

Colorado River Project to Open Big Farming Area

Flood Control in Imperial Valley Is Real Object of Development, Herbert Hoover Says.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The primary need in development of Colorado river projects is flood control to protect the residents and lands of the Imperial valley of California, Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce and chairman of the Colorado river commission, declared in an address at a luncheon of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

In the past two years, he said, the Imperial valley has been saved from destruction only by a narrow margin and the menace from flood waters still is great.

Emphasizing the Colorado river as the greatest single undeveloped resource in America today, Mr. Hoover predicted that the river's full development would add 3,000,000 population to the hinterland of California and would open an agricultural area the size of the state of Maryland.

Secretary Hoover reiterated that industry must take a place secondary to agriculture in reaping the benefits from the Colorado.

Discussing economic conditions, the secretary declared he believes America has effected a quick postwar readjustment. The only outstanding problem to be solved, he said, is that presented by middle western agricultural interests, but the matter of railroad transportation presented a pressing secondary problem.

"The solution of the transportation problem rests in the amalgamation of groups of strong roads under government regulation," he said. "There are two other alternatives, the nationalization of the railroads, which would be a social disaster to the American people, and the complete and unrestricted turning back of full railroad control to the owners in which even the stronger lines would crush the weaker ones to the wall, and would create thereby a long list of receiverships from which it would take the country some time to recover."

Al G. Barnes Sues for Divorce

Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 29.—Alphedus G. B. Stonehouse, circus man, known professionally as Al G. Barnes, has filed suit for divorce from Sarah Jane Stonehouse in the district court here. He charged cruelty. They were married here in April, 1921. The defendant is Stonehouse's second wife.

The European Situation in a Nutshell



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Proposed Merger Will Prevent Lower Freight Rates, C. E. Child Tells Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 29.—C. E. Child, traffic manager of Omaha Chamber of Commerce, appeared before Interstate Commerce commission yesterday to oppose the Southern Pacific application to lease Central Pacific.

"Tremendous dissatisfaction and unrest exist in Nebraska and in grain producing sections of the middle west generally in regard to freight rates and transportation conditions," said Mr. Child. "Farmers in our territory believe they are losing heavy sums of money on account of inadequate transportation conditions, high freight rates, and the great disparity between the price of farm products and of manufactured goods they are buying. The only remedy for these conditions, as we see it, lies in permitting our middle western grain carrying railroads to develop a well balanced maximum freight tonnage westward as well as eastward, so that they may operate at a fair profit under the lowest possible rates, and thus build up their properties and improve transportation facilities without burdening the agricultural producer with rates higher than the traffic can afford to bear."

Shortest Route.

Mr. Child said that the line of Union Pacific and Central Pacific is the shortest, most highly developed and effective railroad route from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast.

"It would be disastrous to interests of middle west if commerce through this route should be in any way hampered or interfered with," continued Mr. Child. "We do not believe this route can be kept free, uninterrupted and continuous if its western link from Ogden to the Pacific coast is under the control of the Southern Pacific."

"We understand that the Southern Pacific asks for temporary control lasting only until the commission may authorize a permanent consolidation of the carriers into a limited number of systems. It is plain, however, that the Southern Pacific seeks permanent acquisition of the property."

Will Discourage Commerce.

"The commission's tentative plan of consolidation contemplates that the Rock Island and the Southern Pacific shall be merged into a single system, and if such consolidation takes place

the principal route of the Southern Pacific between east and west will be through El Paso gateway, and the principal interest of that carrier would be in transportation between Chicago and east through its southern route rather than in development of commerce between Omaha and Nebraska points and the Pacific coast.

"As we understand their position, the California interveners in this proceeding are quite frank in stating that they consider the Southern Pacific as their own railroad upon which they rely to develop California local industries and commerce as against competition in the east. They believe as we do, that Southern Pacific control of the Central Pacific means that the commerce from the east will be discouraged to the end that California manufacturers and distributors obtaining their materials locally and from the east by water, or by water and rail, will supply California intermountain trade to the exclusion of competitors from the territory east of Ogden, who must depend upon transportation over the Union Pacific-Central Pacific route."

