



DANGERS OF WATER POWER BILL NOTED

Delegates Gathering for Conference.

3 GOVERNORS TO BE PRESENT

F. H. Short Points Out Hidden Shoals in Ferris Bill.

DEVELOPMENT REAL ISSUE

Authority on Subject Declares Passage of Measure Would Result in Long Period of Stagnation and Litigation.

The vanguard of delegates and speakers to the Western States Water-Power Conference, which will begin a three-day session at the Multnomah Hotel on the call of Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, with 13 Western States participating, is already here.

Among them, so far as could be ascertained last night, will be at least three, and perhaps four, Governors, and as many United States Senators.

Several came in during the day, and others arrived on the late train last night. The main body of delegates will arrive today.

Three Governors Expected. The Governors who have made hotel reservations and are definitely expected are Governor Lister, of Washington, and Governor Spry, of Utah, both of whom have made reservations at the Multnomah.

Governor Alexander, of Idaho, may not arrive today, but he is expected here before the close of the conference, as he has made reservations at the Multnomah for himself and his wife.

Thomas J. Walsh, United States Senator from Montana, and Reed Smoot, United States Senator from Utah, have made reservations, and Senator Jones, of Washington, is also definitely expected.

Word was received from Senator Borah, of Idaho, that he will be unable to appear for his scheduled address.

Noted Speaker Arrives. One of the prominent authorities on the water power problem who will speak at the conference to arrive yesterday was Frank H. Short, of Fresno, Cal. Mr. Short is a distinguished attorney who has made a special study of water rights. His address at the conference will be on the subject "The Constitutional Aspects of the Ferris Bill."

"The only argument I have heard in favor of the passage of the Ferris bill," said Mr. Short at the Multnomah last night, "is that legislation is needed right so that developments may be made. Nothing worse could happen, I believe, to the proponents of this bill than its passage. When it is studied you find that it has not the certainty and tenure claimed for it, and that as large power profits are developed it takes from 15 to 30 years to complete a development, and that during this period the properties of the company would be absolutely subject to the changes and regulations of the Interior Department."

Retarded Developments Feared. "The result of such a situation is inevitable. The money could not be obtained and the developments could not be made. Its passage would simply mean a period of stagnation in development and of controversies as to the validity of the act, with the result that it would either be held invalid by the Supreme Court or else it would be amended, recognizing local industries and state control over local industries. If the United States Government can charge, as this act proposes to charge, a certain rental, so-called, measured by the product of electricity, then it can charge so much per ton per mile for railroad rights of way, for water conveyed through a canal over public land, or any rental or charge or any toll it may desire to charge for any industry conducted on the public lands."

Policy Regarded as Unjust. "When the Western states and the Western people fully realize the possibilities of such a departure from the equal laws and taxes supposed to be imposed by the United States, they will be unanimous in opposition to the Ferris bill. Its support now comes almost wholly through Administration influence, which I do not believe understand its import or the injustice that would ultimately be done to the West under such a policy."

To Yield Regarded as Impossible. "This would be especially true if the abundant and cheap power of the West began to draw manufacturing and other productive industries in this direction from the Eastern, Northern and Southern states."

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NAVY TO DEVELOP INVENTORS' IDEAS

DANIELS CALLS FOR ADVICE ON NEW LABORATORY.

Resources of Department Itself for Experimenting, Says Secretary, Are to Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Secretary Daniels, it was announced today, has requested members of the new naval advisory council on inventions, headed by Thomas A. Edison, to formulate ideas as to an experimental and research laboratory to be maintained by the Navy Department for the development of inventions.

The Secretary, in a letter to the members of the advisory council, asks them to be ready with their ideas when the council holds its first meeting, next month.

"In addition to obtaining the advice of the most famous inventors of the country and organizing in a practical and efficient way to get such advice," Mr. Daniels said in a statement tonight, "I intend greatly to develop the resources of the Navy Department itself and to increase largely its facilities for experimental work in the line of developing unperfected inventions."

STEAMSHIP AFIRE AT SEA

Vessel Reported to Be Prized on Way Into Canadian Port.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19.—The steamer Athena is on fire at sea, according to a wireless message received here late tonight. The steamer is bound from a British port, believed to be Glasgow, for Montreal or Quebec.

It was believed here that there are few, if any, passengers on board.

Information which the Dominion Marine Department says that the steamer had been abandoned. The Anchor Line Tuscania previously had been reported standing by and it was thought here she had taken off those on board the ship.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The vessel reported on fire in the Atlantic is not the passenger liner Athena, according to local agents of the Dominion line, who received advice tonight that the ship on fire is the Athana, a former German vessel, which was being taken to Halifax as a British prize.

STREET FORCE AT CHURCH

Mayor and Pastor Praise Men for Part in City's Cleanliness.

