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WILL IRRIGATE THREE MILLION MONTANA ACRES

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Mar. 18.—In order to retain, for irrigating between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 acres of land in southeastern Montana, water from the Yellowstone lake which now finds its way eventually to the Atlantic ocean by way of the Mississippi river and the Gulf of Mexico, Montana residents are engaged in an effort to prevent its diversion through the continental divide to the Pacific.

An attempt to divert the waters of the Yellowstone lake to the Snake river, taking them through the divide which determines the flow on the great watershed in the Yellowstone national park, was planned by Idaho interests after engineers had conceived a daring project to tunnel the divide and carry the Yellowstone water from its 8,000 foot elevation into Shoshone lake for irrigation purposes, and then permit it to follow the natural course through the Snake river and the Columbia to the Pacific.

Montana residents now are organizing a gigantic irrigation project which would place water on millions of acres in the 500 mile valley of the Yellowstone river and control the destructive spring floods of the area as well.

Headquarters for the Montana projects have been established at this city, where the Yellowstone river comes out of the mountains and enters the great plain which would be irrigated by the stored water. Articles of incorporation have been filed and the directors have started a campaign to raise \$50,000 for preliminary work required before the construction of a dam at the point where the Yellowstone river leaves the lake can be undertaken.

Besides constructing a dam at an expenditure of about \$300,000, to store a million acre-feet of flood waters, the corporation plans to apportion the water in the Yellowstone river, organize irrigation districts and construct canals which will irrigate between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 acres of land in ten Montana counties.

ASK PROBE OF GOVERNMENTS WOOL PROFITS

LONDON, Mar. 18.—It is estimated by some woolen spinners that the British government made 60,000,000 from the sales of Australian wool last year and thus far in 1920. Repeating to charges that both the government and the Yorkshire spinners had made excessive profits, Sir Arthur Goldfinch, chairman of the Wool Council of the Ministry of Munitions, told a representative of the Evening Standard that it was true the government was reselling mairino and cross-bred wool from Australia and New Zealand at a price "very much higher" than the basic price at which it was purchased.

"It was clearly understood," he said, "that when the wool was no longer needed for military purposes it should be sold at market rates and the dominions should receive one-half of the profit. Australia and New Zealand are clearly entitled to this."

"The rise in wool is confined to the more expensive qualities merino and fine cross-bred. Medium and low cross-bred wools are about the same price as in 1916, calculated in British currency, but calculated in United States, Dutch and Scandinavian currency the prices for such classes of wool are considerably cheaper than they were during the war, and almost the same as they were six years ago."

"There has been a great run on the finer classes of wool, which are now being consumed more rapidly than they are grown, and a great rise in price was natural and almost inevitable."

Yorkshire spinners say that they simply could not help making profits. "A spinner has nothing to do in these days but sit still," said one, "and money rains in his lap."

A trade correspondent of the Times asserts that prices have been rushed up by the demand from the continent. The bulk of the wool on cloth and a large proportion of the worsted, it is stated, is going to Germany thru the three Scandinavian countries.

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WILL SHORTEN GRAZING SEASON

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAR. 18.—Early spring grazing on western ranges has so materially reduced the carrying capacity and forage resources that the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has found it necessary on many of the National Forests to shorten the present grazing season from two to four weeks. This cut will be put into effect this spring.

"It is the purpose of the Forest Service," states an official in charge of grazing, "to place the live-stock industry on the National Forests on a substantial, permanent basis. To do this it is necessary to produce a maximum cover of vegetation on all ranges. The first precaution is to avoid too early grazing. Every stockman interested in his business knows that forage plants can not be grazed the instant they begin to show above the ground. Such early spring use of one range not only decreases the density and luxuries of plant growth, but also reduces the carrying capacity and the fertility of the soil, and if continued, ultimately results in waste range."

"Studies carried on at the Great Basin Experiment Station in Utah have proved that where plants are continually cut back or cropped, the root system loses its vitality and the plant soon dies. On some of the National Forest ranges, which are grazed early and heavily, the forage plants are showing similar signs of serious damage, and will rapidly go from bad to worse if remedial measures are not put in force. The old grasses, with their root systems weakened by repeated cropping, are almost exterminated and are being replaced by worthless weeds. Erosion of the soil has also started in many places and threatens serious damage. Experiments have shown that off a

ten-acre tract, heavily overgrazed, as much as 25 tons of earth and rock have frequently been washed down after a few minutes of heavy rain. These are some of the things which follow in the wake of too early use of the range and from overgrazing. "A grazing season that starts later in the spring, thus giving the forage plants a chance to develop, and more careful management of the range, will do much toward bettering and eventually eliminating such conditions."

