

FAVORS SEA LEVEL

Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals Files Its Report.

MAJORITY OBJECTS TO LOCKS AND DAMS

Probable Effect of Earthquakes a Determining Factor.

COST OF OPERATION IS ANOTHER

Report Says Type of Waterway Should be Determined Soon.

MINORITY FAVORS SYSTEM OF LOCKS

It Says That Properly Constructed Dams Would Not be Liable to Injury by Seismic Shocks.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—That the earthquakes which destroyed San Francisco was an important factor in determining the vote of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals in favor of a sea-level type is apparent from the fact that a feature of the majority report is a discussion of the effect of such shocks on the locks and dams.

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Probably Effect of Trembler. If these walls should be moved at all the natural and probable result would be in their leaking and so prevent the closing of the gates—an injury for which a suggestion of extra gates on hand would be useless, for no one could guess the extent of the movement. But the most likely effect of such shock would be the fracture of these locks, in repairing of which much time—months or years—might be required, and thus cause interruption of traffic or the abandonment of the canal.

The minority suggests that the dam at Gamboa included in the plan of the board would be as likely to sustain injury from such convulsion as the structure above mentioned. This is not the fact. The Gamboa dam is built on a solid rock foundation, reinforced with walls, many hundreds of feet, or even 2,000 or 3,000 feet long at Gutan wood, at least some of them, be more than seventy-five feet high and entirely unsupported on one side save for a part of the height by water.

San Francisco's Experience. At San Francisco, where the water pipes were broken, the disaster was greatly augmented by this cause, for the water could not be held in the pipes and directed on the flames. The same thing would happen to aqueducts, conduits, pipes and valves buried in the concrete walls used for filling and emptying the locks cannot be well conjectured.

Locks and Dams Dangerous. A chapter of the report is devoted to the locks and dams proposed by the minority report of the consulting engineers and these are asserted to be a source of danger. The various accidents to which such mechanisms might be subject are enumerated and the report asserts that these hazards can be avoided by the small sacrifice of time necessary to the construction of the sea level canal. The claim is made by the report that ships of all classes could be passed through the sea level canal in eight hours and that half that time would be consumed in passing ships through locks also.

The cost of annual maintenance is estimated at \$1,465,000 for sea level and \$2,200,000 for the lock type. Discussing the advantage of the sea-level canal to the country controlling it in time of war, the report says: "If free from all obstacles to quick transit in any direction, route clear, could be passed from season to season in less than a day. All naval commanders and commercial masters of the great national and private vessels of the world are almost to a man opposed unalterably to the introduction of any lock to lift vessels over the low summit that nature has left us to remove."

CHINESE TO FILL OFFICES

Indications Are That Foreigners in Imperial Service Will Be Gradually Removed.

PROVISION GIVING COMMISSION POWER TO FIX RATES ATTACKED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY SEVERAL SENATORS.

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COTTON SPINNERS ARE ACTIVE

British Manufacturers Try to Interest Government in Development of Africa Fields.

LONDON, May 17.—A large and important deputation, headed by the Foreign Office, visited the cotton industry today. The deputation, which included the Foreign Office, the Home Office, the Board of Trade, the Board of Agriculture, the Board of Education, the Board of Inland Revenue, the Board of Customs and Excise, the Board of Admiralty, the Board of Ordnance and the Board of Civil Supply, was met by the cotton industry at the Cotton Trade Association in London.

WOMAN'S TORTURER IS KILLED

Police Officer Who Mistreated Maria Spiridonova Shot by an Avenger.

TAMBOFF, Russia, May 17.—Zanoff, a police officer who participated in the brutal mistreatment of Maria Spiridonova, was shot and killed on the streets today by an unidentified person. The avengers of the young revolutionist recently meted out the same fate at Borissoglebsk to Abramoff, the Cossack officer who boasted of his cruelty to her while she was in prison. Maria Spiridonova, the young daughter of a Russian general, shot and killed Chief of Police Lubensky of Tamboff. She was condemned to be hanged, but her sentence was commuted to twenty years' imprisonment. The girl was terribly treated in prison, immediately after committing the crime by Abramoff. And another Cossack officer.

LONDON WELCOMES TRAVELERS

Prince and Princess of Wales Congratulated on Return from Indian Trip.

LONDON, May 17.—The lord mayor and corporation today entertained the prince and princess of Wales at the Guild hall and presented them with a congratulatory address in commemoration of their Indian trip. Exactly thirty years have elapsed since King Edward, then prince of Wales, was the central figure of a similar welcome on his return from his eastern tour. Today's reception was preceded by the usual procession through decorated streets. About 80 persons sat down to luncheon at the Guild hall including the German burgo-masters who are now visiting London. They were the only foreigners present.

MANILA HEMP CROP SHORT.

MANILA, May 17.—Exporters report a shortage of the hemp crop amounting to 100,000 bales, valued at \$2,000,000. Brouth and typhoon in September caused the slump. Statisticians forecast that the production for the first five months of 1906 will be 1,000 bales less than for the same time last year. Prices are high and continue to advance. Exports are expected to be good next year will reach the normal amount.

NO CRITICISM BY MEYER.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—The Slovo today printed what purported to be a statement of Ambassador Meyer criticizing the action of Parliament and the opening ceremony at the Winter palace. The ambassador has authorized the Associated Press to deny in the most emphatic manner that he indulged in any criticism whatever. He says the alleged statement was made out of the whole cloth.

BRITISH STEEL MAKERS TO UNITE.

LONDON, May 17.—Negotiations are on foot to form a combine of the steel workers of Great Britain and northern Ireland, extending the present working agreement in respect to ship and boiler plates, to include American branches of the trade. Michael Davitt Better. DUBLIN, May 17.—The Michael Davitt, who was operated on yesterday for the second time for blood poisoning, was reported today to be much improved.

