

## WILL CANAL YET BE AT SEA LEVEL?

Kittredge of Senate Committee  
On Canals Thinks Mistake  
Has Been Made.

SO DO TELLER AND FORAKER.

First Estimate for Lock Type Was  
\$139,000,000—Engineers Now  
Place Cost at \$400,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Under a special order the house today took up the bill "to provide for the government of the canal zone, the construction of the Panama canal and for other purposes." The report says a system by which appeals may be taken from judicial decisions in the canal zone to the proper courts in the United States is necessary. As there is little litigation in the zone, the report says there is no necessity for three judges of the supreme court there, as at present, nor for the court at all, if appeals be otherwise provided.

### TAFT CONSULTED.

The discussion brought out that President-elect Taft had been consulted concerning the provision giving to the president absolute authority in the matter of construction of the canal and providing for the abolishing of the present canal commission. Mr. Richardson said the present was the most important time to call the country's attention to the fact that a change of the legislative and administrative as well as the governmental policy of the canal zone was necessary. He said Congress should wait for the report of the commissioners who recently accompanied Mr. Taft to Panama.

### QUESTION IN SENATE.

The entire question of the type of canal that should be adopted in the construction of the Panama canal was before the senate today, Senator Kittredge, chairman of the committee on intercommerce, canals, Senators Foraker and Teller all declaring that they believed a grave mistake had been made in adopting the lock project. The discussion grew out of a report by Mr. Kittredge on the bill increasing the limit of cost for the canal to \$500,000,000 and authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue bonds to that amount. Mr. Kittredge said the canal committee disapproved of the proposed issue of bonds, and he read a statement showing that expenditures on account of the canal to date have been \$177,964,463.

Senator Kittredge said that while the engineers of the canal zone had originally placed the cost of a lock canal at \$139,000,000 they had now increased their estimates to \$400,000,000, whereas it had been estimated that a sea-level canal could have been built for \$247,000,000. Mr. Kittredge said the lock canal had not progressed so far that it would not now be possible to adopt the sea-level type.

Senator Tillman thought a sea-level canal could be constructed more cheaply than a lock canal and would be far less dangerous in its construction.

Mr. Kittredge said a minority of the consulting engineers had pledged their professional reputations that the cost of the lock type of canal, exclusive of sanitation and expenses of zone government, would not exceed \$139,000,000. Mr. Kittredge said he believed the experience of the American engineers had demonstrated that the sea-level canal could have been constructed for \$247,000,000.

"Have we progressed so far in the construction of the lock canal that we cannot now turn to the sea-level canal?" asked Mr. Foraker.

"By no means," said Mr. Kittredge. He insisted that the sea-level type should have been adopted at the beginning. FORAKER REGRETS HIS ACTION.

"I want to say in this connection," said Mr. Foraker, "that I was influenced to change my support from the Nicaragua canal to the Panama canal because I supposed that we could build a sea-level canal at Panama, and that we could not build one at Nicaragua. Everything that has occurred in connection with that canal since then has caused me to regret my action."

Mr. Teller said he had also supposed that when the change was made nothing less than a sea-level waterway would be undertaken.

A controversy over the height of sides at the Atlantic and Pacific ends of the canal, raised by Mr. Curtis, brought forth the statement from the French senator that the reports of the French engineers could not be ac-

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accepted as of value, as they "did not know what they were undertaking." "They did not," said Mr. Teller, "and I want to say they knew as much about it as our people—just about."

Mr. Teller continued: "I believe today that you can build a sea-level canal at Panama at less cost than the lock canal, and only a sea-level canal will be of value to the world. Another advantage is that it will not be in danger of destruction, which will always be feared with a lock canal."

The suggestion led Mr. Warren to ask Mr. Kittredge questions bringing out the statement that unless action is taken at the present session of Congress authorizing the issuance of additional canal bonds appropriations must be made from the general funds of the treasury. If the work is to continue, regular order was demanded and without disposing of the canal question the senate passed to other subjects.

### MELROSE PARTY FOUND IN PANAMINT MOUNTAINS

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 9.—The Melrose party of seven persons which left Nevada recently and became lost in Death Valley, have been rescued by searchers who found the lost prospectors huddled together in a cave in the Panamint mountains, where they had taken shelter from the heavy showers.

For three days the men of the party had been without food, the scant supply being sufficient only for the two women and children. A short time before their rescue they had shot two jack rabbits. One of the children was ill but was recovering despite the unusual hardships endured. They attribute their going astray to the lack of desert sign posts.

### TENNESSEE COAL MERGER.

Senate Judiciary Committee Will Continue Its Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 9.—It is not probable that the senate committee on judiciary will pursue its inquiry into the merger of the Tennessee Coal & Steel corporation and the United States Steel corporation.

Since hearing the statement of Grant R. Schley of New York, who managed the affairs of the party of financiers who bought control of a majority of the stock of the Tennessee concern and later sold it to the United States Steel corporation with the sanction of President Roosevelt, no decision has been reached to call other witnesses.

