

ROAD EXPERTS ARE GATHERED IN CHICAGO

Are Attending the Fifth American Good Roads Congress

A BIG PROGRAMME

A National Participation In Good Roads Building Being Discussed

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Mayors, highway officials, engineers and road experts from all over the United States and from sections of Canada are gathered in Chicago for the Fifth American Good Roads Congress.

A programme of speech-making on all phases of road building has been arranged, and to illustrate the modern methods, a special boulevard 20 feet wide, composed of all known varieties of street-paving, has been constructed around the amphitheatre at the Union Stock yards, where the convention will hold forth.

Important among the problems under consideration is the question of national participation in road building, for half a dozen factions will try to secure the adoption of different programmes for federal aid in one form or another. Of these perhaps the most important is a plan by which a system of national roads may be constructed, most of the work to be done during periods of industrial depression. It is maintained that the country would materially benefit by the construction of roadways at times when the work is most needed by workmen and when materials can be purchased at a minimum cost.

A contest is expected between the advocates of national highways, such as the Lincoln Highway, and those who favor national aid for local State roads. A strong demand for national aid is heard in some states, but in other quarters it is contended that a national aid bill would become another "pork barrel," like the river and harbor appropriations. An effort will be made to have the congress recommend, perhaps, to build the highways under a government engineer in much the way that the Panama Canal has been constructed.

Although the roads congress was scheduled to meet to-day, the visitors will not get down to business until tomorrow, when the school for mayors opens at the amphitheatre. Twenty-five mayors of American cities have been invited, and a large number are already on hand. Accompanying them are highway engineers and state officials from many states. Automobiles are here in large numbers, and it is expected that fully 10,000 interested representatives of the good roads movement will be on hand for the discussions.

"When you tell a man," said E. L. Powers, secretary of the association, "that it costs every man, woman and child in the United States \$12.00 a year as his share in the high cost of bad roads, you begin to interest him. The time has come when we should no longer endure a condition of road by which it costs the American farmer 23 cents to haul the same weight that a French or English or Belgian farmer can haul for 7 or 9 cents. It is time we resented a condition in which it is possible to send wheat from New York to Liverpool for half what it costs to haul it nine miles along one of our country roads.

"The establishment of a system of permanent, improved highways is of far greater importance than the digging of the Panama Canal. The roads are used not by the few, but by everyone. They are owned by the people, paid for by the people."

Among the speakers at the convention are some of the nation's leaders in the good roads movement. W. A. McLean, chief engineer of highways and commissioner of Ontario public roads, is president of the Association, and he will deliver his annual address. Other speakers are: George W. Tilson, of Brooklyn; Austin B. Fletcher, state engineer of California; Paul D. Sargent, engineer of Maine; William H. Connell, highway chief of Philadelphia; C. A. Kenyon, president Indiana Good Roads Association; Doran W. Page, director U. S. bureau of public roads; B. D. Foster, chief engineer

THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE WORKING HARD

Spending Many Hours On President Wilson's Program

GRAVE ISSUES

Hobson's Amendment Is to Be Voted Upon This Session

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate and House are hard at work on the President's program; they will try to pass the shipping bill, the conservative measures, and the appropriation bills before March 4.

The House Committee on Rules has made it possible for the House to vote on the Hobson amendment providing nationwide prohibition, and the woman suffrage amendment at this session. It has agreed to adopt a special rule providing for the consideration of those two important matters.

The action of the House Rules Committee does not mean that either the Hobson amendment or the woman suffrage amendment will be approved by the House and sent to the country to be ratified. It simply provides for a vote. The House will discuss the amendments and then pass upon them. It requires a two-thirds vote to send them to the States for ratification. It is predicted that neither of the amendments will have a two-thirds vote. The Hobson amendment provides that

"The sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof, and exportation for sale thereof, are forever prohibited.

"The Congress or the States within their respective jurisdictions, shall have power to enforce this article by all lawful legislation."

The suffrage amendment provides that

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation to enforce the provision of this article."

Interested in Immigration North Carolinians are very much interested in the immigration bill now before the Senate. They would like to see it passed and signed by the President. It is believed, however, that the President will veto it, as he does not like the section which provides for a literacy test—that is that an immigrant must be able to read—before he is admitted to this country. The cities of the East and West propose this measure. They do not think that a reading test is a fair one. The South would bar out everybody from certain sections of the country.

