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PLAN TO CONNECT GREAT LAKES AND THE GULF OF MEXICO.

Proposed Route Includes Chicago Drainage Canal, Illinois River and the Mississippi—Its Feasibility and Great Advantages.

[Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Chicago, which is the home of great things, is just now considering the splendid project of uniting itself with the gulf of Mexico by means of a waterway. It is not by any means a new plan, for it has been in contemplation ever since the famous drainage canal was talked about. The drainage canal is to be an integral part of the proposed system. Now impetus is given to the subject just now by the discussion of the Nicaragua canal, for if Chicago and the central states were connected by water with the gulf and with Latin America the isthmian canal would afford them direct maritime connection with the Pacific coast and Asia. It will be seen that the scheme bears



NEW PROJECTED WATERWAY.

within itself the germs of unlimited opportunities and possibilities for the great central portion of our country and is of undoubted importance to the other sections.

The plan briefly outlined is to connect Chicago and the gulf by way of the drainage canal, the Illinois river and the Mississippi. The project, though of vast magnitude and entailing enormous expense, is entirely feasible. It has been investigated by a government deep waterways commission and reported on to Secretary Root, who in turn has transmitted the report to congress. It is hardly possible that the present session will find time in its rush of business to consider the matter, but the next congress will probably do so.

The supporters of the project point out the benefits that would accrue to the United States through the waterway, and they contend that the cost of the enterprise, though undoubtedly great, would be more than compensated. Of course the proposed waterway must be under federal control, since a large number of states are directly or indirectly interested in it. The central states point out that most of their products are shipped now at high rates by rail, and it costs about 50 cents per 100 pounds to reach the seaboard. With the new waterway in successful operation this cost would be greatly lessened.

It is pointed out that this facilitation of trade would greatly increase American commerce with our southern neighbors, which rightfully belongs to us. If we had 14 feet of water from Chicago to the gulf, vessels could load at Chicago or any of the intermediate cities and without breaking bulk could reach all South and Central America. With the Nicaragua canal dug they could easily supply the wants of the Pacific islands and coasts. The cities in the territory tributary to the proposed waterway are enthusiastic in their support of the plan.

Much more could be written of the advantages to be derived from the accomplishment of the idea. The only question, then, is as to its feasibility. As written above, the government commission has reported favorably, which disposes of the general question of the utility and possibility of the project. It is possible to take each section separately and demonstrate its practicability. The first section down from Chicago would be the drainage canal. When this was originally planned, a depth of 14 feet was considered sufficient, but the trustees decided to make it eight feet more with a view to this very utilization of the canal besides its original purpose of providing drainage for Chicago. The second section, the Illinois river, can be dredged to a sufficient depth, while the third and longest, the Mississippi, could, in the opinion of expert engineers, be rendered navigable by the largest vessels.

The Mississippi question is intimately connected with the irrigation problem of the far west. As is well known, the main cause of the practically un-navigable condition of the river is the floods that destroy and change the river channels. These floods can be controlled and checked by the storages of the waters of the rivers tributary to the Mississippi, which is the purpose of the irrigationists.

This plan is only one of a number of great waterway projects that are in contemplation. Among others those looking to the direct connection of the middle west with the east without touching Canadian territory are of great economic and political importance.

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In the cut some beautiful transparent sleeves of ecru point de venise lace are shown; they are trimmed with narrow black ribbon velvet, and have puffs of finely tucked white chiffon at the wrists, with pointed puffs of chiffon extending over the hands. A pretty pair of the undersleeves which are now so fashionable is also shown.



CHIC ACCESSORIES OF DRESS.

They are made of fine creamy lace and have pointed cuffs of transparent lace, edged with a double row of gold tinsel braid.

Another figure shows a folded neck-band of creamy lace, with a bow of narrow ribbon velvet on the left side. The ends of the velvet are finished off with small gold buttons. Another folded neckband has a tie of ribbon velvet with pointed gilt ends.

As already said, accessories are indispensable, and particularly the little scarfs and ties, the choux of velvet or crape, and velvet tabs and adornments, which are seen on all fashionable toilets. In fact, our bodies seem strewn with odds and ends, from the fussiness of lace and the jingling farrets on ribbons to the many charms, seals and pendants which swing on our chains.

Exquisite are the new gowns and trimmings in applique form, but gold and silver tinsel in combination with colored velvet is the newest idea and most charming in faced cloth or handsome chine silk.

The heavier makes of lace, such as duchesse, bridges point and the becoming rennaissance lace, are distinctly popular, and the zoid-collars are newer than the fat type and can be worn in various styles.

The favorite decoration for a lace bodice or blouse is a chain arrangement of crape-velvet with ends, the velvet in loops, the crape tucked or "fringed."

Large single blossoms set in rosettes of tulle or chiffon are used; the colors reproduced in long velvet or ribbon streamers falling to the edge of the gown.

