

OF IRRIGATION H. N. SAVAGE TALKS

SUPERVISING ENGINEER OF MANY PROJECTS IN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

CROPS SAVED BY WATER

Indian Allottees on Flathead Reservation Experience First Blessings Following Work of United States Reclamation Service—Plans for Montana Are Discussed.

Henry N. Savage, supervising engineer for all of the work that the United States reclamation service is doing in Montana and several other western states, arrived in Missoula last evening, coming from a conference with R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, with whom he went over the Fort Peck project.

Better Understanding.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to me," said Mr. Savage, "to learn that the people of the reservation are learning the value of the service to be of great value to them. The change of sentiment toward the service and its work has been pronounced within the last few months, just as the service and its work have reached the stage of effectiveness."

"The big steam shovel, with a capacity of 100,000 cubic yards of dirt a day, is now working between Roman and Polson on the gathering and feeder canal from the two Crow creeks to the Pablo reservoir, which is situated near Polson and embraces 2,000 acres. The new elevating grader is working on the same canal; both are in action for two shifts each day."

Post Division.

"We are starting work on canal excavation for the Post division, between St. Ignace and Roman, which has been under construction all season. When completed, this will cover 7,500 acres. Work is to be started on the masonry discharge works from the Nine Pipe reservoir; also work on the Nine Pipe dam is to be begun at once. One of the high-line canals, five miles long, from upper Crow creek to the Nine Pipe reservoir, is to furnish water for construction purposes."

Small Contracts.

In this connection, Mr. Savage announced that the service would probably sub-let a number of smaller earth-work contracts to private persons. This move, he said, is now under contemplation and advertisements asking for bids will probably be issued within a short time.

Continuing his discussion of work on the reservation, Mr. Savage said that the construction of distributing canals for the Pablo reservoir and running between Roman and Polson would be started immediately. "Work on the Newell tunnel, on the Pend d'Oreille river, below Flathead lake, is progressing at a satisfactory rate. Leading citizens of Polson are seeking to make arrangements whereby they may lease power or secure the opportunity of developing it themselves for manufacturing purposes."

"Throughout the season water has been in the Mission canal, which was completed on May 1. The allottees have been able to save their crops very, also, and are proving themselves very appreciative, as are all settlers and renters."

"Work on the Blackfoot project is

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MARKSMAN DOUBLES A WORLD'S RECORD

Wakefield, Mass., July 12.—A phenomenal exhibition of marksmanship was shown late this afternoon in the annual New England state rifle competition, when Corporal Perry B. Scofield of company E, Fifth Massachusetts, nearly doubled the world's record for 500 yards at the Bay state rifle range.

He scored 116 consecutive bull's eyes. The world's record, held by Captain Stephen W. Wise, inspector of small arms practice of the Sixth Massachusetts, was 60 consecutive bull's eyes.

TEDDY IS WILLING TO SEE THEM ALL

Be They Regulars, "Insurgents" or Democrats, the Colonel Is Equally Glad to See Them—Timothy Woodruff, Representatives Fowler and Cocks All Spend Day With ex-President.

Oyster Bay, July 12.—Theodore Roosevelt said with emphasis today that he has taken no stand as yet in favor of the insurgents or the regulars in the republican party, and he desires to correct any impression of favoritism.

"I want you to make it clear," he said to interviewers, "that I am seeking both sides. I wish you would make that emphatic. My main interest is in the state, but on national issues I want to see both regulars and insurgents, party men and independents. I want to see democrats as well as republicans."

"But you do not want to see democrats win?" he was asked. "Not if the republicans do the right thing," replied the colonel.

Both Sides Today.

Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York republican state committee, and a staunch organization man, was in the house as Colonel Roosevelt explained his attitude. So was Representative Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey, who is a first-to-last insurgent. Colonel Roosevelt had talked with them both and apparently with equal affability. Governor Hughes had departed earlier in the day. Colonel Roosevelt said that he had gained the same impression from Mr. Woodruff as he had obtained yesterday from James W. Wadsworth, Jr., speaker of the assembly.