Favors Competition.

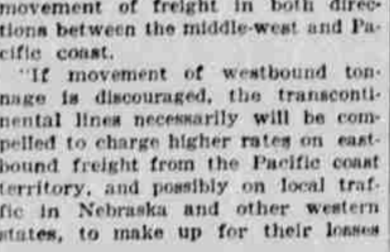
"We believe it is to the interest of consumers in Pacific coast and intermountain territory that competition between California manufacturing interests and middle-west manufacturing interests be encouraged."

"We further believe it is to the interest of California and intermountain territory, as well as of the entire United States, to encourage free movement of freight in both directions between the middle-west and Pacific coast."

"If movement of westbound tonnage is discouraged, the transcontinental lines necessarily will be compelled to charge higher rates on eastbound freight from the Pacific coast territory, and possibly on local traffic in Nebraska and other western states, to make up for their losses."

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Rate Expert Supports Meyer.

Many difficulties will be imposed upon industry and commerce in California if separate operation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific systems is required, H. H. Sanborn, a rate expert, told the Interstate Commerce commission.

Mr. Sanborn, testifying in behalf of a committee of California shippers at the hearing on the Southern Pacific application for permission to retain the Central system supported the contention for continuance of unified operation.

Possible increases in rates and certain slowing up of traffic would be entailed, A. R. Sanborn argued, by two line hauls that would be made necessary in many freight movements which at present are confined to a

single line by the merged operations of the Central and Southern Pacific.

Mr. Sanborn's general description of the situation was supported by a number of other witnesses representing California industries, who explained their own fears of the effect, if the separations of the unified railroad system was finally carried out.

Alden Anderson speaking for California Fruit Distributors, a creative organization of growers, Van Horne, representing the California Packing company, and Small, traffic manager of the California Creamery association, among other witnesses.

Hearings were adjourned over Thanksgiving holiday.

Father, 2 Sons, Die in Fire.

Crass Valley, Cal., Nov. 29.—Cass Ector and his two sons, Cary, Jr., and Raymond, 8, were burned to death in an apartment house here today. Several other tenants were rescued by firemen.

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Preparedness for War Urged by Gen. Pershing

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To prove it in his admirable address supporting a strong merchant marine. It is surprising to me that this measure should receive opposition from our own people when we realize that every maritime power is doing its utmost to kill American shipping.

Needs of Navy.

On the subject of the international agreement of the "naval holiday" Gen. Pershing at first was hesitant, but agreed to give an expression: "I have one very strong conviction on that subject and it is that within the agreement the United States should build up a well-balanced navy second to none in efficiency, and in this connection the merchant marine is absolutely essential, for without it the navy would be helpless."

"Finally, the army, the navy and the merchant marine are all essential to our national defense."

Anti-Picketing Law Given 45,682 Majority

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The anti-picketing law, referred to the voters of Nebraska at the last general election, was approved by 45,682 majority, according to the final and complete official returns, which indicate 186,101 votes were cast for the measure and 140,419 votes against the law.

The total vote cast on this law represents 80 per cent of the total vote cast in the election. A majority was returned for the law in all but 14 of the 93 counties, and in six of the 14, the law lost by less than 100 votes.

Autoist Rescues Child.

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—Francis H. Wright was driving his automobile yesterday when he glanced through a window and saw a little girl with her clothing in flames. Wright broke in through a window, beat out the flames and took her to a hospital. There she said she was Mildred Pomeroy, 5 years old. She was alone in the house when her dress caught fire from a gas heater and was unable to put out the flames.

Surgeons said the child's recovery was improbable.

Oil Lakes Found in Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29.—Discovery of two lakes of oil near Point Barrow, Alaska, has been reported by Alexander Malcolm Smith, an explorer of Arctic regions who has arrived here by way of Japan after his season's work.

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