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ASKS MILLIONS TO REGULATE POTOMAC RIVER WATER POWER

Senator Norris Prepares Bill Calling For Development of Stream This Side of Great Falls. Dam Above Chain Bridge Would, It Is Believed, Increase Water Supply and Provide Light and Power Here.

Senator Norris of Nebraska has completed the preparation of a bill which he will introduce in the Senate Monday providing for the development of the water power of the Potomac river this side of Great Falls, and at the same time for increasing the water supply of the city of Washington.

The bill carries an authorization for contracts amounting to \$15,000,000. It proposes to build a dam in the Potomac river above Chain Bridge, which would serve two great purposes. In the first place, it would increase the water supply of the city, something which is becoming essential. In the second place, it would provide light and power for the use of the public buildings of the Government and the public buildings and streets of the District. Once the project has been constructed, Senator Norris believes, it can be improved upon and expanded until light and power can be supplied for citizens.

Water Supply Limited. Senator Norris says the plan for which he provides is the necessary preliminary to power development on the Potomac. He says the water supply is now up to the limit, and the construction of the proposed dam would meet this need. At the same time, the dam would provide for increased power and for lighting the streets and public buildings.

The lighting of private establishments, as Senator Norris says, would be something to be dealt with later. The proposed dam above Chain Bridge would give a maximum of 30,000 horsepower, and a minimum of 8,000 horsepower. By various improvements, the power can be regulated so that at all times there would be adequate power, not only for public, but for private purposes.

The cost of increasing the water supply, as estimated by Senator Norris, who has obtained data from District engineers, would be \$17,500,000. This would be paid on the half-and-half plan. The cost of the power supply would be \$3,800,000, and this would be met, under the bill, by the Treasury, inasmuch as the power and light would go to public buildings and streets.

Monoplane Plunges 400 Feet; Pilot Unhurt

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Aviator Gilbert today escaped injury in one of the most spectacular falls in French aviation. Testing a new monoplane, he carried up a cargo of 400 pounds of sand. As he circled around the Eiffel Tower, watched by hundreds, his engine failed, and the monoplane plunged earthward. The machine landed on a roof, and both were smashed, Gilbert escaping with a few scratches.

First National Bank At Pensacola Fails

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 8.—Fullness of the lumber market and withdrawal of deposits were reasons assigned for the closing today of the First National Bank. The institution is in charge of a bank examiner. It is capitalized at \$200,000 and has deposits totaling nearly \$1,000,000.

The First National is one of the largest banks in Florida. It is the third bank closing in the South within two weeks.

White House Reception List Is Closed Today

Secretary Tamm announced today that the number already invited to the reception to be held at the White House today, January 13, had attained such proportions that it had become necessary to close the list. No more invitations will be issued.

Beach Breaks Leg. Assistant Attorney General Beach is laid up at his home at Montrose, Md., suffering from a broken leg sustained by a fall from a horse yesterday. His physician declares that it will be six weeks before he will be able to resume his duties.

Police Searching for Galt Plant Incendiary

SCENES AT \$75,000 FIRE AT GRAIN WAREHOUSES OF W. M. GALT & CO.



Thousands of Gallons of Water Being Poured Into Blazing Grain Vaults Through Opening Made by Collapse of Rear Wall and Roof.

MARSHAL NICHOLSON BEGINS AN INQUIRY Says He Is Convinced Warehouse Was Set on Fire and Not by Accident.

Convinced that the fire still burning in the hay and straw warehouse of William M. Galt & Co., D street between First and Second streets north-west, was of incendiary origin, Fire Marshal Nicholson today ordered an investigation. The police are already searching for the incendiary. The fire has destroyed the warehouse and with, according to the fire marshal, he burning for two or three days. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, covered by insurance.

Not Caused by Cigarette. It has been suggested that a wagon driver or one of the helpers might have dropped a lighted cigarette and caused the fire, but the marshal says this theory is disproved by the statements of those in the warehouse when the fire started.

