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WATERWAY CONGRESS NOW IN FULL SWING

ADVOCATES OF BETTER HARBORS AND NAVIGABLE RIVERS MEET IN WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT RANSDELL NOTES ADVANCEMENT OF CAUSE

Says Recent Legislation Has Been Most Beneficial — President Taft Among Speakers — Says Co-operation Between Railroads and Water Routes Must Be Procured.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With one of the largest gatherings of waterway enthusiasts that ever assembled to discuss waterway improvements, the annual convention of the national rivers and harbors congress met here today. President Taft was scheduled to deliver the opening address. Prominent among the speakers to be heard are Governor Harmon, of Ohio; Ambassador De La Barra, of Mexico; Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Canadian conservation commission; Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri; Brigadier General Bixby, chief of the United States engineer corps; Senator Borah, of Idaho, and James A. Patton, of Chattanooga, president of the Tennessee River Improvement Association.

Annual Appropriations Urged.

At the opening of the rivers and harbors congress today. President Ransdell advocated regular annual appropriations for carrying on the work of waterway improvements. He paid a high compliment to the board of United States engineers which passed upon such projects, and expressed gratification over the work accomplished as a result of encouragement from congress. He declared the rivers and harbors act passed by the last session of congress was the greatest advance yet made in carrying out the policies of the national rivers and harbors congress.

The ports of Mexico were discussed by Ambassador De La Barra, of Mexico, to the United States, who pointed out that other countries would profit from the example set by America in the improvement of its rivers and harbors.

Taft's Address.

President Taft said the importance of river navigation had decreased of late years with the development of railroad facilities. The problem that now confronted his hearers, he declared, was the union and co-operation of railroads and rivers. Terminal difficulties of river transportation must be overcome, the president said, before this problem could be solved. He believed American ingenuity would yet find a complete solution of all the difficulties presented.

MEXICAN LEADER ARRESTED.

Uncle Sam Holds Official at Request of Diaz.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The provisional arrest of Juan Sanchez Azcona, once a member of the Mexican congress, journalist, and a member of one of the best known families of Mexico, was caused here by direction of the department of justice on representations made to the state department by the Mexican government.

It is declared a warrant charging the obtaining of money under false pretenses has been issued in Mexico and that documents containing further details are on their way to Washington.

In accordance with the convention of 1899 between the United States and Mexico providing for provisional arrest pending the arrival of a warrant with full charges to determine extradition, Azcona was taken into custody by a United States deputy marshal.

No political significance, it was said at the Mexican embassy, attaches to the arrest, but Gustavo A. Madero, supported by other friends of Azcona here, charged that the "circumstances of the cases are trivial," and "behind it all is the vengeful purpose of the Diaz administration to get possession of Azcona because of his acknowledged connection with anti-Diaz newspaper attacks of the last three years."

DR. COOK "DEAD," NANSEN SAYS.

Confessed Faker Has No Standing, But Wants Peary's Proofs.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 7.—Commenting on the publication of Knud Rasmussen's report from Dr. Cook's Eskimo followers on his alleged trip to the north pole, Fridtjorf Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, said:

"The report definitely confirms my private opinion of Dr. Cook's claim. To all intents and purposes he is a dead man. Let him rest in peace. I have no doubt that Robert E. Peary reached the pole, but it is necessary that he should place scientific proofs of the fact before the public. To show these proofs to a few friends is not enough if he wishes to stand in the world's history as the undisputed discoverer of the north pole.

"Commander Peary must send his proofs to the University of Copenhagen, the most competent authority on arctic questions."

ISLANDERS WANT ANNEXATION.

People of Danish West Indies Knock at Uncle Sam's Door.

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—The agitation for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States has been renewed by the islanders, and today the government received an address in which petitioners asked that negotiations be opened.

The cabinet, however, is not likely to take the initiative in the matter, because, altho the ministers are not opposed to such a sale, their opponents in the rigsdag probably will be able to defeat the proposal, and the government is taking no chances of a rebuff.

Queen Louise, who is greatly interested in the islands, where she has inaugurated many philanthrophies, is a kee nopponent of any project involving their los sto the kingdom.

COALITIONISTS MAKE GAINS.

Have Majority of Seven Among New Members of Parliament.

London, Dec. 7.—The coalition party takes six out of ten seats in the next parliament in the unopposed returns this morning, giving it a majority of seven members elected to date.

The latest election returns this afternoon give the coalitionists 167; unionists 151.

Redmond's Brother Defeated.

