

BREAK IN COLORADO RIVER IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED

Ardmoreite Special.

Chicago, July 29.—With the announcement that the break in the Colorado river has been closed and the Imperial valley saved, ends, for the time being, at least, the most heroic battle ever fought by Man with Nature. The reward was nothing less than the homes of 10,000 people and five millions of dollars. Man, in the guise of a corporation, has triumphed, and the river, ages old, has been forced back into the channel from which it threatened to engulf farm, town and railroad. That hero of the Crusades who cast his helmet into the midst of the Saracen hordes and swept them before the red cross was not more bold than the prosaic engineers who undertook to curb the Colorado. In this attempt there was only one precedent—failure.

Nevertheless, President Roosevelt's summons of last December was promptly answered. On the 20th of that month Mr. Roosevelt telegraphed to Mr. Harriman: "It seems clear to me that it is the imperative duty of the California Development Company to close this break at once." "This break" was a gap a fifth of a mile long through which the river, at a depth of thirty feet, was rushing into the Salton sink. Imagine an enormous teacup with a river flowing about its rim and you have the situation clearly outlined. To irrigate the wonderful rich loam of the cup, the river had been recklessly tapped. From an irrigation canal, its waters became a raging torrent that only almost superhuman effort could control. Now the declaration that the river has been forced back into its banks and that "affairs at the river

have been turned back to the California Development Association" marks the triumph of the Harriman engineers.

Against a flow of water that had resisted every effort to control it, the Southern Pacific titans in fifteen days and two hours erected a dam containing 77,000 cubic yards of rock, gravel, and clay. The locomotives of passenger trains were not too important to be called upon to help in this task. Men worked without ceasing for sleep—hardly for food—that the "break" might be closed. In money the Southern Pacific railroad, interested in behalf of the company that had loosened the river's bonds and as one of the sufferers from the river's havoc, has advanced \$1,500,000 to repair the break. In labor, the railroad company has spent the efforts of its most skillful engineers and of thousands of laborers, day in and day out, night following night.

The actual work of damming the Colorado was done in two weeks after the president's call to pick and shovel. The formal announcement was delayed only for the finishing touches because the Colorado has been "controlled" before this, only to break its bonds. Now there is a sixty-foot dam, four feet above the highest known water, and the settlers who discovered that the "Salton Sink" was an out-of-door paradise for the almost magical growing of fruits and vegetables have returned to their homesteads in secure faith that the river, their greatest enemy, has been finally conquered. The railroad will replace its washed away tracks and trestles and it is believed that the Imperial valley farmers may safely trust that there is nothing more to fear from the river.

YOUTHFUL CONVICTS

WILL IN FUTURE BE INCARCERATED IN KANSAS STATE REFORMATORY.

Guthrie, Okla., July 29.—Gov. Hoch of Kansas has notified the Oklahoma Territorial officials that the contract is ready for signature which will designate the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson as a prison for Oklahoma's youthful convicts, now Penitentiary at Lansing. For a number of years all Oklahoma convicts have been cared for by Kansas under contract, the Territory paying Kansas an average of \$50,000 per annum.

Gov. Frantz and Attorney General Cronwell expect to go to Topeka in the near future to inspect and sign the contract, as it meets with the approbation of both these officials. In May a conference was called at Topeka by Gov. Hoch and attended by Attorney General Cronwell, representing Oklahoma, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the transfer of the Territorial youthful convicts to the State Reformatory. Since that time the arrangements have been in progress and have terminated satisfactorily and successfully.

The transfer of the youthful convicts is the result of a step made to the State Penitentiary by Gov. Hoch. He notified many young men among the prisoners from the Territory and at once suggested that some plan for placing them in the State Reformatory should be made. The prisoners to be transferred are all under 25 years of age and the most of them were sentenced for minor crimes. All have made good records while in prison. Altogether Gov. Hoch found seventy-five Oklahoma prisoners in the State Penitentiary less than 25 years old.

Gov. Hoch took up the matter with Gov. Frank Frantz, and the latter immediately sanctioned the move, announcing himself personally in favor of the plan for separating the youthful from the hardened criminals.

The last Oklahoma Territorial law

enacted a law permitting the erection by private parties of a state reformatory within the Territory where youthful convicts might be kept under contract. Several persons investigated the matter, after Gov. Tom Ferguson had signed the bill, but all decided that it would not be a money-making venture and none cared to take hold of it. This measure was passed upon the petition of the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs and following some campaigning on the subject by Mrs. Frank E. Gillette, wife of the Associate Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

The same legislature enacted a law which gives the governor power to parole prisoners, and in this manner many first offenders and youthful criminals have been given their liberty on good behavior. All such paroled persons must report to the governor once monthly, and only recently Gov. Frantz stated that none had yet broken a parole. The seven judges of the Territory also use the parole system frequently, especially in cases of boys.

Until the offer came from Gov. Hoch, however, permitting the placing of Oklahoma youthful convicts in the Hutchinson Reformatory, this Territory has had no other alternative than to place these convicts in the penitentiary with the hardened class.