More than 125 employees of the city street-cleaning department were complimented last night by Mayor H. R. Albee and the Rev. Oliver S. Baum, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, for their efficient efforts to keep Portland a clean city.

"I am glad of this opportunity," said Mayor Albee, "to tell the employees of the street-cleaning department that their work is appreciated by the city officials. Several prominent men of the city have spoken to me about the cleanliness of the streets, calling attention to the fact that the streets are kept cleaner now than ever before in the history of the city."

The Rev. Mr. Baum, who introduced Mayor Albee, also spoke of the work of the department.

MAYOR BUYS HIS COFFIN

Reminder of Future to Serve as After-Banquet Sleeping Place.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Mayor Riddle has ordered a coffin to sleep in instead of going to a Turkish bath after banquets, so as to be ready for his official duties in the morning. Talking of his experiment today, he said:

"When a fellow gets out with the boys and kind of gets by his limit, he should have something to remind him of it next morning. I'm going to have this coffin made and placed in my apartments. When I get home after 1 o'clock in the morning from some banquet or the like, it will be my sleeping place."

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED

Artillery and Infantry Fire Reported on Most of French Fronts.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—An attack launched by the Germans in the region of Fayon southwest of Peronne, after they had exploded a powerful mine, was repulsed, the French War Department announced in today's official statement, several Germana being taken prisoner. There was marked activity by the artillery, with considerable infantry firing, along a large part of the rest of the front.

The destruction of a German anti-aircraft battery east of St. Mihiel is reported.

GERMANS OCCUPY VILNA

Russian City, After Stubborn Resistance to Hindenburg, Falls.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 19.—The Russian city of Vilna, at which the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenburg had been driving, and which was stubbornly defended until nearly surrounded by hostile forces, has been occupied by the Germans.

OBREGON WILSON'S CHOICE IN MEXICO

General on Verge of Deserting Carranza.

COUNTER-REVOLT LOOKED FOR

Villa and Zapata Expected to Join Movement.

SECRET REPORTS RECEIVED

Recognition Will Be Accorded by Washington if Strong Following Is Developed—Latin-Americans Favor Plan.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—General Alvarado Obregon for President of Mexico.

This is the object of the Wilson Administration's latest Mexican policy, according to the admission today of a member of the Cabinet, who has been chiefly responsible for the President's plan to pacify Mexico since the resignation of W. J. Bryan.

Obregon, now the most conspicuous general of the Carranzista forces, is bursting with ambition to attain the Presidency of the Mexican Republic and recognition by the United States and other powers. He is on the verge of a break with Chief Carranza and the inauguration of a counter-revolution in which he probably would be joined by Villa and Zapata.

Leadership Regarded as Strong. Obregon is looked on with high favor by the Wilson Administration, which hopes to avoid the necessity of recognizing Carranza as head of the de facto government. The Administration believes that Obregon is the only leader strong enough to set up a government and maintain it.

Confidential reports that Obregon probably will desert Carranza and carry the greater part of the first chief's army with him reached Washington a few days ago. The Administration was also informed that Carranza's apparent success in extending his military authority is almost entirely the work of Obregon.

Favors Agree Delay Is Wise. As a result of this intelligence, the Administration decided to proceed slowly and await developments. Secretary of State Lansing transmitted the reports of Obregon's plans to the Pan-American Conference in New York yesterday. The envoys of the Latin-American republics agreed with Mr. Lansing that it would be wise to postpone action pending the disclosure of Obregon's intentions.

For that reason the conference announced the meeting three weeks hence, at which it will endeavor to decide which faction is worthy of recognition. If Obregon deserts Carranza and develops a strong following he will be recognized by the Administration. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

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SHIP TO FLY IDAHO FLAG

Rose City to Carry Governor and Party to Exposition.

When she leaves on her trip to San Francisco and California points Friday, September 24, the steamer Rose City, of the "Big Three" line, will fly the Idaho state flag. She will carry on that trip Governor Moses Alexander, of Idaho, with his staff and a party of about 20 Idahoans, all of whom are to attend the celebration of Idaho day at the exposition September 29.

Among those who will be in the party besides the Governor are: Mrs. Alexander, Adjutant-General Crow and Major Woodson Jeffries, of the Idaho National Guard.

FAIR SEEN BY 13,000,000

Last Million Pass Through Gates Within Two Weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—The attendance at the Panama-Pacific Exposition reached the 13,000,000 mark at 12:15 P. M. today. The average daily attendance since the exposition opened has been 81,211.

The last million have visited the exposition within the last two weeks. Seventy-seven days remain before the gates finally close.

PASTOR CONFESSES TO SPECULATION

Dr. Hillis Humble Before Congregation.

