



WESTERN STATES' CONFERENCE TODAY

Water Power Control Principal Topic.

FERRIS BILL ATTACK CENTER

Delegates Largely Against Federal Domination.

UNFAIR METHODS CHARGED

Utah's Governor Declares Proposed Law Worse Than None and Engineer Relates Experiences Which Embittered Public.

State control of the water power resources of the West versus Federal control, as provided in the Ferris bill to be re-introduced at the coming session of Congress—this is the issue before delegates to the Western States Water Power Conference, which will begin its three-day session at the Multnomah Hotel at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

All indications last night were that the advocates of state control would be in a strong and aggressive majority. Delegation after delegation came in during the day, its members a unit in opposition to what many termed the pernicious features of the Ferris bill.

Opposition to Bill Voiced.

"We would rather have nothing than what the Ferris bill would give us," said Governor William Spry, of Utah, heading the delegation from that state, at the Multnomah Hotel last night.

This bluntly worded sentiment just about summed up the attitude of other delegations.

"Utah started the fight on the Ferris bill," advised the Governor. "We will continue to fight it. We are united for state control of our own resources. If the Ferris bill, with its Federal control features, should go into effect, it would work Utah and every other Western state an irreparable injury.

"The Ferris bill is fundamentally wrong for it takes away from the states control of their own waters. It gives them absolutely nothing in return. Of course, there is the provision that the states get 50 per cent of the money received under the bill. They could just as well make 100 per cent. What we want is not less money, but control of our own resources.

Federal Control Disliked.

"W. D. Beers, our State Engineer, can tell you some of the experiences we have already had with Federal supervision. We aren't talking from theory. We know what Federal supervision means, for we have had experience under it.

Mr. Beers could and did tell some of the reasons why Utah does not want any further experience with Federal control.

"We have already had conflicts with the Federal Government over the water power rights which are inherently vested in the state," he said.

"There have been several recent cases where men have filed on water rights with the state, at the same time filing applications with the Government for reservoir sites, where the Government deliberately ignored the filings granted by the state and has nullified them by giving later applicants the reservoir sites.

"I have in mind especially the case of a man who changed his filing with the state for water from one watershed to another. He made a new application to the Government for a reservoir site on the changed location.

"Priority Not Regarded.

"A month or six weeks later another company filed an application for a reservoir on his exact site. The Government allowed it, and the first applicant had to go elsewhere.

"Right now we have a big irrigation and power project which is being pushed up by the Government. The power development is necessary to make the irrigation development possible, the company's plan being to develop electrical power from the same dam used in the irrigation project.

"It has succeeded in having the irrigation application granted but can't get approval for its application for a power plant. Thus, the whole project, which would be a big factor in the development of our state, is held up.

"Long Distance Rule Disturbed.

"One trouble with Government control is that the control is exercised by a man away off at Washington who is entirely out of touch with local conditions. The local field men of the Government departments have no authority. They have to refer everything to Washington.

"It is not a question of water power alone, either, for the whole issue is development of the state is dependent on the same issue. If the Ferris bill passes and the Government can control state water power rights, then it can also control irrigation rights.

Governor Carlson had expected to attend the conference until the last moment, when he found it impossible to come. He telegraphed Mr. Dawson last night, naming him head of the delegation in his stead.

The Idaho delegation is likewise firm for state control. James H. Hawley, ex-Governor of the state, and Irvin E. Rockwood, member of the State Senate, who have been in Portland since Saturday, have already expressed the views of the delegation. John W. Hart, another member of the delegation, arrived last night, and Governor Alexander may be here today.

H. R. Waldo, an attorney of Boise, is another Idahoan who is here to attend.

BANKERS POINT TO FERRIS BILL FLAWS

MEASURE SAID TO MAKE WATER POWER SITES VALUELESS.

Resolution of Objection Declares Act Would Discourage Instead of Promote Investment.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 20.—Disapproval of the Ferris bill as passed by the House and reported by the Senate committee, providing for Government lease and regulation of water power sites on public lands in the West was contained in a resolution adopted today by the convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America here today. This disapproval was made a part of the report of the committee on public service corporations presented by John E. Oldham, of Boston. The resolution recites that the Ferris bill as it passed the House required the grantees to give the Government an option on its property, but on terms which deprived any appreciation in land values, and deprived the company of any investment which it might have made in so-called intangible elements—which are recognized by the courts and public service commissions as legitimate and essential.

Objections are made to these provisions and to the part of the bill reported by the Senate committee providing the giving the Government "an option upon the generating, transmission and distributing system at a fair value excluding going value."

