

# TAFT PROMISES TO HELP RIVER TRADE

### President Assures Callers He Will Work for Improved Inland Waterways.

### SAYS CONGRESS IN FAVOR

### To 800 Enthusiasts Who Present Petitions, Nation's Executive Declares All Possible Aid Will Be Given.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Assurance that steps of an important character toward the development of a system of waterways improvement in the heart of the country would be taken by the present Congress were given by President Taft to delegations which he received in the East Room of the White House today.

To 800 committeemen, representing the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, the President promised to bring what influence he could in favor of the improvement of the Ohio; and later to the committee of 600 from the New Orleans "Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways" convention, he said that the interest of those in Congress who heretofore have turned a cold shoulder to the entire subject of waterway improvement had been aroused.

### Pittsburg Asks Nine Feet.

The object of the visit of the Ohio Valley delegation to the White House was to enlist the President's support for a nine-foot channel from Pittsburg to Cairo all the year round.

### Secretary Nagel Says Private or State Funds Are Not Responsible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—More than a dozen delegates to the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, telling what they thought about the policy of improving the waterways of the United States and methods that should be pursued in bringing about the end desired by all, characterized the meeting of that organization today.

### How East Lost Told.

Representative J. Hampton Moore, president of the Atlantic Deep Waterways convention, aroused an unusual degree of enthusiasm. He showed how the East had been outstripped by the Middle West and the Far West in transportation facilities.

### Local Committees Desired.

### LONG WALK SAFELY MADE

### STRIKERS RENEW THREATS

### LABOR MEN ASK INQUIRY

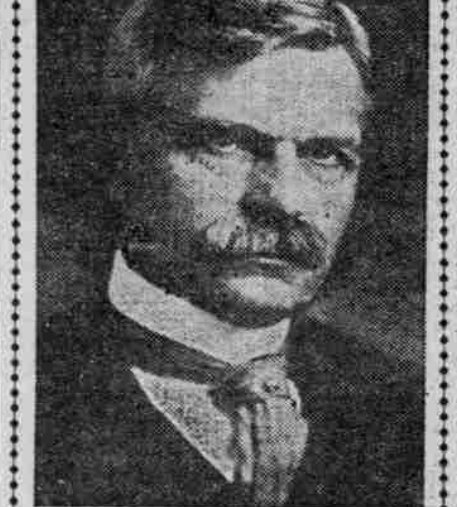
### WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Industrial education, which formed a lively topic of

discussion at the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor, is to be taken up with the National Department of Commerce and Labor, it was announced today.

### GORE SEES BUSY TIMES AHEAD

### Blind Oklahoma Senator Says Message Omits Much.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—United States Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, was in New York today.



Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Prominent Speaker Before Rivers and Harbor Congress Yesterday.

Interstate commerce, so we are in a fog as to what he wants in a direction.

### MILLION-DOLLAR CUT IS ASKED

### Naval Coal Supply Appropriation May Be Heavily Curtailed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A \$1,000,000 cut in the appropriations for the coal supply for the Navy was recommended today to the House naval affairs committee by Rear-Admiral Covel, Chief of the Bureau of Equipment of the Navy.

### FIRE ROUTS OUT GUESTS

### KALAMAZOO IS SCORCHED BY \$750,000 BLAZE.

### Low Water Pressure Responsible for Spread of Flames—Other Cities Send Aid.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 9.—Property valued at \$750,000 was destroyed here last night, five firemen were injured and 160 hotel guests were driven scantly clad into the streets by a fire that burned the Burdick House. Nearly a square in the business district was laid in ruins and more than 50 business concerns suffered losses.

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### CHERRY PROBERS WOULD SEE ROSENJACK FIRST.

### Officials Scored for Laxity in Search for Witnesses—No Aid to Save Entombed.

CHERRY, Ill., Dec. 9.—The inquiry of the coroner's jury into the St. Paul mine disaster, in which 399 men were killed, came to an abrupt close today without a verdict being reached.

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