The front wall of the warehouse went down with a crash that could be heard for blocks just before noon. No one was caught in the debris. For hours this wall had caused alarm and crowds were kept away. Chief Wagner and his battalion aids kept their men behind the safety line from this wall all day. Despite the fire, the falling wall sent up a cloud of dust. The roof and rear walls fell last night.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Philadelphia Knox, the shop girl with whom the son of the former Secretary of State eloped three years ago, has disappeared from her apartment here, it became known today.

MRS. P. C. KNOX, JR., HAS DISAPPEARED Departure of Young Wife Adds Weight to Stories of Marital Strife.

Coming on top of the sailing yesterday of her husband and his mother from Bermuda, the news of her departure from the apartments which she has occupied since her husband's sudden departure from the city several weeks ago, has given added weight to the stories of trouble between the two.

Her furniture was ordered moved out last Saturday, but friends, relatives, and neighbors refused to discuss either her whereabouts or the relations between the two people. Mrs. Knox has retained Henry J. Scott as attorney. He says talk of estrangement or divorce is premature.

REPORT ON PLAZA CONDEMNATION IS IN Attorney General Will Publish Document When President Returns.

The decision of the Department of Justice on the objections of Congressman Ben Johnston against approval of the condemnation awards affecting several blocks between the Capitol and the Union Station has been prepared and Attorney General Cullop is awaiting the return of the President before signing the decree. The Attorney General's investigation of the legal points involved in the acquisition of the property by the Government at the expense of the taxpayers and any announcement of the decision is said to be made by the President.

It was also claimed by Chairman Johnston that Congress was limited to an appropriation of \$500,000 in acquiring land for park and other purposes and had no legal authority for so large a loan and appropriation.

Democratic Outlook Pleasing to Bryan

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan believes that the split in the Republican ranks will never be healed. He said so today with a broad smile. "This division injures Democratic success," said Bryan. "The Democratic party approaches the coming Congressional elections with supreme confidence."

PHOTO BY BUCK



Front of Warehouse Where Stable Is Located. Firemen Working On Roof of This Structure Keep Flames From Advancing Toward Indiana Avenue Buildings.

WASHINGTON is anxiously awaiting news regarding the mysterious conference at Vera Cruz today between Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge of the United States embassy at Mexico City, and John Lind. Mr. Lind has just returned to Vera Cruz from his recent conference with President Wilson at Pass Christian. Mr. Lind is thought to have taken with him from his conference with President Wilson certain new proposals to be laid before President Huerta through Charge O'Shaughnessy.

The State Department declined to comment on the visit. Since the President's conference with Lind, there has been a general shut-down on information from the State, War and Navy Departments.

WATCH EAGERLY FOR NEWS FROM LIND Departments Attach Deep Importance to His Conference With O'Shaughnessy.

U. P. DIRECTORS ORDER STOCK DISTRIBUTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Directors of the Union Pacific railroad today approved the plan recommended by the executive committee for the distribution of Baltimore and Ohio stock, held by the road among the common shareholders as an extra dividend, together with a dividend of \$1 in cash. The plan represents a melon-cutting of about \$90,000,000.

The recommendation to reduce the dividend rate on Union Pacific common stock from ten per cent to 8 per cent also was approved.

VILLA WHEREABOUTS Cause Uneasiness

PRESIDENT, Tex., Jan. 8.—Though there was considerable uneasiness among members of the Mexican rebel junta here as to the whereabouts of Gen. Pancho Villa, it was believed today there was no foundation in rumors that he had been captured by federal forces.

Villa left Chihuahua city last week last night, taking the Chihuahua road to La Mula Pass, south of Ojinaga Sunday night. The opinion is expressed by military men that the rebel chieftain may have encountered a federal force of 1,000 under Gen. Benjamin Arguedo advancing to raise the rebel siege of Ojinaga. If so, it is probable a battle has been fought south of La Mula Pass.

