

## COST OF CANAL IS CLIMBING UP

Before Senate Committee Secy.  
Taft Estimates it at Three  
Hundred Million Dollars.

INCLUDES PURCHASE PRICE.

Expressed Opinion That Canal Should  
Be Completed Within Six Years  
From Next July.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secy. Taft appeared before the senate committee on Inter-oceanic canals today and gave that committee information concerning the project and offered suggestions for legislation. He gave a complete review of the conditions at the canal site and quoted information he had received from various officials connected with the work.

He expressed the opinion that the canal should be completed within six years from next July, and that its ultimate cost would be approximately \$300,000,000, including purchase price. The proposed widening of the locks was carefully examined by Secy. Taft. He asserted that with the locks widened to 110 feet, a steamer of 103 feet beam would easily pass through. The largest ship this government is planning to build will have a beam of but 55 feet. The increased cost of the locks, Mr. Taft estimated, would be about \$5,000,000.

BESET WITH DIFFICULTIES.

In his talk to the committee, Secy. Taft at various points brought out the difficulties that beset the commission in the administration. These ranged all the way from trouble with the Pacific Mail steamship line because of its failure to furnish enough steamers, to labor difficulties. He also spoke of the complaints by the Panamanians that there is a bad odor to the water that is served to them through the new water-works at Panama, as one of the small yet annoying features of the work.

In the matter of steamship transportation facilities on the Pacific coast, the secretary said that owing to their inadequacy the business of the railroad had fallen off one-third since the government took possession and it was a question in his mind whether the government should not engage in the steamship business on the Pacific in order to retain the Panama route now existing and keep the isthmian business from going by way of Tehuantepec or some other route.

"It may be a question," said the secretary, "of saving the income for running considerable risk on the west." Secy. Taft gave out considerable information concerning prices paid for labor on the canal and argued that there be no reduction in the wages paid to skilled laborers in spite of the fact that according to his estimate, they were receiving in pay and privileges from 50 to 60 per cent higher income than they could earn in the United States. Secy. Taft gave it as his opinion that any reduction at all would cause serious labor difficulties.

Even with skilled labor at the present standard, he said, there was recently a strike upon the refusal of the commission to increase the wages and force sufficient to run 65 steam shovels.

SECRETARY QUESTIONED.  
Senator Flint put a number of ques-

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tions to the secretary as to land controversies on the isthmus; the cost of sanitation and the advisability of the government's running the Tivoli hotel. In connection with the last named project, the secretary thought it quite necessary for the government to operate the hotel. He said, with a smile, that its bar had been removed, and that there ought to be no further complaint from the native business people, at least in respect to that trade.

The secretary said that the water rent charged Panama will in 50 years pay all cost of providing the water-works, the improvement of streets and the construction of the sewer system. At the end of that period the water will become the property of Panama.

"If any one doubts the condition of the streets of Panama," he said, "I will refer him to my friend Poulney Bigelow."

He was questioned by Senator Anthony concerning the lepers at Panama, and responded promptly that leprosy is always greatly exaggerated, citing his experience in the Philippines.

"When we went to the Philippines," he said, "we were told that there were from 20,000 to 30,000 lepers. We have now 3,500 lepers that we know of there."

In Panama he said nine lepers were known, and they have been isolated on an island and there is no fear on their account.

"They had adopted the policy of acting on the advice of the doctors in all cases of sanitation and," said he, "Dr. Gorgas has proved so uniformly successful that we have felt justified in taking his advice in such matters."

He declared that it is not so unhealthful to live in the tropics as it was formerly.

Mr. Taft said the commission had found that the price placed upon land needed for the canal is excessive and has had no relation to its value for private purposes. There had not delayed construction work, however, because the land is taken and paid for afterward.

The government of Panama has offered to give the United States a site for a station at Panama near the new government building being erected by the republic. He thought it would be advisable to provide a station building for the United States, bringing the property within the dignity of the United States in the future when the canal has been completed.

Senator Flint wanted to know if this government could not, with advantage, sell all the land now owned by the Panama Railroad company in Panama and not actually used for railroad purposes in order to relieve the government of owning property there that is used for improper purposes. Mr. Taft thought some of the land could be sold and agreed that all the new leases provide that the premises shall not be used for immoral purposes, including their use as saloons. Some of this land would be needed in the future for the railroads.

