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RIVERS-HARBORS EXPERTS TO MEET

Congress Opening Wednesday Promises to Be Best Attended Convention Ever Held.

PRESIDENT TAFT WILL OPEN THE FIRST SESSION

Senator-elect Ransdell Discusses Importance of Work Mapped Out.

The ninth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which will convene at the New Willard on Wednesday morning, to continue with morning and afternoon sessions until Friday, gives promise of being the most largely attended convention ever held by this biggest and most potential of the waterway associations of the country.

Coming, as it does, in the beginning of the last session of the Sixty-second Congress and with the influx of new men who will take positions in the counsels of the incoming administration, the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress assumes even a greater importance than usual, as the work of the body will undoubtedly be largely directed toward accentuating the position taken by the Democratic party in its treatment of waterways and co-related economic questions.

President Taft, who will deliver the opening address to the delegates on Wednesday morning, said, in the course of a speech made several years ago in Chicago, that transportation was the question of the hour, and that the only solution of the problem was the recourse to the waterways of the United States. It is expected that the President, who has been an ardent advocate of the improvement of every meritorious waterway project, will emphasize the position taken in the early dawn of his administration and even more strongly urge upon Congress the necessity of a systematic treatment of the rivers and canals to the end that they may be made to do their share in the solution of the transportation question.

Lauds Mr. Taft.

Senator-elect Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, a member of the present House and president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, who arrived in Washington late last week to put the finishing touches on the programme for the congress, paid a glowing tribute to President Taft and his waterway policy: "President Taft has been a good friend to waterways," said Mr. Ransdell, "and he has the distinct honor of seeing appropriations for river and harbor improvements put on an annual basis during his tenure of office. Throughout his term the President has very strenuously advocated a comprehensive policy of waterway development, which has aided the friends of waterways tremendously in their fight for recognition.

"The coming convention," continued Mr. Ransdell, "will continue to urge a generous treatment for the rivers, harbors, and canals of the country in the rivers and harbors bill to be passed at the session of Congress, which begins on Monday, and will also urge that hereafter great waterway projects be completed as rapidly as they can consistent with practical business sense, and within a definite period of years, somewhat on the plan adopted in the building of the Panama Canal.

"As every one knows, this greatest of waterway projects, which has cost more than one-half of the entire total amount expended by our government on its own waters, has been pushed so vigorously and systematically that it will be completed and opened for commerce within ten years of its inception.

Wise Policies Pursued.

"A similar policy was adopted in regard to the colossal lock connecting Lake Superior with Lake Huron and the excavation of rock in Livingston Channel, Detroit River, the latter of which being completed last month. On the former, work is being pushed as fast as engineering skill, with all the necessary money provided, can bring about its completion.

"Every one must admit the wisdom of the method carried out on these three great projects, and if the policy in regard to them be wise, why not apply it to many other projects which are relatively of equal importance?

"The National Rivers and Harbors Congress will, in my judgment, continue to urge with all its might the adoption of such a policy by Congress, and also the protection of our waterways from unfair competition."

In addition to President Taft, the Peruvian Minister, Frederic A. Pezet, and Lieut. Col. W. P. Anderson, chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries of Canada, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, will also be heard at the morning session of Wednesday, President Ransdell delivering his address at the same session.

The Programme.

The programme for the other days of the congress is as follows:

Second session—Wednesday afternoon.

Addresses, Mrs. A. Barton Miller, president Women's National Rivers and Harbors Congress; Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Boston; Senator Charles E. Townsend, Michigan; C. W. Hodson, supreme counselor United Commercial Travelers of America, Portland, Oreg.

Illustrated lecture on "Coast and River Terminals," H. McL. Harding, consulting engineer, department of docks, New York.

Third session—Thursday morning.

Addresses, Hon. John Small, M. C., North Carolina; Hon. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War; Hon. S. M. Sparkman, M. C., Florida; Harold F. McCormick, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. F. W. Donnelly, Mayor of Trenton, N. J.; Hon. George Clinton, Buffalo, N. Y.

Fourth session—Thursday afternoon.

