

BURKE PRESIDES

AT THE OPENING OF THE MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENT CONGRESS.

WANTS UNITY OF ACTION

Suggests in His Address That Waterways Associations Should Get Together.—Favors Issuance of Bonds.

Omaha, Dec. 15.—The Missouri River Navigation congress began a two days' annual session here yesterday with three governors and 150 delegates present. Governor Burke of North Dakota, president of the congress, presided. Delegations are present from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Sioux City, Pierre, Bismarck, Fort Benton, Mont., Omaha and other Missouri river points. Governor Vessey of South Dakota, and Mayor James C. Dahlman were speakers. Governor Burke suggested that the National Rivers and Harbors association, the Lake to the Gulf Waterways association and other similar organizations work together for the securing of navigation. He expressed the belief that the people would be justified in issuing bonds for the improvement of waterways, just as they had for the construction of the Panama canal. The greatest obstacle to the improvement of these inland waterways, he said, was the magnitude of the work and the money it would cost, but he believed congress should meet the issue squarely and could not begin too soon.

KNOX ASKS TIME

Wants to Get Full Facts of Nicaragua Matter.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of State Knox has requested the senate committee on foreign relations to postpone the suggested investigation of the Nicaragua situation until such time as things shall have eventuated so as to enable him to give the committee a clear understanding of Central American affairs.

The committee was called together today by Chairman Cullum with the idea of having Secretary Knox make some statement which would acquaint the members with the exact situation in Nicaragua. The secretary asked for the postponement of the meeting for a week or more and the committee acquiesced because of the request by Secretary Knox. A resolution introduced by Senator Rayner in connection with the execution by order of President Zelaya of the two Americans Cannon and Groce, was not taken up today.

Milwaukee Train Wreck.

Omaha, Dec. 15.—An entire train, No. 7, west bound on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway left the track two miles east of Bayard, Ia., early today. The train was composed of the engine, tender, baggage and mail cars, two coaches and two sleepers. A dozen passengers were slightly injured. The tender trucks were first to leave the track, and for that reason it is believed a broken wheel may have been the cause. Number 7 is the Sioux City and Des Moines local out of Chicago and carried passengers for those cities.

Asks Dissolution of Trust.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—Denouncing the United States Steel corporation as "a soulless corporation, whose god is the Almighty dollar," the conference committee of labor leaders of the American Federation of Labor adopted resolutions recommending that a committee be appointed to lay before congress and President Taft the grievances of labor against the corporation and to recommend that a government investigation be instituted looking toward a dissolution of the steel corporation.

Arbuckles Pay Back Duties.

New York, Dec. 15.—Special Assistant Attorney General Stimson announced today as a result of the federal investigation to weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed here by Arbuckle Brothers, sugar refiners, it was ascertained that there had been a shortage in duty payments by that firm amounting to \$695,573. Mr. Stimson stated this sum had been repaid in cash to the United States treasury by Arbuckle Brothers.

South Dakota Freed.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 15.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury today in the case of Charles Radford of Sterling, Ill. Radford was charged with having murdered George Hurd of Sioux Falls on the night of Sept. 6, last, during a fight resulting from Hurd forcibly objecting to Radford and the latter's brother keeping Hurd's daughter and sister out too late at night.

No Hope for Imprisoned Miners.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Hope of saving the seven negro miners imprisoned in the shaft of the West Kentucky Mining Co., Clay, Webster county, has been abandoned. Men were working in one of the upper levels when an explosion flooded the mine and set it afire at the same time.

News of Montana

CONFESSED TRAIN ROBBERY.

Thomas L. Gordon Admits That He Held Up the Oriental Limited.

Butte, Mont.—Thomas L. Gordon, a resident of Fort Benton, has, according to the Seattle papers, made a confession of his complicity in the robbery of the Great Northern Express Company at Seattle of \$12,000, for which crime Charles D. Howell, formerly of Havre, is being held. Gordon also identifies Howell as the man who was engaged with him in pulling off the robbery, and states that Howell did the work under his instructions. Gordon also alleges that Howell is the man who held up the Oriental Limited at Bonners Ferry, March 15, 1908.

Gordon lived at Fort Benton some years ago, it is said, driving stage for some time and also being engaged in newspaper work. A Thomas L. Gordon was sent up from Choteau county for murder and pardoned eight years ago, but whether it is the same man is not known.

