

MILLIONS FOR ROADS

Congress Will Be Asked for Large Appropriation to Build Highways.

EACH STATE IS TO BE GIVEN A SHARE

Money to Be Apportioned According to Population.

NEW DEPARTMENT TO BE CREATED

Federal Grant to Be Deploded by the State or County.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO NEBRASKA

Minimum of Quarter of Million for Sparsely Settled States—Present Session May Initiate Big Scheme.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—There is every indication that public road building is to be one of the principal features of discussion by congress during the present session. Interest will be focused in behalf of road building at the meeting of a special committee composed of representatives of the several states which will convene in this city on January 25 for the purpose of presenting to the committees of the two houses the resolution adopted by the National Good Roads convention held in St. Louis, which was addressed by President Roosevelt and many other distinguished men. It is expected that the present congress will give more prominence to this subject than it has received since the days of Clay and Calhoun, and the construction of the famous national pike. Several bills have already been introduced providing for government aid to states and districts in highway construction. The most notable measure of this class is the one known as the Brawley bill, introduced in the house by Walter P. Brawley of Tennessee, and in the senate by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. The bill provides for the creation of a department at Washington, with proper superintendents and employees, to take care of the building of these roads. It appropriates \$24,000,000, being available at the rate of \$200,000 a year for three years, and the sum is to be divided among the different states according to their population, except that no state is to receive less than \$250,000 of this money. Each state, county or town under the bill receiving federal aid must add a like amount to the sum received from the United States government. Under the provisions of the bill the states will receive the following amounts:

Table with 2 columns: State Name, Amount. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

The states of Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming, having less than \$20,000 inhabitants, as provided for in the bill, receive a minimum of \$250,000. The government has expended \$500,000,000 in the improvement of our rivers and harbors; it has given 137,000,000 acres of land as grants to railroads to aid in their construction; it has loaned \$60,000,000 in government bonds to aid in the construction of the Union and Central Pacific railroads; it has expended \$750,000,000 in the Spanish-American war to aid Cuba to establish its independence; it will expend \$300,000,000 or more in the construction of the Panama canal. It has spent millions in the building of postoffices and public buildings in nearly every city of the union; it has constructed many miles of public roads in Porto Rico and the Philippines, and it pays \$140,000,000 per year in pensions. The friends of national aid for roads have been making considerable efforts for their improvement.

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CARE WITH THEIR BOMBS

Artillery Men in San Domingo and Shell Explored in a United States Station.

SAN DOMINGO, Wednesday, Jan. 6.—There was firing last night around the city. The insurgents using cannon. A shell struck the city hall, doing considerable damage. Another shell exploded in front of the United States legation, but did not result in injury to the building. The political situation here is unchanged, though several arrests of insurgent sympathizers have been made. Provisions are plentiful and milk and other products are coming in. SAN DOMINGO, Jan. 10.—Revolutionists continue to fire shells into the city and several private dwellings have been damaged. The revolutionists have defeated General Castillo, capturing two cannon and a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition. The revolutionists have wounded a fierce fight last night. A man named Pierce, an American, entered the city today, bearing a communication from General Navarro, minister of war in the Jimenes government, to United States minister Powell. The minister was arrested by the government authorities, who took the message from him and sent the messenger back. In his communication General Navarro requested Minister Powell to intervene with the provisional government, but the minister refused to treat with the general. San Pedro de Macoris is quiet. The situation here remains unchanged, but matters are complicated because it is impossible to foresee the duration of the revolution or its outcome. Business in general is suffering in consequence.