NEW KLONDIKE IS STAKED IN NORTH

SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 17. (By Mail).—Reports of what is said to be a rich gold strike, both placer and quartz, in the Kantishna district, Northwest of Nenana, have recently reached Seward. Scores of "sour-doughs" have been flocking from Nenana and Fairbanks to the "New Klondike," according to the reports, and miles of claims have already been staked.

Quartz veins in the district are reported to run from three feet to fourteen feet high grade ore, containing both silver and gold. Lack of transportation is given as the reason for delayed development, as first claims were staked in the district in 1905. The government railway runs within 70 miles of the edge of the Kantishna fields.

For some time glass pavements have been in use in the French city of Lyons. They are constructed of Ceramo-crystal, ceramic stone, or devitrified glass, and are laid in blocks eight inches square. These blocks are so closely fitted together that water cannot pass between them.

If a man had spent one dollar every minute of every hour, day and night since Jan. 1 A. D. 1, until today, he would not yet have spent a billion dollars.

WOMAN COLLECTS U. S. CUSTOMS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 18.—Utah and Nevada, comprising the forty-eighth customs district, will have the first woman customs collector in the United States if the Senate ratifies the recent presidential appointment of Mrs. Estelle V. Collier, of Salt Lake City, to that position. She is to succeed T. F. Thomas, resigned.

Mrs. Collier is the present chairman of the woman's state Democratic committee and for many years has been prominent in Utah politics. During the world war she was an active worker and was a member of the state council of defense and had charge of the registration of the women of the state when the government, through the various state councils of defense organizations, endeavored to find out just what the women of the country could do to help win the war.

The post to which Mrs. Collier was nominated by President Wilson heretofore has paid an annual salary of \$2,500. It is believed by United States Senator William King, Democrat of Utah, who advocated Mrs. Collier's nomination that there will be no contest when the senate is asked for a confirmation of the appointment. Mrs. Collier will assume her new duties immediately after the senate confirmation. She is the wife of R. E. L. Collier, prominent Utah business man.

ARGENTINIANS ARE BORN GAMBLERS

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 21. (By Mail).—The people of Argentina like to take a chance on a betting proposition. This is shown by the fact that last year they bet altogether \$176,000,000 on horse races, in lottery tickets, roulette resorts or other means of gambling, says La Razon. Argentina's population is about 8,000,000 so that the average gambling by each person was \$22 a year. La Razon gives these figures in urging that all gambling should be under government supervision and that the proceeds should be placed for public benefit.

MANY TOURISTS WILL SEE PARK DURING 1920

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 18.—Twice as many motorists as traveled over the National Parks highway or at least 1,000 miles of its length from Chicago to Crater Lake National Park, in Southern Oregon, last season, are expected to make automobile trips over it during next summer, said a statement today from Frank W. Guilbert, executive secretary of the National Parks Highway association.

Last year, the association estimated, 20,000 automobiles, with an average of three persons to the machine, traversed the highway for at least 1,000 miles. Plans for next season contemplate a travel of 40,000 to 50,000 machines, or about 150,000 tourists.

Publicity plans of the association for next season, include the employment of a traveling secretary, to lecture in eastern communities; preparation of articles for magazines and other publications requesting them; circulation of descriptive maps and booklets, and personal correspondence with prospective tourists. Some 10,000 inquiries already have been received by mail regarding the highway, it is declared, and hundreds more have made personal inquiry at the office of the secretary here.

Marking of the highway, completed throughout its entire length except through Wisconsin, where the state has a system of highway marking, and southward from Portland has been finished, and plans for the coming season contemplate marking the road from Portland south to Crater Lake National park and beyond.

The Greeks and Romans imagined that a grave maiden called Clotho spun from her distaff the thread of the destiny of man, and as she spun, one of her sisters worked out with the thread all the events which were in store, and Atropos, the other sister, cut the thread at the part when death was to occur.

The Maoris regard the owl as a bird of ill-omen, supposed to foretell death or disaster.

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