Senator Kittredge asked Mr. Taft whether he had any recommendations for new legislation in the canal zone. The secretary replied that he thought there should be an appeal from the courts of the zone to the supreme court of the United States, but with that exception he had no recommendations to make. After the construction of the canal had been completed he thought there should be a comprehensive government devised for the zone, but he saw no reason for that now.

CONTRACT IMPRACTICABLE.  
"This year has satisfied me," said Mr. Taft, "that a contract for going the work on the Panama canal is impracticable."

He added that any firm able to supply the large amount of money needed to carry on the work would demand such a large profit as to make it inadvisable to enter upon it.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow when Col. Goethals, chief engineer of the canal work, will be heard.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 15.—At Coeur d'Alene, Ida, last night, Steve Poster was stabbed through the heart and instantly killed. The officers found a Hungarian named Wreens and a man named Gehynski in the house with the corpse. The knife was in Gehynski's pocket, covered with blood. It is stated the men had been drinking and Poster went toward a bed occupied by a woman who was living with Wreens, but who was not his wife. Wreens became jealous, went to the kitchen and came back with the knife which he plunged into Poster's heart. Wreens and Gehynski are under arrest.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Carter of Montana today announced that he would object to the passage of all bills looking to the donation of public land for various purposes. He declared that such donations, if allowed, would make it necessary for senators from all states having public land to see that they receive as large donations of land as other states.

Senator Carter's objection was made to a bill granting to the state of North Dakota 30,000 acres of land to aid in the maintenance of a school of forestry. He said he favored aiding forestry work, but believed such schools should be attached to experimental stations and maintained by appropriations of money.

## FUND TO FIGHT RANGE POLICY

National Wool Growers Before  
Adjourning Raise One of  
Ten Thousand Dollars.

SENATOR WARREN FAVORS IT.

Is Succeeded by Fred W. Gooding as  
President—J. E. Austin and S. J.  
Hosier on Executive Committee.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 16.—After the most successful meeting in the history of its organization, the forty-fourth annual convention of the National Wool-growers' association tonight adjourned to meet next year in Pocatello, Ida. Before adjournment a fund of \$10,000 was subscribed by the various state delegations for the establishment of a publicly bureau to wage a fight against the administration's policy for federal regulation of the public range.

Despite the fact that he was elected president of the national association by a unanimous vote, Dr. J. M. Wilson of Douglas, Wyo., declined to accept the honor, because of his personal and political friendship for United States Senator Francis E. Warren, whom the convention refused to consider for re-election because of the fact that the Wyoming senator has gone on record as favoring the forestry and range policies of President Roosevelt. After Dr. Wilson's declination, the presidency was chosen as Senator Warren's successor.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers of the National Wool-growers' association were elected as follows:

Fred W. Gooding of Idaho, president; Dr. J. M. Wilson of Wyoming, secretary; George S. Walker of Wyoming, treasurer.

Executive committee:

Arizona—F. W. Perkins and T. E. Pollack.

California—L. W. C. Lase and George L. McCoy.

Idaho—P. G. Johnston and W. H. Philbrick.

Colorado—George Truesdel.

Illinois—Mortimer Lovering and W. W. Burch.

Kansas—N. A. Gwin and J. W. Troutman.

Massachusetts—Frank P. Bennett.

Michigan—C. A. Tyler and Burt Smith.

Minnesota—Dr. E. D. Titus.

Montana—J. E. Bower and John D. Walte.

Nebraska—Robert Taylor and Frank Hershey.

Nevada—M. L. Brady and J. H. Hill-ton.

New Mexico—Sol Luna and A. D. Garrett.

New York—G. Howard Davidson and W. G. Markham.

Ohio—A. A. Bates.

Oregon—W. D. Barrett and M. J. Pinleyson.

South Dakota—F. E. Bennett.

Texas—J. H. Nations and Firmum Beck.

Utah—John E. Austin and S. J. Hosier.

Wisconsin—F. W. Harding and S. N. Buck.

Wyoming—Tim Kay and William Daley.

Hawaii—G. J. Waller and Eben P. Law.

Pocatello, Ida., has been chosen as the place for holding the next annual convention in January, 1909.

RESOLUTIONS.

Late today the convention adopted the report of the committee on resolutions. The report is milder than had been anticipated by the delegates. The gist of the resolutions, which fill an eight-page pamphlet, follow:

The resolutions protest against the passage of the Burket grazing bill, or any other measure providing for the leasing of any of the public lands or the granting of permits for the use of the same for grazing purposes. They commend the vigorous enforcement of laws intended to prevent and punish land frauds.

