

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IN DANGER OF BEING DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—The River and Harbor bill is in grave danger of being defeated. "Talked to death" may be its epitaph, and by a former chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee of the house. Yet there are those in the senate who still believe the bill will pass that body at this session, substantially as it came from the commerce committee, and one of these optimists is the distinguished senior senator from Michigan, William Alden Smith, whose name has frequently been heard recently as a likely candidate for the presidency.

Engineers Recommended
Senator Smith in reviewing the present situation in respect to the river and harbor appropriation bill, said: "The sub-committee of the commerce committee which reported the river and harbor bill to the senate, consisting of Senators Simmons of North Carolina, Chamberlain of Oregon, Ransdell of Louisiana, Nelson of Minnesota, Burton of Ohio, and myself, spent nearly two months going over, with government engineers and experts, the house waterways bill carrying, in round numbers, forty-three million dollars.

"Hearings were conducted, various communities throughout the country interested in particular waterway projects were listened to and all projects were gone carefully into, and I cannot now recall any difference of opinion in the sub-committee of any special moment. We were all in practical accord when the bill was finally presented to the senate.

Entire Appropriation
"Some of the larger projects for which appropriations had been made from time to time, like the Columbia river improvement, were closed by this bill and it was thought by the sub-committee that this course would prove more economical than the piecemeal appropriations of former bills.

"I cannot remember but one or two items not recommended and estimated for by the corps of engineers of the army. Those two items were the Arcadia project in Michigan, for which \$25,000 is appropriated, and the other, the Lake Conroy project on the Missouri river. The Arcadia project is located in a rural community entirely dependent on water communication for marketing their crops. Some years ago \$75,000 was appropriated for the Lake Conroy project, conditioned upon the raising of a like sum by local interests. The present bill eliminates that condition. Scores of meritorious projects were killed in committee, while others were not estimated for at all and do not appear in the bill.

Not Pork Barrel Methods
"The system of making appropriations for rivers and harbors may not have been scientific or wise when the practice was begun, but in recent years the most careful and painstaking scrutiny has been observed. This is especially true since the creation of the intermediate engineer board which is authorized and empowered to review the recommendations of district engineer officers even after such projects have been approved by the division engineers.

"I do not recall a single instance in my own experience where this appellate board has not exercised full supervisory authority with conservatism and impartiality. Members of congress have realized for several years that an adverse report from the army engineers virtually dooms the project. And this course has done away, almost entirely, with the old practice of "log-rolling," which was, many years ago, quite commonly practiced in securing local benefits in river and harbor bills.

"There may be, and probably is, improvement in rivers and harbors not as necessary to communities today as when undertaken, but that system was not without its champions; boards of trade, chambers of commerce, common councils, and citizens generally. They gave public men no peace until their local ambitions were inflamed. The situation is entirely different today. And the work of improving the rivers and harbors must now have the approval of the expert engineers of the army before it can obtain any standing before the committee of either house of congress."

FORD OF EUREKA TO SPEND YEAR IN JAIL

EUREKA, Cal., July 29.—Henry L. Ford, former United States commissioner, convicted for malfeasance in office, has been sentenced by Federal Judge Maurice T. Dooling to serve one year in the Humboldt county jail and pay a fine of \$1300. Ford was found guilty on each of nine counts of an indictment. His term will be concurrent, inability to pay the fine meaning thirty additional days in prison.

EXHIBITING A TA-TAO DANCE, 2,000 YEARS OLD



MISS ALINE WILLIAMS OF LONDON AND MR. SPALDING HALL IN THEIR CHINESE DANCE TA-TAO

In the above illustration is shown the first exhibit in America of the Ta-Tao, a Chinese dance. It was performed in New York before persons well known in society. The new Chinese dance was performed by Spalding Hall and Miss Aline Williams, of London. Miss Williams is a graduate of the Sacred Heart Convent and is well known as a classic dancer. Mr. Hall and Miss Williams were garbed in Chinese costume. Miss Williams' costume was a present from one of the Chinese nobility, who also taught Miss Williams the dance, which is in the neighborhood of two thousand years old. Mr. Hall wore a costume of yellow silk embroidered with black dragons. He is a great-grandson of the first Governor of Kentucky. Those who attended the exhibition were very enthusiastic over the new dance, which may become the craze of society.

ST. LOUIS CHURCHES PRAYING FOR RAIN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 29.—A majority of the Protestant congregations in this city will offer special prayers for rain tonight and for relief from the intense heat. The movement originated at a meeting of the St. Louis Bible Training School whose head, Dr. J. H. Gauss, issued the following announcement: "That we would appear to dictate to God, but we are comforted in looking to him in confidence in His love and compassion, and gladly honoring Him by thus making known our request to Him, with thanksgiving, still trusting in His goodness and mercy in all things."

