

FINISH TESTIMONY LAND GRANT CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The government's suit to divest the Oregon and California railroad company a Harriman corporation, of title to 2,300,000 acres of land on the main line of the Southern Pacific right of way to Portland, today is ready for presentation before the federal district court in Portland. The taking of testimony here was completed yesterday by Special Examiner W. H. Willis.

The suit involves land valued at \$73,000,000. The government contends the railroad violated a condition of the grant under which it secured title to the land, asserted that it was specified that only tracts of 100 acres, at \$2.50 per acre, should be sold, and then only to actual settlers.

ANIMAL ACT WINS AT ISIS THEATRE

An animal act that is in every way distinctive and one that is making a host of friends in Medford is the one put on by the Trevette at the Isis theatre. Aside from a number of dogs, the troupe includes a cat and a rooster. The military drill executed by the animals is a bit of the act. The Isis is also showing a fine run of films, a feature being "Don Juan and Charles V.," an artistic and clever story of old times.

MESSAGE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS SENT BY TAFT

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one who has studied the question admits it.

It is the business of the National Government to provide a medium, automatically contracting and expanding in volume, to meet the needs of trade. Our present system lacks the indispensable quality of elasticity. Currency reform is urged.

The Tariff

I have regarded it as my duty in former messages to the Congress to urge the revision of the tariff upon principles of protection. It was my judgment that the customs duties ought not to be below a rate which would represent the difference in the cost of production between the article in question at home and abroad, and for this and other reasons I vetoed several bills which were presented to me in the last session of this Congress. Now that a new Congress has been elected on a platform of a tariff for revenue only rather than a protective tariff, and is to revise the tariff on that basis, it is needless for to occupy the time of this Congress with arguments or recommendation in favor of a protective tariff.

Army Reorganization

Our small army now consists of 83,809 men, excluding the 5000 Philippine scouts. Leaving out of consideration the coast artillery force, whose position is fixed in our various seacoast defenses, and the present garrisons of our various insular possessions, we have today within the continental United States a mobile army of only about 35,000 men. The forces remaining in the United States are now scattered in nearly 50 posts, situated for a variety of historical reasons in 24 states. These posts contain only fractions of regiments, averaging less than 700 men each. In time of peace it has been our historical policy to administer these units separately by a geographical organization.

Plans of reorganization are discussed at length.

Porto Rico

Porto Rico continues to show notable progress, both commercially and in the spread of education. Its external commerce has increased 17 per cent over the preceding year, bringing the total value up to \$92,631,886, or more than five times the value of the commerce of the island in 1901. During the year 160,657 pupils were enrolled in the public school, as against 145,525 for the preceding year, and as compared with 26,000 for the first year of American administration. Special efforts are under way for the promotion of vocational and industrial training, the need of which is particularly pressing in the islands.

Philippines

A bill is pending in Congress which revolutionizes the carefully worked out scheme of government under which the Philippine Islands are now governed and which proposes to render them virtually autonomous at once and absolutely independent in

eight years. Such a proposal can only be founded on the assumption that we have now discharged our trusteeship to the Filipino people and our responsibility for them to the world, and that they are now prepared for self-government as well as national sovereignty. A thorough and unbiased knowledge of the facts clearly shows that these assumptions are absolutely without justification. A present declaration even of future independence would retard progress by the dissension and disorder it would arouse. On our part it would be a disingenuous attempt, under the guise of conferring a benefit on them, to relieve ourselves from the heavy and difficult burden which thus far we have been bravely and consistently sustaining. It would make the helpless Filipino the football of oriental politics, under the protection of a guaranty of their independence, which we would be powerless to enforce.

Regulation of Water Power

There are pending before congress a large number of bills proposing to grant privileges of erecting dams for the purpose of creating water power in our navigable rivers. The pendency of these bills has brought out an important defect in the existing general dam act. That act does not, in my opinion, grant sufficient power to the Federal Government in dealing with the construction of such dams to exact protective conditions in the interest of navigation. In my opinion constructive statesmanship requires that legislation should be enacted which will permit the development of navigation in these great rivers to go hand in hand with the utilization of this by-product of water power, created in the course of the same improvement, and that the general dam act should be so amended as to make this possible.

The Panama Canal

During the past year the work of construction upon the canal has progressed most satisfactorily. About 87 per cent of the excavation work has been completed, and more than 92 per cent of the concrete for all the locks is in place. In view of the great interest which has been manifested as to some slides in the Culebra cut, I am glad to say that the report of Colonel Goethals should allay any apprehension on this point.

Although the official date of the opening has been set for January 1, 1915, the canal will, in fact, from present indications, be opened for shipping during the latter half of 1913. Promotion of Goethals to be major-general is urged.

Navy Department

The navy of the United States is

in a greater state of efficiency and is more powerful than it has ever been before, but in the emulation which exists between different countries in respect to the increase of naval and military armaments this condition is not a permanent one. In view of the many improvements and increases by foreign governments the slightest halt on our part in respect to new construction throws us back and reduces us from a naval power of the first rank and places us among the nations of the second rank. In the past 15 years the navy has expanded rapidly and yet far less rapidly than our country. From now on reduced expenditures in the navy means reduced military strength. The world's history has shown the importance of sea power both for adequate defense and for the support of important and definite policies.

Department of Justice

This department has been very active in the enforcement of the law. It has been better organized and with a larger force than ever before

in the history of the government. The prosecutions which have been successfully concluded and which are now pending testify to the effectiveness of the departmental work.

The prosecution of trusts under Sherman anti-trust law has gone on without restraint or diminution, and decrees similar to those entered in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases have been entered in other suits, like the suits against the Powder Trust and Bathtub Trust.

Reform of Court Procedure

I am glad to bring to the attention of congress the fact that the supreme court has radically altered the equity rules governing the procedure on the equity side of all Federal courts, and though, as these changes have not been yet put in practice so as to enable us to state from actual results what the reform will accomplish, they are of such a character that we can reasonably prophesy that they will greatly reduce the time and cost of litigation in such courts. The court has adopt-

ed many of the shorter methods of the present English procedure, and while it may take a little while for the profession to accustom itself to these methods, it is certain greatly to facilitate litigation.

Workman's Compensation Act

The workman's compensation act reported by the special commission appointed by congress and the executive, which passed the senate and is now pending in the house, the passage of which I have in previous messages urged upon congress, I venture again to call to its attention. I say again that I think no act can have a better effect directly upon the relations between the employer and employee than this act applying to railroads and common carriers of an interstate character, and I am sure that the passage of the act would greatly relieve the courts of the heaviest burden of litigation that they have, and would enable them to dispatch other business with a speed never before attained in courts of justice in this country.

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