

FOR COAST DEFENSE

PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON SUBJECT.

Insular Possessions Cannot Be Longer Neglected if United States Desires to Hold Them—Board Estimates Cost at \$450,879,399.

Washington, March 6.—President Roosevelt sent a message to congress accompanying plans for coast defense prepared by a joint board of army and navy officers, in which he emphasized the necessity for further defenses and reviews the history of the defensive works in this country. The president calls especial attention to the recommendation of the board that the entrance to Chesapeake bay be added to the list of places in the United States to be defended. He says the insular possessions cannot be longer neglected if the United States desires to hold them. Defenses are recommended for Manila bay, Pearl harbor, Guantanamo, Guam, San Juan and Honolulu because of their strategic locations. Defenses are recommended for entrances to the Panama canal.

In his letter transmitting the report of the board to the president, Secretary Taft says the board estimates the cost of completing the defenses at \$450,879,399, or \$22,896,606 less than the sum proposed by the Endicott board. The secretary says the growth of the country, the improvements of the ordnance and the increase of the navy in the past twenty years have brought about a rearrangement of, and additions to, the list of ports made by the Endicott board. The changes that have taken place in the system of defense have been so radical, he says, "that the one proposed in 1886 is not comparable with the scheme as it exists today."

OIL HEARING GOES OVER.

Testimony in Case of Missouri Against Standard Oil Company Postponed.

New York, March 6.—Decision on the question whether H. H. Rogers shall be compelled to answer the questions asked of him in the Missouri oil hearing and which he refused to answer, was postponed until March 26. Justice Gildersleeve, who has heard the argument, directed the adjournment to await a final decision in the Missouri courts relative to a similar case.

During the argument for adjournment, W. V. Rowe of counsel for Mr. Rogers, said: "I wish to tell the court, as the mouthpiece of Mr. Rogers, that if the final decision of the Missouri court is against Mr. Rogers he will answer the question as to the stock transfer without an order of the court."

Parisians Cheer King Edward.

Paris, March 5.—King Edward's visit to Paris is attracting great attention, enormous crowds cheering his every appearance on the streets. The cordiality of the greetings exchanged between the king and President Fallieres during his majesty's official call at the Elysee palace was much remarked. The conversation between the two lasted half an hour. Later the president returned the call at the British embassy, where a state dinner was held, at which President Fallieres and Premier Rouvier, with their wives, were among the guests. There were no speeches during the dinner. Afterwards King Edward, President Fallieres and M. Rouvier conversed for nearly an hour in the smoking room.

Prairie Fire Causes Loss of \$1,000,000.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—According to reports received here, prairie fires that have been sweeping the extreme western section of the Panhandle for the past three days have entailed a loss up to the present time of upwards of \$1,000,000. The fire did the most damage in Lamb and Hockley counties, burning over many acres of land and destroying hundreds of head of cattle. Inasmuch as it will be six weeks before the spring grass will come forth, it has been found necessary for all cattlemen in that section to move their cattle into New Mexico for range purposes, which means considerable loss to them. It is estimated that in the past three days 300,000 acres of land have been burned over.

Longworth's Back Home.

Washington, March 5.—Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth returned to Washington from Cuba, to which place they journeyed after their wedding. They occupied a private car attached to a regular train of the Southern railway. They were met at the train by Mr. Longworth's private secretary and drove immediately to Mr. Longworth's residence, on Eighteenth street, where they have taken up their abode. Mr. Longworth will immediately resume his legislative duties in congress.

Philippine Tariff Bill.

Washington, March 3.—The senate committee on Philippine refused to report the Philippine tariff bill. By vote of 8 to 5 the committee voted against

a favorable report and by a vote of 7 to 6 refused to report the bill adversely for consideration of the senate. This effectually disposes of the measure.

Princess to Change Faith.

Paris, March 6.—Princess Ena of Battenberg, the future wife of King Alfonso of Spain, will be received into the Roman Catholic church tomorrow at San Sebastian, Spain. King Edward will accompany Princess Ena from Biarritz to San Sebastian.