Only recently Gov. Frantz stated that he will advocate before the first state legislature the passage of a law permitting the courts to sentence prisoners for an indeterminate length of time, thus placing it in the power of the courts and the executive to parole prisoners of good record and youthful age, especially first offenders.

Canadians Demand Open Sunday.

Toronto, Canada, July 29.—Amusements and recreation, in place of the antiquated blue laws, are demanded by Canadians, and Chevalier J. Enoch Thompson, Spanish consul at Toronto, is heading the movement for reformation. The Canadian National Sunday League has been formed and onslaught will be made on the parliament at Ottawa to have the old laws repealed and more liberal ones enacted.

FORAKER VS. TILLMAN

OHIO SENATOR JUSTIFIES WAR AMENDMENTS.

SOUTH UNJUST TO BLACKS

He Says—And Further Declares that Amendments Were Never Intended to Compel Social Equality.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, July 29.—Recent remarks on the race question by United States Senator Tillman of South Carolina before a similar Ohio gathering, brought an extended answer by United States Senator Foraker of Ohio, in an address to the Chautauqua assembly at this point today.

In part Senator Foraker said: "Before taking up anything else I want to speak briefly in answer to some utterances of Senator Tillman. He has been making a speech in Ohio. It was on the race problem. This is his favorite topic. He is at his best when he talks on that subject, but his best is also his worst. He is one of the frankest and one of the ablest men the South has ever produced. Every one is fond of him as a man, but his views on this subject are so extreme that but few of his democratic colleagues in the senate if any of them, fully agree with him.

"In this latest speech he is quoted as saying: 'If after the war the North had not in its passion and sectional hatred gone far beyond the bounds of reason, decency and righteousness, there would today be no race problem.

"We resent and resist the doctrine of equality under the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments.

"You have done wrong. The North has done wrong. It can remedy the feeling, by repealing the fifteenth amendment and letting the states control the franchise."

"All the way through his discussion is in the nature of a protest against social equality. Nothing could be more wide of the mark. Everybody understood then as now, that social equality cannot be forced upon anybody. The purpose of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments was not to provide social equality, but to put all citizens in the United States, whether rich or poor, white or black, upon the same plane as far as the rights of citizenship were concerned.

"What I want to answer is his charge that in hatred and passion the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution were forced upon the South and that in this way the North needlessly precipitated upon the South the evils they suffered during the reconstruction period. These amendments, if not fully demanded by the war itself, were made necessary by the situation created by the seceding states immediately after the war."

Senator Foraker discussed conditions at the close of the civil war at considerable length and then continued:

"If they had accepted the fourteenth amendment there would not have been any fifteenth amendment, for with the fourteenth amendment accepted and all the seceding states restored to their places in the government, the ratification of the fifteenth amendment by the requisite number of states would have been an impossibility. If, therefore, there be any fault to find with anybody on account of the fifteenth amendment, it rests with those seceding states, for they by their refusal to accept the fourteenth amendment, not only compelled reconstruction, but precipitated a submission and ratification of the fifteenth amendment.

"They accentuated all this by their treatment of the black man. It would be difficult to exaggerate the unfriendly character of the legislation affecting them that was enacted before the war in most of the seceding states. It is no exaggeration to say that the spirit of this legislation was not justice but injustice, and that of the most malicious and revengeful character. This kind of legislation, coupled with refusal to accept what were thought to be the generous terms of the fourteenth amendment, naturally created a public opinion in the North that secured the ratification of the fourteenth amendment and led to the fifteenth amendment, by which it is provided that no state should have the right to deny or abridge the right to vote on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. There was never a time except only when the

fifteenth amendment was adopted that it could have been adopted, and there has never been a time when it could be repealed, simply because it was right then and is right now. It was a great forward step in the recognition by the government of the right of citizens governed to participate in their government and to have equal protection under it. It in some places it has failed to bring good results, that fact is due more to the bad faith that has been practiced to defeat its purpose than to any inherent trouble.

"Except only to state these facts of history, I have no desire to pursue this subject further at this time, but I cannot help remarking that God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

"Out of the vanity and folly of Andrew Jackson and the obduracy and unreasonable conduct of the seceding state came the conditions that prevented the American people from stopping short in the great work of establishing the doctrine of human equality before the law for all men. That was not the work of the republican party or the people of the North, but of the ever living God. The noble men who were the actors were but His instruments to register His decrees."

Ruling on Oil Leases

Muskogee, I. T., July 29.—J. Geo. Wright, commissioner for the five civilized tribes, today received a telegram from the secretary of the interior confirming the newspaper reports to the effect that \$15,000 will cover a lease of 4,800 acres for oil purposes. The full text of the ruling has not yet been received. The effect of the ruling means a big saving in the Territory to oil operators.

The printed rules and regulations for oil and gas leasing have been received by the United States Indian agent, and are being distributed. It has been two months since the regulations were promulgated, but this is the first printed copies that have been distributed.

STRICKEN IN PULPIT.