Arguedo's troops are reported to outnumber Villa's forces greatly.

The Federals at Ojinaga, encouraged by recent success, are assuming the aggressive. One thousand troops, led by Gen. Pascual Orozco, left Ojinaga last night, taking the Chihuahua road towards La Mula Pass. It is believed they went out to engage Villa's forces before the pass, or to effect a junction with Arguedo.

Gen. James Grant Wilson Near Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Gen. James Grant Wilson, eighty-two, was resting easy but was declared to be in a serious condition at St. Luke's Hospital today. The aged journalist, historian, soldier and poet is believed to be near death.

Gen. Wilson was born in 1832 and served in the Civil War, his first command being as major of the Fifteenth Illinois regiment.

BATTERY OF HOSE TRAINED ON THE BURNING BUILDING FROM THE D STREET SIDE WHERE BLAZE ORIGINATED, AND FOR HOURS THREATENED TO SPREAD TO ADJOINING DWELLINGS.

THIRD GUARD TELLS OF THAW'S CONDUCT

Member of Insanity Commission, Critically Ill, Quits Hearing For Home.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 8.—The Thaw commission met at the home of Gen. Frank Stretcher, its chairman, today to hear the testimony of Marshal E. P. Nute, the third member of Thaw's staff. Nute was questioned regarding Thaw's mental condition, and was asked if it is his belief that Thaw would be dangerous if admitted to bail.

Dr. Morton Prince, a member of the commission, was absent today, having left last night for his home in Boston, seriously ill. Dr. Prince is believed to be suffering from erysipelas, and his condition is said to be critical.

No word has been received from William T. Jerome, who was asked to present any evidence the State of New York may have to show that Thaw is dangerous. Members of the commission do not expect Jerome to appear tomorrow with the evidence requested.

Private Quarrels Ignored

On the other hand, if he is not able to show this and if it develops that there is back of his demand for an inquiry, no official misconduct but only the clashing of big private interests, there is small likelihood of an investigation.

Mr. Morse is understood to have gone diligently to work some time ago to gather a mass of evidence bearing on his conviction. He has told some of his friends that he is prepared to show evidence that will be convincing as to the righteousness of his demand for an investigation.

In his talks with public men here, Mr. Morse took the position that while he may have been technically guilty, the sentence imposed on him was out of all proportion to the offenses and he was sent to prison as a punishment while others more guilty than he were shielded and their offenses deliberately and with the knowledge of officials.

Senator Borah of Idaho, a leading member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was one of the men to whom Mr. Morse talked. Senator Borah was not inclined to discuss the matter today but admitted Mr. Morse had been to see him.

Such an inquiry would be an extraordinary one. It might lead to the impeachment of public officials if the Morse charge that he was "railroaded" and others more guilty were allowed to escape, is proven.

Hitchcock Champions Morse

The feeling in Congress is strong that Morse was dealt with unjustly. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska said today: "I have always felt that Morse was given a sentence out of all proportion to the moral obliquity involved in his offense."

Senator Lane of Oregon said: "Morse may have been jobbed. It may be there will be an investigation." The sentiment of Congress on the subject of Morse's conviction was shown at the time Mrs. Morse sought to obtain signatures for his pardon. She succeeded in obtaining the signatures of most of the members of the House and Senate.

Declares He Is Victim

Early in January, 1913, when Mr. Morse was departing for the Atlanta penitentiary, he declared he was a sacrifice by political interests "to the public clamor for a victim from the ranks of the so-called 'predatory rich.'"

Mr. Morse added: "I am going to Atlanta to begin penal servitude under the most brutal sentence ever pronounced against a citizen in a civilized country. I have hoped, with that hope which comes from a consciousness of my innocence, that I would not have to close out forever the rights and liberty of this world under such an inhuman sentence. I had felt that the fact that I paid a tax

may have been a technicality, but I was not prepared to show evidence that will be convincing as to the righteousness of his demand for an investigation.

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