JOHN R. WALSH ARRESTED.

Head of Closed Chicago National Accused of Misusing Funds.

Chicago, March 3.—John R. Walsh, president of the defunct Chicago National bank, which closed its doors Dec. 18, 1905, was taken into custody on a federal warrant, which charges him with violation of the national banking laws in making false returns to the comptroller of the currency, and also asserts that he converted to his own use, without proper authority, funds of the bank amounting to \$3,000,000. He was released after giving bonds of \$50,000.

The complaint alleges in specific terms that on Nov. 18, 1905, the Chicago National bank transmitted to the comptroller of the currency a statement of the financial condition of the bank at the close of business on Nov. 9. In this statement "the said John R. Walsh unlawfully made certain false entries, to the effect that at the close of business on the 9th day of November, the amount of loans and discounts of the said banking association, on which the officers and directors thereof were then liable, was \$245,000, whereas in truth the amount of such loans and discounts was \$3,000,000."

Another section of the complaint alleges that Walsh had in his possession funds and moneys of the bank amounting to \$3,000,000, "with intent to injure and defraud" the bank. The \$3,000,000 mentioned in this section of the complaint is, however, identical with the amount specified as being loaned to officers of the bank.

It is further alleged that John R. Walsh and John M. Smyth and William Best, directors of the bank, "and other persons too numerous to mention," unlawfully misapplied this money by converting it to the personal and private use of John R. Walsh without any proper authority whatever.

The arrest of Mr. Walsh came as the direct result of the last examination of the books of the Chicago National bank made by Special Bank Examiner Arthur L. Curry, sent to Chicago from Washington.

AGREEMENT NOW SEEMS NEAR

Hope Revived at Algiciras Conference Over Morocco.

London, March 5.—The Algiciras conference on Moroccan affairs will continue this week to be the focus point in international interest. The question of the Moroccan bank having been practically passed over, the conferees will next consider the most important point, the policing of the country. Should agreement on this question be possible an early solution of the whole problem and an adjournment of the conference may be looked for. A dispatch from Algiciras says: One of the delegates having a most vital interest in the conference said that a settlement of the controversy between France and Germany now seemed possible, but he declined to make known the lines the arrangement would take. However, the trend of recent events has indicated that if any settlement is reached it would most likely be because France would make concessions with reference to the bank question and Germany in return would adopt a less uncompromising attitude concerning the police.

Pike's Peak Centenary Celebration.

Washington, March 5.—Vice Chairman Wray of the Colorado Springs Colorado association, which is preparing to celebrate the centenary of the discovery of Pike's peak by Captain Zebulon M. Pike, has made arrangements with the authorities here for a liberal representation of the government on the occasion. As Captain Pike made his expedition to the Rocky mountains under the auspices of the army, of which he was at the time an officer, a large detachment of troops will be detailed to attend and participate in the exercises. The date for the celebration is fixed for Sept. 23-29.

Russia's Foothold in Manchuria.

Washington, March 5.—Russia's renewed attempt to establish a permanent foothold in northern Manchuria by making Vladivostok the port of entry, thereby offsetting the loss of Dalny and Port Arthur, is described in an official report made public at the state department, which report recently reached Washington from one of the department's agents in China. The report expresses the belief that this will redound to the benefit of American trade and will result in great importance to Shanghai as a distributing point.

Admits Murder Before Trial.

Bloomington, Ill., March 5.—William

Leduc, the farmer who on Oct. 28 last entered a bank at Chenoa and shot and killed Mayor Charles Nickel, cashier of the bank, and Hugh Jones, a depositor, pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The trial had been set for March 19, and the sudden action of the defense created a sensation.

To Nationalize Japanese Railroads.

Tokio, March 5.—A bill introduced in the diet provides for the nationalization of railways and authorizes the government to compel companies to sell to it at a price based upon the cost of building, plus twenty-fold the average profits of the last three years. The bill will be strongly opposed and its fate is doubtful.