### GREAT GRAFT IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The re-grading of city service employees and the equalizing of salaries has developed far enough to convince the merit board that the service has many "duplicate employments." The health department has a plumbing inspector, the building department has another, the water bureau has a third, and all inspect the same jobs. The fire department has men who inspect fire escapes, and so has the building department.

## CHINESE RESENT DISCRIMINATION

Six Companies Call President's  
Attention to How the Jap-  
anese Are Favored.

CITE SOME ALLEGED FACTS

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### TEXT OF COMMUNICATION.

"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

"In view of the commendable and just efforts recently made by you on behalf of the Japanese, in regard to certain laws lately proposed and at the present time partially adopted by the legislature of California, now convened at Sacramento, we, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent association, representing the whole of the Chinese people of the United States, feel justified in respectfully calling your attention to certain conditions pertaining to the Chinese, both citizens and aliens, in this country, which are in direct and flagrant conflict with the sentiment expressed by you, both lately and heretofore, relative to the Japanese. We also feel it our duty toward those whom we represent, especially to propound to you certain questions which are of the most vital interest to the Chinese residents of the United States, and answers to which we respectfully but earnestly request. These things we do with all due regard to the dignity of the executive department of the United States, but also in the belief that you, having so unselfishly expressed your views in favor of the Japanese, cannot fail to render the same justice to the Chinese when the facts have been laid before you."

### JAPANESE FAVORED.

"We beg leave to refer you, Mr. President, to the fact that there is a discrimination in favor of Japanese aliens as against Chinese citizens, residents and privileged classes of this country. Such a discrimination is very apparent from the fact that the department of commerce and labor, governed by the policy of your administration, imposes upon the citizens of Chinese descent, domiciled Chinese merchants, their families, the privileged classes of Chinese under the treaty, every conceivable embarrassment which is in no way suffered by the Japanese."

"We appeal to you, Mr. President, to right the wrongs suffered by the Chinese of this country, and to rescind the laws, property, without due process of law, was destroyed and the occupants turned out in the street, homeless and destitute."

"We ask of you to exert a strong protest against the present school laws of California, which discriminate against Chinese children, whether citizens or aliens, and we respectfully ask you to assist us in taking these laws into the courts to test their constitutionality, as you have stated you will do regarding any law which may become such affecting Japanese children."

"It is a well known fact that inspectors of immigration throughout the United States, where Chinese are concerned, are violating every letter of the fourth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Chinese are arrested, searched and their papers, the only means by which they may be identified and saved from humiliation of arrest and deportation, confiscated. Is there no remedy to protect these people from such flagrant injustice?"

Continuing, the telegram cites various alleged abuses that are charged to the United States immigration officials.

### INFAMOUS TREATMENT ALLEGED.

"It is a well known fact," it states, "that under your administration, the immigration inspectors treat the Chinese en route to the east from San Francisco as if they were escaping criminals."

It is pointed out that that domiciled Chinese, applying for admission to the United States, are held incommunicado while their right to enter is investigated; that Chinese homes are invaded by immigration inspectors without the fear of reprimand; that Chinese are dragged from their hearths, confined in prison without bail, denied the advice of counsel, and even refused the right to consult their own medical advisers.

Other alleged abuses are described, and the memorial suggests that of course the immigration officials are merely obeying departmental rules and regulations. President Roosevelt is asked to recommend to Congress the enactment of laws eliminating from jurisprudence the "pernicious doctrine laid down by the supreme court of the United States vs. Jin Toy, 193 U. S. 263." The memorial concludes as follows:

"The cause and effect which prompt our call to you for justice lies near your hand. Knowing your sense of justice to all people of whatever nation, class or condition, we confidently appeal to you, Mr. President, to right the wrongs suffered by native-born citizens and the subjects of the great empire which, since our existence as a nation, has ever been a firm and good friend to this great nation."

"CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION."  
"By Nig Nom, secretary."  
"O. P. Stidger, general counsel."

### INFLUX OF JAPANESE STEADILY DECREASING

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—Careful investigation by A. C. Ridgway, chief of the local immigration bureau, shows that the influx of Japanese into his district has materially diminished during the past few months. Since the agreement between the United States and Japan regarding the check upon immigration from Japan, there has been a noticeable diminution in the number of applications for admission to this district.

Mr. Ridgway says:

"The agreement between the two countries permits the entry of students, merchants and professional men, travelers, diplomats and others of the higher classes. The restriction applies only to coolies, who come into competition with American laborers. Without the requisite passport they are subject to deportation. When these aliens are found without passports we at once notify the department of commerce and labor at Washington. A telegraphic

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### POOR SCHOLARSHIP OF FRATERNITY MEN

Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 10.—That each fraternity chapter house at the university be provided over by a house mother is the rule suggested for adoption by the fraternities by President David Starr Jordan of Stanford university. In the campaign he has inaugurated to raise the scholarship of the members of the secret societies. The innovation in fraternity societies is suggested in a letter to the various organizations just sent out by Dr. Jordan. The letter calls attention to the poor scholarship of fraternity men in general and urges the adoption of a series of rules by the fraternities to overcome this evil. The societies at the university are asked to state their views on a rule which limits their field for securing new members to men who have passed the examinations of the college at the end of at least one-half term's work.

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