Addresses, George Norris, Philadelphia; Senator Miles Poindexter, Washington; Senator Thomas S. Martin, Virginia.

Illustrated lecture on the "Keokuk Dam," by Hugh L. Cooper, vice president and chief engineer Mississippi Power Company.

Thursday evening—By request of Women's National Rivers and Harbors Congress the delegates are invited to be present at an illustrated lecture on the "Conservation of Western Rivers," by Clarence J. Blanchard, of the Reclamation Service, to be given at 8 p. m., New Willard assembly room.

Fifth session—Friday morning.

Report of secretary, resolutions, nominations, call of States, and five-minute speeches.

As is customary, a business session of officers, directors, and vice presidents of the association will be held next Tuesday evening preparatory to the formal opening of the congress on Wednesday.

A distinct feature of the forthcoming convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress will be the presence, also in convention, of the Women's River and Harbor Congress, which meets biennially, the president being Mrs. A. Barton Miller, of Charleston, S. C., and one of the leading representatives of the woman's clubs of the Sunny South. Other notable women who will be present are Mrs. Emmons Crocker, of Fitchburg, Mass., national chairman of "conservation," General Federation of Woman's Clubs; Mrs. Howard C. Warren, of Princeton, N. J., president of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs; Mrs. Lydia Adams Williams, chairman of the waterways committee of the General Federation.

The woman's auxiliary to the Rivers and Harbors Congress hold their sessions on Thursday and Friday of this week and will be addressed by Henry S. Graves, Chief Forester, and M. O. Leighton, Chief Hydrographer of the Geological Survey. Mrs. Mary M. North, of Virginia, is the recording secretary of the congress.

Sued in Bankruptcy.

Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were brought against J. D. Burns & Co., a tailoring firm at 717 Fourteenth Street Northwest, yesterday and a rule to show cause December 16 was issued by Justice Barnard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERS-HARBORS CONGRESS

JOSEPH E. RANSDELL.

COMMERCE COURT IN LAST THROES

It Will Pass Out of Existence on March 31 Through Lack of Appropriations.

The Commerce Court, created by Congress in 1910, on the recommendation of President Taft, will pass out of existence on March 31 next. Appropriations for the maintenance of this court are carried in the annual legislative bill. This measure is nearing completion in the House Committee on Appropriations. No provision will be made for the further maintenance of the Commerce Court.

The legislative bill passed at the last session carried an appropriation sufficient only to keep the court going until March 31. On two occasions in the last session President Taft vetoed the legislative bill because of the failure of Congress to provide appropriations for the upkeep of the Commerce Court. Finally the bill was put through with a limited appropriation as stated.

If President Taft should veto the legislative bill of the coming session because of the failure of Congress to provide for the Commerce Court, Democrats say the measure will not be repassed during the life of this administration. It would be put over until the special session that is to be called in April by President Wilson.

The Commerce Court is unpopular with Democrats and Progressive Republicans, who declare that the new tribunal has nullified in part the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The legislation aimed at the Commerce Court at the last session was put through largely by a combination of Democrats and Progressives.

FIREMEN NOT BADLY HURT.

All Those in Crash with Car Remain on Duty.

None of the four firemen hurt yesterday morning when No. 8 hose carriage crashed into a Capital Traction car at North Carolina Avenue and Eighth Street Southeast sustained injuries serious enough to incapacitate them for duty.

The hose carriage was responding to an alarm for a fire in the home of Mrs. Nannie Archer at 1229 Wylie Street Northeast when the wagon struck the c.r. The tongues of the hose carriage were splintered, the horses thrown and hurt, and the firemen pitched to the ground.

Lieut. B. W. Weaver, Assistant Driver James C. Lacey, and Fireman E. J. McNerhany, and Robert Hayes were injured. No effort was made to continue to the fire, as the horsemen were notified that the blaze had been extinguished with a loss of only $25.

Investigation of the accident is being made and it is likely that cars will be ordered to stop at the intersection of the street where the collision occurred.

Sulzer at White House.