The black lace robe, with applications of white lace disposed as a garniture, is quite the new idea for this type of gown and can be worn over black or white.

Flat, short haired furs are greatly in favor this season, and, as far as now goes, for coats, for turndown collars and robes, a bushy or long haired fur would be impossible. Very narrow bands of sable, mink and of brown skins are used on handsome evening gowns of velvet and silk, and fur velvets and white revers of evening gowns

MANY ORPHANS DEAD

Twenty-Six Lose Their Lives in a New York Asylum.

MANY MORE MAIMED.

Some Are So Badly Injured They Will Die—The Explosion of a Boiler Cut Off All Means of Escape and They Perished.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9.—By the burning of the Rochester Orphan asylum here between 20 and 30 lives were lost and many of the inmates will die from burns or other injuries. The asylum was a 3-story structure and its occupants numbered between 165 and 195.

It was but a few minutes after 1 yesterday morning when a nurse in the hospital, Miss Cline, smelled smoke. She immediately called a nurse, Miss Valliant, and the latter reported the matter to the matron, Miss L. Dinehart. The smoke was located in the boiler-rooms and word was sent to police headquarters. All the fire apparatus was rushed to the burning building, but before the first engine arrived neighbors for blocks around had arrived and were doing the best they could to rescue the inmates.

Shortly after the fire broke out the boiler exploded with terrific force, completely blowing out the lower part of the west end of the connecting wing, thereby cutting off the escape of the children from the east end of the building. The children who were nearest to the connecting wing were apparently dazed by the force of the explosion and with difficulty were able to take in their surroundings when finally aroused. In the east wing were the sleeping apartments of the asylum. They were located mainly on the second and third floors, the lower floor known as the first nursery and the upper as second. Herein were 40 children or more. Miss Sarah Ashdown was in charge for the night and with her was Miss Brad of the hospital ward, who was taking care of two sick children. The explosion, though of great force, was not loud enough to awaken the sleeping nurses.

When the smoke began to pour into the east wing it was but a matter of a few seconds before the whole sleeping population was brought to a realization of the situation with suddenness which at once seemed to rob nearly every one of judgment and mental faculties. A terrible chorus of cries and groans filled the air. It was impossible to see anything and as the thick smoke poured in the scene became one of indescribable confusion. Chief nurse, Miss Ashdown, did all within her power to save the children and nurses. When the firemen arrived on the scene their attention was first turned to inmates of the hospital ward in the west wing.

On the floor next to the top was Miss Brad. With the flames leaping all around her it seemed impossible for her to escape. She did, however, but was so seriously injured by falling she will not live. It is stated by the matron that there were 75 girls in the west wing. Besides there were two children and two nurses in the hospital department which was also in that wing. It is estimated that all the inmates of the west wing, have been gotten out, either dead or alive.

Many children were taken away early and the number saved and those dead and injured could with great difficulty be counted.

The latest report is the identified dead at the asylum had reached 26 children, one nurse and a cook.

After Better Water Ways.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The diet was opened today in the name of Emperor William, who is suffering from a slight cold, by the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, who read the speech from the throne. The principal point in this was the announcement of the presentation of the extended canal bill, comprising not only the Rhine and Elbe scheme, but also the construction of a waterway for large ships between Berlin and Stettin; a more, practicable waterway between Oker and Vistula and improvements in Wartha, Lower Oder, Lower Havel and Spree.

Grip at New York.

New York, Jan. 9.—It is estimated that there are 250,000 cases of grip, bronchitis and pneumonia in this city. Not only are the hospitals, but private institutions are overflowing, and physicians in many instances are finding it difficult to make their rounds. It has been remarked that while the characteristics of the malady are much the same as in former years, the disease has assumed a catarrhal tendency which is new.

French Parliament Meets.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Parliament has reassembled. Great animation was manifested on the floor of the chamber of deputies and the tribunes were crowded. M. Paul Deschanel, who has been president of the chamber since the beginning of the present parliament, was reelected.

Another Ohio Bank Looted.

Mansfield, Jan. 9.—David Ozier's private bank at Shiloh was entered by burglars at 1 o'clock this morning and the bank safe blown open. Exact amount secured by the thieves is not known, but it was about \$6000.

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

The Regular Session Called to Order at the State Capital.

Austin, Jan. 9.—Both houses of the state legislature convened promptly at high noon yesterday. Most of the members being present.

Mr. Prince of Corsicana was elected speaker of the house.

Most of the day was taken up in organization.

The governor's message, will, in all probability, go to the legislature today.

BATTLE AT LINDLEY.

Boers Defeat British Near Where Other Battles Were Fought.

London, Jan. 9.—The fresh affair at Lindley, where the British already have had many mishaps, is vaguely described by General Kitchener. The force referred to as the bodyguard is not Knox's own guard, but a distinct organization, either a corps recruited by General Roberts for his personal protection during the march from Modder river to Pretoria, or from the other South African contingents.

