

SECY. BALLINGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Specific Authority Wanted to Classify Lands According to Greatest Apparent Use.

HE FAVERS BIG BOND ISSUE

Thirty Million Dollars Wanted for Reclamation Service—For Improving National Parks.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Important recommendations urging remedial legislation by Congress for securing the best use of the remaining public lands are the principal features of the annual report of Secy. of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, made public today. These recommendations include specific authority to classify and segregate lands into well defined divisions according to their greatest apparent use, legislation designed to conserve coal deposits as a public utility and authorizing the classification and disposition of all lands capable of being used for mineral development under the interior department.

Warm praise is given manufacturers of explosives used in coal mining, who, the report says, have made commendable efforts to increase the safety of these explosives even before the requirements of geological survey tests. They have shown a desire to carry out the wishes of state inspectors and recommendations of federal engineers and chemists.

BONDS FOR RECLAMATION

Secy. Ballinger favors the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, or of bonds, not exceeding \$20,000,000 against the reclamation fund for certain lines of irrigation work. The reclamation serv-

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See also the secretary, has been subject to much unjust and to some just criticism.

Since the foundation of the government, it is reported, shows, \$5,000,000 has been disbursed for pensions \$3,000,000, of which \$38,455,444 was disbursed prior to June 30, 1885. With reference to the reclamation fund, the secretary of the interior says:

"The act approved June 17, 1902, known as the reclamation act, clothes the secretary of the interior with a broad discretion in the construction of the reclamation fund, into which the amount has been paid up to and including June 30, 1908, the total sum \$20,000,000, \$49,27, and the net investments for which in reclamation works on June 30, 1908, amounted to the sum of \$45,751, \$18,23. The cash receipts from water-right charges to June 30, 1909, were: Building charges, \$229,411.22; operation and maintenance charges, \$70,825.83; total, \$307,667.15.

Because of the magnitude of the work and the desirability of making plans far in advance, it has been found necessary to make estimates of the amount that will become available before the actual work can be known. The estimated total receipts in the fund to June 30, 1909, are \$35,582,146.60. Upon this basis, and estimated receipts which will become available before Dec. 31, 1910, \$5,528,000 have been allotted for reclamation purposes to Dec. 31, 1910.

The discretion imposed by the act also carries with it commensurables re-

sponsibilities and obligations, which my predecessors have carried out with the utmost fidelity to the public good."

"Some of the most important elements of conservation of the natural resources of the public domain lie within the purview of this statute: the dormant power of stream and flood being conserving for the transformation of the desert into vast tillable areas.

"The receipts from all sources do not give encouragement that the fund will be sufficiently replenished to enable an exacting completion and execution of the work, but there is no way to pay any new work, and not in favor of the extension of the time of these payments, as 10 years (which the law practically availed) without interest, in 10 annual installments, ought to permit any prudent man to meet his payments, unless the cost of construction is a greater burden than the lands will naturally sustain.

"In view of the importance of a speedy completion of existing projects and their prompt return to the control of the government, I am of the opinion that the time of the extension of the reclamation fund, to an aggregate of not exceeding \$20,000,000, or so much thereof as may be needed. These certificates or bonds should be sold by the treasurer of the United States from time to time as may be required by the secretary of the interior and the proceeds placed to the credit of the fund. They should be redeemable on call within a period of not exceed 10 years after issuance. The proceeds will go to the completion of feasible existing projects and the construction of any feasible extensions thereof, and so much thereof as may be needed should be devoted to the construction of new projects in the states and territories in which the expenditures have not met the requirements of section 9 of the act of June 17, 1902. This is a reaffirmance of my recommendation to you from the field of June 30, 1908.

"Among other amendments, an amendment to permit the assignment of homestead entries, within projects, after entrymen have completed five years' residence and cultivation and made proof thereof, is recommended."

PARKS AND RESERVATIONS

Under the head of "National Parks and Reservations," Secy. Ballinger says:

"An inspection of the Yellowstone and Yosemite national parks during the past summer convinces me that the government should adopt a more advanced policy respecting their maintenance, improvement, and operation."

"(1) A continued extension of roads, trails, and structures for public travel and convenience is required to enable the tourist to obtain the benefits of the scenic beauties of these natural playgrounds—the most wonderful in the world.

"These parks have ceased to be experimental as to the operation of transportation lines, hotels, and other concessions, because of the steady stream of travel frequenting them, and the large profits in most cases should require the devotion of a reasonable share thereof to the maintenance of the parks.

"I have therefore determined to impose upon all the concessionaries, so far as existing contracts will permit, a franchise or lease fee based on gross earnings, for the enlargement of the maintenance fund, and where new leases are executed to advance the rental and franchise charge proportionate to the privilege enjoyed. A definite system of accounting will be installed for the government's protection in this behalf.

