

ACTS TO BE ANSWERED
TAFT'S CRITICS

Friends Say He Will Obtain
Conservation Laws That
Really Conserve.

PROBLEMS ARE INTRICATE

How to Prevent Monopoly and Yet
Not Exclude Capital Is Nice

Question—Won't Wait Re-
sult of Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—"Acts rather
than declarations."

President Taft is reported in this
week's way to have described recently to
certain members of the conserva-
tion of natural resources. The Presi-
dent, it is said, has declared that when
the present session of Congress ends he
will be able to point to the first prac-
tical conservation statute ever placed
upon the law books of the Nation as his
answer to the criticism that has been
directed toward the White House.
Without waiting for the Hallinger-
Pinchot investigation, Mr. Taft soon
will begin the preparation of his spe-
cial message on conservation and he
has received assurances from both
houses of Congress that, while some
trouble may be expected in the lower
branch, his recommendations will be
made into law before the Spring ad-
journment.

Dispute to Be Ignored.

The President is represented as hold-
ing that there is nothing in the Hal-
linger-Pinchot dispute that has a bear-
ing on his own legislative program,
and he will proceed regardless of it.

In the preparation of his special mes-
sage on conservation, which will have the
operation of Secretary Hallinger and
Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, chairman
of the Senate committee on public
lands. It is asserted that in the con-
structive work of legislation the Presi-
dent has had to depend almost wholly
upon Mr. Hallinger, who has been at
work for several months on the draft
of proposed statutes that will meet the
intricacies of the problem of practical
conservation.

Bills Already Prepared.

The proposed new laws are ready to
be submitted to the committee of the
Senate and House with the special mes-
sage, preparation of which the Presi-
dent will begin as soon as he gets the
message on the interstate and anti-trust
laws out of the way.

White House callers, who have talked
with President Taft on the subject, de-
scribe him as believing that he will
best prove his friendship for the
"Roosevelt policies" of conservation by
putting laws on the statute books that
will actually carry these policies into
effect.

The real problem to be solved is how
best to dispose of the public lands con-
taining water-power sites, coal and
phosphates. Such lands have been
withdrawn from entry under the gen-
eral land laws, but they cannot be held
indefinitely, and there is no specific law
governing their sale or lease.

It is generally admitted that the re-
sources must be developed; that the
coal and phosphates must be taken out
by private capital, and yet there must,
at the same time, be safeguards against
monopoly. These are the intricacies
with which Congress will have to deal.

RIVER LEAVING CHANNEL?

Salem Mayor Sees Danger Ahead and
Sounds Alarm.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—
Mayor George F. Rodgers has made the
discovery that the Willamette River at
this point is threatening to shift to the
westward and leave the city high and
dry away from the river for half a
mile or more.

The Mayor said today that the river
may start a new channel, flowing west-
ward a short way above the city, go
through West Salem, and return to the
old bed some distance below the steel
bridge that connects Marion and Polk
Counties.

The Mayor has communicated with
United States engineers, who he says
are conversant with the tendency of
the river at this point. The subject
will be taken up with Oregon's Con-
gressional delegation in an effort to se-
cure an appropriation for the purpose
of diking the river to protect both
Salem and West Salem.

FEED SCARCE, HOGS DEAR

Eight Cents Paid at Colfax and Fur-
ther Rise Predicted.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Spe-
cial.)—The recent rise in the price of
wheat and resultant lack of feed at a
corresponding price has caused a cor-
responding rise in the price of hogs,
quotation. Spokane today being 3
cents a pound live weight.

N. N. Carroll paid that figure for a
cloud of prime packers, which were
shipped to Walla Walla.

Buyers predict that 2 cents a pound
will be paid before April 1.

PINCHOT DAZED BY MOVE

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anxious than they that his department
be investigated, but were, for the time,
stagnated to learn the method of
Hallinger and his friends were insisting
that when the investigation started, it
should cover the Forest Service as well
as the Interior Department. From the mo-
ment that a double investigation was as-
sured, the Pinchot followers ceased their
clamor and became indignantly silent.

