

# Improving of Crescent City Harbor Unjustified Says Engineers' Report

## Railroad Construction Not Seen as Likely Large Expenditures Needed for Harbor Building Attempt

GRANTS PASS—(Special)—The text of the report of the army board of engineers opposing improvement of the Crescent City harbor has been received here as transmitted by Maj. Gen. E. M. Markham, chief of engineers, to J. J. Mansfield, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors of the house of representatives in Washington, D. C.

The report recognizes that the Rogue River valley could produce much for shipment via Crescent City if the California & Oregon Coast railroad were completed and the harbor improved, that present freight rates are high, and that savings would be made if the harbor and railroad were built.

However, the report states, the likelihood of the railroad being constructed is small and the savings would not be great enough to justify harbor improvement.

The report follows:

Hon. J. J. Mansfield, chairman, Rivers and Harbors Committee, 1. The committee on rivers and harbors of the house of representatives, by a resolution adopted June 14, 1933, requested the board of engineers for rivers and harbors to review the reports on Crescent City harbor, California, submitted in House document, No. 595, sixty-ninth congress, second session, with a view to determining if any modification of the existing project is advisable at the present time. I enclose herewith the report of the board in response thereto.

2. Crescent City harbor was originally an open roadstead on the California coast, about 17 miles south of the California-Oregon state line. Under the existing project for improvement a breakwater, 1000 feet long has been constructed at a cost, including maintenance, of \$1,127,478, of which \$245,000 was contributed by local interests. This breakwater does not afford a well-protected harbor, and during storms vessels are unable to lie safely in the wharves or in the harbor and must put to sea. The bottom of the harbor is rocky, overlaid with two or three feet of mud and numerous rock ledges and shoals are scattered through the harbor area and approaches. Depths out to about 3000 feet from shore are less than 24 feet, and but a relatively small area inside the breakwater has depths in excess of 20 feet. The depths at the two wharves are 11 and 16 feet respectively. The mean low range of tide between mean low water and mean higher high water is 8.8 feet. Local interests request the improvement of the harbor by the extension of the present breakwater and such rock excavation as is necessary to provide a depth of from 24 to 26 feet to a wharf which the Crescent City harbor commission proposes to build upon the fee of the breakwater from funds to be borrowed from the national recovery administration. In a report dated May 27, 1932, to the chairman of the committee on commerce of the United States senate, plans were presented for the improvement to provide a well protected harbor at the locality with a depth of 30 feet over a limited area, at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000. The chief of engineers concurred in the recommendation of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors that no improvement of Crescent City harbor, other than as authorized by the existing project, be undertaken by the United States at that time. He expressed the view that existing conditions are not favorable to the development of a first-class port and that the works proposed are not susceptible for such development without prohibitive cost.

3. The population of Crescent City is 1720. The commerce in the harbor during the past 10 years has averaged about 60,000 tons annually, and was 33,247 tons in 1932. It consists largely of shipments of lumber and receipts of gasoline in coastwise vessels drawing from 12 to 14 feet. The nearest railroad terminal with interstate connection is 75 miles to the south, but modern highways with easy grades extend to the north, east and south. The fertile Rogue River valley and extensive timber and mineral resources lie inland from the port. The rail freight rates from this area to deep water ports at Portland and San Francisco are high. Local interests are of the opinion that an improved harbor and a railroad into the interior would afford a commerce in lumber, limestone, cement, fresh fruit, ores and minerals, petroleum products and miscellaneous commodities amounting to 437,820 tons on the railroad line, of which 85 per cent would be for coastwise transportation. The district engineer considers these estimates too high. The division engineer is of the opinion that the area tributary to Crescent City, if afforded rail and water transportation equal to those of other comparable areas, would in the long run develop foreign and domestic commerce amounting to at least 145,000 tons of general cargo and 215,000 tons of lumber per annum, with savings in transportation costs of \$13,000 annually.

4. The district engineer is of the opinion that a depth of from 24 to 26 feet at Crescent City would not provide adequately for deep draft commerce. The tide frequently falls below the datum plane, ground swells are prevalent, and because of the rock bottom an ample margin of depth is necessary for safety. He presents a plan for completely protected harbor to be formed by the extension of the present breakwater, constructing a second enclosing breakwater, and excavating the protected area, all at an estimated cost of \$4,312,000 with \$50,000 annually for maintenance. The cost of the necessary port facilities to be provided by local interests is estimated at \$418,000. He is of the opinion that the cost of the works proposed to create a deep water harbor at Crescent City largely exceeds any savings that can be expected therefrom, and recommends the construction of a

# CONFIDENCE VOTE BRINGS PEACE TO DISCORDANT HOUSE

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night began its nightly sessions to struggle with the budget and on demands for other appropriations.

In reply to the house vote of confidence, made on motion of Representative Harry Bolton of Klamath Falls, Cooter stated any mistakes made were those of "the head rather than the heart."

The secretary of the state board of control would serve as budget director without receiving any additional pay for his services, if a bill introduced in the senate by Senator W. E. Burke should become a law.