Cork, Ireland, Dec. 7.—William O'Brien, dependent nationalist leader, was elected to parliament, defeating William Redmond, brother of John E. Redmond, nationalist leader. Healey defeated Roche.

WILSON EXPLAINS HIS VOTE.

Illinois Legislator Says He Supported Lorimer at Request of Dying Friend

Washington, Dec. 7.—Robert E. Wilson, a member of the Illinois legislature, told the Lorimer investigating committee today that his visit to St. Louis on July 15, 1909, was to arrange a banquet for Lee O'Neil Browne, not to distribute the "jack pot." Wilson, who is a democrat, said he voted for Lorimer, republican, because former Sheriff Barrett on his death bed asked him to do so. He denied that he paid any money to legislators.

UNVEIL STEUBEN STATUE

President and Other Officials Speak at Ceremonies—Miss Helen Taft Assists —Steuben a Prussian Soldier Who Assisted in Founding Republic.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft, Secretary Dickinson, German Ambassador Bornstorff, Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri; Dr. Hexamer, president of the National German American Alliance, and representatives of German societies from different parts of the country, paid a tribute to Baron von Steuben, the Prussian soldier who assisted in founding this republic, on the occasion of the unveiling of a statue here today. Dickinson presided at the ceremonies. Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, unveiled the statue. It stands on the northwest corner of Lafayette square, opposite the White House. On the other corners of the tract are the statues of LaFayette, Rochambeau, and Kosciusko. A male chorus of 1,000 voices, accompanied by the United States marine band, furnished the music. A procession with 10,000 men in line passed in review at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

REFUSE TO DANCE WITH JAPS.

Pasadena Girls May Involve Nation in Difficulties.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 7.—Difficulty between the United States and Japanese governments may arise because Pasadena society girls have made it known that they would not dance with Japanese naval officers at a ball to which the officers of Rear Admiral Yazhiro's fleet had been invited. Because of the stand by the society girls the manager of Hotel Maryland, who had arranged the ball, decided to call off the affair.

It was learned that the Japanese admiral regarded the cancellation as a direct insult to his nation and his reply was to cancel invitations to a return dance which he proposed to give on his ship. The admiral also refused to permit Long Beach school children to visit his ship.

Rear Admiral Yazhiro is in command of the fleet which is visiting the Pacific coast. It was in honor of the Japanese training squadron now at Los Angeles that the Hotel Maryland manager planned to give the ball at his hotel.

Rumors began to reach the hotel manager's ears that Pasadena society girls had declared they would not dance with the Japanese officers. He found that the sentiment against the oriental officers practically was unanimous. As a last resort the ball was called off.

Notice that the affair had been canceled, when received by the Japanese admiral, caused him to become highly incensed. It is believed he learned of the circumstances which compelled the canceling of the dance.

His response was made curtly. Without hesitating a moment, he announced that the dance he had planned to hold aboard ship would be called off also.

First Lamplight Funeral.

West Point, Dec. 7.—Brig. Gen. Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., (retired), twenty-first superintendent of the United States Military Academy, was buried last night by lamp light with the military honors due his rank. The special car bringing the body from Washington was delayed by a storm Officers who have attended every military funeral within the last thirty years could recall no other held by lamp light. The weather was extremely cold and the fifers' breath froze on the instruments as they shrilled the slow measure dead march.

Editorial Association Invited.

Speciti to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 7.—The commercial club of this city has extended an invitation to the Upper Des Moines Editorial Association to hold its meeting this winter in Fort Dodge. Energetic efforts will be made by local newspapers and business men to entertain their guests, if the invitation is accepted.

Former Banker Out of Prison.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 7.—George D. Horras, formerly a banker of Sioux Falls, S. D., was released from the federal penitentiary here today, after serving three years for violation of the national banking laws.

BALLINGER COMMITTEE SPREADS WHITEWASH

MAJORITY REPORT ON CONTROVERSY WITH PINCHOT EXONERATES SECRETARY.

TERMED A FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT

Charges in Connection With Withdrawals of Alaskan Coal Lands Not Justified, According to the Committee —Glavis Accused of Failing in His Duty and Secretary Garfield is Rapped.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The majority report of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee was submitted to both houses of congress this afternoon. At the same time the independent reports of the democratic members of the committee and of Representative Madison, of Kansas, also were submitted. The conclusions of the republicans were submitted to the democrats at a meeting of the full committee this morning. All the republican members except Madison signed the report. Senator Nelson, chairman, put the majority report to a vote. The democratic members and Madison voted against it.