The truth is that the Forest Service is
not prepared for an investigation; it does
not welcome a probe. And for this rea-
son the Forest Service has been operat-
ing for several years in a manner that
will not stand investigation. The acts of
the Service have gone beyond the limit
fixed by the law; the method followed
have been those of an independent body,
responsible to no one but its head.

It has been a matter of course that
thereby assuming powers belonging only
to Congress. But so far it has been able
to get away with pretty much everything
it attempted, because it had the backing
of the last Administration, and Congress
had no real understanding of the manner
in which the Service was being con-
ducted.

Law Is Disregarded.

The investigation, which starts next
month, will develop all these things and
will show wherein the Forest Service has
absorbed legislative authority, has dis-
played a general disregard for the laws
passed by Congress, and has acted in-
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dependently of other branches of the Gov-
ernment of which it is a part. Naturally,
the Forest Service does not care to have
these conditions laid bare, particularly by
a Congressional committee, for Congress
is notoriously jealous of its constitu-
tional authority, and strongly in-
clined to resent any encroachment upon
its domain. This being the case, the
Forest Service officials are well aware
that they will go into the investigation
under something of a handicap.

On the part of Mr. Pinchot and other
officials of the Forest Service, it has
been noted that the newspapers which
thrive most on the sensational news
furnished by the Forest Service during
the past summer and fall have
shown their interest in the Pin-
chot-Ballinger row, and are only too
eager that the investigating committee,
when it meets, shall give L. R. Glavis
an opportunity to be heard.

Glavis Will Be Called.

This fear is not well founded. Mr.
Glavis will be the first witness
summoned before the committee, cross-
questioning him it is to be presumed
that he will have little more to offer
to anyone.

The Glavis charges are in a way the
indirect cause of this investigation.
Glavis himself is the man to whom the
committee will look for the most dam-
ning evidence against Secretary Bal-
linger, and never will Mr. Glavis be
excused until he has not only told the
committee all he knows, but explained
how he came by his information and
what proof he has to substantiate his
accusations.

For the friends of Mr. Pinchot it may
be said that L. R. Glavis will play a
star part in the Congressional investi-
gation, a part second only to that of
Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Hallinger.

SHARP CHILL PREVAILS

EVEN SUNNY SOUTH SUFFERS
FROM BITING COLD.

Chicago Thermometer, One Below
Zero—Missouri, Nebraska, Min-
nesota Are Shivering.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The thermometer
dropped to one degree above zero in Chi-
cago today. The Weather Bureau predic-
tion is that it will be colder tomorrow.
Chicago is not alone in experiencing severe
chill, reports from Missouri, Ne-
braska, Minnesota and Kentucky intimat-
ing that the storm is sweeping across
the Kansas City shivered at zero and the
whole Missouri Valley reported low tem-
peratures ranging from zero to 20 below
at Huron, S. D. Norfolk, Neb. reports
15 below; Omaha, 6 below; Sioux City,
Iowa, 16 below; and Des Moines, 12 be-
low.

Central and Northern Missouri experi-
enced the lowest temperatures of the sea-
son with 7 below.

The mercury stood at
1 below zero, the coldest December 29
on record at that point. In Central and
Western Kansas the weather was mild.
Oklahoma did not show in the snap.
At Omaha today the Government ther-
mometer registered 9 degrees below
zero, the lowest record for the winter.
Extremely low temperature prevailed
today in Minneapolis, North and South
Dakota and portions of Manitoba. Saskat-
chewan and Alberta indicated low tem-
peratures to follow. The coldest spot
was Winnipeg, where it was 28 below.

The sunny South, from the Ohio River
to Northern Georgia and Alabama, today
experienced the coldest weather of the
winter. Freezing weather is reported
as far south as Central Alabama and
Georgia.

The condition of the Ohio River is be-
coming worse. The river is freezing from
Zittah to Cairo and, while navigation
entirely suspended, a shortage of coal
is anticipated within a week.

GLADSTONE DAY HONORED

England Pays Tribute to Memory of
Grand Old Man.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The centenary of
the birth of William Edward Gladstone
was commemorated today, not only in
the land of his birth, but in countries
like Greece, the Balkans and Armenia,
whose peoples still cherish the memory
of the statesman's exertions in their
behalf.