Another Raise in Window Glass.

Cleveland, March 5.—The American Window Glass company, it is reported here, has decided on another raise of 5 per cent in the price of window glass, effective today. Two smaller manufacturers will follow.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Motion Is Entered.

Washington, March 6.—A motion to advance the case of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company against various county treasurers of Nebraska, involving \$212,000 in taxes, year 1904, was entered in the supreme court of the United States.

Labor Office Asks for Statistics.

Lincoln, March 6.—Assessors and deputy assessors of the state are receiving somewhat unwelcome circulars from Deputy Labor Commissioner Bush. The law providing that assessors, in addition to their regular labors, shall collect statistics for the use of the bureau of labor and industrial statistics is quoted in the circular.

Mortensen Will Test Eligibility.

Lincoln, March 3.—An interpretation by the supreme court of that much-discussed section of the constitution which provides that no officer of the executive department of the state administration shall be eligible to another state office during the term for which he is elected, is demanded by State Treasurer Mortensen. The treasurer wants to know whether he is "unconstitutional," or may aspire to the post of governor.

Shot Down by Highwaymen.

Omaha, March 3.—Frank Clark, cashier of the Brandeis Savings bank, was probably fatally shot by a highwayman while on his way home at 9:45 o'clock last night. He was on Chicago street and, when near Twentieth, he was approached by a man who, pointing a revolver at him, demanded his money. Clark did not respond at once and the highwayman commenced firing. He shot three times. All three of the bullets lodged in Clark's body.

Powers' Will Sustained.

Papillion, Neb., March 6.—The will of the late Thomas Powers of Gretna was sustained here by a jury before Judge Day in the district court. Mr. Powers had lived alone during his life time, but shortly before his death he taken ill at the home of Dan Ryan, a friend. He made a will leaving a few small legacies to relatives and the balance of about \$1,500 to Mr. Ryan. A brother of Mr. Powers from Ireland and a nephew from Fremont, Neb., contested on the ground of undue influence.

Answer to Railroad Brief.

Lincoln, March 5.—Copies of the demurrer and the answer filed by Attorney General Brown to the petition of the Union Pacific Railroad company asking for an injunction to prevent the collecting of taxes levied against the road for the year 1905, have been received at the office of the legal department. The brief filed denies the allegation of the railroad attorneys that the state board of equalization failed to equalize between the valuations of the various counties and that several counties were valued notoriously too low. It also denies the state board based its assessment for 1905 on the valuation fixed in 1904, but says instead the board took into consideration all the facts and reports filed by the railroads and then with what other information it could get, it fixed the valuation of the property.

Auctions of School Lands.

Lincoln, Dec. 5.—Land Commissioner Eaton is preparing notices to be sent out to the various counties interested of the dates and the places of auctions of school lands. Owing to the prosperous times in Nebraska few lessees of school lands have defaulted in their payments during the last year and not much land will be leased un-

der the auctions. It is believed in the future the number of delinquents will be gradually reduced, as that has been the record for years. The land is getting worth more and is more productive and the auctions will shortly be a thing of the past. Between April 9 and 14 auctions will be held as follows: Cedar county, at Hartington; Holt county, at O'Neill; Brown county, at Ainsworth; Cherry county, at Valentine; Sheridan county, at Rushville; Dawes county, at Chadron; Sioux county, at Harrison; Keya Paha county, at Springfield.

LAND LEASING BILL UP AGAIN.

Cornell of Valentine Appears Before Committee and Explains Views.

Washington, March 3.—The house committee on public lands considered the question of leasing public lands in Nebraska. C. H. Cornell of Valentine addressed the committee in favor of the bill which he drew and which was introduced by Congressman Kinkaid.

The Cornell bill looks to leasing the lands to the highest bidder without limiting the area any bidder may secure, except that it provides a preference in favor of the freeholders in the vicinity.

