

MACHINE THAT WILL DIG CANAL READY FOR TASK

Gigantic Scraper to be Used on Diversion Channel to Begin Work Today

DITCH 30 MILES LONG WILL COST \$1,500,000

Engineer O'Brien Says This Slough is Biggest Part of Drainage Project

The first of the four gigantic drag line scrapers, which will be used in digging the "Diversion Channel" from Green Brier, Bollinger County, to the Mississippi river, a distance of thirty miles, was tested Monday.

The electric current, supplied by the Missouri Public Utilities Company of Cape Girardeau, was turned on under the supervision of William A. O'Brien, chief engineer of the Little River Drainage District, and the big machines went into action in perfect order.

Work on the actual excavation, Mr. O'Brien said, probably will begin Tuesday. This thirty-mile channel will average approximately 140 feet in width and its depth will range from fifteen to twenty feet.

When the big ditch is completed, the headwaters of the Castor and White Water rivers will flow into the Mississippi river, emptying into this stream about four miles south of the Cape.

Fully thirty months will be consumed in digging the "Diversion Channel," which will cost at least \$1,500,000. This is probably the most important work connected with the Little River Drainage District's reclamation project.

By diverting the head waters of the Castor and White Water rivers, the swamp land lying southwest of the Cape will be materially relieved. These two streams at present receive the water from many small creeks and sloughs and carry this probably fifty miles mouth, where the two rivers lose their identity, and the water spreads over a great area.

The channel from Green Brier to the Mississippi river will reduce the overflow in the inundated section to a marked degree. By diverting the course of the Castor and White Water rivers, the small ditches that now traverse this waste land will be able to carry away all of the excess water that rushes down from the hills.

"When we finish the Diversion Channel," said Mr. O'Brien, we will have completed the most important part of this huge undertaking. As soon as we can get relief from the bulk of the water from the Castor and White Water rivers, we will be able to make better progress in the district now suffering from overflows.

"This reclamation project is undoubtedly the most important work of its kind ever attempted in the United States, if not in the whole world. I am afraid all of the people of Missouri do not appreciate its importance. To begin with, it will cost \$4,500,000. That feature alone makes the project very important.

"The district to be reclaimed is ninety-five miles long and eight miles wide. In this area are 488,000 acres of the richest land in the world. As it is today, it is worth no more than the timber that is on it. But it has a valuation of \$30 an acre, and that figure I consider cheap. If it were not for the fact that the land is to be drained I don't believe it would sell for more than \$10 per acre, if that.

"But when this reclamation project has been finished, this land will eclipse the richest bottom lands of fertile Illinois. The silt has washed down into this section for ages, and as a result the soil in this swamp region has become almost bottomless.

"The belief that no one lives in this country is erroneous. Farmers are invading it from every state and they are more than satisfied with the prospects. Seed planted in this virgin soil grows with startling rapidity. And when the reclamation work is finished, Southeast Missouri will be the garden spot of Missouri, and Cape Girardeau will be the metropolis of this new section."

The second drag line scraper will begin work within the next ten days and two others will be installed before the close of next month. These machines are the largest of their kind ever manufactured. Each one weighs 150 tons.

The excavations at Green Brier will be made some distance from Castor river, and no effort will be made to admit water into the ditch until it can be carried through to the Mississippi.

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COLONEL ROOSEVELT DEFIES HIS PHYSICIAN; WILL CAMPAIGN DESPITE THROAT AILMENT

To Begin Making Bull Moose Speeches Upon Arrival Home

THROAT CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS

Lady Expert Advised Former President to Keep Silent Whole Season

London, June 22.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who was forbidden to make political speeches in the United States because of a throat ailment, has informed his friends that he will take the stump for the Bull Moose party as soon as he reaches his country.

Col. Roosevelt, according to the specialist who examined his throat, stated that he was suffering from the effects of fever which he contracted while on his expedition in South America.