HEAR ROOSEVELT AT NEXT SESSION

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The senate foreign relations committee decided today to inform Colonel Roosevelt, in response to his request for a hearing in opposition to the treaty to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama, that he would be heard whenever the committee determined to take up the convention. Senators said, however, that it was not probable that any further consideration of the treaty would be had at this session of congress.

MRS. HARRIS ASKS HUSBAND'S RELEASE

BERKELEY, Cal., July 29.—Declaring that her husband is suffering from collapse and delirium as a result of exposure in the tropics of Panama, Mrs. B. H. Harris, 2147 Ward street, today dispatched a telegram to Secretary of State Bryan asking that her husband be released from the government hospital at Ancon and sent to Berkeley.

GAME OFFICIALS TO TOUR SOUTHERN OREGON

SALEM, Or., July 29.—Accompanied by State Game and Fish Commissioner Duncanson and Deputy Game Warden Bremer, State Game Warden Evans will leave tomorrow for a tour of eastern and southern Oregon counties. The object of the trip is to enlist the co-operation of all those interested in game protection in the enforcement of the game laws. The trip will be made by automobile, and visits will be made to Bend, Canyon City, Burns, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass and Eugene. Game Warden Evans expects to return to the city August 12.

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BRITISH CONSOLS DROP TO LOWEST PRICE IN CENTURY

LONDON, July 29.—The seriousness of the European situation was reflected today on the London stock exchange, where British consols dropped at one time to 69 1/2 the lowest point reached since the early years of last century. They opened at 71 or 3/4 below yesterday. Soon afterward they dropped to 70 1/2 and then lost a full point bringing them down to 69 1/2. A government broker came into the market at this point and began buying all the consols he could get at 70 1/2.

Three small failures were reported early and two later, making the total five. None of them was of much importance, but it was feared that more would occur later in the day.

Otherwise there was nothing doing on the exchange and no quotations were available, the market being in a condition of animated suspension.

Dealers on the stock exchange afterward began to do a little business, but sales were effected only after much negotiating.

The transactions in the American section showed the quotation of Canadian Pacific at first to be 161, then rising to 170 and afterward declining to 166 as compared with yesterday's closing closing price of 171 1/2. Southern Railway was quoted 17 against yesterday's closing price of 18 1/2, and United States Steel 54, as compared with 58 1/2 at the close yesterday.

TRAVEL FROM IOWA IN FORD AUTOMOBILE

Ivan Gray, Jess Gray and J. M. Clough arrived in the city Tuesday evening from Muscatine, Iowa coming the entire distance in a Ford automobile. Although meeting with several accidents in the Rocky mountains no material damage was done to the car. The party left Muscatine, May 4th, and have visited places of interest on the way, sometimes stopping for a week at a time to cast for the speckled beauties or to explore superstitious mountains and old Indian trails.

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NEW YORKERS CALL UPON PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Seeking to have President Wilson define his attitude in the differences between factions of New York democrats, 15 members of the New York City delegation in congress, headed by Representative Fitzgerald, turned today to the white house.

PETITION PRESIDENT TO PARDON HAYES

OAKLAND, Cal., July 29.—A petition asking President Wilson to pardon a typical "village blacksmith" is being prepared by the citizens of Gold Hill, Or. John M. Hays, sentenced to six months in the Alameda county jail, is the object of the petition. Hays, after securing employment in the Presidio here, purloined 600 pounds of zinc belonging to the government. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail by Judge Dooling. Hays' reputation as the honest blacksmith in his home town may result in his release.

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WAR NOT TO INJURE AMERICA

WASHINGTON, July 29.—President Wilson kept closely informed of the war situation in Europe from American diplomats abroad, but there was no change in the attitude of mere observation. Secretary Redfield indicated to the

white house today he had no fear that a war in Europe would have any serious effect on conditions in the United States. It was the belief of officials close to the president that although prices of foodstuffs might go up in this country, general conditions resulting from the American products abroad would offset it.

VISITING WOMEN GOOD ROADS CONVENTION ENTERTAINED

The ladies of Medford entertained the visiting ladies of the Tri-State

convention Tuesday morning at the Hotel Medford at 10 o'clock, at a breakfast that was served at two long tables in the dining room, beautifully decorated with roses and ferns, and accompanied by music that was appreciated and applauded frequently, furnished by Ione Flynn on the violin and Miss Fern Hutchison accompanying.

All the ladies were unanimous in their praise of the exquisitely dainty breakfast, and the visitors in their appreciation of the courtesy shown them by Medford ladies.

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