Cornell took up the case of Cherry and showed that the Lacey bill, which limits individual holdings to 3,200 acres, would be utterly inadequate to meet conditions there. There are, he said, about 200 owners of herds in that county, and they occupy its entire area. Under the Lacey bill they could not get more than 3,200 acres each. That would give them, if everyone secured the maximum, about one-third the grazing area of the county.

The committee took no action, the members discussing the different measures and finally naming Chairman Lacey, Congressman McCarthy of Nebraska and Martin of South Dakota to analyze the pending bills and decide what one they would recommend as a basis for discussion.

More Revenue for Chicago.

Chicago, March 6.—As a step toward stamping out crime in Chicago, the city council passed an ordinance increasing the price of saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1,000. Unless Mayor Dunne vetoes the ordinance it will go into effect May 1. With the licenses costing \$500, Chicago has 7,017 saloons. The saloon element put up a bitter fight against the high license plan, but the ordinance carried by a vote of 40 to 28.

Woodmen Plan to Leave Nebraska.

Omaha, March 7.—The executive committee of the Woodmen of the World will decide, at a meeting in this city today, upon a new location for the headquarters of the order. The Woodmen are satisfied the decision of the Nebraska supreme court on the legality of the taxation of the reserve fund will be adverse to the order, and will leave the state.

Grand Island Votes Bonds.

Grand Island, Neb., March 7.—Municipal ownership won a most substantial and sweeping victory on the proposition to vote \$35,000 bonds for the construction of a lighting plant in connection with the already municipally owned waterworks plant. Out of a total vote of 1,287, it carried by a majority of 567.

Southern Operators May Strike.

Washington, March 7.—President Perham of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers announced that unless the wage scale submitted to the Southern railway officials is accepted by Friday, 1,265 telegraphers and agents out of 1,573 employed by the road would be called out.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, March 6.—Active covering by shorts who were forced to cover by the strong condition of the cash wheat market caused a firm close in the local wheat market here today, final quotations on the May option being up 1/2¢. Corn showed a gain of 1/2¢. Oats were up 1/4¢. Provisions were 2 1/2¢ lower. Closing prices: Wheat—May, 78 3/4@79¢; July, 79 1/2¢; Sept., 79 3/4@79 1/2¢.

Corn—May, 43 1/2@43 3/4¢; July, 43 1/2¢; Sept., 44 1/4¢.

Oats—May, 30 1/2¢; July, 29 1/2¢; Sept., 28 1/4¢.

Lard—May, \$7.85; July, \$7.95.

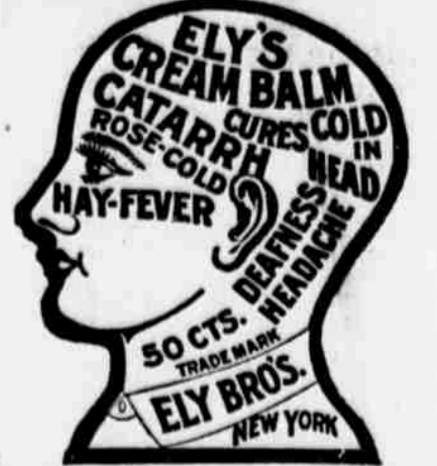
Ribs—May, \$8.30; July, \$8.32 1/2.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 76 1/2@78¢; No. 3 hard wheat, 75 1/2@77¢; No. 2 corn, 40 1/2@40 1/2¢; No. 2 oats, 29 1/2@30¢.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; steady; common to prime steers, \$3.85 @4.40; cows, \$3.65@4.50; heifers, \$2.50@5.00; bulls, \$2.40@4.35; calves, \$3.00@7.75; Hogs—stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.75; Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; weak; choice to prime heavy, \$4.45@6.35; medium to good heavy, \$4.35@6.45; butcherweights, \$3.45@6.50; good to choice heavy, mixed, \$3.50@6.47 1/2; packing, \$3.00@6.45. Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; steady; sheep, \$4.00@6.15; yearlings, \$3.50@6.25; lambs, \$6.25@7.15.

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