Gordon was arrested in Seattle by J. S. Delaney, a special agent of the Great Northern, who is a brother of Charles Delaney, who recently resigned his position on the local fire department and went to Helena. J. S. Delaney formerly lived in this city, being an employe of the Great Northern. Immediately after the confession, Gordon was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. H. Hare and bound over to the federal grand jury, which convenes April 2. Bail was then fixed at \$5,000. Gordon was then placed in the county jail charged with being an accessory after the fact. Shortly before the steel doors swung behind him he begged the officers not to let his wife know of the disgrace.

MARATHON WALTZ STOPPED.

Endurance Dance Lasts Fifteen Hours At Butte.

Butte.—After dancing continuously for fourteen hours and forty-one minutes without nourishment or a drink of water, three couples out of fifty-three who started at 10 o'clock in a "Marathon" waltz contest were stopped by officers, acting under instructions from Mayor Charles H. Nevin.

Upon advice from city and county physicians six girls had been taken to the hospital, one suffering from a ruptured blood vessel and another being stricken with muscular paralysis. Others of the fair contestants were in pitiable shape.

As hours dragged along the tongues of the girls fairly hung from their mouths, and their male companions struggled to keep their partners on their feet.

A fainting girl seemed only to add to the excitement and zest of the 500 spectators in Renshaw hall, where two dance hall proprietors had the contest.

Early in the morning, when the struggle took a serious aspect, the promoters of the contest asked the contestants to stop, but none complied, and, urged on by the yelling crowd, the girls continued the grind.

The three surviving couples will be awarded prizes intended for the surviving couple.

These are a gold watch for the men and a diamond ring for the girls.

POLICE CAPTAIN ACCUSED.

Butte Officer Charged With Serving Corporation.

Butte.—Charges were filed this afternoon with the police commission against Police Captain Thomas Norton, alleging that he is actively engaged in the service of the Butte Street Railway Company, and he has been devoting his time to the recent cases in court in which the street railway was sued for damages. The charges are voluminous, and give specific instances and also refer to a certain offense alleged to be unbecoming to an officer committed at Helena, where it is alleged the police captain "shot up" the town while intoxicated and tried to arrest the police of Helena.

The charges are of the most sensational nature, and allege that, not only did Norton approach those who were to give testimony at the trial, but that he approached one man whom he supposed was a juror.

It is current gossip about the city hall today that from the charges more serious developments will arise, and that the case recently tried in court may be given an airing which will have a bombshell effect.

Explosion Wrecks Cleaning Works.

Billings.—After a terrific explosion of a gasoline tank in the plant of the Billings Dry Cleaning works the place was destroyed by fire which immediately followed. The loss was \$2,500, partially covered by insurance. No one was injured by the explosion.

NEW RECIPE FOR CROQUETTES

Original Manner in Which Sweetbreads May Be Utilized to the Best Advantage.

Parboil two pairs of sweetbreads in salted water to which a piece of garlic and onion have been added.

Throw into cold water with a little lemon juice and let remain 20 minutes. Remove all pipes, skins and fat. Put through a meat chopper with two hard-boiled eggs, a small piece of garlic, a sprig of parsley, half a can of good mushrooms, drained, and one truffe. To this put half a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, a dozen drops of tabasco, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, a good pinch of paprika and white pepper, a little mace and salt to suit taste. Put over a fire half a cupful of the water the sweetbreads were parboiled in, with a cupful of good, rich milk. When just warm stir in smoothly a heaping tablespoonful of butter, blended with two tablespoonfuls of flour. Simmer slowly two minutes, then add the yolks of two eggs well beaten. Add the sweetbreads, but do not boil. Spread on large dish to cool, then form in any shape desired. Run through meat chopper enough blanched peanuts to make a cupful of fine crumbs. Dip the croquettes into this, then into beaten egg yolk, again into the nut crumbs, coating them well and pressing the crumbs into the croquettes well. Set them aside three or four hours to dry.

They can be made the day before, if needed, drying all night.

Fry a rich brown in clarified butter. Garnish with parsley and large queen olives (stuffed Spanish) and cut into halves. These are delicious hot or cold.

THE USE OF CANNED GOODS

Quality Will Be Improved by Attention to Details as Herein Set Forth.