FRIENDS INDUCED TO JOIN

Dream of Wealth and Power Clouds Higher Ideals.

CHURCH SCENE DRAMATIC

Congregation That Formerly Listened to Beecher and Abbott Is Deeply Stirred by Admissions of Minister.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, noted Brooklyn preacher, successor to Henry Ward Beecher and Lyman Abbott at Plymouth Church, today in his pulpit told his congregation that his lifelong ambition for wealth and power had utterly crushed his life.

He said these ambitions had brought him to the brink of poverty and humbled him so that he was not worthy to unloose the show latches of a poor worker of the stumps.

He said he had speculated in timber lands and had persuaded others to speculate in them.

Congregation Is Hushed. A solemn hush fell upon the old church. The soloists had just finished singing "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

The congregation for weeks had been reading in the papers of the financial troubles of their pastor. They knew that the day before he had been served with a summons in a suit for libel.

Then their pastor for 16 years, his face white and drawn with the agony of an inner struggle, his deep, powerful voice shaken with emotions whose violence he could not conceal, humbled himself before them and threw himself upon their mercy.

Scene in Church Historic. Those in the audience who have known Dr. Hillis throughout his ministry at Plymouth Church witnessed a scene which will mark history for that already historic church.

As the preacher declared that his love of position, wealth and honor had caused him to fall from his ideals, aged men and women who had sat under the spell of the great Beecher, bowed their gray heads, and young people, curious about the many things said about Dr. Hillis, gazed as though at some dramatic action on the stage.

It was clear from the preacher's words that "the storm of alternate blame and praise," as he himself termed it, had broken over his head with a violence that all but overcame him.

Libel Suit Is Not Explained. Neither in the pulpit nor after he left it did Dr. Hillis give a word of explanation regarding the libel suit brought by his nephew, Percy Hillis, of (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

SYNDICATE WILL FLOAT ALLIES' LOAN

FINANCIERS TO RECEIVE UNDERWRITERS' COMMISSION.

Amount Probably Will Exceed \$600,000,000, With British and French Bonds as Security.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The proposed mammoth credit loan to Great Britain and France, it was reported tonight, is to be underwritten by a large syndicate of American financiers and bankers who are to receive a commission for their services. The securities offered, it was said, will be British and French 5 per cent government bonds, and the price to the investor is to be par.

The amount of the loan, it was reported, is as yet undetermined, but will be between \$600,000,000 and \$800,000,000.

Whether munitions of war will be included within the scope of the proposed credit, so far as could be learned tonight, has not been decided.

The underwriting syndicate, it was reported, will be the largest of its kind ever established in the United States, and probably will be open to nearly all national banks, trust companies and state banks that may care to participate.

While the amount of the commission to be paid these banks was not expressed in percentages, it is understood the profit will be a small one, possibly one-half of 1 per cent.

POPE TO FILL VACANCIES

Only Italian Cardinals to Be Appointed at Coming Consistory.

ROME, Sept. 19.—It was learned from an authentic source tonight that owing to numerous vacancies in the Sacred College Pope Benedict intends to appoint only Italian Cardinals, including Monsignor Giorgi, Sebastianelli and Rosa.

An important papal allocation is expected.

Sunday's War Moves

THE Germans have occupied Vilna and by a wide sweeping movement to the north of that city have succeeded in almost entirely surrounding a portion of the Russian army, which is fighting in the railway triangle between Vilna, Lida and Vitebsk.

At any rate, the Russian forces in this district either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a southeasterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that which runs from Vilna to Lida and thence to Baranovitch.

The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, which took Vilna and has reached Vitebsk, to the east of Vilna, is working in close co-operation with that of Archduke Leopold, of Bavaria, in an effort to catch a part of the Russian army, an operation which has been so often tried without success since the Austro-Germans began their drive in Western Galicia in early May.

The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle, but with their northern armies held closely along the Dvina and the Germans' flank well protected by their cavalry, which recently occupied Widsy, across the Vilna-Petrograd railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to them from that direction.

The battle seemingly must be fought out between the troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Sion, with the assistance of any reinforcements that can be spared to hold the German forces which has reached Vitebsk. At the southern end of the line General Ivanoff still is keeping Field Marshal von Mackensen at arms-length from the fortress of Rovno, the key to the route to Kiev, and in counter-attacks has retaken some villages in Volynia and Galicia.

It seems apparent from the inability of the Austro-Germans to hold their positions in the southern area that they have sent reinforcements from that front to Field Marshal von Hindenburg's northern army, which, as heretofore, is expected to score the biggest success.

Both the Germans and the French assert minor victories on the western front, but neither there, in the Italian theater nor in the Dardanelles have any events of great moment been reported.

