

MAY ACCOMPLISH WORK ON STREAM STILL, IS HOPE

Announcement Made in Washington Would Indicate That Labor May Start Soon.

OVER THREE MONTHS LEFT

Passage of River and Harbor Bill Would Mean That Mississippi Improvements Would Progress.

With the announcement made by Senator Kern, majority leader in the upper house at Washington, that the river and harbor bill would be disposed of before congress adjourned, hopes of the river officials in this city have arisen and it may be that several months of labor on the stream will be accomplished still this year.

Contract Work Would Start. As soon as the appropriation is made the contract work which has stopped as well as the rest will start again.

The dredges will also become active and much needed work can be accomplished in the short period of time.

As the improvement of the river depends entirely upon the passage of the river and harbor bill it can readily be seen that with the adoption of the appropriation it will be halted with delight.

Commercial clubs and other municipal societies in cities on the upper Mississippi have registered their wishes that congress would attend to the bill and much interest is being centered by the people in states bordering on the river upon the appropriation.

136 Projects Stopped. A dispatch says: Washington, Aug. 20.—According to the army engineers having river and harbor work in charge, work on 136 projects has either been suspended already or will be suspended by September 15, because of the failure of congress to make the needed appropriations.

In a memorandum submitted to Chairman Spickman of the rivers and harbors committee of the house, the chief of engineers, in calling attention to congress to the passing necessity for appropriations to carry on river and harbor work, said: "Every effort has been made to keep the estimates down to the amounts actually needed to permit of economical prosecution of the works adopted by congress and, by reason of the regular passages in the past four years of rivers and harbors acts, confidence that this policy would be continued has been gradually acquired; and not only the engineer's department, but contractors engaged in furnishing materials or doing work under the department have acquired the same confidence and have made their plans accordingly."

Wash Day Is Joy Day With "SKITCH"

"SKITCH" Sends Washboards to the Scrap Heap—"SKITCH" Saves the Backache of Rubbing—"SKITCH" Keeps Your Hands Out of Hot Suds—"SKITCH" Is a God-send on Wash Day.



"I got the new old washboard! You'll never break my back again—SKITCH saves the rubbing." Praises be for SKITCH! It's a perfect wonder. Throw your washboards away, women! Don't break your back rubbing clothes, or don't let your washboard break her poor back rubbing for SKITCH cleans clothes better than rubbing can do it, and makes your clothes last longer and look nicer.

PILOTS OF BARGE ENTHUSE ON TRIP ON MISSISSIPPI

State That Initial Voyage of Bernhard Boat Was "World Beater" in Fuel.

COKE FOR JOURNEY \$73

Captains Hunter and Newcombe Arrive in Rock Island and Tell of Wonders of Initial Venture.

Captains Hunter and Newcombe, who piloted the Bernhard barge, which is making its initial trip from New Orleans to St. Paul and return, were in Rock Island today, and called on officials at the United States engineer's office.

The two men talked enthusiastically of the trip and spoke well of the upper Mississippi, that part which is in charge of the local office. The two pilots were at the wheel of the 1,000-ton craft from St. Louis to St. Paul and return.

The boat arrived at St. Louis at noon yesterday, making the trip in six days on the trip from St. Louis to St. Paul and return.

A "World-Beater."

Mr. Hunter said to an Argus reporter: "The trip was a world-beater. It costs only \$73 for fuel on the trip up the river, and in all the whole journey up and back, will probably not cost a cent more than \$125—and this operating a 150-horse-power engine. Coke was burned."

"The crew consisted of eight men and I believe that the cost of transportation was one-third that charged by the railroads. Considering the stage of the river as normally low, and the fact that without any help the boat started out from New Orleans and plodded up the river for the first time, the trip was wonderful."

"We had a comparatively heavy load when we started out, but our trip down stream was made with a light cargo of flour. "I think that the river between here and St. Paul in excellent condition, and we experienced less trouble than anywhere else on the stream. Had it not been for the freshet of a month or so back, we would have had even less trouble than we did, for the stream is always in bad condition after flood stage. In two weeks from now it would be all right for traffic."

"It is now up to the merchants in the cities to take the chance the barge line will offer them. I do not believe that Mr. Bernhard will send another barge up the river this year, but next season I believe he plans to establish a line."

Building a New One.

"He is building a 6,000-ton barge, which will make 12 miles an hour in six feet of water. He is arranging to send that up the river next spring. The barge we had made from five to six miles an hour up-stream."

Captains Hunter and Newcombe, both reside in Peppin, Wis., and were enroute to their home. They piloted the vessel only from St. Louis to St. Paul and return, for lower river pilots had charge of the boat on the other division of the Mississippi. The barge was scheduled to leave St. Louis today.

The trip as spoken of by Captain Hunter has surprised river officials here, who term the journey as "remarkable." With the river at a normally low stage now, during the period of the trip, the possibilities of an established line of barges is shown.

Of course some trouble was experienced by the barge, but had the river work not been hampered by the delay in the passing of the river and harbor bill by congress, much of this, if not all, would have been eliminated and the voyage would have been even a greater success.