CHAMBERLAIN TO FORCE ISSUE

Makes a Tart Rejoinder to a Proposition of the Duke of Devonshire. LONDON, Jan. 10.—An acrimonious correspondence between the Duke of Devonshire and Joseph Chamberlain is published this morning. The duke, who is president of the Liberal Unionist association, wrote to Mr. Chamberlain suggesting that the association should dissolve owing to the difficulty of collection of the funds now that the party had become divided by the fiscal controversy. Mr. Chamberlain, in a long rejoinder, said he thought it best to let "sleeping dogs die," but if the duke of Devonshire wanted to make a fiscal test on the question he should take a vote of the members of the association and let the defeated party retire. The duke replied, objecting to such a violent rupture of the association, and asking for a consideration of the arrangements for dissolution. Mr. Chamberlain closed the correspondence by announcing that as the duke will not accept his views he is determined to call a meeting on his own responsibility and the course to be pursued will be considered at that meeting.

SPANISH ARE HARD TO PLEASE

Effort of Pope to Placate Them Only Rouses Ire of the People. ROME, Jan. 10.—Vatican authorities are greatly displeased because of the Spanish demonstrations against Signor Nozalada, former archbishop of Valencia. It is said at the Vatican that the appointment was intended to gratify the Spanish people, as Archbishop Nozalada was one of Spain's own prelates who was struck most severely by the Spanish-American war, and who through that war lost his episcopal seat in the Philippines. The Vatican now finds that the appointment has caused general dissatisfaction, and while some persons look upon it as displeasing to Americans, it has undoubtedly pleased the Spaniards. The Spanish government, through Ambassador Desaguer, has informed the Vatican that it is ready to suppress any manifestations against Archbishop Nozalada and that it will support his appointment.

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IRRIGATION LAW AT WORK

Fund is Growing and Much Has Already Been Accomplished.

NEWELL'S SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

No Amendment is Recommended and Machinery So Far Runs Smoothly—Action of Idaho is Criticized. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The second annual report of the Irrigation Reclamation service, under the charge of Frederick H. Newell, will soon be issued as a public document. The report will give a detailed description of the work being done by the government in the western states and territories under the national irrigation law. Actual construction has been begun in Arizona and Nevada on two great projects which will reclaim several hundred thousand acres of fertile land and build it up into dense agricultural communities. Detailed surveys have been and are being made of numerous other projects and several of these will be taken up during the coming year. By the end of the present fiscal year there will, doubtless, be something like \$200,000,000 or \$250,000,000 in the reclamation fund for this work. The general idea is, as expressed in the report, that the irrigation law is a safe and carefully framed act and can be worked out to advantage. No change or amendment to the law is recommended to congress. If after an actual trial upon one or three projects some actual point develops then the government will be in a position to intelligently advise congress what change is needed. Protect Forests at Headwaters. The report calls attention to the great necessity for the protection of the headwaters of streams. It says: "One of the most important matters in connection with the permanent development of the water resources of the country is the protection of the catchment basins from destructive influences. The headwaters of many of the important streams are already included within the forest reserves and some of the important reservoirs are thus guarded from injury. The forest reserve boundaries should be extended to include the country from which comes the principal part of the rainfall. This land usually has no value for cultivation, is rugged and suitable only for the production of trees." The belief is gaining ground at