Mr. Wadsworth made it clear that, as far as it lay within his power, there would be no surrender by the organization in favor of a direct nomination bill such as Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Hughes urged. For his part, Mr. Woodruff said today that he was glad Colonel Roosevelt was active in politics. Colonel Roosevelt was dressed for "having" when he received the interviewers. He had on a white duck suit. Most of the luncheon guests were leaving, but Representative W. W. Cocks, a "regular," who represents Mr. Roosevelt's home district, lingered.

To Pitch Hay.

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HOMESEEEKERS TURNING BACK

FLOOD OF EMIGRATION TO CANADIAN LANDS HAS SOLELY STOPPED.

SETTLERS DISSATISFIED

According to Report of Statistician Blanchard, Farmers Are Coming From Alberta to Montana as Fast as Lands Can Be Sold—Climate Unsatisfactory—Treasure State Better.

Washington, July 13.—The emigration of homeseekers to Canada, which has been the subject of great concern to the administrators of the public domain, has turned, in the opinion of officials of the reclamation service, thousands have returned and a great many more are expected back soon.

Clarence J. Blanchard, statistician of the reclamation service, who is in the field inspecting irrigation projects, reports he has interviewed many settlers in Montana who had tried the Canadian experiment but were glad to return home. They said practically every American farmer near Alberta, where the Canadian government maintains an irrigation project, was anxious to get back if he could sell his holdings in the Dominion.

The American settlers were dissatisfied with the character of the land, the crops from which, they alleged, consisted mostly of alfalfa and such hardy grains as winter wheat and even these were not sure. The form of government did not appeal to them and they considered railroad rates exorbitant. The climate was a source of dissatisfaction, ice and snow in August and September of last year adding to their discontent.

During the last nine months, it was said at the reclamation office today, 15,000 settlers have returned to the states from Canada.

DOUBLE-SHOOTING THE TURN.

Salem, Mass., July 13.—Guilty of conspiring to secure the confirmation by the board of aldermen of his appointment of James A. Hamilton as chief of the Lawrence fire department and of conspiring later to secure Hamilton's removal from that position, William P. White, mayor of Lawrence, was sentenced today to three years in the house of correction and fined \$1,000.

A LONG FLIGHT.

Paris, July 12.—The aviator Champel, who accompanied Paulhan to the United States recently, crossed Paris at dusk tonight on an adventurous flight from Juvisy to Sartrouville, a distance of about 20 miles. When over the city Champel was lost for a time in the dense mist.

UP IN THE AIR.

Bournemouth, England, July 12.—In the altitude contest here today Leone Marone, who won the speed contest at Reims, reached a height of 4,100 feet in a Blériot monoplane.

CONSERVATION TANGLE IS STILL UNSNARLED

St. Paul, July 13.—Local officials interested in the convention of the National Conservation congress which meets in St. Paul in September, were here today for a conference with Gifford Pinchot, President B. N. Baker and Secretary Thomas R. Shipp of the congress, regarding the program of the meeting. Some of the features of the program have been objected to as having too decided leanings toward the Pinchot side of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

It was predicted today if no agreement is reached at tomorrow's conference a split in the conservation forces may ensue and Kansas City get the congress while a new conservation organization more friendly to the Taft administration may be formed in Minnesota.

LA FOLLETTE RESTS CASE WITH PEOPLE

Wilwaukee, July 13.—Senator La Follette will not be a candidate for re-election before the legislature unless he wins in the primary contest next September. This is the authoritative statement of Senator La Follette's campaign manager, C. W. Crowheart of Superior, who in an interview today said:

"Senator La Follette will accept the judgment of the people at the primary as final. If he is not endorsed at the primary he will expect the legislature to ratify the choice of the people."

YOUNG BOY IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING STROKE

Great Falls, July 12.—John Blum, a 14-year-old boy of Belt, is dead and 12 other men and boys were rendered unconscious when lightning struck a large tree under which they had taken shelter from a storm. The party was on its way from Belt to a ranch to go to work and were caught in the storm. All were knocked senseless and upon recovering it was found that Blum was dead.

HAMILTON FAILS.

