summoned to qualify for membership on the grand jury proceeded as previously arranged.

The identity of the men summoned for grand jury duty has been held secret to prevent any tampering. Seventeen will be chosen to serve and the evidence secured by Detective William J. Burns will be spread before them by John F. Murphy, the prosecuting attorney, at whose instance Burns and his operatives were brought to Seattle for the secret investigation of the alleged vice syndicate.

Scores of witnesses will be called and the alleged confessions of 80 men and women said to be implicated in the vice syndicate will be offered, according to Murphy.

It is said that much of the evidence against members of the so-called vice ring was secured by a Burns operative masquerading as a broker with nothing but money which he spent liberally for wine and entertainment.

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