

CANAL FROM RHINE
TO RHONE ASSURES
BIG WATER POWERMillierand Promises State Aid
for Hydro-Electric Pro-
jects Planned.

PARIS, March 26.—The greatest series of engineering efforts ever attempted in France, according to President Millerand, is the Rhine-Rhone canal, with its allied hydro-electric projects, the sites of which M. Millerand visited last week. At that time he assured by the people of the Rhine Valley that he would give all the assistance possible to a realization of the scheme, which aims at supplying sufficient power to all the great textile industries in the south of France.

The canal already exists, but it must be widened to permit the continuation of the Rhine shipping and to make possible the linking up of the North Sea and the Mediterranean.

At many points the Rhone passes through gorges almost as majestic as those of Colorado. For the present, however, the engineers are concentrating their attention on two huge dams, each of them 200 feet high, for the building of which the department of the Rhone was said to have been promised sufficient funds, but it will need the Government's assistance to meet the necessary electric power. With an adequate distribution of the electric energy.

The first dam is to be built near Besancon and will block the narrow gorge between Belle Garde (Ain) and the Swiss frontier in such a manner as to create a lake of twenty square miles. The American system of locks is being considered, which will make possible the use of the whole of the falls for the development of electric power. It is estimated that 120,000-horsepower may be developed here under usual conditions in the Rhone or double that power when the river is swollen during the winter floods.

The second dam will be built at Maltravieux. It will be 100 feet high, with a generating plant located in the gorge itself at the foot of the dam. The plant will be sufficient to add another 300,000-horsepower to the energy derived from the river.

Other hydro-electric plants are being planned at suitable points in the gorge, and engineers at work on the plans estimate that there will be a total production of more than 1,000,000 horsepower of energy.

In order to avoid the danger of catastrophes in these mountain regions, the dam has been decided that each dam shall be of reinforced concrete and surrounded by brick, the thickness of each being more than 150 feet. It is estimated that it will require at least four years to complete the project, but the entire cost of the scheme will be paid at the present charges for electric energy within five years after commencement to utilize systematically the power of the Rhone.

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When Bonar Law went to Glasgow University to deliver his rectorial address, he was met by the students and was accorded a great reception.

FRENCH PAINTER DISCLOSES
PRICELESS ART COLLECTION

Rembrandts, Watteaus and Fragonards Hidden Away in
Paris Studio, Will Be Left to Public Galleries.

PARIS, March 26.—At 88 he smokes cigarettes while mixing his paints and turning out some of France's most notable modern portraits. This is the record of Leon Bonnat, in whose studio in the Rue Bassano last week were revealed treasures which have excited the curiosity of art collectors of America as well as Europe. Feeling that he might not live much longer, M. Bonnat has shown friends a series of sketches which he picked in his reliable markets in all parts of France, Germany and Italy during the last fifty years, representing some of the finest works of old as well as fairly modern artists. Rembrandt, authentic Durers, the fine tones of Watteau and Fragonard, and all are represented in M. Bonnat's strongly locked cabinet, the artist himself declaring that the value of his collection certainly is more than 5,000,000 francs. Although bought at the previous rates of exchange, he frequently obtained his treasures from sources where the ignorance of the seller enabled him to pick up marvelous bargains, which accounts for the great value of his collection, for his earnings in the series he shot from exactly the same source. He has permitted him to spend a tenth of this sum.

But M. Bonnat is patriotic, like most French artists, and is going to leave the precious heritage to his own nation. Already he has given an album containing ninety Rembrandt sketches to the Louvre, and the remainder of his collection will be divided between the Louvre and the Museum of Bayonne, with the provision that the collection must never leave public ownership.

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Latest Passenger Ship, R-36,
to Make Maiden Trip Soon,
To Be Included.

REASON IS ECONOMY

Glasgow, March 26.—England's first passenger airship, the R-36, will make her maiden trip next week from the works of Wm. Beardmore & Co. to Inchinnan, near Glasgow, to the Pullman airship station. There she will join as one of the group of airships which the British Government is offering to any firm that will assume responsibility for them.

This is, perhaps, the most remarkable free gift ever proposed by any government. The air ministry, driven by any number of reasons, is offering the fleet of airships, which the Government has the intention of handing over to the private firm that will undertake to operate and make experiments with them, the R-36, two smaller vessels, with all their equipment. The value of the gift is about £3,000,000, and all the Government asks in return is the use of the knowledge gained in the process.

The R-36 may be considered a sister ship to the R-34, which visited New York last year, and is intended to be longer and has five instead of four gondolas hanging beneath the gas bag, the R-34, two smaller vessels, with all their equipment. The value of the gift is about £3,000,000, and all the Government asks in return is the use of the knowledge gained in the process.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DEMAND FOR OATS
ON LOCAL MARKET

Eggs Drop to 30c Wholesale
—Live Hogs at \$14
Per Cwt.

Buying and selling was quiet at the market on Monday. About 10 loads of hay were offered, but because of the fairly good demand prices remained steady. One load of straw brought \$10 per ton.

Commission merchants had a number of orders for oats, but up to 10:30 o'clock none were offered. They said the bulk price would be \$1.50 per cwt. Wheat and barley appear to be in good demand.

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