Further, Burke's proposed amendment provided that in order to more fully carry out the intention of the act to provide a complete and comprehensive biennial budget for the legislative assembly, the governor should have power to prescribe a uniform system of accounts for all state institutions and various departments.

Would Abolish House

In the first senate joint resolution written by Senator James H. Hazlett it was provided that the state house of representatives should be entirely abolished leaving all legislation up to the senate, which would be constituted of 30 members selected from districts as at present.

Senator Peter Zimmerman would petition congress to make the necessary provisions to carry out the promises made by the Democratic party in the state and the governor, with respect to building transmission lines from Bonneville to various sections of the state.

Senator Dellmore Lessard in a resolution would ask for a public works loan to finance construction of an aerial cable way and cable railway at Mt. Hood, at a cost of \$1,221,900.

For Highway Straightening

Recommendation that the highway commission issue bonds not to exceed \$2,000,000 providing they are matched by federal funds to straighten commercial highways of the state was made in a house joint resolution by Representative Olen, Columbia county.

The money would be spent in each county on the basis of men listed on the unemployment rolls and designed to give relief. Highways listed are the upper and lower Columbia from Astoria to Umatilla; Old Oregon Trail from Umatilla to Ontario; Pacific highway from Portland to Ashland, and The Dalles-California highway from The Dalles to Klamath Falls.

Relief to delinquent taxpayers was offered in two bills by Representative Henry Olen, in one introduced today and another which will follow in a few days.

The first bill, applying to delinquencies of 1930 or previous years, provides that the delinquent be given the opportunity to pay 5 per cent and get a six-month extension and take advantage of the ten-payment plan. He also applies to the county courts for the privilege of work on the delinquent taxes on the road. Tax payment warrants would be issued, endorsed and turned back to the court. The purpose, Olen states, is to keep property on the tax rolls and to help men keep their homes or farms.

May Work Out Taxes

The other bill would provide that when the county has taken over property on foreclosure, it must permit the delinquent to work in place of paying.

The county court must then set a value upon the property foreclosed and pay not to exceed \$5 a day for road work. The limit gives the court the opportunity to employ technical men such as are needed to operate tractors and rock crushers on road work.

A teachers' tenure act, pertaining to school districts with a population of 20,000 or more, bearing the name of Representative Lew Wallace, Multnomah, was dropped into the house hopper.

The bill would repeal the old law and prohibit the arbitrary removal of teachers by boards until after a hearing.

Other bills introduced provide for the non-partisan nomination and election of district attorneys; limiting the term of office of directors of mutual fire insurance companies to five years; repealing the certificate of public convenience and necessity laws; providing that employers of persons between noon and 8 o'clock on election day shall pay double the regular wage and providing for the payment of taxes on delinquent properties by working out the tax on roads.

Boost Steno's Pay

In the face of prior legislative proposals of economy, the house of representatives authorized an increase in salary of stenographers of members from \$4 to \$5 a day. The increase came in connection with a resolution setting forth the rules of the house and pay schedule for employees.

St. Augustine, Fla., oldest city in the United States, was founded by the Spaniards in 1565, and at various times has been the possession of Spain, France, England, the Confederate States of America and the United States.

Exports valued at \$15,944,805 were shipped overseas during the first six months of 1934 from Hampton Roads, Va.

The Hoyman-McDonald bout is expected to be a top-notch fightoff performance, as both these boys are winners in several cards held not only in the district, but also in several cities on the coast.

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# Sleepy Youngster Naps In Craterian Cops Let Him Out

When Wayne Toulouse, eight, whose home is at 104 East Second street, went to the Craterian theater last night to see Shirley Temple in "Bright Eyes," he hardly expected to spend half the night there, especially all alone.

Arriving at about 9 o'clock, young Toulouse took a seat and settled down to enjoy the picture. But he evidently didn't enjoy the picture, for when he awoke he found himself seated in pitch-darkness, in an expanse of vacant seats.

Informed of a clamor at the doors of the theater, the Yellow Taxi Cab Co. notified the police department, and a city officer let Wayne out about midnight, his knockings having reached the ears of a passerby.

"Gosh, I never went to sleep in a theater before!" was his remark to the policeman.

# CAMERA CLUB EXHIBIT FOR PUBLIC TONIGHT

The work of many famous artists of this country and Europe will be displayed at a meeting of the Medford Camera club tonight at the courthouse auditorium, to which the public is invited. The display will be opened at 8 p. m.

Sketches of the lives of the artists whose work is to be exhibited have been carried in several recent issues of the Mail Tribune with the exception of J. M. W. Turner, famous English artist, whose work will be included in the display.

# FEDERAL TRANSMISSION LINE BUILDING FAVORED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Construction of adequate transmission lines from Bonneville to Portland by the federal government should be sought by the state, it was recommended by the majority of the commission named in 1933 to make a report on Bonneville power development and its use. The recommendations were presented to the legislature here today.

