

THE CONGRESS ON IRRIGATION IS IN SESSION

Seventeenth National Irrigation Congress Opened Today In Spokane

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(By Leased Wire to The Times)

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Among the speakers today are: George Ames Barstow, of Texas, president of the congress; Joseph M. Carey, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dr. Enoch A. Bryan, president of the Washington State College; F. H. Newell, director of the United States reclamation service; Dr. George C. Padree, ex-governor of California; James J. Hill, head of the Great Northern Railroad, and Governor Hay, of Washington.

"Conditions, the outgrowth of the enormous development of this country, have forced upon us the necessity of reclaiming our waste areas and adopting more economical methods in utilization," said the governor, in his address of welcome today.

"History is repeating in America the experience of the older seats of civilization. We are now turning to the countries of Europe for examples in seeking scientific and effective methods in conserving and perpetuating the gifts of nature upon which we depend not only for economic progress, but for sustenance itself.

"Reclamation was used by the Chinese forty centuries ago.

"The waters of the Nile were diverted while the pyramids were building. Irrigation is prehistoric.

"It is estimated that about 13,900,000 acres were irrigated last year west of the Mississippi. Forty-two millions of dollars have been expended since the formation of the United States reclamation service. The possibilities are great. We can reclaim 75,000,000 acres of swamp land by drainage; we could secure use of 35,000,000 more by water course. Since 1800 the yearly damage by floods is \$238,000,000. This could largely be prevented by protecting the sources of the streams and by forest growth.

"Last year this association had 100 men in the field and expended \$25,000,000. At the present time, too, we are wasting 65 per cent. of the lumber. We are consuming 40 cubic feet per year; the growth is 12 cubic feet. That is not a cheerless picture; only fact."

TO INVESTIGATE THE WATERWAYS OF EUROPE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington Aug 9—To study the waterways of Europe and with a view to making recommendations for the improvements of rivers and harbors in the United States, seven members of the National Waterways Commission will sail tomorrow morning from Hoboken, N. J. on the North German Lloyd liner Kron Prinzessin Cecilie on a few weeks investigation of the waterways of Europe.

The itinerary includes visits of the great commercial centers of Europe and the capitals of the old world, in order that a first hand study may be made, not only of the waterways but of the transportation problems which are closely related to the use of the watercourses as freight and passenger carriers.

SENSATIONS IN THE SUTTON CASE DEVELOP TODAY

After Wrangle Decide to Make Proceedings of Star Chamber Session Public

MRS. SUTTON'S CHARGES

Judge Advocate Moved That in Consideration of Comments in the Press the Record of the Star Chamber Session of Saturday be Now Made Public—This Caused Wrangle Between Counsel—Mr. Davis Opposes Making Public the Letters and Says They Are no More Relevant Than Street Corner Gossip—Major Leonard Insists on Having Them Read and Court So Decides. The Charges in the Letters.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 9—Sensations quickly developed in the Sutton inquiry when it reconvened today. First the judge advocate moved that in consideration of comments in the press the record of the star chamber session of Saturday be now made public. There was immediately another wrangle between counsel.

The Sutton lawyers are opposed to making public the letters read in closed session, which were from Mrs. Sutton to a supposed sympathizer and which contained grave charges against certain officers who were with Sutton when he died. Such a thing, said Mr. Davis, could do nothing save gratify a morbid curiosity of a court room throng.

Admitting that in her grief and anger, said Davis, the mother had written such letters, they were not more relevant than that a street corner conversation might be recognized by a grand jury.

Major Leonard angrily said that he admitted he was curious; that he now wanted the public to know just what Mrs. Sutton's charges were; that there were other mothers to consider in this, and that in the public mind the young officers stood accused of a serious crime and that the department itself stood virtually charged with being a party to a conspiracy. Attorney Birney demanded publicity, too, and the court retired. Three minutes later they returned and ruled that the record of Saturday's star chamber session would be read in open court.

The official stenographer picked up the record and began to read. Mr. Davis sat back resignedly.

Mrs. Sutton sat with her eyes fastened on the desk before her. Mrs. Parker, Sutton's sister, hurriedly left the room.

First came the transcript of the closed session till then Davis and Leonard and the refusal of the court to expunge from the record Davis' remark that Leonard had not acted in good faith.