Commercial canned goods may be advantageously bought by the dozen in the autumn, and they do not seem to suffer from even a poor storage place, provided it is not so damp that the cans rust through. If dirty or dusty, the cans should always be carefully wiped before they are opened, to prevent accidental soiling of the contents.

Vegetables and fruits canned at home and home-made jellies, jams, and similar foods should be kept in dry, airy storage places, out of direct light. The cans and jars used should be of good quality, and all the usual precautions of good rubber rings (if they are used), and so on, should be taken.

Canning may also be made use of daily for temporary preservation of foods, and it is especially valuable where ice-chest facilities are not good. When making soup stock a large quantity is made as easily as a small, and the surplus may be poured, while hot, into fruit jars and sealed. Boiled milk may be thus canned, and cooked vegetables which may be at the time plentiful or cheap. Mince meat may also be canned, but it will keep a long time in an ordinary receptacle if melted suet be poured over the top. Such canning, especially of soup stock or milk, is only recommended for a few days' keeping, and every precaution should be taken that is familiar in the ordinary canning of fruit or vegetables.

A Dressing for Ducks.

A delicious and unusual stuffing for ducks is made in this way: Chop fine some celery till you have a cupful; add a cupful of stoned stewed prunes, chopped, and a cup of soft bread crumbs; cook in two tablespoonfuls of butter in a covered frying pan till the celery is tender; then uncover and stir till brown, adding more butter if necessary; half fill the ducks and roast them upside down. Serve giblet gravy with them.

A Household Invention.

An ingenious invention for the household is an article constructed for fitting hot pots or pans from the stove or for taking utensils out of the oven without the use of a rag or cloth. The patent, as it is called, is made from steel wire and is guaranteed not to bend under the heaviest weight. It adjusts itself to any pan and is a great improvement over the old method of using a rag, which may or may not be germ laden. Then, again, there is no fear of burning the hands or fingers.

Fruit Punch.

One cup of lemon juice, one cupful of raspberry juice, one cupful of red cherry juice, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one pint of water. Boil sugar and water together, and when cold add the fruit juices and ice.

Butter a baking dish and put in a layer of mashed potato, then a layer of thin slices of bacon. Season with pepper and a little onion. Have the last layer of potato, pour in sufficient milk to moisten it. Bake in a hot oven.

SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE

THE FARMERS OF CENTRAL CANADA REAP WHEAT AND RICHES.

Up in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the provinces that compose Central Canada have such a quantity of land suitable for the growth of small grains, which grow so abundantly, and yield so handsomely that no fear need be feared of a wheat famine on this Continent. The story reproduced below is only one of the hundreds of proofs that could be produced to show the results that may be obtained from cultivation of the lands in these provinces. Almost any section of the country will do as well.

With the country recently opened by the Grand Trunk Pacific, the latest of the great transcontinental lines to enter the field of the development of the Canadian West, there is afforded added ample opportunity to do as was done in the case cited below:

To buy a section of land, break it up and crop it, make \$17,550 out of the yield and \$10,880 out of the increase of value all within the short period of two years, was the record established by James Bailey, a well known farmer within a few miles of Regina. Mr. Bailey bought the 640 acres of land near Grand Coulee two years ago. He immediately prepared the whole section for crop and this year has 600 acres of wheat and 40 acres of oats. The wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, and the oats yielded 4,750 bushels. The whole of the grain has been marketed and Mr. Bailey is now worth \$17,550 from the grain alone. He bought the land at \$18 an acre, and the other day refused an offer of \$35 an acre, just a \$17 advance for the time of his purchase. The land cost \$11,320 in the first instance. Here are the figures of the case.—Land cost, 640 acres, at \$18, \$11,320. Wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, at 84 cents a bushel, \$16,695. Oats yielded 4,750 bushels at 28 cents a bushel, \$855. Offered for land, 640 acres at \$35 an acre, \$22,400. Increase value of land, \$10,880. Total earnings of crop, \$17,550, together with increase in value of land a total of \$28,540.

It is interesting to note the figures of the yield per acre. The wheat yielded 33½ bushels to the acre, and oats 118.7 bushels to the acre. The figures are a fair indication of the average throughout the district.

Agents of the Canadian Government in the different cities will be pleased to give you information as to rates, etc.

Financial.

Stella—Isn't Mabel going to marry the duke?

Bella—No, he rejected the budget.

Accounted For.

Landlady—This is a bronze turkey. Starboard—Ah, I see; survivor from the bronze age.

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