FUNERAL OF CARL SCHURZ

Mein Recalls Refusal of Statesman to Return to His native Land.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The funeral of Carl Schurz took place today. Private services at his late home, 24 East Ninety-third street, were conducted by the Rev. H. K. Strieder, president of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and Dr. Felix Adler of the Ethical Culture society. Later public services were held at the grave in Tarrytown, N. Y., where the funeral party went by special train.

MEYER, Germany, May 17.—It is recalled today that the German statesman of confidence which Emperor William sent to the family of the late Carl Schurz that the emperor had long regarded Mr. Schurz with respect and was aware that his grandfather desired him to return to Germany and enter the public service. Prince Bismarck invited Mr. Schurz to do so and the latter in reply said in substance: "I am afraid I shall always be a non-comformist and could never adapt myself to the Prussian system. No, it is better for me to stay where I am."

RATE BILL AGAIN AMENDED

Senate Spends Entire Day in Discussing Measure by Sections.

ABOUT HALF OF IT IS COMPLETED

Provision Giving Commission Power to Fix Rates Attacked as Unconstitutional by Several Senators.

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WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Norris Makes Speech in Favor of Investigating Naturalization Methods.

UNION PACIFIC GETS BOOST

Board Raises Valuation of That Line Five Hundred Dollars a Mile.

LITTLE CHANGE ON THE OTHER LINES

Mortenson and Mickey Vote for Larger Increase on Union Pacific, but Other Members Will Not Agree With Them.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.—Special Telegram.—During the consideration of the bill creating a Bureau of immigration and naturalization and providing for uniform laws of naturalization in the house today Congressman Norris made a rattling good speech in favor of an examination of the methods pursued by judges and clerks in issuing naturalization papers. Representative Campbell of Kansas wanted the whole paragraph relating to investigations of methods at the hands of Department of Commerce and Labor stricken out. Representative Norris contended that it was of first importance that an investigation should be made and took exception to the suggestion of Mr. Campbell that it would be humiliating to a judge to have his acts investigated. He thought every honest man would invite investigation. Although Mr. Campbell's amendment to strike out prevailed it only carried by the chairman voting in the affirmative, the vote being 29 to 29.

Senator Kennedy today received from Mr. Spiesberger & Son of Omaha a telegram sent from Des Moines, Ia., where the Millinery Jobbers' association of the Transmissour country is in session, calling upon the Nebraska delegation to favor an amendment to the railway rate bill so that express companies will be brought under the regulation of the Interstate Commerce commission. Mr. Kennedy presented the telegram to Colonel Stephens, who will be one of the house conferees on the railway rate bill and he stated to the Omaha members that the matter would be given serious consideration. Mr. Kennedy then canvassed the members of the delegation and later replied to the telegram, that the entire Nebraska delegation favored bringing express companies within the regulation of the Interstate Commerce commission. Auditor Andrews of the treasury department left for Nebraska tonight. He will be in Omaha on Saturday and will go from there to St. Paul, Minn., to attend the senate today confirmed the nomination of Patrick M. Mullen, formerly of Omaha, to be receiver of public moneys at Juneau, Alaska.

Rural route No. 1 has been ordered established July 16 at Battle Creek, Madison county, Neb., serving 40 people and 300 acres of land. Rural carriers appointed—Nebraska: Phillips, route 2, George E. Horn carrier; William P. Marvel, substitute, Iowa; Bonardurant, route 1, William P. Hall, carrier; Anna L. Hall, substitute, Hinton, route 1; June S. Crouch, carrier; F. M. Crouch, substitute, route 4, Floyd Crawford, carrier; Edith Crawford, substitute, Washington, route 2; Floyd McClellan, carrier; Curtis D. McClellan, substitute.

ATTEMPT TO ROB TREASURY

Soldiers at San Francisco Foul Robbers Who Try to Get Cash.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—A daring attempt to loot the treasury located on Commercial street today was frustrated last night by soldiers from Company G of the Eleventh infantry. The soldiers were detailed to guard Uncle Sam's treasure box and they claim that the fire was returned by the men who were attempting to break into the building. Six men from Company G were detailed to guard the treasury last night, three men being located on either side of the place. At 11:30 o'clock the men stationed on the Commercial street side saw they noticed a man attempting to reach the entrance to the building. He was ordered to halt, but instead started to run when a bullet was fired at him. The bullet did not take effect and two of the guards gave chase, leaving their one companion behind. Almost immediately the soldiers on the Clay street side began firing and the one guard on Commercial street was killed. The man who was shot was ordered to halt, but instead started to run when a bullet was fired at him. The bullet did not take effect and two of the guards gave chase, leaving their one companion behind. Almost immediately the soldiers on the Clay street side began firing and the one guard on Commercial street was killed.

MRS. DAVIS HAS A RELAPSE

Widow of Confederate President is Again Very Ill in New York.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the president of the southern confederacy, who is ill at the Hotel Grand, has suffered a relapse and early today her condition was said to be serious. During the morning hours resort was had to the use of oxygen. Mrs. Davis, who is advanced in years, has been failing recently and about two weeks ago experienced an attack of grip which has since been followed by a relapse. She is now suffering from pneumonia. After a sinking spell early today she revived and slept for several hours, but owing to her advanced age hopes of her recovery are faint. Her daughter, Mrs. John P. Hayes Davis, a student at Princeton university, and his sister, are almost constantly at her bedside. Mrs. Davis celebrated her eightieth birthday on Monday two weeks ago. On that day she went for a drive and contracted a cold. There was a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. Davis this morning. 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