Then came the letters, written as their mother disclosed, from a frantic mother to one whom she thought was the former friend of her dead boy.

They were to Harry M. Schwartz, understood to be a clerk in the paymaster's office navy department at Washington.

The first letter to Schwartz was dated Portland, Ore., March 13, 1908, five months after the campus fight of October 13, 1907. She said she had found a letter from Schwartz in Jimmy's effects. She asked him if he was a friend of Lieutenant Sutton.

Mrs. Sutton asked Schwartz to inform her frankly if he was a friend to the dead boy, and if so she wanted to make him a confidant and get his assistance in clearing up Sutton's alleged suicide.

Schwartz evidently replied affirmatively for there were next read letters from the mother covering a period of several weeks, the dates running into May. Here are some of the extracts:

"These men rode out in my son's automobile. Adams pulled off his coat when the auto stopped and went to my son. Osterman knocked him down five times. Adams was on his head and two men on his back. Good God! Mr. Schwartz, to think that my son is dead and these wild men are still walking the streets."

"Do you wonder that I want to die and be with my boy! Out of the six men there was not one who would help the helpless. I consider them worse than wild beasts, for only beasts destroy the helpless. Just a few days before Jimmy died, he wrote his father: 'Daddy, I feel that they are going to get me. Never mind, if

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Lieut. Utley Came From Naples to Testify in Sutton Case



Lieutenant Utley, whose name has been prominently mentioned in connection with the death of Lieut. Sutton at West Point in 1907. The Navy Department sent Lieut. Utley home from Naples on a battleship to testify at the court martial now being held at the Naval Academy. The lady in the picture is the dead Lieutenant's sister.

EFFORT TO RUN STREET CARS BY AID OF SOLDIERS

First Attempt to Break the General Strike in Sweden Made To-day

KING GUSTAVE ALARMED

The First Attempt to Break the General Strike Was Made Today in An Effort to Run Street Cars. Under Heavy Guard, Over the Principal Streets of the City—Strikers Awed by the Troops, But Rioting Breaks Out in Several Quarters and Soldiers Had Great Difficulty in Putting Down the Rioters—King Gustave Tries to Bring the Warring Factions Together and Effect Some Kind of a Settlement—Men Declare That All Traffic Must Stop.

(By Cable to The Times)

Stockholm, August 9—The government believes it has broken the backbone of the general strike. The first blow to crush the strike was struck today when street cars were operated through the principal streets and to some of the suburbs under military escort. Ineffectual attempts were made by the workmen to prevent them.

The workmen of several trades, seeing defeat, went back to work today at terms dictated by the employers. The leaders in the industrial revolt are still sanguine, however, and predict victory.

Stockholm, August 9—The first attempt to break the general strike throughout Sweden was made today when an effort was made to run the street cars over the principal streets of the city, under a heavy guard of cavalry.

The strikers were awed by the troops, but in several quarters rioting broke out. The strikers relied upon a great number of recruits today and made a determined effort to stop the cars. Workmen were threatened and the soldiers had great difficulty at times to put down the rioters.

Last night the striking workmen issued a statement that the union printers would walk out today. Simultaneously, the national labor union issued a proclamation that every wagon driver today not wearing a union badge would be stopped. King Gustave, alarmed by the serious turning of affairs in a situation already serious, made an effort today to bring the warring factions together and effect some kind of a settlement.

The men declared that traffic must stop entirely, not even the owners of vehicles might drive their wagons, declared the strikers.

The men were confident of success. They have assurances that 1,000 telephone and telegraph workmen will join the ranks of the strikers on Wednesday.

The workmen's organization is daily receiving funds from Germany, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Roumania, and Bulgaria. The employers' association is daily paying out \$40,000 to support its weak members and they have a reserve fund of \$4,500,000 to draw from. The government has started a crusade through its legal department against the socialistic press and one journalist has been arrested.

PARDON FOR EXILES.

Czar Grants Partial Amnesty to the Ex-members of Duma.

(By Cable to The Times) St. Petersburg, August 9—It is reported that Czar Nicholas has granted partial amnesty to the ex-members of the duma who were imprisoned or exiled because of their political beliefs. It is believed that the czar was influenced by King Edward's friendly reference to the duma in his Cowes speech when the czar was his guest.