"The Grand Canyon of the Colorado was established as a national monument on Jan. 11, 1908. Its status is not such as would authorize the grant of franchises or leases, but the facilities and conveniences thereto which its growing importance requires, I would therefore recommend that legislation be had establishing it as a national park."

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The answer to the above question would seem to be an emphatic "NO;" yet the Cooper "stomach man" who is now in Salt Lake introducing the preparations which have made him famous throughout the United States, says, "Under certain conditions, yes."

Reports from eastern cities state that Cooper has demonstrated in which he agreed to make deaf people hear again in three minutes with one of his preparations and it is claimed he was successful in many cases.

When asked about these seeming miracles yesterday the "stomach man" said:

"In cases where deafness has been produced by catarrhal trouble I have a preparation that will bring relief in a few moments' time, but only in cases of this character. In the east I have given public demonstrations with my medicines that were really astonishing, though they were of what was considered to be greatly exaggerated and it was claimed I could restore the hearing of any deaf person in a few moments' time. This is not true by any means, and these false reports caused many people great disappointment. For instance, one man came all the way from Omaha to New York when I was there last year, who had been stone deaf from birth. He was almost broken hearted when I refused to even try to help him. Such an experience as this makes me very reticent as it is terrible thing to witness the despair of an individual such as this man who had been led to believe there was hope for him."

"I shall give some of these demon-

strations in Salt Lake City and will at-

tempt to relieve sufferers from catarrhal deafness in three minutes. If I am successful I will be more ready to discuss it. I, of course, charge nothing for these demonstrations."

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JUDSON HARMON.

Gov. Glenn Thinks He'll be Democratic Presidential Nominee.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 28.—Former Gov. R. B. Glenn of North Carolina in an interview today said: "Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, will be the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been I have found Harmon the leading candidate in public and party opinion."

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GEN. VERAND MISTAKEN FOR GEN. BRUN AND SHOT

Paris, Nov. 28.—A man believed to be insane, and having an imaginary grievance against the war department, shot and seriously wounded Gen. Verand today on the steps of the Hotel Continental, where the general was entering the building to attend business. The man was arrested. Later it was learned that he had mistaken Gen. Verand for Gen. Brun, minister of war.

The attempted assassination created a sensation. It occurred a few moments after President Poincaré left the Hotel Bristol nearby, where he was calling on King Manuel of Portugal.

A crowd of 1,000 people in the streets first thought the attempt had been made against the life of the president or the king of Portugal. Hundreds ran in the direction of the shots and several officers sprang upon Gen. Verand and seized him. He was reported to be an Algerian. He was overpowered with difficulty and was found to be a walking battery of revolvers and daggers.

Gen. Verand received bullets in the neck and forearm, and his condition is considered dangerous.

JAPAN WILL BE LIBERAL WITH FOREIGNERS

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—A revision of the imperial laws of Japan, which will extend to aliens the privilege of owning property in as simple for agricultural and other purposes, will be the chief consideration of the next Diet, which is consummated in Japan with an other nation, according to M. Zamoto, inspector of the Japanese Times of Tokio, the close friend of the late Marquis Ito and one of the big figures in the present-day public life of the island empire.

The editor is a member of the Japanese commercial economists' party, which is visiting here during its last few days in the United States.

"Ever since the days of isolation," declared Zamoto yesterday, "we have been bent to the idea that the foreigner, or a foreign world, should not obtain supremacy by gaining possession of the public lands. I believe that by permitting foreigners to own land in our country the nation would derive many advantages and I have been unable to appreciate under what conditions such an arrangement would prove derogatory to us."

"With the time comes for Japan to consummate a new treaty with one of the other nations, I am confident that

the matter of foreign ownership of lands will be the chief consideration."

PAYNE TARIFF BILL.

It Will be Discussed in the German Reichstag.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The Reichstag will reconvene Tuesday, the emperor returning to Berlin to open the session. The speech from the throne is expected to contain interesting forecasts of the imperial policy. The session will be comparatively quiet, it is believed, although the embitterment between the various parties is still intense.

Socialists are the only party which shows the course of events since the Finance bills were passed. The recent by-elections for the Reichstag and the state and municipal elections show a drift in the same tendencies toward the Socialists.

The deliberations in the Reichstag are expected to touch American affairs. Various points of the American tariff will be discussed in some form, even if no treaty or tariff agreement is presented for ratification.

The Pan-German members are likely to criticize the recent declaration of Count Bernstorff, Vice-Chancellor, addressed at the conclusion of the German-Ottoman conference, which amounted to renunciation of further colonial ambitions.

American trade affairs will probably

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