SECOND OFFICER IN THE ORDER OF JOSEPH

J. J. Taxman returned this morning from Chicago, where he had been attending the annual convention of the Order of Joseph, held at the Sherman house, and bringing with him added honors conferred by that organization. Mr. Taxman, who previously held the office of third vice president, was elevated to the first vice presidency. As a member of the executive board he will attend the monthly meeting at Cleveland, the headquarters. Mr. Taxman was elected over the former first vice president, who was a candidate for reelection. The latter was a Philadelphian, his home city having 5,000 members and 30 delegates, as against 300 members and six delegates in Rock Island. The Rock Islander's majority was 30.

UCAL LODGE IS TO HOLD A MOONLIGHT EXCURSION

The degree staff of Ucal lodge, No. 608, I. O. O. F., will hold a moonlight excursion Wednesday evening, Aug. 26. The steamer W. W. and barge has been chartered. The committee in charge is making plans to handle a large crowd, and judging by the advance sale of tickets the outing will be a success.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD TO PICNIC

Annual Outing for Local Camp Planned for Sunday Afternoon Park in This City.

Arrangements have been completed by the committee in charge for the annual picnic to be given by Rock Island camp 85, Woodmen of the World, and Grove 27, Woodmen Circle. The picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 23, in the city park at Fortieth street and Eleventh avenue, Rock Island, the most direct way of reaching the grounds being via the Elm street car to Fortieth street. An invitation has been extended to all members and their friends, a special invitation having been sent to those on the mailing list who have been attending the private dancing parties given by Camp 85.

There will be a baseball game between the married and single men, a tug of war between members of the Rock Island and Moline W. O. W. camps, sack race, throwing contest, popcorn eating contest, clothes pin contest, lemonade drinking contest, and foot races for boys 12 or under and girls 12 or under. This will be a basket picnic and an all-day affair.

The committee in charge is F. C. Downs, H. O. Larrance, W. L. Franks, C. T. Fuller, William H. Barnes, Oscar Carlson, L. G. Fells and J. H. Cameron. Field Manager N. Crossland of Peoria expects to attend.

EDUCATION CONGRESS HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The fourth international congress on home education, scheduled to convene in the city of Philadelphia under the auspices of the international commission on home education and parent-teacher unions Sept. 22-29, 1914, has been temporarily postponed to a date to be determined by the central committee. A meeting of this committee will be called by Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, president of the congress, as soon as events warrant, according to a statement received from Mrs. J. Scott Anderson, general secretary.

GOAL CONSUMER SHOULD BUY NOW

Marked Increase in Prices Are Sure to Come, Local Dealer Predicts.

South American countries and Mediterranean ports have been consuming annually about thirty million tons of English and German coal of practically the same grade as West Virginia smokeless and splint coals. As the bulk of the West Virginia coal is shipped to the western states, the development of an increasing and insistent demand from South America and countries affected by the war with the consequent bidding up of the price will eventually result in its complete withdrawal from the western markets.

This will result, according to a well known local dealer, in the tying up at eastern ports of an immense number of coal cars which ordinarily find their way to western mines for loading to western consumers during the winter months.

In anticipation of the opening of the Panama canal, eastern coal shippers have long been equipping docks for handling of the export trade to be developed by the opening of the canal and are now in splendid position to handle the totally unexpected demand caused by the tying up of European shipping and confiscation by the countries involved in the present war of all available coal in the countries affected. The current issue of the Black Diamond, the official coal trade paper, notes the placing of an order for immediate shipment amounting to 100,000 tons with an eastern operator. The coal to be consigned to the Grand Trunk R. R. in Canada for export either to England or Russia. Inquiries

Russ Warship Sunk.

London, Aug. 20.—An unsubstantiated report has been received here from St. Petersburg to the effect that a Russian war ship foundered in the Black sea after striking a mine, and that the Odessa docks are on fire.

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LABORING MEN IN TAVENNER APPEAL

Arsenal Employees Call on Democrats to Renominate the Present Congressman.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Federation of Employees of Rock Island arsenal at a recent meeting: Whereas, Through his zeal and work for the best interests of his country as well as his constituents, Hon. Clyde H. Tavenner has by persistent and fearless advocating of government manufacture of its own munitions of war and the exposure of the long existing government contract system; his opposition to the installation at government arsenals of the so-called "scientific system" of shop management, the parts of which so far introduced having cost the government vast sums of money absolutely wasted, and which if fully introduced, would reduce conditions of government employes to the peons of Mexico; his exposure and denunciation of the over capitalization of railroads and other public service corporations, thus incurring the displeasure of powerful interests that will leave no stone unturned to defeat him for reelection, and

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Notice of Color For Ballots

Announcement is hereby made that the colors for the Primary Ballots to be used by the respective parties at the Primary Election, to be held on the 9th day of Sept., A. D. 1914, in the County of Rock Island, will be as follows:

- Democratic Party Pink
Republican Party White
Progressive Party (for Social Justice) Blue
Socialist Party Red

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