

WILL NOT BEAR BURDEN ALONE

President Roosevelt Orders E. H. Harriman to Close Break in Colorado River.

HIS MISTAKE POINTED OUT

MATTER WILL BE LAID BEFORE CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt is exerting his efforts to have the break in the Colorado river in Mexico repaired as soon as possible by the California Development company, which, he declares, is ultimately responsible for it. With this end in view he today telegraphed to E. H. Harriman at New York reciting the inability to secure action by congress because of the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. The president told Mr. Harriman that it is incumbent upon him to close the break, and that action should be withdrawn an hour's delay.

Mr. Harriman replied that the Southern Pacific has no control over the California Development company, but he would authorize the Southern Pacific officers to try to repair the break, trusting that the government, as soon as you can procure the necessary congressional legislation, will assist us with the burden.

Message to Harriman.

Following is the telegram sent to Mr. Harriman: "E. H. Harriman: Replying to yours of the 19th. Reclamation service cannot enter upon work without authority of congress and suitable convention with Mexico. Congress adjourns today for holidays; impossible to secure action at present. It is incumbent on you to close break again. Question of future permanent maintenance can then be taken up. Reclamation service engineers available for consultation. This is all the aid that there is in the power of the government to render, and it seems to me clear that it is the imperative duty of the California Development company to close this break at the earliest possible moment. The present crisis can at this moment only be met by the action of the company which is ultimately responsible for it, and that action should be taken without an hour's delay. Through the department of state I am endeavoring to secure such action by the Mexican government as will en-

able congress in its turn to act. But at present congress can do nothing without such action by the Mexican government. This is a matter of such vital importance that I wish to repeat that there is not the slightest excuse for the California Development company waiting an hour for the action of the government. It is their duty to meet the present danger immediately, and then this government will take up with it, as it has already taken up with Mexico, the question of providing against recurrence of the danger.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Harriman's Reply.

To this Mr. Harriman responded: "To the President, Washington, D. C.—Replying to your telegram this date. You seem to be under the impression that the California Development company is a Southern Pacific enterprise. This is erroneous. It had nothing to do with its work or the opening of the canal. We are not interested in its stock and in no way control it. We have lent it some money to assist in dealing with the situation. What the Southern Pacific company has done was for the protection of the settlers as well as of its tracks, but we have determined to move the tracks into higher ground, any way. However, in view of your message, I am giving authority to the Southern Pacific officers in the west to proceed at once with efforts to repair the break, trusting that the government, as soon as you can procure the necessary congressional legislation, will assist us with the burden.

"E. H. HARRIMAN."

The president's answer to Mr. Harriman follows:

"Am delighted to receive your telegram. Have at once directed the reclamation service to touch with you so that as soon as congress reassembles I can recommend legislation which will provide against a repetition of the disaster and make provision for the equitable distribution of the burden. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Message to Pardee.

The president made public the following telegram sent to Governor Pardee of California, dated today: "Telegram received. Am doing everything in my power in matter. Break is on Mexican soil and we have absolutely no power to do anything until permission is granted by Mexico. We are hurrying forward in every way, negotiations for such permission. Until it is granted congress cannot act."

In a note to Director Walcott the president says:

"Mexico has behaved admirably and has expressed willingness to do anything within reason that we desire to do in the Colorado river break. Of course, Mexico is not to do the work. The immediate work must be done by Mr. Harriman's company, as I pointed out in my telegram to him. But we should be prepared to put a definite responsibility on congress immediately upon its reassembling. To do that I must, of course, know just what separate or joint responsibilities there should be as regards this country and the California Improvement company. Please formulate a plan at the earliest possible moment, submitting it to the state department, so that Mexico can be fully informed."

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\$200 INTEREST ON \$20 LOAN

Exactions of Loan Sharks Drive T. J. Tonnesen to Despair.

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HOME AND FURNITURE GONE—STILL IN DEBT.