Minister's Last Words Prove Startling Prophecy.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 29.—A special to the Times from Knoxville says: Rev. William Smith, a Presbyterian minister, was stricken with apoplexy while delivering a sermon at Sweetwater this morning. He had just uttered the words, "I may never speak to you again," when he reeled and fell. His death is momentarily expected. Rev. Mr. Smith is a past grand master of Tennessee Masons and is 65 years old.

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Guthrie, Okla., July 29.—A gold watch, carried in his shirt pocket over his heart, saved the life of Dr. Minor of Erick yesterday, when he was shot at three times. Minor received two minor wounds, one bullet in his side, another in his shoulder, and the third crushed the gold watch over his heart. Minor refuses to prosecute his assailant.

Found in Wolf's Den.

Guthrie, Okla., July 29.—Two children, aged 5 and 6, of C. J. Schumacher, living near Darlington, wandered away from home two days ago and were not found until last night, when a searching party of neighbors finally located them fast asleep from exhaustion in a coyote's lair, underneath an embankment, where they had crawled to sleep.

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Methodist Home Mission. The Home Mission society of the Broadway Methodist church meets the first and third Tuesdays in each month at the church.

Broadway Baptist. Located on Broadway, between Washington and A street, northwest; services every Sunday at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday night.

Pastor, Rev. W. McKinney; Deacons, D. B. Vernon, W. E. Ryan, J. N. Shinholser, E. A. Wilson, M. J. Griffith, J. C. Preddy; Church clerk, C. R. Buchanan; Church treasurer, A. E. Coleman. Business session Wednesday night after the first Sunday in each month.

LITERARY CLUBS.

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Chautauqua Class. The Chautauqua class meets Friday of each week with one of its members. President, Mrs. Preston H. Woods; Vice President, Mrs. Wiley H. Blackmore; Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Pennington.

Oris Club. President, Mrs. C. L. McCann; 1st Vice President, Mrs. G. H. Webb; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Walter Hardy; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Carter; Treasurer, Miss Zoe Olive; Auditor, Mrs. B. F. McElroy; Librarian, Miss Sue Frame. Program Committee—Miss Vera Olive, Mrs. T. Norman, Mrs. J. S. Downard, Mrs. C. S. Maupin. Regular meetings of the club are held every Friday of each week from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m., with one of its members.

Mothers' Club. President, Mrs. Milton Icard, Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Snyder, Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Brooks; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Pittman. This club meets the fourth Thursday in each month at the Fourth ward school building.

Ferndale Review Club. President, Mrs. Milton Icard; Vice President, Mrs. J. M. London; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Bumpass; Treasurer, Mrs. Anderson. The club meets on Wednesdays of each week with one of its members, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Christian Church.

Located on A street, northwest; services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and evening at 7:30; mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Pastor, Rev. S. H. Holmes; Elders R. T. Dallas, L. R. Best, G. H. Webb; Deacons, A. C. Young, L. H. Love, Wm. Deviny, J. K. P. Campbell, J. M. Vaden. Sunday school at 9:30 every Sunday morning; L. R. Mason, superintendent.

Broadway Methodist. Located, Corner of Broadway and B street, northwest; services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and evening at 7:30; mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30; choir practice every Thursday evening; business sessions first Tuesday night in each month. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Sims; Stewards W. S. Wolverton, J. W. Banks, Mor-

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The Epworth League meets every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Broadway Methodist church; President A. A. Bagwell; 1st vice president, Hubert Davis; 2nd vice president, Ben Wolverton; 3rd vice president, Ella Davis; 4th vice president, John Freeman; Secretary and treasurer, Mamie Nisbett.

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Junior League meets at Broadway Methodist church every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock; President, Stella Butcher.

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Meets the first Monday afternoon and the third Friday evening in each month at K. of P. hall; Guardian, Mrs. Anna Archer; Advisor, Joanna Roberts; Attendant, Alice Staples; Magician, Vina Young; Banker, Mrs. Clema Martin; Inner Sentinel, Allie V. Dollins; Outer Sentinel, Lizzie Halsey Managers, Sophronia Bullion, L. P. Staples, Lena Y. Bonner; Physician, J. H. Hargrave; Clerk, Mrs. S. A. Mason.

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Meet the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month at 7:30 o'clock at the K. of P. hall; Oracle, Mrs. Fannie Goff; Vice oracle, Mrs. Walling; Past oracle, Mrs. Mary Bowman; Chancellor, Mrs. A. W. Butcher; Physician, J. M. Vaden.

Lady Macabees.

Meet the first and third Monday afternoons of each month in the Odd Fellows hall; Lady Commander, Mrs. W. R. Ingram; Past commander, Mrs. L. R. Mason; Lieutenant commander, Mrs. A. H. Holcomb; Chaplain, Mrs. Bettie Taylor; Record and Finance Keeper, Mrs. Fannie Goff; Sergeant, Mrs. Sallie Jordan; Mistress at Arms, Mrs. Bass; Physician, W. T. Bogle.

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