The resolutions unqualifiedly favor the preservation of the public forests and the creation of forest reserves, without, however, giving the making of the plan of improvement the burden of forest preservation upon the livestock industry.

The prompt elimination from the reserve of land not timbered and that boundaries may be plainly marked is asked.

While a grazing tax is levied, the resolutions demand that permits be for three years to justify the making of improvements. It is alleged that the present restrictions are too burdensome on the reserve.

The policy of denying a trailing permit over reserves from which sheep are excluded is opposed.

The present tariff on wool and hides is approved.

The resolutions favor uniform bounty laws and ask the forest service to co-operate in exterminating predatory animals.

The work of the bureau of animal industry is endorsed and the desire expressed that its work be continued in the west.

The establishment of a field pathological interstate railroad to transport livestock between feeding points at a speed of not less than 15 miles an hour, including all stops.

The co-operative livestock commission company is endorsed.

PENAL CODE BILL.

Pacific Spirit of Discussion Suddenly  
Becomes Belligerent.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A complete change of front was exhibited by the majority in the house of representatives today in the consideration of the bill to codify and revise the penal laws of the United States.

The pacific spirit displayed by the committee on revision of laws toward the close of yesterday's session, when it appeared as though the several amendments strengthening certain provisions of the bill regarding corruption in the appointment of persons to public offices would be adopted, had vanished, and instead every inch of ground was fought over to keep amendments out of the bill.

When adjournment was taken only six additional pages had been disposed of, and but one or two verbal amendments by the committee had been inserted.

POLICE INSPECTORS

FIRES AT AN EDITOR.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—Edward S. Whitaker, inspector of police, entered the office of the Morning World here tonight and fired two shots at Joseph M. Leveque, the editor. Neither shot took effect.

The shooting tonight followed several attacks upon Whitaker in the editorial and news columns of the World. The head of the New Orleans police department was criticized for "attending the races daily while drawing a salary of \$6,000 a year from the people," and was referred to as "a blackguard and a bully."

Whitaker, accompanied by several detectives, entered the editorial rooms

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of the World shortly after 6 o'clock,

and the inspector started for Leveque, who was talking at the time to a young woman reporter. Blows were exchanged, and it was then that Whitaker drew a revolver and fired twice.

One of the reporters, who rushed to the editor's aid, struck the police inspector's arm and caused the shots to go wild.

DEMAND APPROPRIATION

FOR FURNISHING WORK.

New York, Jan. 17.—Resolutions calling upon the public officials of Greater New York to appropriate immediately a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of starting up public work that will give employment to a large number of those now unemployed were passed by the delegates of the Central Federated union last night.

After several speakers had dwelt upon the abnormal conditions now existing in the labor market here and the need for public relief of some sort, Comptroller Metz, present by invitation, together with other city officials, answered charges that the federation and some of the preceding speakers had brought against him. He said the city's failure to undertake more public improvement work was largely due to the failure of property owners to pay their assessments for such work. Mr. Metz said the amount of such unpaid assessments was \$535,000, the delinquency having the effect of holding up nearly 200 bids for improvement work.

The federation's resolutions further call upon the state and national authorities to "open up the channels of

employment to a large number of the unemployed throughout the nation."

PLEDGE SUPPORT TO BRYAN.

New York, Jan. 16.—Resolutions pledging the support of the Progressive Democratic league to the candidacy of William J. Bryan for the presidency were adopted at a mass meeting held under the auspices of the league at Cooper Union tonight. The printed address was made by Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas, Senator Davis and Senator Thomas D. Gore of Oklahoma, who was also a guest of the league, received ovations as they appeared on the platform.

The resolutions adopted recite that the rank and file Democracy of New York state are practically unanimous for the nomination of Mr. Bryan by the Denver convention and charge that when he last was the candidate of the Democratic party he was defeated by the use of corruption funds.

Senator Davis made a characteristic speech, denouncing the trusts and the newspapers and eulogizing Mr. Bryan.

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Boys' Caps, regular 60c to 75c, will close at	39c
Boys' Shirts, regular 75c to \$1.00, will close at	39c
Men's Suspenders, regular 50c and 75c, will close at	39c

Men's Ties, regular 50c to \$1.00, will close at
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