

OLIVER TO DIG CANAL

Knoxville Man Will Get Contract Under Certain Conditions Are Met.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS BIDS

Officials Not Satisfied with Financial Responsibility of Bangs.

OLIVER MAY TAKE ANOTHER PARTNER

Will Be Given Contract if He Finds One that is Satisfactory.

MARTHUR-GILLESPIE CO. MAY COME IN

Second Lowest Bidder Represented at Conference and It is Rumored that It Will Form Alliance with Oliver.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—After an extended conference at the White House to-night it was decided to reject the bid of Oliver & Bangs, who proposed to complete the construction of the Panama canal for 67.5 per cent of the total estimated cost, insofar as Anson N. Bangs of New York City is concerned. While no official statement was given out at the White House, it can be authoritatively stated that William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn., can enter into a satisfactory arrangement with some other contractor, who is financially responsible, he will be given the contract for the action of the canal.

The fact that the McArthur-Gillespie company of New York, who proposed the construction of the canal was 12.5 per cent, were represented at the conference, leads many of the interested parties to believe that a combination may be formed between that firm and Mr. Oliver. It is known that the McArthur-Gillespie syndicate has convinced President Roosevelt that the canal is his financial responsibility, and after a most thorough investigation the canal commission officials have expressed satisfaction that Mr. Oliver is able to carry out his end of the agreement. There would have been no question of awarding the contract to Oliver and Bangs had the credentials presented by Mr. Bangs proved as satisfactory to the officials as those furnished by Mr. Oliver.

Oliver May Select Partner. The decision reached at the White House, however, means that Mr. Oliver will be given a chance to take some other contractor in partnership with him whose financial responsibility meets the satisfaction of the government. The canal commission, with this requirement met, will not undertake to dictate to him who his contractor shall be.

The question of rejecting all bids was discussed today in a meeting today, and this decision had been practically agreed upon before the conference today. Secretary Taft tomorrow will make known to Mr. Oliver the decision and if arrangement is satisfactory to Mr. Oliver he probably will be given several days in which to arrange an agreement with the McArthur-Gillespie company or some other contractor, who can deposit the required cash security.

If Mr. Oliver refuses to consider the contract after the rejection of Mr. Bangs, the commission will call for new bids. Anson M. Bangs of New York, Mr. Oliver's associate in the canal proposal, was the contractor for the Soo canal locks. He is president of the Federal Construction company of New York City, which is capitalized at \$2,000,000. Mr. Bangs is a brother-in-law of John C. Gaylor of the firm of Greene & Gaylor, which was implicated with Captain O. M. Carter in the Savannah, Ga., harbor engineer fraud case. This fact, however, it is stated, had no influence with the canal commission in rejecting Mr. Bangs as joint contractor with Mr. Oliver.

Oliver Leaves for New York. After the adjournment of the cabinet meeting today, Mr. Oliver left for New York and it is admitted by his representatives tonight that he will submit a proposition to the McArthur-Gillespie company to join him in submitting a proposal to the canal commission in place of the bid submitted under the firm name of Oliver & Bangs.

It is stated tonight that a compromise arrangement will be made by the canal commission, providing Oliver succeeds in making a satisfactory arrangement with McArthur & Gillespie, to pay 5 per cent of the total cost for the construction of the canal. The Oliver & Bangs bid was 47.5 per cent, while the McArthur-Gillespie bid was 12.5 per cent.

Commission to Be Rejected. Following out the president's recommendation that the Panama Canal commission be reduced to three members, or, better still, one member, the senate canal commission expects to have ready for consideration on Tuesday, next, a bill abolishing the commission entirely. In the same measure, provision will be made for the president to appoint one man, presumably the engineer in charge of the construction, to exercise full control and name his subordinates. All canal employees are, however, to continue under the War department. Senators Knox and Hopkins are drafting the bill. There are a number of features they have not yet worked out to their satisfaction.

LIMITATION ON LIQUOR TRADE

House Committee on Judiciary Decided to Make Favorable Report on Brantley Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The house committee on judiciary decided today to make a favorable report on the Brantley bill making intoxicating liquors a special class of interstate commerce and forbidding the collection of money on C. O. D. shipments of such liquors to any state where the sale of liquor is forbidden by the state laws.

This bill is not as broad as the Littlefield bill, which the committee reported a few days ago, and it is believed by Brantley to be a measure which will not be found unconstitutional. The measure does not attempt to interfere in any way with the transportation of liquors into prohibitive states, but deals only with the actual collection of the purchase price of liquors.

Only three members of the committee, Representatives Littlefield, Pearce and Terrell, voted against the bill.