Before leaving New York for Europe to attend the wedding of his son, he made the announcement that he would take the stump shortly after his return, and indicated that he would criticize the policies of President Wilson.

Since his arrival in London he has been suffering with his throat, and for several days he almost lost his voice. At the urgent requests of his friends he consulted a specialist, who found him to be in a serious condition.

He advised a long rest and requested Col. Roosevelt to keep off of the campaign platform.

"I am going to make some political speeches shortly after my arrival in the United States," the Colonel is quoted as saying. "I shall not say at this time whether I will touch on the present administration. I outlined my plans before leaving New York, and those plans are still my plans."

The noted hunter has gained considerably since he arrived in Europe and he looks to be in splendid health. His voice does not give evidence of weakness, but intimate friends say it gives him constant trouble.

RAILROAD WINS \$700,000,000 CASE

By telegraph to The Tribune.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Under a sweeping decision of the United States Supreme Court today, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company is confirmed in its rights to titles to a vast territory of valuable petroleum lands in California. The land is secured under land grants made by Congress to assist in the construction of the road.

The aggregate value of these lands has been placed as high as \$700,000,000. Aside from the main contention, the court settled a long mooted question that petroleum is mineral.

The decision today virtually wiped out a number of similar suits filed by the government against railroads for the recovery of mineral lands.

JOHNSON LOSING FRIENDS.

By telegraph to The Tribune.

Paris, June 22.—Odds in favor of Jack Johnson for his fight with Frank Moran here Saturday, today dropped from \$3 to \$1, to \$2 to \$1. A well-known Frenchman today offered to bet \$8,000 at that rate. It is believed the betting will drop much lower, possibly 10 to 8 by the time the men enter the ring. Moran is down to 203 pounds in weight and has made a pronounced impression upon the fighting fans.

WOODEN LEGGED WITNESSES

Summon Men to Show That Earning Capacity of Boy Has Not Been Decreased.

Springfield, Mass., June 22.—Six men with wooden legs were witnesses for the defense in the case of Collins vs. the Holyoke Street Railway company. The plaintiff, a 12-year-old boy, asks \$40,000 for the loss of a leg. The railway company admits its liability, but maintains that aside from inability to participate in athletic sports there has been no interference with the boy's activities.

"The loss of a leg, provided an artificial limb is supplied, will not decrease Edward Collins' earning power," declared a high-priced medical expert on the witness stand.

The array of wooden-legged witnesses produced by the street railway includes salesmen and others, who will testify concerning their earning capacity before and after their injury.



COL. ROOSEVELT IN ACTION

MISSOURI MUST VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

Women Get Required Number of Signers and Insure Fall Election.

SAY SUCCESS IS SURE

Politicians Believe Legislature Is Indication of the Men's Intention

By telegraph to The Tribune.

St. Louis, Mo., June 22.—The women suffragists have obtained the required number of signatures to their initiative petition calling for an amendment to the State Constitution, giving them the right to vote.

The result of this campaign was announced at the headquarters of the suffragists here today. The question will go on record almost unanimously in favor of women suffrage at the coming election.

Leaders of this movement were jubilant over the apparent victory, and they declare that the men of Missouri will go on record almost unanimously in favor of women suffrage at the coming election.

Politicians questioned today were dubious about the ultimate result. Those who are most bitter against the suffragist movement, cited the vote in the last legislature as an indication of the November election.

THE 1914 WHEAT CROP.

Sikeston, Mo., June 22.—This is one of the country's leading wheat crops. Several hundred thousand acres of fine wheat has already been cut and a number of crops have been threshed and is being hauled to market. They are having fair weather for threshing and before the first of July about all the crops will be completed, raked and garnered.

The wheat crop this year is much better than last year or the last two years, in fact better than the average crop. The quality of the grain is fine and is grading high. The crop will average about 20 bushels to the acre, while a few fields will reach 30 or 35 bushels and perhaps 40.