Accusers Termed Narrow.

The majority report says Ballinger "faithfully performed the duties of his office with an eye single to the public interest."

The committee says Ballinger's accusers evidently had the conservation of natural resources deeply at heart and evidently were disposed to take the most unfavorable view of the character and motives of whoever they supposed opposed their views. This, the committee thinks, caused the accusers to regard with suspicion the most natural and innocent acts of Ballinger in the ordinary course of the department's administration.

The Cunningham Claims.

The committee finds the interests of the people as the owners of the Alaskan coal fields are not threatened or endangered under the present conditions. The expression of opinion in the Cunningham claims was withheld because they still are pending. The committee believes the commissioner of the general land office will divide these claims fairly and impartially. Recommendation is made that a law be enacted for the transfer of these and similar claims to an appropriate court for hearing and decision. The report also favors the leasing system for the Alaskan coal fields, and that steps be taken to prevent these lands being monopolized for speculative purposes.

A Rap at Glavis.

Glavis had ample time and abundant assistance to make the field examinations he demanded, and was grossly remiss in duty in not having the examination made, says the report.

The committee declares Garfield's blanket withdrawals of public lands were made after he ascertained he would not be re-appointed under Taft. Also that Ballinger's withdrawals and restorations were made after a careful examination and in good faith.

A number of other points are considered by the committeee, and in every instance where Ballinger acted his course is approved. The report was signed by Senators Nelson, Flint, Sutherland and Root and Representatives McCall, Olmsted and Denby, all republicans.

Ballinger's Acts Justified.

The majority report makes the followin specific findings:

"That the charges and insinuations against Ballinger in regard to the Cunningham coal land entries or other coal land claims in Alaska are not justified, and his conduct in respect thereto is not justly censurable.

"That he was fully justified in revoking the Indian co-operative agreement.

"That the restorations of water power sites by Ballinger were made in good faith and not in enmity to the government, and that no injury appears to have been done the government and the cause of conservation by either restorations or withdrawals.

"That, in view of the opinion of the attorney general, he was justified in abandoning the use of the so-called water-users' co-operative certificates in connection with the reclamation of arid lands.

"That the administration of the reclamation law presented features justly subject to criticism, but no unfair criticism or improper conduct on Ballinger's part has been shown nor any action by him not within the sound discretion of the head of the interior department in the faithful performance of his duty.

Not Hostile to Conservation.

"That he is not an enemy of, nor hostile to, a reasonable and judicious policy of conservation, and that no ground whatever has been shown justifying the opinion that he is not a faithful and efficient public officer.

This is Second Report.

"A few months ago the democratic members—Senators Fletcher and Purcell, and Representatives James and Graham—together with Representative Madison, of Kansas, progressive republican, put out another report which they maintained to be a majority opinion, condemning the conduct of Ballinger as secretary of the interior. This report was made public following a meeting of the committee in Minneapolis last September, which was not attended by some of the republicans who have now exonerated Ballinger, and therefore the natural minority became a majority and the republicans who were present, with the exception of Madison, withdrew and broke the quorum. The members who now sign the majority report formulated their conclusions at a recent series of meet-

DAKOTAS SHOW BIG INCREASES.

Population of North State Nearly Doubled, and South Had Big Gain.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The population of North Dakota is 577,056, an increase of 257,910. South Dakota shows 582,888, an increase of 182,318.

The population of counties containing principal cities are:

In North Dakota—Burleigh, 13,087; Cass, 33,935; Grand Forks, 27,888; Ward, 42,185.

In South Dakota—Brown, 25,867; Lawrence, 19,694; Minnehaha, 29,631; Pennington, 12,453.

MEAT PRICES TURN UPWARD.

Wholesale Quotations on Beef and Pork Up 1 Cent at Omaha.

Omaha, Dec. 7.—The wholesale prices of fresh meat, which have been on the downward trend for three weeks, took a turn and started upward. Prices on all grades of beef and pork advanced 1 cent per pound. Packers say the prices of all fresh meats will continue to advance. The price of cattle today went up from 15 to 30 cents per hundred.

TWO VIOLENT DEATHS

Young Oskaloosa Farmer Killed By Cave-In While Quarrying Rock — Eddyville Business Man Falls Dead While Running to Catch Train.

Special to Times-Republican.