The political situation in the Balkans still is perplexing and uncertain. The Bulgarians, having obtained what they wanted from Turkey in the cessation of a railway line, appear to be well satisfied for the present. There is now talk in Berlin of the Bulgarians taking by force, if they cannot get it otherwise, the portions of Macedonia taken from them by the Serbians and Greeks in the last Balkan war. It is asserted the Bulgarians have called to the colors all the Macedonian recruits now in Bulgaria and that generally there is a warlike feeling among the Bulgars.

With Bulgaria surrounded by Serbia, Greece and Roumania and her coasts subject to attack by Anglo-French, Italian and Russian fleets, it is believed by the allies that Bulgaria will hesitate before throwing in her lot with the central powers and Turkey. Turkey is said to be having her own troubles over the cession of the Dedeaghat railway. The Musselman population in this strip of land is said to be in revolt against being placed under the Bulgarian government.

September 20, 1914. Noted cathedral at Rheims set on fire in bombardment. Russians bombarding Przemysl. Furious artillery duel under way in France.

United States lays down rules for sailings of ships of belligerents. Labor unions urge British to enlist for defense.

SHORT SKIRT, WHITE HOSE, WILL BE WORN

Fashion League Puts Out Season's Modes.

WAIST LINE TO BE NATURAL

Real Hoopskirt Petticoats Promise to Come Back.

OUTDOOR COLORS DARK

Paris Decrees Styles That Chicago Chuckles to Learn Were Put Out by American Dressmakers Some Months Ago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The Fashion Art League will stage in Chicago this week, beginning tomorrow, an exhibition of all the styles which Paris will send forth in a few months as "official."

In so doing, the American modistes will be repeating their feat of last Spring. A week ago there came from Paris designs for the "official" Fall and Winter fashion. Much to their amusement and satisfaction, the Fashion Art League modistes noted that they were only copies and slightly altered imitations of the costumes shown in Chicago six months ago for Spring wear.

Street Colors to Be Dark. For the information, then, of Paris and the delectation of American women who are on the quest to know what is what for the coming season, it may be declared from an inspection of the costumes visible today at the Congress Hotel that these will be "the thing."

For street wear, dark, plain colors, blue, brown and black, with fur trimming at throat, bottom of coat and skirt and even as a broad band at the bottom of the underskirt. Long sleeves. Coats vary from long bolero length to the 26-inch length for suit coats and full length for separate great coats. Military collars of fur, if the fur is attached; otherwise V-shaped neck to show waist collars and to be worn with fluffy neckpieces.

Skirts to Have Pockets. There are to be pockets on skirts, made in patch style this time, and smoked yokes or trimming. Short length, hem six inches from the floor, will be vogue.

For afternoon styles vary with the use. For a mid house affairs of more formal nature, for out-of-door, pan-niers are the thing. They stick out stiffly from the hips, being boned at the top. They are flat front and back, with wide bottoms like grandmother's gowns. All are open widely at the neck, in deep V-shape or deep square cuts. Soft roll-collars effect coming high in the back, as in colonial days, are seen.

Also, Everything is to Be Thin. If for tea or the dainty, the frocks are of net, tulle and chiffon, with real hoopskirt petticoats two inches shorter than the outer frock, which is even as much as eight inches from the floor. Ribbon bows with large bows at the back are the thing. Everything must be thin, thin, thin.

For evening, something similar to the dainty frocks, but of greater length. For formal wear the short train is seen. There are no arms. The undergarments are sheer and indistinguishable. The décolleté is deep in front and deeper in the back. Metal trimmings and blazing colors are conspicuous for others than the most girlish types.

All Skirts Must Be Full. To sum up, the costume buyer is warned that she must have the sheerest garments for dance or evening wear; full skirts for all costumes, all short skirts except on formal evening gowns, solid colors, for suits with fur at the top, bottom and midway, even at the bottom of petticoats, and white hose for nearly everything. Waist lines are natural and princess effects will be much worn. The contest for Colonel Gossard's \$1000 trophy for the handsomest showing of American-made costumes will be held tomorrow. The afternoon will be devoted to technical discussions.

HARVEST IS CELEBRATED

Pasco Will Send Big Delegation to Council Festival.

PASCO, Wash., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—To celebrate one of the greatest harvests in the history of this country, Council will hold a Golden Harvest Festival and Stock Show Tuesday, September 21.

An invitation has been extended to the Pasco Chamber of Commerce to participate, which will be accepted, and a large delegation of business men and citizens will attend in a body. Tuesday has been proclaimed a holiday in Franklin County, and a special train will leave here for Council at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, returning at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Chicago Firm Gets Medford Contract

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 19.—The contract for installing a passenger elevator in the new public building at Medford has been awarded to K. A. Hecht Company, Chicago, at a contract price of \$3294.