Gov.-elect Sulzer of New York, called at the White House yesterday to see President Taft. He said that his call was merely one of courtesy and that he dropped in as a member of Congress rather than the prospective governor of the Empire State. Mr. Sulzer said he will remain in Congress until the latter part of December when he will resign to go to Albany.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles E. Busey, 22, and Mary C. Tobin, 20, Rev. Thomas D. Williams.

Arthur Camp Stanley, 30, and Alice Willard Boyd, 21, Rev. Randolph H. McKim.

Clarence A. Washer, 42, and Lillian Bell, 29, both of Savage, Md., Rev. William I. McKenney.

William W. Griffith, 38, and Ruby M. Waters, 28, Rev. John T. Huddle.

Gustave Schoenig, 33, and Mary B. Fitzpatrick, 28, Rev. V. F. Schmitt.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

WHITE.

William W. and Annie H. Tenney, boy.

Patrick F. and Stella F. Shanley, twins, girl and boy.

John A. and Matilda A. Shanahan, girl.

Charles A. and Ada R. Rhodes, girl.

Harry and Bessie Loehr, girl.

Joseph and Mabel Laskowitz, girl.

Frederick L. and Willhelmina Loeffler, boy.

Simon and Anna Lambras, girl.

John F. and Anna L. Jones, boy.

George J. and Emma French, boy.

Samuel and Fannie Friedlander, boy.

George G. and Mary F. Israel, girl.

A. Lincoln and Sara Dimbitz, girl.

James R. and Mary Artlip, boy.

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Edward and Mary Wynn, girl.

John and Gertrude Seymore, girl.

Clarence V. and Catherine Smith, boy.

Thomas and Florence Jackson, boy.

Elias and Mary Henderson, boy.

Clarence and Alice V. Cryer, boy.

Robert and Blanch Boston, girl.

DEATH RECORD.

WHITE.

Martha B. Carnaller, 56 years, 29 Todd Place ne.

John M. Baker, 49 years, 400 5th St. ne.

Joseph M. Arendes, 39 years, Emergency Hosp.

James Martin, 3 months, 45 Pierce St. nw.

Katherine Kerrigan, 14 days, 201 K St. nw.

COLORED.

Maggie Hunter, 21 years, 808 25th St. nw.

Martha Lattimore, 55 years, Wash. Asy. Hosp.

Jane Jackson, 29 years, Lomond, Takoma Park.

Susan Coleman, 40 years, 622 S St. nw.

James E. King, 11 months, 421 Gentbers Court sw.

LOW SHOES NOT UNDER THE BAN

Thin Stockings and Peekaboo Waists Also Defended for Winter Wear.

DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER SAYS FLANNEL IS UNNECESSARY

Dr. Woodward Also Declares Bearskins and Chinchilla May Be Dispensed With.

Heavy woolens, cowhide shoes, knit stockings, and various other disagreeable articles of clothing that chafe, wrinkle, lump, and generally disfigure the classic outlines of people in winter time and fret their spirits, are again receiving the serious attention of all who make the state of their health a subject of earnest care.

Advice is being given freely about the necessity of keeping warm when 'tis cold, and dry when 'tis wet. Doctors and health officers are giving their annual warning against the use of low shoes, pumps, lace-work stockings, chiffon and mosquito netting as winter apparel. These cold weather sentiments are receiving due attention from the press, and along the streets where friends strolled in summer can be seen half a dozen suits of clothes rolling along under an overcoat, or meet a peevish friend within doors clothed in woolens, with a bored expression and an earnest desire to scratch.

No Ban on Low Shoes.

Dr. William C. Woodward, Health Officer of the District, and warm admirer of the Spartans in all save matters sanitary, came to the rescue of this wretched situation yesterday when urged to give some like uncomfortable advice.

Dr. Woodward refused to put a ban on low shoes. He refused to maintain that wool, worsted, chinchilla, and bearskins were absolutely necessary to a healthy appreciation of the winter season. He even refused to state that all would undoubtedly die who endeavored to winter on serges and ginghams.

