

EXPLAINS REASON OF \$72,000 CLAIM

Harbor Commission Submits Full Report on Lumber Co.'s Federal Demand COPY SENT EACH COUNCILMAN

Dredging Was Done to Facilitate Use of East Basin San Pedro Inner Basin

To show the council on what considerations it acted when it approved the demand of the Consolidated Lumber company against the federal government for \$72,000, the harbor commission yesterday submitted a detailed report to the council. Every member of the council had received a copy of the message and it was not read in the open session, but at the suggestion of President Lusk was filed. The harbor commission's report is as follows:

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 15, 1910. To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, Cal. Gentlemen:—The board of harbor commissioners of the city of Los Angeles are advised of the resolution adopted by your honorable body at its last meeting relating to the application presented by the Consolidated Lumber company to the national government for an allowance for work which that company did in dredging a certain portion of the east basin of the inner harbor at San Pedro, which is included in the plans for dredging in that harbor, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, by the city council of Los Angeles in regular session assembled, that all such claims not pledged assistance by the city in advance of work done should be allowed to win or lose on their own merits and without indorsement of the city.

TO HELP INDUSTRIES Inasmuch as the declaration of policy contained in the resolution adopted by your honorable body will probably be of far-reaching importance as affecting the future development of our harbor, and particularly as affecting certain policies upon which this board is proceeding, we feel that a proper consideration for the public good makes it necessary before the matter is entirely closed for this board to particularly call your attention to certain facts. The dredging which the Consolidated Lumber company did was for the purpose of enabling certain large industries, to wit, the plants of the Consolidated Lumber company and the Pacific Lumber company, to locate contiguous to the harbor. These extensive plants promised to give employment to about 500 men and to do a business involving the handling at the port of San Pedro of about two hundred million feet of lumber per annum. Prior to doing this dredging, the consolidated Lumber company, in its petition to the United States to divert a sufficient amount of the appropriation that had been made for other important improvements in the harbor, to pay for dredging a channel 200 feet wide through a portion of the east basin as definitely located and planned by the government, and to permit the Consolidated Lumber company to use the same for the purpose of accommodating vessels carrying lumber to the two plants in question. The harbor commission, at that time presented over by George H. Stewart, deemed the matter of constructing the channel, as petitioned for by the Consolidated Lumber company, of such great importance as to justify the government in diverting to that purpose the amount of the appropriation for other important dredging in the harbor, and for that reason indorsed the petition of the Consolidated Lumber company.

AWAITED INDORSEMENT And we may be pardoned for calling your attention to the fact that although the petition presented by the lumber company and indorsed by the former harbor commission, involved the diversion of a large portion of the amount that had been appropriated by the government to do other important work upon the harbor, which work, if the petition had been granted, must have remained undone, it was not deemed by the board of harbor commissioners necessary to report the matter to the city council of the city of Los Angeles before the board indorsed it.

The petition of the Consolidated Lumber company to have the channel in question dredged by the government with funds diverted from other work for which they had been appropriated, failed because as stated by the officials of the government they had no power to divert to this purpose a fund

AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

So Thinks At Least One Traveling Man. I would as soon think of starting out without my mileage books and grip as to start out on a trip without a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in my valise, said a traveling man who represents a St. Louis hardware house. Why? Because I have to put up at all kinds of hotels and boarding houses. I have to eat good, bad and indifferent food at all hours of the day and night and I don't believe any man's stomach will stand that sort of thing without protest; anyway, I know mine won't. It has to have something to break the fall and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the crutch I fall back on. My friends often "josh" me about it, tell me I'm an easy mark for patent medicine fakery, that advertised medicines are humbugs, etc., but I notice that they are nearly always complaining of their aches and pains and poor digestion, while I can stand most any old kind of fare and feel good and ready for my work when it needs me, and I believe I owe my good digestion and sound health to the daily, regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, year in and year out, and all the "joshing" in the world will never convince me to the contrary. I used to have heartburn about three times a day and a headache about three or four times a week after standing for this for four or five years. I began to look around for a crutch and found it when my doctor told me the best investment I could make would be a fifty-cent box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and I have invested about fifty cents a month for them ever since and when I stop to think that it is what I spend every day for cigars, I feel like shaking hands with myself, for I can keep my stomach and digestion in first-class order for fifty cents a month. I don't care for any better life insurance. My druggist tells me they are the most popular of all stomach medicines and their popularity and success because they do as advertised. They bring results, and results are what count in a patent medicine as much as in selling barb wire.