There will probably be over 1,500,000 bushels of wheat produced in the vicinity of Sikeston and tributary territory this year. This is the land of no crop failures and the Sikeston District always comes to the front with its excellent showing of grain and melon crops.

Buyers are paying 73 cents for wheat, which prices will hold good throughout the week. First few crops were sold for 75 cents per bushel.

AUTOMOBILE RUNS AMUCK IN HAARIG

Machine On Demonstrating Trip Smashes Surrey Then Bumps Farmer.

The peaceful West end of Cape Girardeau, commonly known as Haarig, was the scene of a near automobile disaster Saturday afternoon at about 3 o'clock when a new Overland ran amuck on Good Hope street, frightening teams which under ordinary conditions are permitted to graze along the curbing.

It seems that Avey Sherrill, the well-known mechanical expert, who is employed by a downtown automobile concern, was serving in the capacity of chaperone to a prospective purchaser who was attempting to gather enough information to run a car with a view of buying one.

As is often the case, under such conditions, the machine would not conduct itself properly, and proceeded to act ugly at a very inopportune time. At the corner of Good Hope and Sprigg it seemed to develop an especial bitterness toward a surrey which was driven by John James, a well-known farmer who lives about four miles west of town.

Before Mr. Sherrill could assume active command at the steering wheel the unruly auto had struck the vehicle with force sufficient to spring the back axle, break a number of spokes and otherwise damage the buggy. After thus venting its feelings, the auto made an abrupt turn down Sprigg street, where it was brought to a sudden stop within about thirty feet of its first victim, having run into the rear end of a heavy wagon loaded with rock.

The only damage the second victim suffered was some broken harness, but the Overland came out of the mixup with a demolished fender and a broken lamp.

Officer Hutson appeared on the scene at about that time and after admonishing the occupants of the car to be more careful, released them upon the promise that they would make good the damage done.

AT THE PICTURE SHOWS.

The Dream Woman, a photo play from the well known story by Wilkie Collins, was received very enthusiastically at the Broadway theatre last evening by patrons of that popular picture house.

NEGRO TRIES TO ATTACK GIRL THEN ESCAPES

Police Seek Unidentified Black Who Embraced Miss Jesse Fisher

GIRL RETURNING FROM DANCE WHEN SQUEEZED

Patrolman Hutson Rescues Young Woman Who is Threatened With Nervous Collapse

The police of Cape Girardeau are making a systematic search for an unidentified negro who attempted to attack Miss Jesse Fisher while she was returning from a dance at Smelterville Sunday evening.

She was accompanied by Walter McCormick and Walter Sand and Augusta Jester, and the party had just stepped from a street car at Good Hope street, just in front of the Orpheum theater.

According to Miss Fisher's statement to the police, the two couples parted as soon as they alighted from the car. Mr. McCormick, who was Miss Fisher's escort, excused himself for a moment, leaving the young woman standing alone on the street corner.

He had been gone just a moment when the negro, who is described as being unusually black, approached and as he passed, he commanded Miss Fisher to step aside.

In compliance with the demands of the burly black, the young lady stepped aside and after the negro had gone by her, she dismissed the incident from her thoughts.

Suddenly she found herself being held tightly in the arms of the brute who had turned back and caught her unawares.

In spite of her screams and warnings, the negro continued embracing her. Finally Officer Jeff Hutson appeared on the scene.

The assailant made his escape successfully and the frightened girl was escorted to her home at 223 Fountain street where for several hours she was on the verge of a nervous collapse.

The negro is still at large and the officers are exerting every effort to accomplish his capture.

READING ROOMS ASSURED.

The result of the meeting of the Reading Room and Library Board at the Commercial Club Rooms Monday night were quite encouraging.

Plans were agreed upon by which a campaign will be started for the purpose of raising \$1,000 for the purchase of a library, and in view of the fact that Mr. Houck has offered gratuitously the use of the old Baptist Church for a building, the money appropriated will be applied exclusively to the purchase of books.