Oskaloosa, Dec. 7.—John M. Baker, aged 24, a prominent young farmer, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when a quantity of earth from a bank under which he was digging fell, crushing his life out. He was quarrying rock and depended on the frozen condition of the surface to hold the dirt back.

Fred Miller, aged 50, a resident of Eddyville, was found dead on the street here last evening. He left a store a few minutes before to catch a train at the Rock Island station and probably ran the distance, inducing violent heart action which brought on neuralgia, to which he was subject. He was a wealthy land owner and business man of Eddyville and special agent for the International Harvester Company.

BARRIER WINS $5,000 PRIZE.

Flies in Monoplane Over Memphis and Mississippi River.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Barrier won a $5,000 prize today by flying in a monoplane sixteen miles in a triangular course, passing over the city at a height of 6,500 feet. A portion of the course was immediately over the Mississippi river.

TARIFF QUESTION BOBS UP

Hale Enforces Delay of Cummins Resolution Regulating Consideration— Bill in House to Remove Duty On Meats.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Invoking the rules of the senate, Senator Hale today forced delay of at least twenty-four hours in the introduction of the Cummins resolution regulating consideration of tariff legislation.

The first effort made in the present session of the house to have a change made in the tariff law was by the introduction today by Sulzer, of New York, of a bill to repeal the duty on meats and cattle.

Definite Action Delayed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A conference of telegraph and telephone companies and the interstate commerce commission reached no conclusion today as to the applicability of laws to the business of these companies. Chairman Knapp gave the companies until Jan. 1 to submit further statements.

McCann Denied Rehearing.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—The supreme court today denied the petition for a rehearing and affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of Edward McCann, former inspector of police in Chicago. McCann was convicted of receiving bribes from owners and keepers of disorderly houses.

Dr. Joseph Edmund Smith Dead.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Edmund Smith, secretary of the American Society of Education, is dead, aged 81. He had served for fifty-one years as a minister of the Methodist church up to the time of his retirement, three years ago.

Forest Fire Conference.

St. Paul, Dec. 7.—The lake states forest fire conference today listened to a discussion of Wisconsin's proposed fire warden system, led by William M. Bray, member of the Wisconsin legislature. Other topics were discussed by members.

Hart Heads Municipal League.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Announcement was made here today that Albert Bushnell Hart, of Cambridge, Mass., has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the National Municipal League. Hart was a former vice president of the league.

Big But Orderly Demonstration.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Fifty thousand garment workers and sympathizers paraded the streets today. The demonstration was orderly.

Wheat and Rye Condition.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The agricultural department today estimated the condition of winter wheat as 82.5; rye, 92.6.

Justice Dayton Dead.

New York, Dec. 7.—Justice Charles W. Dayton, aged 64, of the supreme court, is dead. He was postmaster of New York City under Cleveland.

LAFOLLETTE SNUBS PRESIDENT TAFT

SENATOR DECLINES TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

SENDS LETTER WARNING OPPOSITION IS TO FOLLOW

LaFollette Hints at Opposition to Supreme Court Appointments if Made as Contemplated — Senator's Letter Made Public—Causes Stir in Political Circles.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, practically has refused to meet and talk with President Taft at the White House, having replied to an invitation extended thru Secretary Norton by sending a brief letter to the president himself. While other insurgent senators latterly not on the White House visiting list have accepted the proffered olive branch to the extent of responding to requests that they call on the president to discuss judicial appointments and other matters, the Wisconsin senator can not see his way to resuming even the very formal personal relations that were severed a year and a half ago.

Writes Personal Epistle.

Under date of Dec. 3, it was learned last night, Secretary Norton wrote a letter to Senator La Follette telling him the president would like to see him for a discussion of judicial appointments. Instead of going to the White House or seeking an appointment for a conference, Senator La Follette wrote a letter which he addressed to the president personally.

This letter and the facts bearing on it were given out last night as the result of a staement that the president a month ago wrote a very cordial letter to the senator, asking him to visit the Whie House upon his arrival in Washington for the winter session of congress. Senator La Follette says he received no such letter and that he has had no communication from the president in eighteen months.

The La Follette Letter.

The letter which the senator wrote to the president was as follows:

"Dec. 5, 1910.—Dear Mr. President: I have a letter from your secretary, Mr. Norton, stating that you would like to discuss with me certain judicial appointments.

"The one suggestion I would offer is that, in view of present conditions, only such men should be selected as will be certain to construe the Constitution and the law with due regard to the interest of the people, eliminating from consideration those whose legislative or judicial record show them biased toward special interests or whose legal connections would tend to prejudice their minds in favor of such interests.