Woman Falls from Window. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Following a protracted quarrel with her husband, Mrs. Anna O'Donnell was found in a dying condition today. She fell from a window in the third story of the building in which she and her husband occupied the room. Her husband informed the police that his wife was walking in her sleep, but neighbors later declared the couple had been drinking. Mrs. O'Donnell declined to allow his account to be brought back into the house.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1907.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Saturday and Sunday. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair Saturday and Sunday. Warner Sunday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: High 6, low 7, mean 6.5.

WASHINGTON.

Congressman Pollard will appear before judiciary committee next Wednesday to urge its bill providing that salary of congressmen elected to fill vacancy shall begin at date of election. Page 1

House committee amends denatured alcohol bill to permit manufacture by farmers and small factories. Page 2

Conference at White House decides to award contract to William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn., if he can secure a partner whose financial standing is satisfactory to the president. Page 1

House passes three hundred and eighty private pension measures. Page 2

First report of Interstate Commerce commission investigations under Tillman-Gillespie resolution declares combinations exist between railroads and mines and that publicity will cure many existing evils. Page 5

Nebraska legislators do not like the way anti-lobby bills are disposed of and fight over killing them off is anticipated in the house. Page 1

Committees of two legislatures find difficulty in securing information about operation of stock yards at Kansas City. Page 1

Attorney general of Minnesota starts suit to forfeit charter of a railroad company merger in the Hill system, alleging that the merger ended its usefulness and directly attacks right of road to create companies to build lines. Page 5

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Conference of isthmian canal officials at White House tentatively decides to award contract for digging Panama canal to William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn. Page 1

Two trial jurors were secured for Thaw trial yesterday, making a total of seven. Page 5

State railway commission files answer in supreme court to quo warranto proceedings, insisting amendment to constitution legally adopted. Page 3

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"Twenty thousand people by 1910" is adopted as slogan of a "Greater Hastings" movement. Mass meeting called for next Tuesday. Page 3

Election day in Germany and French take great interest in contest. Page 1

King of Spain forms new cabinet, with conservatives in power. Pope greatly pleased with change. Page 15

French commissary of police loses eye in fight over attempt to close seminary. Page 1

London officials expect Governor Swettenham of Jamaica to resign. Page 15

United States attorney Gosa files suit against the Burlington for violation of the twenty-eight hour stock shipment law, alleging violations on consignments from South Dakota and Wyoming to South Omaha. The maximum penalty is asked. Page 10

Acting under orders of the council, Superintendent Rowden of the city hall creates trouble all around by refusing to supply city officers with ice water. Page 12

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company orders 1,300 tons of rails for improvement and extensions this year. Page 12

Postmaster Palmer is meeting much complaint of higher cost of postoffice boxes, but says he's not to blame. Page 11

A. L. Mohler, vice president of the Union Pacific, has been called to Chicago to confer with other railroad managers on demand of trainmen for higher wages. Page 11

Few strawberries are on the market for the Sunday dinner and they sell for 50 cents per quart. Page 12

COUNCIL BLUFFS AND IOWA.

Iowa savings banks ask relief from the legislature, asserting that present laws are burdensome to this class of institutions. Page 15

Attorney Brown, who sued out injunctions against saloons, calls on sheriff to urge him to be prompt in serving the papers. Page 15

Splendid monuments on southern battle fields commemorate valor of Iowa soldiers. Page 7

SPORTS.

Guy Buckles of Omaha and Walter McCarthy fight ten fast rounds to a draw at Osthoff Athletic club arena. Page 2

Fred Marriott, auto racer, badly injured when his car overturns while running at rate of two miles a minute. Page 2

Fred Beall, the Wisconsin wrestler, has an easy victory over William Demetrak at Chicago. Page 2

FATAL WRECK ON SEABOARD

Freight Train Strikes Cars on Sliding and One Fireman is Killed.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 25.—A wreck occurred on the Seaboard Air Line railway at Boykins, Va., early today, when a freight train No. 1, bound from Portsmouth to Hamlet, N. C., went through an open switch and running into a siding, was derailed after colliding with freight cars standing on the siding.

Fireman Walter Colley was caught under the wreckage and killed. Engineer William H. Capei of Portsmouth and brakeman Joseph Johnson were seriously injured, the engineer being caught under the wreckage and badly scalded, besides his arm and leg being broken. An engine and a dozen cars were wrecked and seventy-five horses in cars were killed.

KENTUCKY DISTILLERS.

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INQUIRY INTO STOCK YARDS

Legislatures of Two States Investigating Conditions at Kansas City.

OFFICIALS EVADE QUESTIONS ASKED

President Morse Refuses to Give Joint Committee a Copy of His Last Annual Report to Directors.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—The joint committee made up of members of the legislatures of Missouri and Kansas, which is investigating the affairs of the Kansas City Stock Yards company, is not satisfied with the information being furnished by the officers of the company. The committee complains that they are not getting enough explicit information and that too many generalities are being offered. The officers of the company promised the committee all the facts at their command before the investigation started, but now the legislators say the details are hard to get.