In destitute circumstances, with a sick wife and eight children to provide for, and himself unable to secure work, Tonnesen J. Tonnesen, 728 West First North, has been driven to the brink of despair as the direct result of the heartless methods practiced by the loan sharks in a state where there exists no usury law. In the fall, three years ago, Tonnesen, who is a carpenter, and finds it difficult during the winter months to secure sufficient work to enable him to provide for his family, was compelled to take the last resort open to the miserably poor, that of borrowing on a chattel mortgage on household furniture a small amount from a loan company. Tonnesen secured from J. T. Stringer company the sum of \$20 and gave his note for sixty days for \$25. He was to pay interest at the rate of 10 per cent per month. At the end of the sixty days he was unable to pay the note given to the Stringer company, and as a result the interest and his troubles began to grow.

Ten Times Principal.

In the three years that the loan has existed Tonnesen has paid in interest over \$300 on the original loan of \$20 and still owes upwards of \$30. He has, in fact, paid to the Stringer company every cent that he could possibly spare, and has undergone every privation in a futile effort to rid himself of the pitiless burden.

Condition of affairs in Tonnesen's home came to a climax last Friday, when the case was reported to the Salt Lake Charity association. Captain M. M. Wood, superintendent of that association, immediately paid a visit to the Tonnesens, to find that they were completely without coal, with only a very limited supply of food on hand and three of the younger children without shoes on their feet. Captain Wood, after visiting a number of coal yards, was able to secure a sack of coal for the immediate relief of the family, and the promise of another small supply when that was exhausted. He also supplied one of the children, who was running barefoot, with a pair of shoes, and had the miserable remnants in the form of footwear of the other two children repaired at the shoe shop of the association.

Prey Upon Necessity.

A Herald reporter visited the Tonnesen home Wednesday (that conditions there were even worse than at first reported. The rooms were barren of furniture, save for a few chairs and old tables. The only sign of prosperity to be seen was an upright piano. Inquiry was made as to the piano and it was learned that it had been recently placed in the home to be paid for on the installment plan; that it was not the choice of the Tonnesens to have it there, but that they had to permit a music firm to place the piano in the house on the installment plan as a part of an agreement made with the music firm when they sold their organ in November, so as to raise money for their torturers, the loan sharks. It is their intention to let the payment on the piano lapse and thereby have it taken away. Pale and careworn, with a nursing child in her arms, Mrs. Tonnesen received the reporter, and after learning his mission became nervous and frightened, exclaiming: "If I tell you these things and they get in the paper, Mr. Stringer will sue and take away everything we've got." That the name of Stringer is one to inspire terror in the Tonnesen household was evident. Mrs. Tonnesen was reluctant to talk upon the subject of the loan and its blighting consequences in her family, but after questioning she related her story bit by bit.

Lose Their Home.

Mrs. Tonnesen said that three years ago the loan of \$20 was made. Stringer taking a mortgage on the household furniture. At the time of the loan they were living in their own home, 865 South Eighth West street. After the first few months they commenced to pay upon the principal, but from time to time were compelled for want of funds to lapse payments. The interest as a result commenced to pile up and triple the original loan, until the Tonnesens were so far in debt that it appeared to them they would never get free. Sickness in the family, first of the father, then the mother and the children, made the situation all the more serious. But whenever a little money was available, it was made to Stringer, until nearly \$300 had been paid him in interest, had to give up their home on Eighth West, which they had been paying for on the installment plan. They realized a little money out of this final transaction of their home. Taking \$25 with him, Tonnesen went to Stringer to take up the original note and to beg him to release him from further obligation.

Gives Another Note.

Stringer would not listen to a full settlement on such terms, but offered to return the note and take out another for the interest due, amounting to about \$15.00, obtaining as security a mortgage on Tonnesen's range and iron bedstead, which was all the furniture of value that he possessed aside from the piano. Tonnesen accepted the offer, for it was all he could do, and thus started anew the endless chain of debt. During the summer, when Tonnesen could have worked, he fell and seriously injured his leg, increasing his misfortune to his family. The wife has taken in washing for some time and the two oldest children are at work. In this way the family has managed to pay their rent, make an occasional payment to Stringer and in a fashion eke out an existence. They were compelled to let the December payment on the loan lapse, and Mrs. Tonnesen stated Wednesday that she did not see how it would be possible to meet the January payment.