New York, July 13.—Charles K. Hamilton, counted one of the most daring and expert of American aviators, made an attempt to fly tonight at Mineola, L. I., in a borrowed machine. He wrecked it, although he escaped without injury. Hamilton was just about to rise when the running gear collapsed and the aeroplane fell in a snarl. At the moment of rising all the weight of the aeroplane falls on the two rear wheels, and it was these that gave way.

RATE ADVANCES ARE SUSPENDED

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides to Suspend Increase in Freight Rates Recently Made by Railroads --Action Based on Ground That New Prices Are Injurious to Shippers.

Washington, July 13.—By a formal vote the interstate commerce commission today determined to suspend recent general advances in rates made by railroads. The tariffs suspended in accordance with the policy of the commission for the most part are those recently filed by the Western Trunk Line association and by the carriers in eastern classification territory, although some of the tariffs were filed by individual roads in other territories. By arrangement with the president and the commission, the railways agreed to supplement their original advanced tariffs which were to have become effective about July 1, with the tariffs to become effective August 1. This postponement was to enable the commission thoroughly to examine its authority under the new railroad law. The understanding, at the time the agreement was reported, was that such advances as were general in character and affected large interests should be suspended pending an inquiry into the reasonableness of the increases.

The vote taken by the commission was rather on a line of policy to be pursued as to suspension than upon specific tariffs. Now that the policy of the commission has been determined, it will be automatically applicable, in a sense, to such tariffs as fall within its purview. It is expected that within a day or two formal announcement will be made of the precise nature of the commission's policy and in a general way, the tariffs that are to be affected by it. Until that announcement is made it is not possible to state officially what particular rates would be suspended. Some advances contained in recently filed tariffs undoubtedly will not be suspended, but it is reasonably certain that practically all of the general freight advances will be held up pending inquiry in the autumn.

In the multiplicity of freight tariffs filed with the commission, averaging 600 or 700 changes in rates per day—the commission naturally will not exercise its authority to suspend except in such instances as it is manifest that the proposed new tariffs might do serious injustice to shippers. The authority will be in effect only when extraordinary conditions, in the view of the commission, prevail.

INSURANCE SCANDAL TAFT TO CAMPAIGN REVEALED IN ILLINOIS

GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS AGAINST OFFICERS OF TWO COMPANIES.

Rock Island, Ill., July 12.—Indictments against 13 persons were returned today by a Rock Island county grand jury which since May 3 has been going over all alleged fraternal insurance frauds. All those indicted were officers of the American Home Circle, or of the Fraternal Tribunes, or were concerned in the merger of the two societies in 1908. The merger is said to have been followed by the disappearance of the Tribunes' reserve fund of \$7,000 and the alleged mismanagement of the society's affairs to such an extent that it was ultimately wrecked. Those indicted are: Dr. A. L. Craig, E. A. Hatfield and Max J. Franckel, Chicago; H. A. Weld and Robert Reddale, Rock Island; Thomas W. Whitham, Washington, D. C.; Michael B. Marbor, C. H. Walters and George W. Kelney, Springfield; S. S. Melvaine, Miss Margaret McVaine and Otto L. Caldwell, Auburn, Ill.; K. M. Whitham, Alledo, Ill.

Craig, Hatfield, Reddale, Weld, Whitham and S. S. Melvaine were indicted for alleged embezzlement and conspiracy and larceny of records of the chief tribunes; and Franckel, Margaret McVaine and Caldwell for alleged perjury. Craig, Weld and Whitham, anticipating an indictment, appeared in court this afternoon and gave bond in the sum of \$12,000 each and were released. Captives were issued for the others, and they will be brought in as soon as found and placed under bond.

State's Attorney McGill said tonight the disclosure was only a beginning. More than a dozen fraternal insurance societies, he says, will be involved if leads brought to light here are followed out.

MURDERER CONFESSES TO SAVE HIS BROTHER

Tupelo, Miss., July 12.—After testifying against his brother, Albert Brown, convicted of the murder of Alonzo Addison on July 28, 1909, Henry Brown today went to the sheriff of Lee county in this city and confessed to the killing of Addison. Both brothers are well-known farmers. Albert Brown had been twice tried and convicted of the murder. He was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary, but sentence was suspended pending an appeal. The brother, who confessed today, was imprisoned and habeas corpus proceedings were instituted to secure the release of the convicted man.