Charles F. Morse, president of the company, today practically refused to produce a copy of his report for 1906, which was sent to the Boston directors of the company. Mr. Morse said the report was in the nature of a private letter and he did not feel like submitting it to the committee. He said he was willing to submit necessary extracts from the report to show the extent of the business for the year. The committee adjourned until the president could produce the promised data, but when Mr. Morse returned to the committee he was prepared to submit figures relating only to the general business of the company. The committee notified Mr. Morse that more detail was desired and he would be expected to testify more satisfactorily tomorrow.

The fact was brought out today that the income from the business of the company for 1906 was \$1,275,000, but the amount available for dividends was only \$200,000. When asked about this discrepancy an officer of the company said the difference between the two amounts was used for repairs, operating expenses and "betterments." The committee will make a thorough investigation of this matter before it adjourns.

The investigation is based upon charges made by a former feedmaster at the yards, who alleged that false weights were given to customers. The stock yards plant is situated on the Kansas-Missouri line and is in both states. The controversy has led Kansas and Missouri in the matter. The principal witness yesterday was Eugene Rust, general manager of the stock yards company, who denied that his company had two years ago used any money either in Kansas or Missouri legislature to influence legislation. Numerous witnesses were called, their testimony dealing more directly with the charge of overcharging for feed.

BISHOP BONACUM IN ROME

His Long-Standing Contest with Father Murphy Assumes New Legal Phase.

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SOCIALISTS ARE DEFEATED

Irish Labor Conference Rejects Amendment Declaring in Favor of New Idea.

BELFAST, Jan. 25.—By the overwhelming majority of 335,000 votes against 90,000 as represented by the delegates, the labor conference this morning rejected a proposed amendment to the constitution of the party, the effect of which would have been to transform it into an avowedly socialist organization. The proposed amendment was contained in a resolution suggesting the insertion of the following "new object" into the constitution:

"The ultimate object hereby declared is the securing of the best results of the present competitive system or capitalism, and the institution of public ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods."

The opponents of the proposed amendment declared it would create irreparable dissension in the party, as the trades unionists were opposed to pledging themselves to socialism.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN FRANCE

Many Persons Injured and Police Commissary Loses an Eye in Fracas.

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The crowd cried "Long live the President" and during the fighting many persons were injured on both sides. The Marquis de Cuverville knocked out the eye of a commissary of police with an umbrella. The Marquis d'Anglade was arrested.

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Great Lake Will Be Ready to Run Machinery in Three Weeks.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 25.—The gates will be closed in the January canal today. It will be three weeks before the power is turned on, as it will take this time for the lake to fill. The water will back up eighteen miles in the river and through the Prickly Pear canyon, six miles in the valley below Helena. The dam is 640 feet long and 70 feet wide at its crest of steel throughout. The dam is the largest of its kind in the world.

Fifteen thousand-horse power will be generated, and this, with the largest ferry plant, will make Helena the canyon producer of electricity of any place in the country, with the exception of Niagara. The power will run the Washoe Reduction works, the Anaconda railway, light the city and operate many of the Butte mines.

COAL COMES FROM ORIENT

Fuel Brought in Tacoma to Be Broken by Shipments from Abroad.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—Within the next thirty days several cargoes of coal will be received on Puget sound to relieve the fuel shortage now existing at Tacoma and Seattle.

According to advices received today the steamer Lynn sailed from Moll Monday with 1,000 tons of coal. The steamer Quilo is to bring 5,000 tons, and the steamship Platades is due here February 1 and has 1,000 tons of coal. Never before in the history of this port has coal had to be imported from the orient to meet the local demand. Owing to the coal shortage many tugs are prevented from going outside to pick up vessels, and as a result only sixteen have entered the straits in four weeks.

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GERMAN GOVERNMENT WINS

New Reichstag Will Support Colonial Policy of Chancellor von Buelow.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The government has won a definite victory in the general election held today for a new Reichstag. The liberal, radical and conservative parties supporting Prince von Buelow's colonial policy have won at least 50 seats. More important for the government than the success of its colonial plans, however, is the smashing defeat administered to the socialists, who will lose seventeen or eighteen seats.

This is the first election since 1897 that the socialists have not increased their representation in the Reichstag by from five to twenty seats. They have lost especially in several large cities, among these places being Breslau, Halle, Magdeburg, Leipzig and Koenigsberg. The clerical center holds almost all of its former 100 seats, having lost one or two to the Poles of Bismarck. There is no possibility, however, that rebalancing in the undecided districts may lose one or two more seats to the center party.

The conservatives have won six seats, two from the anti-Semites, two from the national liberals and two from the socialists.

Rebalancing probably will be necessary in 135 constituencies, so that results will not be certain until February 5.