The Republicans lost a very able Congressman when Seneca E. Payne of New York died last week. Mr. Payne was one of the few well-equipped men of Congress. He stood firm for a protective tariff, and was a Republican of Republicans but he had sense, and could argue like a full-grown man. Everybody listened when he spoke.

of Pennsylvania; S. E. Bradt, Secretary Illinois Highway Commission; Henry W. Bowlby, Oregon Highway engineer; Frank W. Buffum, Missouri Highway engineer; George W. Cooley, Minnesota state engineer; E. P. Goodrich, New York consulting engineer; Walter G. Leininger, superintendent of streets of Chicago; Thomas H. McDonald, Iowa state engineer, and F. J. Robinson, of Saskatchewan highway commission.

BRITISH STEAMER IS IN DISTRESS

Went Ashore Yesterday Near Cape Hatteras

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The British steamer, Isle of Iona, with Captain John Quack in command, is ashore two miles south of Cape Hatteras Inlet. The crew of twenty-seven men were landed tonight in motor surf boats by the life savers from Cape Hatteras at Durdans Neck and Creed Hill.

TWO AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOATS GO TO BOTTOM

Struck Mines In The Adriatic Sea Yesterday and Quickly Sank. The Crew of Both Vessels Were Lost—Relations Between Italy and Turkey Are At A Serious Point. The German Cruiser Dresden Safe.

ROME, Dec. 14. (Central News Cable)—A message received here today states that two Austrian torpedo boats were sunk in the Adriatic sea this afternoon after they had struck a mine and that the crew of both vessels were lost. The names of the boats could not be learned.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND ITALY ARE STRAINING

ROME, Dec. 14. (Central News Cable)—Relations between Italy and Turkey today are tense, no reply having been received from Turkey in response to a demand by the Italian government for an apology for the invasion of the Italian consulate at Hodeida where the Turks dragged out the British Consul General and forced him to undergo many indignities.

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN ESCAPES FROM BRITISH

BEUNOS AYRES, Dec. 14. (Central News Cable)—The German consul at Punta Arenas reported this afternoon that the cruiser Dresden, the only surviving ship of Admiral Von Spee's squadron, had passed that port, having escaped from the British fleet uninjured.

RUSSIAN-FRENCH FORCES ARE NOW IN MONTENEGRO

ROME, Dec. 14. (Central News Cable)—Both the French and Russian infantry are now fighting the armies of Serbia and Montenegro, according to a dispatch from Prague. The Montenegrin army has again crossed the frontier into Bosnia and again occupies part of the railway line from Visegrad to Serajévo, having captured the former town.

AID IN FIGHT ON DISEASE

Railway Medical Experts to Assist State Officials

Washington, Dec. 14.—In compliance with a request from the United States Department of Agriculture and by direction of President Harrison, leaves of absence have been granted Dr. C. M. Morgan, Live Stock and Dairy Agent of the Company, Dr. Walter Sorrell, Assistant Live Stock and Dairy Agent at Greensboro, N. C., and Dr. C. D. Lowe, Assistant Live Stock and Dairy Agent at Atlanta, Georgia, to permit them to accept temporary service with the Department of Agriculture in the work being done to stamp out the foot and mouth disease among cattle, and to prevent its spread into localities now free from it. All of these men are veterinarians and Dr. Morgan and Sorrell have had experience with the foot and mouth disease in the Philippine Islands, where they were in the government service before being employed by Southern Railway Company.

Thus far the foot and mouth disease has been found in only two States South of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers—Virginia and Kentucky, and President Harrison believes that it is of the utmost importance that its spread into other Southern localities shall be prevented and that it shall be stamped out in all parts of the United States as soon as possible so as to permit the unrestricted movement of cattle into the South.

POSTAL SURPLUS IS ANNOUNCED BY BURLERSON

For Second Consecutive Time There Is a Balance On Hand

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Postmaster General Gives Out Some Figures most Interesting

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—In his annual report, made public today, Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson announces the second consecutive postal surplus of his administration and points out that now, for the first time in its history, the postal establishment has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basis.

The report contains many other interesting and important features. It records an astounding growth of the parcel post; points to the service performed by the postal savings banks in steady financial conditions during the crisis precipitated in this country by the war in Europe; tells of reorganizations and improvements introduced in the Railway Mail Service and in the larger city postoffices which have assured prompt handling of the additional bulk of mail created by the parcel post; and reveals the aggressive and effective work of the department's law officers and inspection service in renewing the enforcement of the fraud-order statutes.

Among the numerous recommendations made to congress, these are the most important:

Recommendations. That early action be taken looking to Government ownership of all telegraph and telephone facilities.

