

IRRIGATION IN PERIL. Some Amendments to Land Laws May Make Water Law Inoperative.

DANGER TO HOMESTEAD FEATURES. Hanabrough's Proposal Opens the Door for Large Acreage Filings.

GOVERNMENT FIGHTS THE RAILROADS. Makes Common Cause with Cement Makers to Force Low Freight Rates.

WILL ERECT PLANT IN ARIZONA. Cost of Carrying Material for Big Tonto Basin Dam Proves an Unexpected Difficulty in Its Construction.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The future of the irrigation law is the subject of earnest consideration of that beneficent measure. If some of the bills introduced to amend certain features of the bill become laws there is a deep rooted feeling that the irrigation law, which has been hailed by the arid and semi-arid states as the greatest boon ever given them, will be rendered wholly inoperative.

Senator Hanabrough's amendment to the timber and stone law introduced the other day may, in addition to changing that law, have a disastrous effect upon the irrigation law, dismembering it of its homestead features and leaving it a convenient and profitable tool for grasping speculators and cattlemen.

The intentions and provisions of the irrigation act are that the government shall store the flood waters and construct great dams and diverting works which shall make fertile the arid lands. The central feature of the law is its strict provision that the nation's land when so reclaimed from the uninhabitable desert to fertility and productivity shall be divided into small farms and given by the government to homesteaders and real settlers.

It is contended that the Hanabrough amendment to the law will in effect destroy this idea. It would allow the lands reserved by the government under irrigation works to be filed upon in tracts of unlimited acreage by individuals or corporations holding in lieu land rights for lands included in the forest reserves.

Homestead Feature is Ineffective. When the national irrigation act was originally passed by the senate it left the land open to all kinds of speculative entry until the contract to build the irrigation works was let by the secretary of the interior. After a fierce and bitter controversy those who insisted that the reclaimed lands should be reserved for actual settlers exclusively secured an amendment to the bill before it passed the senate.

The Hanabrough amendment to the timber and stone act uses the same expression "lands reserved by the government." It is contended that the amendment will give the owners of hundreds of thousands of acres of such practically worthless lands as these—rocks and stones and stumps and brush and chaparral and mountain precipices and the rights to turn that land into the very lands which are now reserved under the national irrigation act for actual homestead settlers only.

Will Build Cement Mill. As a result of the conference held this week between officials of the interior department in charge of the construction of the irrigation works and the representatives of the manufacturers of Portland cement, an amicable agreement has been reached which will result in the interior department advertising for bids for the furnishing of 30,000 barrels of cement, to be used in the construction of the Tonto Basin dam in Arizona.

Freight Rates Figure High. In making the plans for the Tonto basin project it was estimated that the dam, which is to be the largest in the United States and one of the largest in the world, would require 300,000 barrels of cement.

Sternberg Sees Emperor. BERLIN, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Baron von Sternberg, German ambassador to the United States, had an audience with Emperor William at the new palace today and will sail for Bremen on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

WANT AMERICAN DETECTIVE. One of Guards for President Loubet When He Makes Trip to Italy.

(Copyright, 1913, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Nov. 29.—(New York World Telegram.—Special Telegram.)—It seems that the border of France throughout the world have formed a mutual protection association against anarchists and anarchical assassins. World correspondent learns unformed a system of international exchange. A system of international exchange of detectives has been inaugurated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Necessarily one of the most secret police in the world is most secretive. It is said here that Ireland, who is reported to have been engaged by President Loubet to guard him against American-Italian anarchists on his Italian journey, is not connected now with the secret service of the United States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The World cablegram from Paris is the more important in view of the extraordinary precautions taken to guard President Roosevelt when he went to France. Hundreds of policemen, scores of detectives and a dozen secret service men were so employed.

TANGLE OVER YACHTING CUP. Postponement Due to Failure of Two Clubs to Reach an Agreement. BERLIN, Nov. 29.—Although the reasons of Emperor William for withdrawing his offer of a cup for a transatlantic yacht race are reported to have been of a purely technical nature, there were other considerations that made a withdrawal of the trophy for the next season the easiest way out of the tangle caused by the inability of the New York Yacht club and the Atlantic Yacht club to agree on a common set of rules.

Police and Firemen to Meet. Eleven members of the police department, averaging 50 pounds a void, and the same number from the fire department averaging 175 pounds, will meet on the university grounds in the near future to battle for the heavyweight foot ball championship.

BRYAN TALKS IN IRELAND. Tells Effect Upon United States of Infusion of Blood of Geas Sancti. DUBLIN, Nov. 29.—Lord Mayor Harrington today gave a luncheon at the mansion house in honor of William Jennings Bryan.

COME TO WELCOME AMERICANS. General Has Makonnen, with Strong Bodyguard, Meets Them at Border Lead. BIRHOUT, French Somaliland, Nov. 29.—Robert P. Skinner, United States consul at Marsalleh, is going to Abyssinia to conduct negotiations with King Menelik, with his escort reached Harar, Abyssinia, Sunday.

Redman Gets Even. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The basketball game from Falls City High school played a return game in the Humboldt grounds with the school team of this city and the latter won by the decisive score of 42 to 2.

Third Body is Recovered. Chaired Remains of William Burmester Taken from Burning Debris. LITTLE THUMB AS TO THE IDENTITY. Vigilant Search Continues for Fourth Fireman, William Barrett, Who Lost His Life in Big Fire.

REDUCE WAGES OF MINERS. Notice to Be Posted Making Cuts in Pennsylvania Coal Mines.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 29.—It is announced that the Somerset Coal company, the W. K. Kniver Coal company and the Merchants' Coal company, which own and operate a number of mines in the Myerstown, Pennsylvania, region, have decided to make a reduction of 10 cents a ton in the wages paid the miners.

MINI OPERATORS GET REDUCTION. PROVISIONS, E. L., Nov. 29.—The new wage scale adopted by the cotton mills of the state, which reduces the wages of operatives 10 per cent and restores the price list of two years ago, will go into effect tomorrow.

MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK. LOUISVILLE, Colo., Nov. 29.—The strike in the northern coalfield is settled and a majority of the miners will be working tomorrow.

THREE-HOUR WEDDING FEAST. Queer Customs Which Prevail in the Russian Colony in South Dakota. MITCHELL, S. D., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Marriages down in the Hutterische society, located at Rockport, Hanson county, are celebrated with more or less jollity.

KILLS DAUGHTER'S BETRAYER. Missouri Man Wreaks Vengeance Upon Young Man Who Threatened Him. SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 29.—Frank C. Dunston shot and killed Emil Meyers here this afternoon.

FIND THIEF WITH BOOTY. Former Servant of Philadelphia Captured in New York Carrying Jewelry of Employer. NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Charged with the robbery of \$2,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Walsh Harrison (Glenfeldt), near Philadelphia, Adolph Walth, a servant formerly employed by Mrs. Harrison, is locked up at police headquarters to await extradition.

Landlord and Tenant Fight. Battle Attracts Large Crowd and Participants Are All Placed Under Arrest. CINCINNATI, Nov. 29.—Frenzied fighting that had been going on at 1353 Richmond street for a week today culminated in an incident riot in that part of the city.

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