Southern California police are on the lookout for a new type of public enemy—the turkey thief. A band of them recently made off with 1000 birds, using a truck.

Sgt. Seranus Shaddock and Sgt. R. E. Shaddock, father and son, retired from the United States army recently. Each had served 30 years as doughboys.

Two-thirds of the 1240 forest fires occurring during the 1934 season in forest region No. 1, Montana and northern Idaho, were caused by lightning.

The University of North Carolina boasts 124 alumni who have served in congress.

# Heroines



Dorothy Lee Miller and Carol Elizabeth Long, of Kansas City, Kan., may not be rated as heroines among the men folk but the ladies of their home town think that the little girls deserve at least honorable mention as typifying the neighborly spirit and quiet heroism evidenced by many other workers on the Birthday Ball for the President.

Last year, as candle-lighters for the huge Presidential birthday cake at Kansas City's ball, the Misses Miller and Long, instead of retiring in panic, fought off the threatened attack of a mouse and routed him completely before ladies in the huge audience could start a stampede for the door.

The Kansas City affair in 1934 is considered typical of 5,000 parties which will be held in communities from coast to coast this Jan. 30, honoring the President's 53rd birthday anniversary, and raising money for local and national work toward aiding victims of infantile paralysis and toward discovering an effective preventative of the disease. More than 4,000,000 persons are expected to attend, but Dorothy and Carol report that no "m" will be invited.

# MRS. HAYHURST NAMED WELFARE CHAIRMAN

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst was elected chairman of the state welfare commission for this year, to succeed Orr Keasey, Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner and secretary of the welfare commission, announced today.

Harry Kennon is the third member of the commission.

The recently completed El Capitan dam near San Diego, Cal. is regarded as the largest rock and earth dam ever constructed. It is 225 feet high, 1300 feet long and about a quarter of a mile thick at the base.

Five members of the W. G. Brandt family, all graduates of Southwest Texas Teachers' college, direct musical organizations in schools of the state.

The biennial report of the Idaho state land department showed an increase in revenue, with 492,754 more acres of land under lease.

# SPORT SLANTS

Some day the experts are going to realize the futility of trying to guess what Connie Mack is going to do. In their minds they have retired him every fall for the last 25 years; planned trades for him that never were consummated; and made all sorts of decisions in advance for the veteran manager of the Philadelphia Athletics.

And yet Connie doesn't seem interested in their random predictions for he goes right on doing just as he pleases—and with considerable success.

Fact is, more often than not he does exactly the opposite of what is expected of him. That comes under the heading of strategy.

Beckl! If you please, the opening game of the 1935 world series between the Athletics and the Cubs in Chicago. While everyone was debating as to which of his three star pitchers—Grube, Earnshaw or Walberg—he would choose, the wily Connie completely crossed them all and sent the show-worn Howard Ehmke to the mound. Mack himself must have been at least mildly astonished when the veteran slow-baller not only won the game but also set up a new world series strike-out record by fanning 13 Cub batters.

Mack has repeatedly named this as the outstanding thrill of his 21 years in baseball.

After having mentally bounced Babe Ruth all around the American league, and a good part of the Na-

tional as well, the guessers decided that the right spot for the Bambino was with the Athletics.

Hadn't Mack and Ruth been very chummy on that "Oriental junket" they reasoned. Why, the pair had their pictures snapped together and everything!

Upon his return from the far east Mack was very generous in praising the fine job Ruth made of handling the All-Stars. He pictured Ruth in the role of ambassador of good will and lauded him for all he had done in the interests of peace and better understanding.

All those kind words were just a build-up for the big announcement, the crystal gazers figured to themselves—Babe Ruth would surely be the next manager of the A's.

That would have been just fine, had Connie Mack heard the rumors. But he hadn't, or if he had paid no attention to them. First of all he did not need a manager at present, inasmuch as he was determined to handle the Athletics for the next eight seasons, i. e., until he reaches 80.

He has no use for a "good will ambassador around Sluik's park. What he really wants is a fast, young, hard-hitting outfielder but Babe Ruth hardly fits that picture. Looks like there's a guess wrong again.

There is one other angle the guessers have overlooked—Ruth is still the property of the New York Yankees, and Col. Jake Ruppert insists that to date no one has approached him with any kind of an offer for the big slugger.

Higgins will be on third base as usual, despite all the trade rumors. More than that—just sit tight until the season rolls around, you won't get to first base by guessing.

George Keegan, coach of the Notre Dame basketball team, does his accounting almost entirely by mail, except in instances where he can slip away incidentally. He is Coach Elmer Layden's ace football spy.

In winning from Stanford recently at South Bend, 29-19, the Notre Dame basketball team once trilled the losers, 6-1—but not for long. While Stanford was making its next point by the free throw route, the Irish ran up 21 counters to take a 22-7 lead.

The Iowa State college eleven which trounced Iowa and gave Nebraska a tough tussle last season, was out-weighted by the "Little Cyclones" of Ames high school, 180 to 170 pounds per man.

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