Fund for the Explosion Sufferers

Los Angeles has adopted the widows and orphans of the men who met their death in the explosion that destroyed the Times office, and a generous response has been the answer to the public appeal for a fund to aid the stricken families. Contributions are being received by the various banks and newspapers of the city and the lists will be kept open until after the big benefit performance this week. The need of these families and their sad plight have struck home to the hearts of thousands of those more or less contributors to this worthy cause and after making due acknowledgment in these columns will turn the money over to the First National bank, which was named by Mayor Alexander as depository.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Previously acknowledged \$997.50', 'O. T. Johnson 200.00', 'Christian Science Friend 10.00', etc.

which had been specifically appropriated for paying for other work on the harbor. The Consolidated Lumber company then, rather than wait for the opening of the east basin by the government through appropriations to be obtained in future years, itself undertook to do the work and dredged a channel 200 feet wide and 18 feet deep through a portion of the east basin, and as a result the two plants in question were established and have since been doing a business of something like two hundred million feet of lumber per annum, given employment to about 500 workmen and during the past twelve months 167 vessels laden with lumber have passed up through this channel.

The Consolidated Lumber company presented to this board its application to the national government for an allowance for the work which it did, which, he it borne in mind, was work that the government had, by adopting its harbor plans, pledged itself to do at some future date. The doing of which by the Consolidated Lumber company relieved the government of the necessity of doing it.

GAINED MUCH BENEFIT This board, believing that in equity and good conscience the government should at some future time reimburse the Consolidated Lumber company for the work to the extent of what it would cost the government to do the work at the date when the government was prepared to do it, indorsed the application of the Consolidated Lumber company to that extent.

The board could not see why it was not as just and equitable for the government to pay the Consolidated Lumber company for doing this work as it would have been to pay a dredging company to do it upon a contract entered into directly between such dredging company and the government. And the board could see that the city of Los Angeles and the public had, in the meanwhile, received a large benefit by the work being done by the Consolidated Lumber company years before the government would be ready to do it, and important business enterprises attracted an extensive commerce and giving employment to several hundred men being located as the result of the early doing of the work.

In fact, to put it bluntly, the present board of harbor commissioners felt that after a former harbor commission had committed itself to the great importance of this work by requesting that it should be done with money diverted from other important work in the harbor, common honesty required this board to indorse the application of the private investor to the government. And naturally, this board was influenced in giving favorable consideration to the request of the Consolidated Lumber company by the fact that a former harbor commission, presided over by a member of your council, had signed an application which it made to the government to dredge this channel.

NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT In this connection you will pardon me for suggesting that if a citizen by taking a position upon what you correctly denominate a harbor commission of the city of Los Angeles is expected to abdicate his right to express his opinion as to the justice or equity of a claim against the government for services which have rendered largely to the commercial benefit of the city of Los Angeles, it may render service upon the city's commission somewhat embarrassing to men who have a conscientious regard for justice and fair dealing.

The board was influenced to make this recommendation by another far-reaching consideration, which is this: There is now, and for years will be, a very great need for the development of both the east and west basins of the harbor under the plan adopted by the government, and these developments, if we wait for the government to do them, will necessarily extend over a period of several years. Hardly a month elapses that this board is not applied to by some important industry desiring to locate upon the waterfront of the proposed harbor, and to all such applications the board is compelled to point out the fact that the opening up of the waterfront of these basins is a matter of uncertain time. Some months ago one of the large industries of the west, employing men in full operation several thousand men, communicated with this board in an effort to find a location upon the harbor.