Military men do not understand that Knox himself was with the force attacked by a Boer commando of superior strength, but explain that several British columns are cooperating in the pursuit of DeWet and that one of them has been sharply engaged with the Boers and lost 40 officers and men killed or wounded.

The fact that the wounded have been taken into Heilbron indicates that Gen. Knox's mounted force has followed DeWet from the Orange and Okeston rivers in the southeastern corner to the northern edge of the Colony toward the Vaal. He has not been diverted from his pursuit by raids of marauders south of Orange river, but has traversed the country, keeping on the right side of the railway. He has a roving commission, evidently, and has been notified to follow DeWet as long as his horses are fit.

The Lindley affair probably will turn out a Boer success, either on the part of DeWet or of forces which have crossed the Vaal, broken through the railway cordons at Rhenoster, and reached Lindley. It is a fresh indication that fighting is not over, although Kitchener and the burghers have been handing about the pipe of peace.

MUNICIPAL LAWS.

The Philippine Commission Completes the Code for City Government.

Manila, Jan. 9.—The Philippine commission has completed the code for the government of municipalities. It will be enacted next week and supersede the military order of last March under which many wards or districts were organized. Municipal elections take place in December. The act does not apply to Manila or settlements of non-Christian tribes. Ten residents of Pueblo have decided to petition the commission to organize a municipality there. The commission may organize one without a petition.

The military commander of the district is to appoint police and can suspend municipal officers by misconduct or incapacity. Lands and buildings used exclusively for religious, charitable or educational work are exempted from taxation.

HAT PIN CAUSES DEATH.

Girl Stabs a Boy for Kissing Her. Death Resulted.

Tacoma, Jan. 9.—Last week at a school, Frank Sloan in fun kissed Ella Boone, whom he had blindfolded. She resented the action, indignantly pulled a hatpin from her hat, stabbed him in the leg. The pin was broken off in his limb and blood poisoning resulted. Next day the pain became so intense that Sloan went to the hospital at Walls Walla. An X-ray machine failed to locate any sign of the remaining portion of the pin and Sloan grew very ill and died. Miss Boone and her mother, Mrs. Boone, were arrested. Sloan's presence that she had been kissed. This innocent rumor to Sloan's death.

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The Reception.

The Caucasian has been complimented with an invitation to the Reception to be given by the City Faculty to visitors attending the Teachers' Institute, Central High School, Wednesday, January ninth at eight-thirty p. m.

MARRIED.

Miss Daisy Christian and Mr. J. P. Hamel.

On Monday night, at 8 o'clock, Miss Daisy Christian and Mr. J. P. Hamel were married in the Christian church by Rev. Claude L. Jones, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. C. M. Christian, and the groom is a most worthy young gentleman.

We join the friends and well wishers of the bride and groom in hearty congratulations.

The Teachers' Institute

The Teachers' Institute which is in progress at the High School is one of the most successful ever held in this city. Admirable addresses were delivered last night by Prof. Chambers and Superintendent Calhoun.

To Our Friends and Patrons

Our lease having expired, we have sold the fixtures, etc. in the Phoenix hotel bar to the Hotel Company, Limited.

In this connection we desire to thank our friends and patrons for their generous and appreciated patronage, and we tender to them, one and all, our compliments and best wishes. Respectfully,
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Of the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers Bank held in the bank building on Tuesday, January 8, the following named officers and directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

President—L. M. Carter.
Vice President—P. J. Trezvant.
Cashier—C. S. Bauman.
Assistant Cashier—R. L. Mayfield.
Directors—L. M. Carter, P. J. Trezvant, A. H. Leonard, J. B. Ardis and W. A. Pleasants.

The gentlemen upon whom rest the responsibility of the management of the affairs of the bank, have proven that they are thoroughly competent and reliable—faithful indeed, and tried and true, as indicated by the statement of the condition of the bank already published to the world.

The election of the officers and directors is a compliment personal to each and all, a recognition of their safe and sound judgment, able financiers, who are directly interested in the prosperity of the bank and who will maintain it to be the highest and most satisfactory standard.

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ATTENTION, VETERANS.

General LeRoy Stafford Camp, U. C. V.

The officers and members of the General LeRoy Stafford Camp No. 8, U. C. V., are hereby notified that the regular meeting of the camp will be held tonight, Wednesday, January 9, at their headquarters, Randall-Filiquier building at 7 o'clock. As business of importance is to be considered, a full attendance is desired. By order of the commander,
J. M. MARIN, Adjutant.

RIVER AND WEATHER.

This morning opened cloudy.
Temperature; maximum 71, minimum 52.
River—Fultos, 5.0, fall of 0.2; Shreveport, 2.4, fall of 0.2.
River forecast—Red river in the vicinity of Shreveport will fall slowly during next 48 hours.
Forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: General fair tonight; Thursday probably rain and colder.
The Red River Line steamer Bietra is advertised tomorrow, Thursday, January 10, at 4 p. m. for New Orleans.

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