At foreign delegates, representa-
tives of Finland, Russia, Holland, Bul-
garia, Greece, Serbia, Armenia and
other states, joined in services held at
Westminster Abbey, where Gladstone
is buried, and in other parts of the coun-
try, largely attended memorial meetings
were held.

The statue of Gladstone on the
Strand was fairly hidden beneath
floral offerings that had come from all
parts of the world, while his tomb in
Westminster Abbey was covered with
tributes, including a large solid sil-
ver wreath received from the govern-
ment of Bulgaria.

MRS. BROKAW DENIES ALL

Testimony Closes and Brokaw Will
Show Financial Position.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The sensational
and long-drawn-out Brokaw-Brokaw
suit closed today, so far as taking of tes-
timony is concerned. The hearing was
adjourned to Saturday, when the case will
be finally submitted, after which Bro-
kaw's attorneys have presented a state-
ment of their client's financial condition.

The closing of the proceedings came
soon after Mr. Brokaw's cross-examina-
tion had been concluded and Mrs. Blair
Brokaw had been recalled. The plaintiff
was well served with details of charges
made by her husband. She emphatically
denied that Brokaw had ever told her
about threats made by her father, Mr.
Blair, at Atlantic City, to kill the million-
aire. She declared she had never smoked
cigarettes in her husband's presence, be-
fore their marriage, as Mr. Brokaw had
testified, and she denied ever telling her
maid that she expected soon to set up a
house of her own and wanted the maid to
work for her.

TWO SWITCHMEN BEATEN

Northern Pacific Accuses Strikers
and Asks Police Protection.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Spe-
cial.)—Two strikebreakers employed
by the Northern Pacific at its local
yards were set upon and beaten by
evening by men the railroad officials
assert were striking switchmen.

A man, a man, a man, a man, a man,
switches near the Fifteenth-street
tower, was roughly handled. He was
knocked down and kicked and received
several bruises necessitating his re-
moval to the Northern Pacific Hospital.
He declares that he can identify his
assailants. A new man employed in
the head of the bay yards was set
upon and beaten but not so seriously,
according to Division Superintendent
W. C. Albee, who says that warrants
have been issued for the offenders and
that he has also called upon the Mayor
for police protection for the switchmen
now at work.

Goods Purchased This Week on Credit WILL BE Charged on January Account
Last Housekeepers' Day Sale of the Year

ATTENTION!
Woodmen of the World
The officers of Webfoot Camp No. 65 authorize us to state that their camp organizer will present one of our \$3.50 Gift Certificates, good in any department of our store, to each Woodman who gives to him the names or applications for two new members before January 20, 1910, and has them initiated later into Webfoot Camp. Certificates issued as soon as candidates are initiated.

Every week during the present year we have endeavored to suggest many useful and practical things for Housekeepers' Day. This shopping day has become a fixture. Many people wait for it and profit by it. It occurs to us that possibly for New Years' day, something in Chinaware would be suggestive; or, perhaps, a new pair of curtains. There is wide choice and liberal bargains in both today.

A SPECIAL LOT OF
500 PIECES FINE
Challies at 4c
A late and large shipment of 500 pieces of Challies makes this sale interesting. The lot includes light and dark colors and Persian and floral designs. The entire lot on sale at, per yard..... 4c

Olds, Wortman & King



Irish Point Lace
Curtains Reduced

In this lot are some of the best values it has ever been our good fortune to offer on this Housekeepers' Sale Day. There are some of the daintiest and most beautiful designs ever shown in Portland. The values are apparent upon investigation. Your special attention is called to the display on the Fourth Floor. Arab color and elaborate enough for any room in the house. See them today. Select yours while the assortment is large.
\$4.00 values for..... \$2.35
\$5.00 values for..... \$3.25
\$6.00 values for..... \$3.60
\$7.00 values for..... \$3.85
\$7.50 values for..... \$4.50
\$9.00 values for..... \$5.95