Washington that not only should the forest reservation be extended to this degree, but that the entire remaining public forest lands should be permanently reserved, and that any timber cut therefrom should be under government supervision, thus absolutely insuring the water supply, both for irrigation and power, as well as for other purposes. The acres of denuded and bare mountain ranges in western states, once thickly covered with spruce and fir, attest the baneful operation of our present timber laws. The official figures of the geological survey show an interesting comparison of the dimensions of the big Tonto dam of the Snake River valley, Ariz., with other artificial reservoir structures in the country. The Tonto dam is to rise 250 feet above the channel of the stream. Its thickness at the base will be 188 feet, gradually tapering to a width of sixteen feet at the curb; the width of the dam across the canyon will be 150 feet. The great Croton dam, which is to supply New York with water, is 220 feet above the river channel and 1,500 feet across. It was necessary in this case to dig down eighty feet to insure a good foundation. The Washington dam is 129 feet above the river channel, 185 feet thick at the base and 550 feet wide. To Irrigate Idaho Deserts. The government has been making a general reconnaissance of the possibilities of Idaho, under the national law, and has selected three localities for more complete study. "The southern portion of Idaho, particularly along the Snake river, offers some of the best opportunities for reclamation in the United States," said Mr. F. H. Newell, the national hydrographer. "There are vast tracts of arid land along this river which could be transformed into great farming communities through the storage of its waters. One of the three projects selected by the government for special study in the Mud lake undertaking. This includes a large expanse of desert land, and it is believed that 200,000 acres can be reclaimed through a canal heading on the North Fork of the Snake river near St. Anthony. Various trial furrows have been run out by the government across the desert, showing that canals can be carried out at different elevations and at different costs. The Mindoko project contemplates the reclamation of about 80,000 acres on both sides of the Snake river, south of the Long Short Line railroad. The Snake is to be dammed, but the water can be raised sufficiently high to get it out on the best lands, so that, supplemental pumping on a large scale is proposed to reach the lands above the gravity of the water. Power for pumping can be derived by suitably placed wheels installed near the dam. To furnish the water for these 80,000 acres storage is to be provided at the headwaters of the Snake, utilizing Lakes Jackson, Two-Ocean, Emma, Matilda and Jennie, all of which have been set aside for reclamation. The third government project in Idaho is the Payette-Boise, near the city of Boise. The Payette river on the north furnishes a large supply of water, much of which goes to waste. The work involved in this reclamation, it is believed, will be expensive and probably include tunneling. A very careful study of this project is necessary, but the lands when reclaimed will be of very high value and the benefit to the state will be far-reaching. Dangers of State Control. The action of the Idaho legislature in indicating the national "Carey act" is an indication of the danger which may result from leaving irrigation or land questions to be dealt with by various states. In accepting the Carey act, which provides that when public land, under state regulations, shall be reclaimed by irrigation and settled upon the state can acquire title from the general government free of cost, the legislature of Idaho slipped in a provision, known to few, to the effect that where such lands were reclaimed by any private company, in case they had not been settled upon at the expiration of two years after the completion of the irrigation work, the title of the land should pass to the reclamation company. This was a most egregious mistake from the standpoint of settlement and community building, but would operate very nicely in the interests of land or irrigation companies desiring to