TO ENCOURAGE LOCATION A location was desired upon the west basin and the effort to obtain it was finally abandoned because at that time no definite steps had been taken by the government to open up this basin by compelling the railroads to construct drawbridges across their tracks, which at that time barred access to it. These drawbridges have now been provided for by order of the war department, but in the nature of things it will be several years before the west basin will be opened by government dredging. This board has hoped to establish a policy of encouraging important private enterprises desiring a location contiguous to the proposed east and west basins to dredge channels in these basins, under the plan of the government, requisite to accommodate their enterprises at their own expense, depending upon the government to eventually reimburse them for anticipating the work to be done by the government to the extent of what would be the cost to the government of doing the work when it got ready to do it. We believe that if this policy is entered upon and pursued it will probably lead to the very much earlier development of the harbor and the location thereon of many important business enterprises which the city would not possess for years to come if the government dredging is not undertaken upon opening the east and west basins.

The attitude taken by the council in its recent resolution, of course, precludes the adoption and following out of this policy by the board of harbor commissioners. It is a policy which could be no possibility do anyone any harm, because it would be based upon the willingness of private interests to go in and do the work for the government, depending upon the government to eventually reimburse them to the extent of what it would cost the government to do the work, without interest, in the mean while, upon the money which these private interests had invested in doing it. We believe that the action of your honorable body in refusing to sustain

BILL STAR CAST FOR TIMES SHOW

Performance Will Take Place in Auditorium Tomorrow, Beginning 1 O'Clock

WOMEN WILL ACT AS USHERS

Proceeds Will Be Turned Over to Fund for Widows and Orphans

The joint committee from the chamber of commerce, Merchants and Manufacturers association and Theatrical Managers' association has prepared the best program ever offered at a benefit performance in this city tomorrow for the relief of families which lost breadwinners in the Times disaster. It so happens that there is an unusual number of theatrical stars in the city at the present time, all of whom have offered their services. The acts will be bright and amusing, and there will be plenty of variety. Excellent musical numbers will be interspersed with dramatic offerings and comedy. There will be daintily clad women ushers to assist the regular force and who will take especial care of the women. A bevy of girls will sell candy and flowers in the lobby and auditorium, and some of the best known society women in the city will officiate as patronesses. The program will begin promptly at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will last until about 6 o'clock. Anyone is at liberty to leave at any time during the afternoon. As everything has been contributed by the merchants and advertisers, there will be a net profit which will be turned over to the fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans made so by the recent Times disaster. The program follows:

THE PROGRAM The Los Angeles Women's Symphony orchestra, Harley Hamilton, director. McCormick & Irving in "Eurydice." Courtesy Los Angeles theater. "The Minister Four," Ed DeForest, Charles Falk, Clark Oldfield, Fred DeForest, in "The Rehearsal," and members of the company taken from the second act of "Morning, Noon and Night." Courtesy Manager Mortimer M. Theise and the Auditorium. McMahon's Big Southern Review, "Pantation Scenes," featuring Bert Swor. Courtesy Panthea theater. Free Seters Four, masters of harmony. Courtesy Los Angeles theater. "Mary's Lamb," one act, Ferris Hartman and his company. Courtesy Grand opera house. Waterbury Brothers and Tenny, the favorite musical comedians. Courtesy of the Orpheum. "The Prince of Pilsen," all-star cast. Courtesy Henry W. Savage and Hamberger's. Maxine's theater. Frances Cameron, prima donna. Courtesy Henry W. Savage. "The Egyptian wonder worker," in his temple of mysteries. Courtesy the Orpheum. "The Arabian Nights," featuring Helen Bertram, prima donna soprano. Jess Dandy in his greatest specialty, "In Cincinnati." Courtesy Henry W. Savage.

CORONER FINDS 21 LOST LIVES IN TIMES DISASTER

That twenty-one persons lost their lives in the fire and explosion which destroyed the Times building at First and Broadway on the morning of October 1 was established by testimony of the relatives of the deceased at the first session of the inquest which was held yesterday morning in Breese Bros' chapel at 855 South Figueroa street. Beyond the establishment of the death roll nothing was attempted at yesterday's session. The session was a routine matter of but a few minutes. Coroner Hartwell adjourned the inquest indefinitely. It will be reconvened as soon as those connected with the investigation make a report of their findings and the possibilities of catching those responsible for the disaster.