The Tonnesen case is only one of many existing in Salt Lake, with no usury law to call a halt to the system practiced by the loan sharks, who fatten on the necessities of the poor and ignorant.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Yesterday's Record at the Local Office of the Weather Bureau.

Maximum temperature, 50 degrees; minimum temperature, 36 degrees; mean temperature, 43 degrees, which is 9 degrees above the normal; accumulated excess of temperature since 1st of month, 75 degrees; accumulated deficiency of temperature since Jan. 1, 168 degrees. Relative humidity at 6 p. m., 65. Total precipitation from 6 p. m. to 6 p. m., none; accumulated deficiency of precipitation since 1st of month, 22 inches; accumulated excess of precipitation since Jan. 1, 6.14 inches.

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Delinquent Notice.

PLANETARY GOLD & SILVER MINING Company, Principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah. Location of mines, Box Elder County, Utah. Notice—There are delinquent upon the following described stock on account of Assessment No. 3 of one (1) cent per share, levied on the 5th day of November, 1906, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

No.	Name	No. Shares	Am't. Due
28	W. H. Dodge	1000	\$10.00
29	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
30	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
31	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
32	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
33	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
34	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
35	W. H. Dodge	1000	10.00
36	James J. Smythe	250	2.50
37	James J. Smythe	250	2.50
38	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
39	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
40	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
41	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
42	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
43	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
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47	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
48	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
49	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00
50	J. E. Williams	1500	15.00

And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors made on the 15th day of November, 1906, the several shares of each parcel of stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the Secretary, at 155 South Third street, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1906, at 12 o'clock m., to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, together with the costs of advertising and expense of sale.

T. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

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Notice of Special Stockholders' Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Queen of the Hills Mining company, a corporation of the state of Utah, at its office, 155 South Third street, Salt Lake City, Utah, upstairs, in the office of Henry W. Lawrence, on Saturday, Jan. 12, 1907, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Said meeting is called for the purpose of ratifying the action of the board of directors in selling the Chicago No. 2 and the Trafalgar No. 2 lode mining claims; and, at said meeting will also be considered the question of authorizing the board of directors to sell all of the property of the company, both real and personal, either in parcels or in one body, as may seem best to the board of directors, and at such time and for such consideration as shall seem best to the board of directors.

BENJAMIN HAMPTON, President, and GEORGE N. LAWRENCE, Secretary of said Queen of the Hills Mining Company.

If you cannot attend this meeting personally, please send your proxy to H. W. Lawrence.

Notice of Assessment No. 5.

NAILDRIVER MINING COMPANY, Principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors held on the 21st day of November, 1906, an assessment of one (1) cent per share was levied on the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately to W. R. Wightman, secretary, at the office of the company, Room 206, Dooly block, Salt Lake City, Utah. Any stock on which this assessment may remain unpaid at the close of business on the 22d day of December, 1906, shall be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold at 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 15, 1907, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

W. R. WIGHTMAN, Secretary.

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Assessment No. 12.

SPIDER MINING COMPANY, Principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 11th day of December, 1906, an assessment of 1/2 cent per share was levied on the capital stock of the corporation, issued and outstanding, payable immediately to W. A. Langford, treasurer, at 902 West Second South street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Any stock on which this assessment may remain unpaid on the 21st day of January, 1907, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 15th day of February, 1907, to pay the delinquent assessment and expense of sale.

W. A. LANGFORD, Secretary.

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Notice to the Public.

MY wife, Susie Rynearson, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I will not be responsible for any debts of her contracting.

WM. RYNEARSON, December 19, 1906.

Christmas Hints to Our Lady Friends



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