The following is a list of the members of the board who attended the meeting: Fred Naeter, W. H. Hutters, H. A. Nussbaum, E. Drushe, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. George Bell, Miss Elizabeth Davis and Miss Mary Koehitzky.

WILLIAM G. SHARP



William G. Sharp, representative in congress from the Fourteenth Ohio district, has been appointed ambassador to France to succeed Myron T. Herrick.

CAPT. JAYNES' AUTO RUNS DOWN A BOY

Thomas A. Dowd's Bicycle Hits Machine and Lad is Injured

HIS WITS SAVED HIM FROM SERIOUS INJURY

Youth, Realizing Danger, Forces Himself From Under the Wheels

While riding a bicycle on Main street near Broadway late yesterday afternoon, Thomas A. Dowd, 16 years old, who lives on Henderson avenue, near the Fair Grounds, was struck by the automobile of Capt. A. Jaynes.

The bicycle was smashed and Young Dowd was hurled to the street, one wheel of the machine passing over his right arm just above the elbow.

Capt. Jaynes placed the lad in his machine and sped to the office of Dr. M. Rosenthal, who examined the victim and pronounced his injuries not serious.

His right arm was severely bruised and there were hurts on his right side, but Dr. Rosenthal stated after a thorough examination that no bones were fractured. After being treated, Capt. Jaynes took the lad home in his machine.

The accident occurred during the evening rush hour. The sidewalks were crowded with workmen returning home from their labors, and a huge crowd gathered a few moments after the mishap.

Capt. Jaynes had been inspecting some farm land on the outskirts of East Cape, which is across on the Illinois side. He crossed the river on a ferry and from the landing he hastened to Main street, where his machine awaited him.

He climbed into his automobile and started south on Main street at a moderate rate of speed. After he had gone a short distance, he shut off the power and began coasting down the hill.

Shortly before his machine reached Broadway he noticed the boy turn the corner on his wheel and start toward the auto. Capt. Jaynes who was then running at a slow rate of speed, thought the lad would turn to the opposite side of the street and he continued to coast leisurely along.

Just as the bicycle and automobile started to pass, the bicycle appeared to skid and plunged into the machine. Young Dowd toppled from his wheel, falling under the front wheel. Realizing his danger, the boy forced his body clear of the wheel at the expense of his arm.

Capt. Jaynes brought his machine to a complete stop before the rear wheels struck the lad. He assisted young Dowd into the automobile and made a hurried run to Dr. Rosenthal's office.

Capt. Jaynes expressed deep regret over the accident, but said it was unavoidable. Spectators exonerated him of blame.

ANGELES IS PROCLAIMED PRESIDENT, EDVOYS HEAR

Niagara Falls, June 22.—Gen. Villa has proclaimed Gen. Angeles provisional president of Mexico, according to advices received by the Mexican delegates. They said they had received advices denying that Gen. Carranza and Gen. Villa had patched up their differences.

A bulletin issued by the delegation declared:

"The Mexican consul at El Paso telegraphs that from private messages intercepted at Juarez it has been learned that there is no truth in the reports asserting that all differences between the Villalistas and the Carranzalist factions have been satisfactorily adjusted.

"Villa has issued a proclamation, addressed to America, proclaiming Gen. Angeles president of Mexico.

"Carranza is completing plans to depose by force of arms Gov. Maytorena of Sonora. To this end he is quietly increasing to 20,000 men the forces under Elias Calles, military commander of the state mentioned."

Reads Perkins Out of Party.

Philadelphia, June 22.—Gifford Pinchot, Progressive candidate for United States senator from Pennsylvania, read out of the Washington party, the Bull Moose organization in Pennsylvania, George W. Perkins of New York. The repudiation of Perkins took the form of an indorsement of the views expressed by Amos Pinchot, a brother of the candidate.