KILLED IN TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Trolley Car Was Struck by Train. Eleven Killed and 30 Injured.

Paris, August 9—Eleven persons were killed and 30 injured late last night when a trolley car was struck by a train at Longjumeau. The train was running at high speed and many of those who were killed were horribly mangled. The car was totally demolished. Several of the injured are so badly hurt that it is believed the death list will grow during the day.

BOLIVIA FACING A REVOLUTION

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Lapaz, Bolivia, Aug. 9—Bolivia today faces a revolution over the seating of President-elect Senor Villazon. The army is preparing to overthrow the Villazon forces and place Senor Montes at the head of the government. The revolt is caused by the popular opinion that President-elect Senor Villazon favors the acceptance of the arbitration award in the dispute with Argentine republic over territory.

Senor Villazon is to take office on Thursday of this week.

Information was received today of several violent outbreaks in the interior against the residences of Argentinians and Peruvians. It is also now known when the Bolivian congress will reject the arbitration award in the boundary dispute.

The army leaders declare that it is unlikely Senor Villazon will ever ascend to the presidency and if he does he will not rule a week.

The choice of the military leaders is Senor Montes who will be made president if the revolution is successful.

MEET TO SETTLE CRETAN QUESTION

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Constantinople, Aug. 9—The ambassadors Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy are in session today at Therapia, the ambassadorial summer colony on the west coast of the Bosphorus, to solve the Cretan question and prevent Turkey and Greece from going to war.

Greece will make a formal reply to Turkey today the sense of which is that the Greek officers in Crete were stricken from the Greelan army list three years ago and that the entire questions in the hands of the four protecting powers—Great Britain, Italy, France and Russia.

Greece reiterates assurances of Greek neutrality in Crete. Meanwhile the agitation against Greece is spreading throughout Turkey. The minister of war received information from Albania that a force of 5,000 volunteers has been formed there and is being held in readiness at Monastir to fight against Greece. The people are demanding war. In some towns the agitation has taken a form of boycott against Greek goods and a number of stores have been broken into and goods of Greek make have been destroyed.

UNCLE JOE NOT READY TO RETIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Aug. 9—Uncle Joe Cannon is not going to retire from politics and is not going to refuse to be elected to the house of representatives over which he has presided for many years—at least "Uncle Joe" is not going to do these things at present. The day may come when he will do so but it is not in sight, according to "Uncle Joe's" say so.

"The czar of the house" passed through Chicago on his way to Danville and while waiting between trains took occasion to say a good word for the Payne tariff bill, he also took occasion to do some denying.

"Please deny for me," he said in his characteristic fashion, "that I am going to retire from congress as has been stated and printed. I have no intention of retiring immediately. When I get ready to retire I shall do so but until I do no one on earth is going to make me retire."

CUBAN SITUATION CAUSE FOR CONCERN

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Aug. 9—In full confirmation of the announcement made exclusively by the American News Service three months ago, the Washington Post, which strongly reflects the view of the administration, in a leading article today says:

"The situation of the Cuban government is not without cause for concern on the part of the Washington government. That intervention by the United States again will be necessary, however reluctant it may be to take the step, is an opinion that is shared by many."

"All is not smooth sailing for president Gomez. Only recently his entire cabinet resigned and his new administration is not yet on settled basis. It is understood that difficulties are being encountered that will lead to new changes among his secretaries. A crisis is not looked for in the immediate future but the trend of events is such that a break up seems inevitable."

MORE PROOF

A certain trade journal says that the month of July is a mystery, and that the month of August is that and then some, on the merchants. This same periodical further states that the western merchants do not try to make business during the month of August, as all past attempts have failed.

This is not so, however, in this section. During the dull months the business naturally falls to the merchant that gets out and does the hustling stunt. The Woolcott Dry Goods Company, who is always alive to the needs of the shoppers, conducted one of their most successful sales last month, and this was when business was supposed to be at a stand-still. This progressive firm has just inaugurated their annual "August Clearance Sale" and this sale has begun with a rush.

In this city this firm uses The Evening Times exclusively as their advertising medium. In this way they reach the moneyed class of people, and those who readily recognize a bargain event, and this is one reason why their sales have always been such a great success. The Evening Times is the paper that brings results to its advertisers.