

ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRATER LAKE PARK WOULD FOLLOW BILL

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(Telegram Washington Bureau.) More good roads and improvements to present ones in Crater Lake national park, Glacier, Yellowstone and the other national play grounds is assured if the promised support for the new legislation to be presented by Senator Shortridge of California materializes.

He will present in a day or two a plan for turning into a special fund in the federal treasury all fees collected from motorists visiting the parks to be available immediately and continuously for road repairs, maintenance, improvement and extensions in the parks where collected so that the motorists will have a continually improving attraction in the parks. As it is now the fees from registration entry, fines for traffic violations and other receipts from motorists are turned into the treasury and cannot be withdrawn except by specific appropriation by congress.

Each year the parks have to fight for money for the necessary maintenance and operation and get little or none for road development.

LUMBERJACK BRAIN WIZARD

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men, according to physicians. The general information tests recently formulated by Thomas Edison and given wide publicity throughout the United States would have been "easy" for Nolan, according to university psychologists. He recently passed perfectly in a minute and ten seconds the test of 60 questions. One of the questions asked the meaning of such words as Ateratum, Architrave, Chamfer, Chistogamous, Elohim, Gambit, Guimpe, Intaglio, Metacarpal, Mitosis, Nada, Pomology, Rocco and Simony.

TWO DROWNED

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Mrs. Childers were married at Gold Hill, Dec. 5, 1876.

Mrs. Childers who was 61 years, seven months and 18 days old, was born in Madison county, Neb., and her maiden name was Louise Ames. She also had been a resident of the state and of Gold Hill for the past twenty years.

Three children survive the couple. They are Harry Childers of Thayer, Neb., Frank Childers of Gold Hill, and James D. Childers of Foots Creek. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

JAP SUPERMAN IS MYTH

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yard, put in the body and raise over it a mound. Before the Japanese came the country used to be swept with terrible epidemics, mostly of cholera; 1200 deaths a day from it in Seoul alone was no unusual record. The Japanese, loyal students of what we are pleased to call our medical science became convinced that the Korean burial methods must be dangerous, particularly in epidemic time, and the country being menaced with approaching cholera the government issued an order that burials should be in controlled and regulated cemeteries.

They could not have hit Korean sensibilities in a tenderer spot. The Korean, like the Chinaman, passionately desires to have his family burying ground under his front windows where he can sit and brood over it and be nicely miserable. Bitter, therefore, was the resentment when he heard that the precious privilege had been taken from him.

When the governor general heard about this he summoned the central council, an advisory body of Koreans, to talk over the matter with him. The

result was that he frankly admitted a mistake had been made and rescinded the order, fixing up a compromise by which graves are to be more than six inches deep.

The first Japanese administrations in Korea laid strict and oppressive limits on the press. Some enlightened Japanese objected, pointing out that the world elsewhere had passed or believed it had passed beyond the stage of press muzzling. The next Japanese administration admitted the error and removed the onerous restrictions. When the Japanese arrived their idea was to fill the administrative offices, so far as they could, with their own countrymen and, for the rest, pay Koreans at a lower rate of salary. When this was assailed as unfair, Baron Saito, the present governor general said he thought so too, and made an order putting Koreans and Japanese on the same basis in the public service. At first the Japanese officers and representatives in Korea, even to school teachers, adorned themselves with uniforms and swords. This was denounced as ridiculous. The wise governor general said he thought so too and made an order abolishing the practice.

In the beginning the general Japanese purpose was to govern Korea as England has governed India. When it became apparent that the Koreans resented the iron heel and required something else the Japanese tried to give it to them. They haven't succeeded, but I think they have tried honestly and in accordance with their rights. The governor general has instituted a system by which seven secretaries go about the country openly conferring with leading Koreans as to desirable measures and reforms. This is regarded as an important concession to the principle of popular sovereignty and one that ought to keep the people still and happy; honestly so regarded, for the thing is meant in perfect good faith.

Nineteen in twenty intelligent Japanese will tell you that the long stretched out control of the government by the militarists was a blunder and rejoice that it has been corrected. They will tell you that the armed invasion of Siberia was a militarist blunder and the suggested retention of Shantung another and rejoice in the prospect that both will be corrected.

The Japanese system of government is bad enough, Heaven knows. I detest it and so does every other American who becomes acquainted with it. But it is not bad in the way it is represented to be; it is bad through ineptitude, surviving feudalism and fossilized monarchy, not through wilful intention nor because of satanic cunning setting out to conquer the earth.

No other country in the world, so far as I know, not even France, is so much the victim of misrepresentation. Take this matter of Shantung, for one instance. The Germans grabbed it first as pretended reparation for an alleged murder and then forced from the Chinese a long lease. When Japan entered the war her first business necessarily was to put Germany out of the Orient and she took Shantung. There was every European precedent for her to keep it, at least until the expiration of the lease. Who in America knows that disregarding the examples of Hong Kong, Wei-hei-wei, Indo-China, Liao-tung, Japan has tried three times to open negotiations with China for the return of Shantung and has failed through no fault of her own.

"Nevertheless," said Viscount Kaneko to me, "we will return Shantung. We have said that we will and we will. It will again become Chinese territory. We shall ask for some reasonable concessions for joint railroad operation and for free ports open to the world, but there will be no annexation. Japan has been strangely misrepresented in this whole matter."

It most assuredly has and there ought to be searching inquiry as to the reasons for this.

For instance—what connection, if any, with the armament makers and the battleship builders?

Also, what connection, if any, with the profound British disgust over Japan's steady invasion of the world's carrying trade?

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