That the telegraph and telephone systems of Alaska, Porto Rico, and the Hawaiian Islands, including the Alaskan cable now operated by the War Department, be immediately taken over and operated by the Post Office Department.

That the space basis of compensating railroads for carrying the mails authorized in H. R. 17042, known as the Moon bill, which has passed the House and is now pending in the Senate, be adopted in lieu of the existing weight basis.

That, to partially eliminate the \$40,000,000 annual loss in the delivery of rural mail, the contract or "star-route" system of delivery be substituted for the present salaried Rural Delivery Service.

That while the present salaried system remains in operation, Congress sanction the method of compensating rural carriers' pay adopted in the Postmaster General's order which grants "the maximum compensation only in case of the maximum performance," and which, by making pay somewhat dependent upon the bulk of mail carried, will stimulate the development of revenue-producing business in the rural districts.

That wherever road improvement promises compensatory economy in the handling of mail, the Post Office Department cooperate with the States in building modern highways.

As To Salaries. That salaries of postmasters be readjusted to accord with changes in the flow of postal traffic incident to the development of the parcel post.

That the Post Office Department be legally recognized as having authority over the selection of sites and in passing upon the designs for buildings to be used for postal purposes.

That postage rates on second-class matter be readjusted, as heretofore recommended, so that the rates on publications other than newspapers issued as frequently as once a week be increased from 1 cent a pound to 2 cents a pound.

That the limit upon the amount which may be accepted in a calendar month from a depositor in a postal savings bank be removed and that the maximum balance which may be accepted from a depositor be increased from \$500 to \$2,000, limiting the amount to which interest shall be paid to \$1,000.

That aerial mail service be introduced wherever topographical conditions make it desirable. That extensions of the use of

MANY TURKS IN GRAVE DANGER

The Fanatical Turks Have Threatened to End Their Existence

AMERICANS HANGED

Their Bodies Strung Up From Telegraph and Lamp Poles

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—(Central News Cable)—Armenian refugees arriving today at Sebastopol, reported that Turks in Erzerum threatened to massacre twenty thousand Christians because their attitude toward the Turks is pro-Russian. Groups of Armenian prisoners are being removed from the prisons and hanged in the streets without trial. Their bodies remain swinging from lamp posts and passing Turks spit upon them.

Dreadnaught Ready. Rome, Dec. 14.—The fourth Italian, Conte Cavour, will be ready for service in February and the fifth and sixth will be completed soon afterwards. A small army of men are now employed in working on these vessels.

Nobleman Wounded. Paris, Dec. 14.—The son of the German Imperial Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, was badly wounded at Perekoff today and was taken a prisoner by the Russians.

Refuses Command. Paris, Dec. 14.—Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, has refused to take command of the Turkish army in the Caucasus. This has caused serious complications.

German Mines. Stockholm, via London, Dec. 14.—The Swedish foreign minister in a statement today regarding the sinking of three Swedish steamers by mines in the Gulf of Bothnia said:

"The Germans declare the mines were Russian, as no German mine-laying had been done up to the time the German fleet was in the Gulf of Bothnia. No floating mines it was stated, had been found."

Government owned automobiles and motor trucks in certain of the larger post offices be authorized in view of successful experiments conducted during last year.

Outlines Policy. In addition, the report outlines the general policy of the department; announces gratifying progress toward securing stronger railway post-office cars; records advantages accruing at large offices by the adoption of combined screen wagon and city collection and delivery service, speaks with satisfaction of the department's legal victory in the Dolan case, which saved the Government \$35,000,000; reports negotiations with a view to the conclusion of money-order conventions and the adoption of the 2-cent letter rate throughout the Western Hemisphere; records figures showing an enormous growth of the money-order system; refers to the progress of experiments in the free delivery of mail in small towns and villages; speaks of economies achieved through the adoption of more modern business methods and of new types of equipment; tells of the \$100,000 per annum saving accomplished by the abolishment of the Dead Letter Office; details economies resulting from securing wider competition among bidders who seek to furnish department supplies; recites in detail the work of the reorganization of the larger post offices on the "two-division plan"; gives exact and complete statistics upon the financial operations of the Postal Establishment; and submits drafts of the numerous legislative measures which will be necessary to carry out the department's recommendations.

BASEBALL DEAL RUMORED

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 14.—Following a conference with Col. Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and J. A. Gilmore, president of the Federal Baseball League, it is rumored that Ruppert is to buy the Kansas City Fed. and move the club to New York.

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That extensions of the use of