

# U. S. WILL RECLAIM **VAST WESTERN LAND**

Irrigation To Make Columbia River Basin Larger Than the State of Massachusetts

Spokane, Wash.—The irrigation of a vast desert land, larger in area than the state of Massachusetts and more fertile than any in the United States, in eastern Washington, is to be accomplished when water is turned upon 1,750,000 acres of the land. This known as the Columbia river basin, crop of sagebrush. The great sanded tract has waited since the beginning of time for the ingenuity of enfederal authorities.

wheat.

#### Solve Great Problem

river bed to the plains above. They | material indefinitely." looked to Lake Crelan, one of the largest bodies of fresh water in the world, but there were insurmountable difficulties presented here. But modern engineers looked farther to the great Pend Oreille river, fifty miles north of Spokane, and saw the the burning plains and make it poscorn and alfalfa to feed the world.

The Pacific northwest looks upon the reclamation of this great arid tract as one of the most important

events in its history. Fifty-six moles of concrete-lined miles of tunnels, eight in number. plan of distribution calls for 10,000 miles of concrete-lined lateral canals branching from the mains.

### Tunnel Under City

The tunnels through which the water will flow will be double, each thirty-three feet in diameter. One of ton, and the government has been these sets of tunnels will penetrate rendering the fullest assistance in beneath the city of Spokane. The maximum demand capacity of the water per second, and the irigation | ations of anarchists, bolshevists and | tapped for this irrigation purposes, And public opinion has passed the now has an annual flow of about 19,- point where it will sustain such 000,000 acre-feet. Only one-third of this, or 6,000,000 acre-feet will be needed to irrigate this tremendous desert.

years reports that the soil of the Gage street, Hubbard Woods. Columbia basin, a volcanic ash, is twelve feet deep. The value of the land can be determined when it is known that the great Yakima country, where 300,000 irrigated acres yielded crops valued at \$45,000,000 last year, has a soil depth of only four feet.

### Federal Undertaking

The great Pend Oreille is flowing across a countryside today to no purpose. The irrigation project is a federal undertaking. Western members of congress and the senate are going before the congress at the next session to ask for the suitable appropriation.

Experts who have investigated the project and all who have seen the basin believe the proposed reclamation of these 1,750,000 acres of twelvefoot deep volcanic ash land to be one of the greatest undertakings even conceived.

Sure Thing.

Naggsby-"What would you think If you got a letter containing the most abject praise of yourself and which ended without asking any sort of favor?" Waggsby-"I should think I was asleep and dreaming."-Farm Life.

#### SAYS ALASKA WILL AID PAPER FAMINE

Washington, D. C .- That the shortage of newsprint will be overcome by new paper mills in Alaska was predicted by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, who has just returned from a month's inspection of timber and water power on the Tongass national forest. "The national forests of Alaska," said Col. Greeley, "contain resources sufficient to produce 1,500,000 tons of paper annually in perpetuity, and a paper industry in the territory is now assured." Col. Greeley believes that the administration of Alaska's great resources should be put in the hands land has heretofore yielded a large of men on the ground, but it opposed to the transfer of all federal interests to a local commission.

A sale of 100,000,000 feet of pulp gineers to quench its thirst. The plans timber has been made, and a second for the irrigation of the Columbia | sale of 1,500,000 feet, which will supbasin have been completed by A. J. ply a large paper plant for 30 years, Turner, veteran reclamation engineer, is now being arranged. "The nationand have been approved by state and al forests of Alaska," said Col. Greeley, "offer paper manufacturers an The watering of the desert land of ample supply of pulp timber, availthe eastern Washington valleys has able under long term contracts at long been the dream of its settlers. low prices and subject to very simple Acres of ruined orchards and wheat and reasonable cutting requirements. fields gone to waste attest the hardy The forest service is doing its utefforts of farmers for decades to most to develop this resource of the make the great basin productive of territory. We will not only make Alaska one of the greatest sources of paper for the United States, but we will make the industry per-The engineers looked to the Co- manent, as it is in Norway, by keeplumbia river, winding its swollen ing the cut of timber within what flood for centuries at the very doors our forests are growing. Paper manuof the great basin, but they were facturers who go to Alaska can unable to raise the water from the count upon an assured supply of raw

#### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

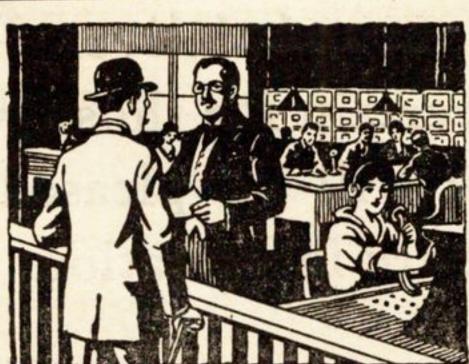
The term "collective bargaining" means that wage-workers shall have the right to organize, and through their chosen representatives, make bargains with their employers conwater that is soon to course through cerning wages and other phases of an intricate system of canals and their work. During the war this now over the Columbia basin, hit method of governing employment gained full official recognition, and sible to produce there enough wheat. former President Taft was chairman of the War Labor board that put teeth into the enforcement of the principle in industry.

Railroad employers and wageworkers reached the progressive viewpoint that the government main canal will be built; thirty-four should be taken into consideration as the logical protector of the pubthe longest of which will be fifteen lic interest, and more than two miland three-quarter miles and the lion railroad men agreed with their shortest one mile. Forty miles of employers to an adjustment of wage artificial and natural lakes will be relations by the federal government. utilized along the route. The vast Other industries have been asking the government to adjudicate their affairs, and through the plan of "collective bargaining" the process has been making rapid progress.

The coal miners have been persistent in their demands upon Washingsettling the troubles that have arisen. However, it appears to be up to canal will be 20,000 cubic feet of the coal miners to rid their organizseason will be seven months. The I. W. W.'s since that element is Pend Areille river, which is to be prominent in leadership among them. leaders.

### WRECK IVERSON GARAGE

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Realty Dealers Claim Greater Number of Sales Have Averaged \$25,000 in Price

It is claimed by some of our north shore real estate brokers the north shore real estate has been more active during the past few months than real estate in any other section of Cook county. The greater number of sales have been homes ranging in price around \$25,000. The largest sale of the season was the Blackwood home located at 334 Warwick road, Kenilworth. to E. L. Essley of Rogers Park. Consideration said to be around \$60,000. This deal was consummated by Hill and Wheeler who report a waiting list of buyers willing to pay from \$50,000 to \$150,000 for north shore homes. Hill and Wheeler also report sale of Old English home on Sheridan road and Forest avenue to Edward W. Flanagan for a consideration of \$25,000.

#### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED TO WINNETKA RESIDENTS

The following building permits have been issued to Winnetka residents by the Village Department of Public Works:

W. H. Anderson, 555 Provident avenue: garage.

W. F. Wallace, 915 Mt. Pleasant road; garage.

William Remy will build a residence and garage valued at \$20,000 at 203 Sunset road.

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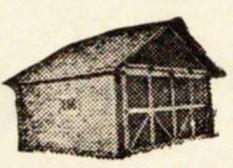
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