MAY DO AWAY WITH STRIKES

Masons, Bricklayers and Hod Carriers of the International Union Begin Important Session Today.

INQUIRY IS TO BE RESUMED

Democrat Senators Desire to Be Heard in Postoffice Matter. CHALLENGE OF SENATOR SPOONER Will Reply to Mr. Carmack's Charges of Lukewarm Prosecutions—Nomination of Minister Buchanan. WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—At the beginning of tomorrow's session the senate will resume consideration of the Penrose and Carmack resolutions for an investigation of irregularities in the Postoffice department. There are still some democratic senators who desire to be heard on this matter. Senator Spooner has indicated his intention to make a more extended reply to Senator Carmack's charge that Postmaster General Payne has been at all lukewarm in the prosecution of frauds in his department. The understanding is that this question will not be allowed to retain its place before the senate in its present shape for any great length of time, as Senator Gorman, the leader of democratic senators, has expressed his willingness to have the resolutions referred to the postoffice committee, and there is no doubt that it will be so referred when the discussion comes to an end. The nomination of Mr. Buchanan to be minister to Spain remains unacted for. The nomination of Mr. Buchanan to be minister to Spain remains unacted for. The nomination of Mr. Buchanan to be minister to Spain remains unacted for.

EXPERTS AFTER THEATERS

Philadelphia Managers Object to Some of the Provisions for Overhauling Playhouses. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—Managers representing nearly every theater in this city met today to consider what their action should be in the present situation in the theatrical business. It was said after the meeting that its primary object was to take up proposed legislation introduced in the city council last week. The managers are opposed to what is known as the McLean ordinance, which provides that all alterations shall be made by the lessee of the theater. The managers urge that the owners of buildings should stand the expense of improvements. A committee was appointed to call on Mayor Weaver in relation to the matter. It was also stated that the meeting took no action with regard to the work of the commission of experts appointed by the mayor to inspect all theaters of the city. The managers say they are not in accord, but were co-operating from day to day with the commission. The commission is made up of two expert builders, an architect, three chiefs of the bureau of building inspection, fire department, electrical bureau and the fire marshal. Thus far the commission has inspected several theaters and ordered changes in sixteen of them. Two of these were ordered closed while alterations are being made, several theaters were forced to close all or part of their galleries and others were compelled to remove seats to widen aisles and other changes. The Washington theater manager, who reported tonight that a meeting of architects and builders of theaters, managers and insurance men from all over the country will be held here soon for the purpose of organizing for mutual protection. The whole proposition, it is said, is still in an indefinite form.

BATTLE WITH HEAVY SEAS

Incoming Ships Meet with Accidents During Terrible Storms on Ocean. NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The American line steamer New York, which arrived today from Southampton, was closely followed by the French liner La Savoie, ten minutes being the difference in time of arrival at the lightship. Both steamers reported to the harbor last of the week or the first of the following week. It is desired to get some of the appropriation bills over to the senate as early as possible. There are a few minor measures about ripe for action which will be taken up from time to time. Unless the appropriation committee be ready to report the urgent deficiency bill by Saturday the house may be in session only five days this week.

PROTEST ON ANTI-PASS RULE

Superior Association Decides to Take Question Up with Railroads. SUPERIOR, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The new rule of the railroads in refusing return passes for stock shippers raised a storm of protest at the annual meeting of the Farmers' Shipping association here yesterday. The shippers adopted resolutions instructing their managers to take it up with the railroads at once and see if it is possible to have the rule rescinded. The shippers agree on their part not to ask for passes, except when it is absolutely necessary for a man to accompany the stock. The shipping association has over 200 members and handles the business of nearly all the cattle and hog raisers of northern Jewell county, Kansas, and southern Neokola county, Nebraska. During the past year the shipments have gone exclusively to Kansas City via the Burlington.

SENATOR HANNA IN CLEVELAND

Will Be Returned to the Senate by the Largest Majority Ever Given a Candidate. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Senator Hanna arrived here from Cleveland this evening and will remain until after his reelection to the United States senate. The house and senate will ballot separately on United States senator next Tuesday. There will be a joint session on Wednesday, when the result of the ballot will be announced. Mr. Hanna will be returned to the senate by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the office, the republicans having a majority of twenty-five in the senate and sixty-six in the house, or ninety-one on joint ballot, the total number of members being 141.

STRIKE GUSHER IN BIG HORN

First Flowing Oil Well in District Belongs to a Chicago Company. MEETREESE, Wyo., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The Wyoming Oil and Development company, operating in the Bonanza district, struck a gusher at 9 o'clock today at a depth of 700 feet. The flow of oil is estimated at 100 barrels. This strike causes great excitement, as it is the first flowing well in the Big Horn basin of field. The Wyoming Oil and Development company is composed largely of Chicago capitalists. County Commissioner James Connelly of Omaha was at Bonanza when the strike was made. The Collins company of Omaha has a drilling outfit on site, and will drill half a mile from this gusher.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Partly Cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Includes 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

REMAINS WILL LIE IN STATE

Arrangements for the Funeral of General Gordon, the Lecturer and Confederate Soldier. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 10.—The remains of General John B. Gordon, who died last night at his winter home near Miami, Fla., will reach this city early next Tuesday. It having been decided that the funeral party will leave Miami on Monday morning. Definite arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is stated that the body will lie in state in the state house for several hours on the day preceding the funeral, the family of the deceased chief having been agreed to the highest authority that it has been decided in the event of war between Russia and Japan that Germany will maintain a strict neutrality and that other members of the dreadnought will observe a similar attitude. The importance of this decision, which the Associated Press understands, will almost immediately be announced in some official manner in Berlin, cannot be easily overestimated. 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