Music Notes

Charles Farwell Edson, singer and composer, gave a recital of his recent works at his studio on Torrance street Sunday evening for local musicians and intimate friends. His songs have attracted the favorable comment of other singers here, and as he has a happy faculty of finding poems unusual in style and with a meaning deeper than the usual sentimentality of songs, his musical settings have an extra value. Mr. Edson has been engaged to give a song recital before the pupils of Polytechnic high school Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when he will present the song "The Promise" from "Fragrances" in costume with scenic effect. His latest work, "Lost," will also be included in this program.

RECLUSE WHO GAVE STATE FOREST TRACT SUCCUMBS

FRESNO, Oct. 18.—Horace Whittaker, who donated a large forest tract to the state university for forestry research, died yesterday at the age of 80. Whittaker had lived the life of a recluse for a long period, and aroused considerable comment through having a vault prepared for himself near his forest home. He leaves no relatives as far as is known.

BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS MAN; COMPANION ESCAPES

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 18.—The explosion of a large boiler in the basement of the Emery, Bird, Thayer Dry Goods company, in the center of the business district, last night killed William H. Caesar, and blew Edward Moore, the fireman, through the door of the room. Moore was not injured. No cause for the accident was found.

Ostermoor Mattresses, Coulter Dry Goods Co., 210-219 S. BROADWAY, 224-228 S. HILL ST.

FOURTH FLOOR CAFE AND MEN'S GRILL OPEN 11:30 TO 5:00

A Sale of High Class Linens

Every one of the following linens represents truly remarkable values at regular prices, as our customers well know; such arbitrary reductions as these make it true economy to purchase liberally:

- BLEACHED DAMASK—The famous Shamrock brand; fleur de lis, coin spot, clover and similar patterns; we have never had the equal of this damask to sell at its present price of \$1.00. Regular price \$1.25.
NAPKINS—\$2.50 quality now \$2.15 doz.; \$3.50 quality now \$2.85 doz.
CRASH TOWELING—Red border, the very best 16 2-3c crash we know of, now 15c.
HUCK TOWELS—All linen; some of them in birdseye weave; regular 33c, reduced to 25c.
TABLE SETS—Very complete line—cloth, and dozen napkins to match; from two yards square to three yards square, \$6.00 to \$100.00.

Clearance of Jewelry at 85c

A sale of this nature ought to induce early gift selections: no reason for reducing any of the articles concerned except that we need their space at once: Hat pins, brooches, waist pin sets, cuff link sets, belt buckles, belt pins, bar pins, necklaces, scarf pins, jewel cases, picture frames and long chains comprise some of the different articles represented—there are hundreds of different patterns; all good, and of the character for which you're usually glad to pay \$1 to \$2.00; on special clearance sale at 85c

Women's Splendid Suits For as Little as Twenty-Five Dollars

Even our least expensive wool suits for women have an air of distinction about them, a smartness of style and a general grace of line that is extremely gratifying to women whose dress allowance is limited: THE EXPERT KNOWLEDGE—That comes with selecting elegant tailored suits and charming dinner gowns adds wonderfully to the good buying of less expensive garments. A FANCY BLOUSE—Completes many of the finer street and calling costumes—a feature new this season. Prices up to \$195.

Coulter Dry Goods Co.

Great Herald Special Note the Following This bed sells regularly for \$32.00. Massive two inch posts and seven heavy fillers. No better quality can be bought at any price. Only one sold to a customer—none to dealers. You must bring this advertisement with you. THIS GENUINE BRASS BED \$17.85 Remember This is the store where you can buy quality furniture on EASY PAYMENTS. Specials on Draperies and Carpets This Week LYON L. MCKINNEY & SONS 648-652 BROADWAY (OPPOSITE BULLOCKS) AT SEVENTH