"I may properly add that I shall support your administration whenever I can do so consistently and I shall oppose your recommendations only when I find it necessary so to do in accordance with my convictions of public duty. Respectfully yours,

"ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE."

"Hon. W. H. Taft, the White House."

Harmony Rudely Jarred.

Thus the harmony movement, which was designed to embrace everybody, irrespective of previous condition, has received a sudden, altho not entirely surprising, jolt. It is not certain at this writing whether the visiting relations temporarily resumed by others among Mr. La Follette's insurgent colleagues will be continued very long.

Friends of the senator say there evidently was a desire somewhere to place him in a wrong light with respect to the White House situation. There are likely to be some further interesting developments on one side or the other, or both.

Naturally the possible effect of Senator La Follette's attitude on the confirmation of the president's nominations to fill the supreme court vacancies comes up for consideration. Added to the announced determination of other senators to scrutinize appointments carefully, is the very plain warning of the Wisconsin senator, that he may be expected to precipitate one of his personally conducted fights or filibusters if there be any nominee with a pro-corporation or special interest record.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Kelso Adams Convicted of Killing Matt Lang, at Tipton.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of Kelso Adams, on trial at Tipton for the murder of Matt Lang, returned a verdict of manslaughter today. The killing was the result of a street brawl at Tipton a few months ago, in which a number of prominent young men were involved.

Conductor May Lose Foot.

Dubuque, Dec. 7.—Freight Conductor Gibson, of the Chicago, Great Western, had his foot severely crushed in a road crossing at Dyersville Tuesday morning. He was hurried to Dubuque and removed to Mercy hospital, where it is feared by attending physicians that he may have to submit to an operation for amputation. The foot is so badly crushed that fears are entertained as to saving it.

W. J. Houlihan, the Great Western employe, injured on Monday, by having one foot and the toes of the other fot crushed, is resting comfortably and it is believed he will recover the use of both feet.

Veteran Treasurer Dead.

Omaha, Dec. 7.—George B. Tzschuck, for thirty years treasurer of the Bee Publishing Company, is dead at the age of 55.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather.

Sun rises Dec. 8 at 7.16; sets at 4:28.

Iowa—Fair tonight, with colder in the east; Thursday increasing cloudiness.

Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; colder in the north tonight.

Missouri—Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness.

South Dakota—Generally fair tonight, and Thursday; warmer in the east tonight.

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LOWEST ON RECORD

Mississippi Eleven Inches Below Previous Low Water Mark at Burlington —Previous Record Made in Year 1864.

Special to Times-Republican.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—The Mississippi river here is eleven inches below the water mark of August, 1864. This is the lowest stage ever recorded.

WRONG MEDICINE KILLS TWO.

Mother Gives Children Tartar Emetic Instead of Epsom Salts.

De Kalk, Ill., Dec. 7.—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown died within a few hours of one another from the effects of a dose of tartar emetic which was given them instead of epsom salts late Monday evening.

Clarence, aged 5, died yesterday morning, and Charles, aged 3, died at noon. The Browns were moving from Sycamore to De Kalk, where Mr. Brown has been employed in the car barns as a mechanic.

The children had complained of not feeling well that evening and the mother decided to give them a dose of salts. In the confusion of the goods, which were packed and ready to be hauled to De Kalb, she picked up the wrong bottle.

LITTLE RIDE? $1,700 WORTH.

Man Takes Sudden Notion and Buys Tickets For World Trip.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—"Oh, any old place ust so we ride," was Mrs. Michael Egan's reply to her husband's invitation to "take a little ride," sa he bought $1,700 worth of railway and steamship tickets that will take them to China, Australia, Europe and New York.

Egan is a capitalist of New York, recently retired, and came to Chicago Saturday with his wife on a pleasure trip. Yesterday while sitting in their appartments in the LaSalle hotel watching the crowds on Madison street he sudednly said to his wife: "Let's take a little ride." She promptly replied: "Let's."

When she expressed no preference he went into the hotel lobby and prepared a six months' trip around the world.

FORGETS BRIDE; LOCKS HER IN.

So Long Bachelor Gary Attorney Fails to Remember He's Married.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—So used to being a bachelor was Attorney Clyde Hunter, of Gary, Ind., that he forgot he was married. All of which caused his bride to shed several tears.

Yesterday morning Mr. Hunter had to leave his home early in order to attend court at Crown Point. When he left his apartments, following his usual custom, he locked the door and took the key with him.