Fine Chinaware
Made Special Today

ODD LINES IN HAVILAND DECORATED CHINA. This sale includes almost everything for the table. Plates, cups and saucers, choco-lates, bouillions, ramakins, sugars, cream, tea and chocolate pots, salad, cake plates and cel-ery trays. An infinite line..... 20% Off
ENGLISH DECORATED CHINA. Choice line of plates, teas, fancy dishes, jugs from best English china manufacturers, Minton, Doulton, Coalport, Cauldon and Copeland..... 25% Off
GERMAN CHINA SPECIALS. Salad and cake plates, in all sizes, plates for all purposes of every size. Cups, saucers, fruit, oatmeal, pudding dishes, chocolate and tea sets, sugars and creams, jugs and fancy pieces..... 25% Off
VASES AND ORNAMENTS. Art pottery in Brau, Mall, Green, Wel-ler, Rozane, Claywood, Norwood, Narona, Sovevo, Delta, Bonn, Amphora, Teplitz, etc. In pieces from 50c to \$75. Big range for selection..... 50c to \$75



SILK PETTICOATS. Extra quality silk taffeta. Deep ruffle. Regular values to \$8.50. Special during this sale only..... \$4.98
WOMEN'S COATS. Wide range for choice; many styles. Reg. \$35. Sp. 1 only \$13.98
WOMEN'S COATS. Including many of the best we carry. Great opportunity. Regular values to \$45.00. Special..... \$23.98

Best Blanket Specials Yet

Fancy Plaid Wool Blankets. We have a large stock of them, a wide range for selection of styles and are certain that wherever a blanket would be welcome, none will answer the purpose better than this. They come in large sizes and two qualities.
Regular value \$7 pair, only \$5.25
Oregon Wool Blankets
Fine White Oregon Wool Blankets. As good as the best. Made with either pink or blue borders. Regularly sold at \$5.50. On special sale today for only..... \$4.35

Silver Gray Blankets \$3.95 Pair
Silver Gray Blankets. An exceptionally attractive value. Warm, comfortable and durable. They are large size and of fine material. Regular price \$4.50. Special..... \$3.95

TERRA COTTA FIGURES. These are very splendid reproductions of noted artists, in figures and busts. Ideal for home decorations. Great assortment from which to choose..... Half Price
There are plenty for choice

Safety Razors 25c
THE SHARP SHAVER. Guaranteed as good a safety razor as is on the market. They are made special to introduce them. Handle with one blade, Special, 25c; Extra Blades, 5 for 25c
SHAVING GLASSES—Nickel silver, stand and base. French plate glass, with brush and mug. Made special today at..... ONE-HALF PRICE
MANICURE SETS—Comb and brush and toilet sets, collar and cuff boxes, baskets in all Christmas novelties on sale today at..... ONE-HALF PRICE
CHRISTMAS STATIONERY—Left over from Christmas trade; all in perfect condition; excellent quality of paper and envelopes..... ONE-THIRD OFF
1910 CALENDARS—A very large stock for selection; all makes..... ONE-HALF PRICE

RED TOP Rubber Boots
All Sizes \$1.50 Pair
If, perchance, there is some little boy or girl you overlooked in your Christmas giving, it's not too late to purchase a pair of these boots. Now that the rainy weather is about due, this gift would be exquisitely appropriate. Do it for New Years. Per pair, all sizes, \$1.50 4 to 12..... \$1.50

The Greatest Suit Sale of the Year Continues All the Week

Great Stock of \$2 Silks at 69c Yard
The Silk Store has never offered its patrons greater value than in this sale of silks, comprising an endless variety of styles. They come in 20 and 24-inch widths and represent lines that did not sell rapidly during the Christmas rush. Everything in the lot, values up to \$2.00, made special this week, per yard..... 69c

Three Great Embroidery Specials
LOT NO. 1. Large assortment of swiss, nainsook and cambric, 3 to 12 inches in width. Regular values to 45c. Special for..... 15c
LOT NO. 2. Fine assortment of swiss, nainsook, cambric and batiste. Regular values as high as 75c per yard. Special for..... 25c
LOT NO. 3. 27-inch skirt flouncings. Swiss lawn, nainsook, English eye-let and baby designs. Regular to \$1.75. Special for..... 75c

EVERYTHING IS SPECIAL THIS WEEK Baby Week HUNDREDS OF THINGS for the TOTS

INFANTS' SLIPS. These are hand-made, short or long, trimmed with fine tucks and lace. SPECIAL ONLY \$1.58
BABY WRAPPERS. A special line of fine woolen ones. They are trimmed with hand-scalloping and fancy stitching. Regular values from \$1.50 to \$7.50. ONE-THIRD OFF.
BABY SHOULDER SHAWLS. These shawls come in white cassimere and are very special at only..... 98c