Winnipeg, July 13.—The mounted police at Kamusk, Saskatchewan, received hungry orders this afternoon to go to Virginia, seven miles out, where the Doukhobers were on a rampage. When the police were half a mile from the settlement they met a party of 35 almost nude. They have been chanting hymns for the last few days and then in a heap with all their money and jewels and burned them.

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FIVE AVIATORS KILLED BY FALL

BALLOON EXPLOSION THROWS PASSENGERS A THOUSAND FEET TO GROUND. BODIES UNRECOGNIZABLE

Force of Fall Is So Great That Men Are Crushed and Torn—Accident Unwitnessed as Men Were Above Clouds—Passengers Heard Explosion and Saw Bag Hurtle to Ground.

Leihlingen, Rhenish Prussia, July 12.—Falling through space a distance of nearly 1,000 feet, Oscar Erbeloch, aeronaut and inventor, winner of the international balloon race held in America in 1907, and four companions were dashed to death today in a field near Optaten. The others were Herr Toole, a manufacturer of Barren, Engineers Hoeppe and Kranz and the motorman, Spiecke.

Only peasants saw the tragic ending of the flight of the dirigible balloon Erbeloch, which, after a series of unfortunate accidents since its construction, a year ago, had recently been refitted for passenger service. They had observed the balloon a short time before as it swung gracefully in the air. Soon it disappeared in the fog and shortly a loud explosion was heard and a crumpled mass fell like a plummet to the earth.

So terrible was the force of the fall the gondola was smashed to splinters, the motor was buried deep in the sod, while the five men were crushed and torn almost beyond recognition.

Pitiful Memento.

Experts who examined the wreckage afterward declared that the benzine tank had burst. The rubber envelope had been torn to shreds and the bow collapsed. Near by was found a sad memento of the disastrous trip. It was a notebook of Engineer Hoeppe, containing a short record of the journey. There were only a few words: "Departed hall 9:04; ascended air 9:09; thick fog northward. Cannot see earth; sun breaks through; heavy fog below us. Elevating planes shot down toward altitude 920 meters (316 feet) at 9:14."

This is the sole record of the last voyage of the Erbeloch.

Other details will never be learned. Peasants near the scene of the catastrophe say they heard the propellers working. They fired revolvers to indicate to the aeronauts, then hidden in the fog, that they were in the north. Then the explosion occurred and they saw the broken mass hurling downward.

The Erbeloch was constructed last year and has had a dubious career. The first time it descended it crashed into a clump of trees and its occupants narrowly escaped injury. A few days ago, during a trial flight, a propeller was broken. The balloon, which was of the non-rigid type, had just been made over preparatory to the establishment of a passenger service between Eberfeld and nearby points. Today it was inflated for a final test. The ascent was made near Optaten and during a fog.

There were few eye-witnesses of the accident. According to those the start was well made. The Erbeloch rose gradually, pushing its way through the fog to a height estimated at several hundred yards. At this altitude a series of evolutions was begun.

Like Wounded Bird.

To the onlookers the airship appeared to obey her helm perfectly. Suddenly there was a loud explosion and at that moment the fore part of the vessel crumpled up and the gondola was twisted about until it appeared as if standing on its own end. As the gas escaped from the forward compartment the car swung downward. The airship fluttered like a wounded bird and then fell swiftly to earth.

Erbeloch and his companions were killed the second they struck the ground. Their heads were battered in and every limb was broken.

An examination of the wreckage showed that the benzine tank had burst, tearing to shreds the rubber envelope.

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SUPPOSEDLY DEAD MAN IS LOCATED IN CANADA

Anacosta, July 13.—(Special)—Daniel Horrigan, a prominent resident of Anacosta, whose body was supposed to have been found in Arctopho gulch some time ago, is alive and well in Canada. His widow has for some time been trying to collect \$2,000 from the Modern Woodmen Insurance company. The body was badly decomposed, and at the coroner's inquest it was identified positively as Horrigan, from the clothes and the teeth. The insurance company, however, started an investigation and today located Horrigan in the north.