Certain districts in upper Bavaria are snowbound and have not yet been heard from, but they are considered safe for the center party.

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POLLARD URGES SALARY BILL

Committee Will Give Him Hearing on Subject Next Wednesday.

PAY TO START AT DATE OF ELECTION

Nebraska Congressman Proposes Relief for Members Chosen to Fill Vacancies from Embarrassment He Suffered.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Pollard is persistent in his determination to get a favorable report from the judiciary committee of the house on his bill to provide that compensation for members of congress elected to fill vacancies shall begin on the date of election and not date from the beginning of the term. Today Mr. Pollard had a conference with Chairman Jenkins of the judiciary committee. The proposed change in the present law was discussed by the chairman and members who were present and it was decided to give Mr. Pollard a hearing next Wednesday in order that he may present reasons why his bill should become law.

The bill which Mr. Pollard introduced grows out of the long-continued controversy over his right to receive compensation for the period between the commencement of congress and his election as the successor to Mr. Burkett. Mr. Pollard accepted the money sent him by the sergeant-at-arms in good faith, but an issue was made during his recent campaign in the First district that he had taken money that did not properly belong to him. While insisting that the law was explicit on the proposition he determined, he was elected and a draft was sent to the sergeant-at-arms, where it remained for some time. Later on the sergeant-at-arms returned the draft to Mr. Pollard with the statement that his accounts were closed, that he had received the money from the treasury to pay members' salaries, and that he had sent the amount of money due Mr. Pollard under the construction of the auditor for the State and other departments. Rather than rest under the imputation of taking that which did not belong to him Mr. Pollard refused his bill making the compensation of a member who is elected to fill a vacancy date from the time of his election, and he proposes to push the matter to a finish.

Brown Returns Home. Senator-elect Norris Brown left for Nebraska today. Before leaving he said that in the event of an extra session of the senate being called for the purpose of passing upon treaties that might not be acted upon previous to March 4, he would return to Washington in ample time to meet with that body, but should there be no extra session of the senate he will not return to Washington until early in December. Senator Brown has been accorded a most generous reception, not only at the hands of his future colleagues, but by the Nebraska colony in Washington, and he has made a most favorable impression upon those who have met him.

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Appropriation for Pine Ridge. Senator Kittredge today introduced an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill providing for an appropriation of \$10,000 for additional buildings and certain repairs and for an adequate water supply at Pine Ridge agency, South Dakota.

Bunch of Pension Measures. Representative Holland today secured the passage of a bill for the relief of William A. Whitaker of Falls City, increasing his pension from \$12 to \$24.

Congressman Kinkaid has secured the following pensions: Selwyn L. Conger of Inman, \$5; Benjamin F. Logel of Mitchell, \$12; George Puntney of Gross, increased to \$10.

Westeners at Washington. Representative Kennedy tonight was the guest of the Burns' club of this city and responded to the toast "The Day We Celebrate."

Congressman Mondell of Wyoming left tonight for Boston where he will address the Beacon Society at the Algonquin club tomorrow night on the subject of irrigation, which will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Rural Carriers Appointed. Samuel Gibson of Omaha has been appointed watchman at Fort Omaha.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Columbus Junction, route 1, Glenard B. Buffington, carrier; Fred Duncan, substitute; Garden Grove, route 1, Curtis J. Knapp, carrier; Jasper A. Jennings, substitute; Rolfe, route 4, Herbert E. Tubbs, carrier; Ferdinand C. Thomas, substitute; South Dakota postmasters appointed: Edna Lyman county, Miles H. Peero, vice W. H. Minar, resigned; Hoener, Minnehaha county, Ois E. Lasseman, vice O. J. Nasson, resigned.

PURE FOOD LAW IN KANSAS

Senate Passes Bill Drawing Along Lines of the New Federal Statute.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25.—A pure food law, similar in its provisions to the national pure food law which was enacted by the last congress, was passed by the Kansas senate today. The application and enforcement of the new law is to be under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health. The law provides that the examination of foods shall be made at the State Agricultural college and the examination of medicines, drugs, liquors and drinks at the University of Kansas, under the direction of the dean of pharmacy.

The senate today passed a bill requiring that a label describing its ingredients be placed on each can of baking powder sold within the state and it now goes to the governor for his signature.

The bill to prohibit theatrical or circus performances and the playing of base ball on Sunday was passed by the house today.

SHORTS TALKS OF CANAL

Retiring Chairman Says Government May Yet Build Waterway Without Letting Contract.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—Theodore P. Shorts, retiring head of the Isthmian Canal commission, arrived this morning, enroute from Kansas City to Chicago. In an interview at the Union station Mr. Shorts said he thinks that the government may yet build the Panama canal, but the present bids are not considered satisfactory.

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