BABY'S SKIRTS. Hand-made, long and short. SPECIAL ONLY \$1.59
COTTON DIAPERS. Birdseye flannel. Three sizes— Small, dozen..... 77c
Large, dozen..... \$1.49
Medium, dozen..... 99c
BABY'S BASSINETS. Regular values \$8.00. SPECIAL ONLY \$5.98
BABY'S SHOES. We have all sizes and a wide range of colors for selection. SPECIAL ONLY..... 49c

TARIFF BILL PASSES

FRENCH CHAMBER STRONGLY FOR PROTECTION.
Stiff Fight Is Predicted in Senate Where Differences Must Be Reconciled.

STUDENT MISSION BEGINS

Five Thousand Attend Convention of Volunteer Evangelists.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 29.—With 5000 delegates present from all parts of the United States and abroad, the quadrennial convention of the students' volunteer movement for foreign mis-sions opened here today for a five days' session. The purpose of the conven-tion is:

HONOR GOLDEN WEDDING

Fairmont Minister and Wife Cele-brate Happy Marriage.
EUGENE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Rev. C. A. Woolley and wife, of Fair-mont, celebrated their golden wed-ding anniversary tonight at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley have lived in Oregon 44 years, coming here from Colorado.

NEWPORT STORES CHANGE HANDS.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Elmer T. Patrick, lately a merchant of Ashland, has bought the grocery stores owned by Jake Buxton and the Loomis Brothers.

JUST A FEW DOSES END BACKACHE AND REGULATE YOUR OUT-OF-ORDER KIDNEYS

Your Kidneys Will Act Fine, and the Most Severe Bladder Misery Simply Vanishes.
If you take several doses of Pape's Diuretic, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.
Lame back, painful stitches, rheumatism, nervous headache, dizziness, irritability, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, worn-out, sick feeling and other symptoms of sluggish, inactive kidneys disappear.
Uncontrollable, smarting, frequent urination (especially at night) and all bladder misery ends.
This unusual preparation goes at once to the disordered kidneys, bladder and urinary system and distributes its healing, cleansing and vitalizing influ-ence directly upon the organs and glands affected, and completes the cure before you realize it.
The moment you suspect any kidney or urinary disorder or feel rheumatism pains, begin taking this harmless medicine, with the knowledge that there is no other remedy at any price, made anywhere else in the world, which will effect so thorough and prompt a cure as a fifty-cent treatment of Pape's Diuretic, which any druggist can supply.
Your physician, pharmacist, banker or any mercantile agency will tell you that Pape, Thompson & Page, of Cincinnati, is a large and responsible medicine concern, thoroughly worthy of your confidence.
Only curative results can come from taking Pape's Diuretic, and a few days' treatment means clean, active, healthy kidneys, bladder and urinary organs—and no backache.
Accept only Pape's Diuretic—fifty-cent treatment—any drug store—any-where in the world.

It is said that Clots, chairman of the commission, in his closing speech assured the chamber that the bill was designed only to protect interests of France and was in no way aimed at any foreign country.

The government has held aloof and has not shown its hand except to intervene for the modification of some schedules that were bound to menace foreign trade relations. Nevertheless, it is expected that the government will step in at the final moment and offer a conciliatory propo-sition as the bill still has a long road to travel. Tomorrow yet pass the Senate and the differences between the two houses must be reconciled.
Although the enacting clause puts the new tariff in force on March 21, 1910, it is considered that the bill probably will not be adopted until later in the year.

They were instantly killed early today by the explosion of a boiler at the new plant of the Metropolitan Electric Company in West Reading. The nightwatchman had just left the plant, and the day force had arrived, when the boiler ex-plooded.

He was carried out: Violin solo, Miss Edna Erdman; reading of the financial report of the library board, Edgar Swan; ad-

dress, Judge Donald McMaster; vocal solo, Miss Laura Crawford; address, Dr. C. H. Chapman, of The Oregonian.