Unless wet weather sets in or one is going duck hunting in the swamps, Dr. Woodward is firmly convinced that low shoes are proper for such as have well bowed insteps. In wet weather, he believes that high shoes are best, both summer and winter.

Where Women Thrive.

The health officer triumphantly called attention to the fact that when the prevailing mode calls for tulle, chuny, chiffon, or gauze and spangles in midwinter, fragile women accept the issue and seem to thrive thereon.

The trouble lies in the fact, according to the health officer, that most of the homes, offices and other public buildings are overheated and ill ventilated, leaving them bathed in perspiration, and people are much more likely to catch serious colds than are those who go more thinly clad, but who keep the temperatures of their homes more natural.

The health officer warns against unnaturally high temperatures in the homes and a winter repugnance to good ventilation. Further than this he would not go, refusing point blank to insist upon beaver and bear skin.

Medal for Policeman.

Sergt. Denis J. Glavin, of the New York police department, has been awarded a silver medal of honor by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh for heroism in rescuing Mrs. Caroline Warner, of 129 William Street, Tottenville, Staten Island, from drowning on August 20 last while she was bathing in Staten Island Sound.

Mrs. Warner had swum a long distance from the shore when she became frightened and began to sink. Sergt. Glavin heard her cries for help and immediately went to her assistance. When he succeeded in reaching her she grasped his right arm, which interfered with his efforts to save her. He had a hard struggle before he succeeded in liberating himself and bringing her to the shore, where she was resuscitated.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Saturday, November 30—8 p. m.

Temperatures are higher, except in the interior of New England and New York, West Virginia, and over the middle and southern interior districts west of the Rocky Mountains.

There will be local rains Sunday in the Central Valleys and rains and snows quite generally in the Plains States, the Rocky Mountain region, and the eastern portion of the Pacific region, continuing Monday in the Plains States and the Central Valleys and extending into the Lake region and the East Gulf States. In the Atlantic States fair weather will prevail Sunday and Monday.

The winds along the New England Coast will be moderate northwest, becoming variable; on the Middle Atlantic Coast moderate variable, becoming east and southeast and increasing by Monday; on the South Atlantic Coast moderate northeast to east; on the East Gulf Coast moderate northeast to southeast; on the West Gulf Coast moderate southeast to south; on the Lower Lakes variable, becoming southeast and increasing on the Upper Lakes moderate to brisk southeast.

Local Temperatures.

Midnight, 37; 2 a. m., 35; 4 a. m., 35; 6 a. m., 36; 8 a. m., 39; 10 a. m., 45; 12 noon, 52; 2 p. m., 55; 4 p. m., 63; 6 p. m., 69; 8 p. m., 66; 10 p. m., 55. Highest, 64; lowest, 35.

Relative humidity: 4 a. m., 82; 2 p. m., 51; 8 p. m., 89. Rainfall 48 p. m. to 8 p. m., 0. Hours of sunshine, 9.6; per cent of possible sunshine, 100.

Temperature same date last year—Highest, 42; lowest, 28.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twenty-four hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rainfall.
Asheville, N. C.	74	34	66	....
Atlanta, Ga.	56	38	52	....
Atlantic City, N. J.	54	32	42	....
Bismarck, N. Dak.	34	22	32	....
Boston, Mass.	46	36	46	....
Buffalo, N. Y.	42	34	38	....
Chicago, Ill.	48	34	46	....
Cincinnati, Ohio	52	30	46	....
Cheyenne, Wyo.	50	24	44	....
Davenport, Iowa	46	26	46	....
Denver, Colo.	60	30	50	....
Des Moines, Iowa	50	28	50	....
Duluth, Minn.	36	22	36	....
Galveston, Tex.	68	62	62	....
Helena, Mont.	38	30	34	....
Indianapolis, Ind.	50	32	44	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	68	48	60	....
Kansas City, Mo.	58	36	54	....
Little Rock, Ark.	62	36	54	....
Los Angeles, Cal.	66	56	56	0.10
Marquette, Mich.	36	24	34	....
Memphis, Tenn.	60	42	54	....
New Orleans, La.	64	48	56	....
New York, N. Y.	50	32	42	....
North Platte, Nebr.	48	28	40	....
Omaha, Nebr.	52	34	50	....
Philadelphia, Pa.	54	32	40	....
Pittsburg, Pa.	48	34	42	....
Portland, Me.	44	34	32	....
Portland, Oreg.	50	42	48	0.30
Salt Lake City, Utah	48	42	34	0.20
St. Louis, Mo.	52	34	50	....
St. Paul, Minn.	40	28	44	....
San Francisco, Cal.	58	50	54	....
Springfield, Ill.	50	30	46	....
Tacoma, Wash.	46	....	44	0.10
Tampa, Fla.	74	56	68	....
Toledo, Ohio	50	28	42	....
Vicksburg, Miss.	64	46	58	....

Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 12:36 a. m. and 1:05 p. m.; low tide, 7:42 a. m. and 8:14 p. m.

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BRIEF IS FILED IN NEWSPAPER CASE

James M. Beck, Attorneys for New York Publishers, Makes Answer in Suit.

The newspaper publicity law is declared unconstitutional on two counts in the brief filed yesterday by former Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck in the case brought by the Lewis Publishing Company to test the constitutionality of the law.

The brief is a lengthy document and discusses in detail the power of the government to indirectly censor the press through the regulation of the mails. The two amendments against which the law acts, according to the brief, on the first amendment forbidding any abridgment of the freedom of the press, and the fifth amendment in that it enforces the use of the newspaper columns for publicity without compensation, thus taking property without due process of law.

The struggle in both America and England to free the press from all restraint is fully rehearsed, and the twenty or more decisions of the Supreme Court, in which Congressional acts have been invalidated by the court for want of Constitutional power, are reviewed, and it is claimed that the present law falls within the same doctrine.

The brief argues that by the first amendment the press is entitled not only to freedom from restriction, but to exemption from unreasonable and burdensome restraint. The idea that Congress can use its power to accomplish unconstitutional ends—"nullification by indirection," the brief puts it—is denounced by Mr. Beck, and he states that the commodities clause of the Hepburn bill, Senator Beveridge's child labor bill, and the newspaper law are examples of this abuse.

One of the chief objections to the law, according to the brief, is that the enforced publication of a newspaper's circulation and creditors would work for the stronger papers against the weaker and would drive many of the latter from business.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

President Taft Ready to Name Members of New Body.

President Taft will send to Congress shortly after it meets next week the nominations of nine members of the industrial commission, which was created at the last session of Congress. Mr. Taft has received a list of names from Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel of persons eligible for the appointment.

Samuel Gompers, president, and Frank Morrison, secretary, of the American Federation of Labor, called at the White House yesterday to discuss with the President the appointments of the three labor members of the commission. At a recent meeting the Federation indorsed John B. Lennon, treasurer, and James O'Connell, third vice president of the Federation, for appointment to the commission. It is likely that John Mitchell, former president of the Mine Workers' Union, will be the third labor member.

SENATOR SIMMONS HERE.

North Carolinian Talks on Proposed Tariff Legislation.

Among the arrivals for the approaching session of the Senate was Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, who is generally conceded to be in line for the chairmanship of the Finance Committee in the next Congress and who, by virtue of that position, will have an important part in shaping the new tariff legislation.

"I do not believe that a very long time will be required to put through the tariff legislation," said the Senator. "I expect that the bills will come over to the Senate from the House one after the other, each revising a particular schedule, but I do not know positively what plans Chairman Underwood and his colleagues have made. I believe that generally the new legislation will follow very closely the lines of the bills passed in the present Congress. Of course some changes will be necessary."

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LOTHROP—On Saturday, November 30, 1912, at 6 a. m., at his residence, 2301 Connecticut Avenue, ALVIN M. LOTHROP.
Funeral on Monday, December 2, at 2 p. m., from First Congregational Church.

MORRIS—On Friday, November 29, 1912, at her residence, 1314 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, HELEN L., sister of the late Justice Martin F. Morris.
Funeral from the house Monday, December 2, at 10 a. m. Interment private.

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