A few hours later Mrs. Hunter, who until Nov. 23 was Miss Daisy Atland, 6100 Ingleside avenue, arose and prepared to go to a restaurant for breakfast. But she could not get out; neither could she attract the attention of neighbors, and to jump from the second story window was impossible, so last evening when Mr. Hunter returned home he found his bride in tears and very hungry.

The absent-minded husband now takes precautions to remember that he is married.

COURT OPENS WAY FOR PROSECUTIONS

PURE FOOD DEPARTMENT OF STATE WINS IMPORTANT POINT IN SUIT.

IMPURE LINSEED OIL MAKERS MUST STAND TRIAL

Omaha Concern Fails to Have Case Thrown Out of Court and Large Number of Prosecutions Will Follow —Court Says Company's Own Pleadings Are Evidence of Guilt.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 7.—Commissioner Barney, of the state pure food department, won a notable victory in court today when Judge Howe sustained the state's demurrer to the petition of the Central Linseed Oil Company, of Omaha, for a restraining order to prevent prosecution for the adulteration of linseed oil.

The court held that the state has a right to prosecute, and that the statement of the oil company showed for itself a violation of the laws.

This will open the way for the prosecution of a large number of dealers in the state, as the adulterated oil has been sold generally over Iowa.

VETERAN ENGINEER DEAD.

D. J. Whittemore With One Railroad Forty-seven Years.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—One of the most remarkable careers in the history of American railroading was brought to a close yesterday, when Don Juan Whittemore retired from office as chief engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, a position he had held continuously for forty-seven years, at the age of 80 and after sixty-three years of active railroad service.

In recognition of such unparalleled iong and faithful service Mr. Whittemore was given the honorary title of consulting engineer. He will be succeeded by C. F. Loweth, engineer of bridges and buildings, who has worked under Mr. Whittemore in his last great achievement, the general supervision of the construction of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railway. This task of building a new line for 1,500 miles from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast was undertaken while Mr. Whittemore was 77 years of age.

He has virtually occupied the position of consulting engineer for several years and while residing in Milwaukee has maintained his office in Chicago, making the trip back and forth several times a week.

BENEFIT OF HUNTERS.

Movement Started at Fort Dodge For Utilization of License Fund.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 7.—Five hunters of this city are behind a movement which undoubtedly will gain state-wide impetus. They have called a meeting of the hunters of Webster county for next week, at which ways and means of securing the $200,000 license fund for the benefit of hunters in the state will be discussed. If the meeting is successful, and the promoters see no reason why it will fail, resolutions will be adopted calling for a meeting of the hunters of the state in Des Moines this winter. Dr. K. K. Smith, Joe Kautsky, the noted trap shooter, S. T. Thompson, George Kehm, and Joe Ford are boosting the project. They believe if the hunters organize they can dictate the expenditure of the license fund.

YOUNG SWITCHMAN KILLED.

Harry Vance Caught Between Cars While Coupling at Creston.

Special to Times-Republican.

Creston, Dec. 7.—Harry Burr Vance was the victim of an accident while in the discharge of his duties as switchman in railroad yards here early Tuesday morning that resulted in his death later in the day. He was caught between two cars while making a coupling and sustained internal injuries, to which he succumbed in a few hours. He was 21 years of age, the son of Mrs. Fred Spare, of this city and his death has brought sadness to a large circle of friends, as he was popular among his companions.

GET CHANGE OF VENUE.

Hayward Judge Grants Petition of Outlaw Dietz, Wife and Son.

Wayward, Wis., Dec. 7.—The proceedings in the Deitz cases were speedily disposed of when Judge Wickham named Judge Alexander Reid of the sixteenth circuit to sit in the cases and then continued them until Dec. 12. Attorney Rubin for the defense had filed prejudice proceedings against Judge Wickham and other judges.

Elmyra and Clarence Deitz left last night for Milwaukee, where, it is said, they will endeavor to raise funds for their defense.

John Deitz, his wife, Hattie, and their son Leslie, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering Deputy Sheriff Oscar Horp on Oct. 8.

Red Cross Seal Brings $22.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 7.—The first red cross Christmas seal sold in Cedar Rapids this year was auctioned at the commercial club rooms at noon today and went for $22.

Cook in Cafe Drops Dead.

Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, Dec. 7.—John Hoffacra, head cook at the Vermlya Cafe, dropped dead here today. The cause is not yet announced.