"A careful consideration of this bill leads us to the conclusion," says the report, "that it cannot and will not accomplish the expressed purpose of its sponsors, but that it will discourage instead of promote the development of water powers on public domain. We believe it would be both unwise and unsafe for capital to invest in such enterprises under the terms of this bill."

MR. GALLUP MAY BE BARRED

Jitney Inspector's Eligibility on Residence Basis Questioned.

C. S. Gallup, appointed Jitney Inspector by Commissioner Daly, may lose his job on the ground of his not having been a resident of the city for a year. A civil service examination is to be held today to get eligibles for a permanent appointment to the position.

Mr. Gallup left Portland in 1912 and went to Seattle, returning here last February. The civil service rules require a year's residence in the city and it is a question now of whether his absence from the city lost him his residence here. Five other applicants for the position will take today's examination.

ROWBOAT TRIP 400 MILES

Portland Boys Make First Recorded Run Up River to Wenatchee.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Robert L. Talbot and Earl D. Freeman, two Portland youths, aged 21 years, arrived in Wenatchee Saturday from Portland, making the 400-mile trip in a rowboat. They met disaster in Priest Rapids, when their 17-foot boat overturned, and they lost their baggage. They had planned on going to Canada by water, but they found it necessary to stop here and go to work for a time until they can re-outfit. Several boats have made the trip from Wenatchee to Portland, but so far as is known, these young men are the first to make the trip up the Columbia.

SUBMARINES HELD BEATEN

Pall Mall Gazette Says Britain Cannot Abandon Successful Policy.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon the recent statement of Gottlieb von Jagow, the German Foreign Minister, regarding Germany's submarine policy, in which Herr von Jagow suggested that it might be well for Great Britain to revoke orders instructing shipmasters to attack submarines whenever possible, has this to say:

"The British answer to such diplomacy is quite plain. We have beaten the submarine campaign and would be, indeed, simple-minded to give it fresh facilities by laying down the weapons by which it has been rendered impotent."

CITY JOB GOES BEGGING

Civil Service Commissioner, However, Works Without Pay.

Anybody want a city job with lots of work and no pay? Hustle your application over to Mayor Albee if you're in the market.

For nearly three months the Mayor has been looking for the right man to whom to give the position of Civil Service Commissioner made vacant July 1 by the failure of A. E. Clark to accept reappointment. The Mayor has been looking for a man who measures up to the job. Many recommendations and applications have been made, but no appointment has been made.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK

Horden, of Newcastle, Is Lost, but Crew Is Landed.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made tonight that the British steamer Horden had been sunk. The crew was landed.

The Horden was a vessel of 1413 tons. She was built in 1906 and was owned by the Burnett Steamship Company of Newcastle.

KIPLING SEES "HILL COUNTRY" AT FRONT

Parts of France Are Like Himalayas.

REGION IDEAL FOR GUNNERS

Sandbags of Boches Are Seen Through Loophole.

ENEMY MAKES NO MOVE

Colonel Who Loves His Men and Employs Time Providing for Their Comfort Makes Deep Impression on Author.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING. (Copyright, 1915, in the United States by Rudyard Kipling. Published by arrangement with the New York Sun.)

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Very early in the morning I met Alan Breck, with a half-healed bullet scrape across the bridge of his nose and an Alpine cap over one ear. His people, a few hundred years ago, had been Scotch. He bore a Scotch name and was still recognized as the head of his clan, but his French occasionally ran into German words, for he was Alsatian on one side.

"This," he explained, "is the very best country in the world to fight in. It is picturesque and full of cover. I'm a gunner; I've been here for months. It's lovely."

Daring Driver Threads Valley.

It might have been the hills under Mussoorie, and how our cars expected to do it I could not understand. But our demon driver, who had been a road racer, took the 70-horsepower automobile and threaded the narrow valleys as well as occasional half Swiss villages, full of Alpine troops, at a restrained 20 miles an hour. He shot up a new-made road, more like Mussoorie than ever, and did not fall down the hillside even once. An ammunition mule of a mountain battery met him at a tight corner and began to climb a tree.

"There isn't another place in France where that could happen," said Alan. "I tell you, this is a magnificent country."

The mule was hauled down by its tail before it had reached the lower branches and went on through the woods, its ammunition boxes jinking on its back for all the world as if it were rejoining its battery at Jutogh.

One expected to meet the little hill people bent under their loads under the forest gloom. The light, the color, the smell of wood smoke, pine needles, wet earth, and warm mule were all Himalayan; only the car was violently and loudly a stranger.

"Halt!" said Alan at last, when it had done everything except imitate the mule.

"The road continues," said the demon driver, seductively.

"Yes, but they will hear you if you (Continued on Page 6, Column 3.)

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1000-FOOT FALL SURVIVED

Airman at Exposition Rights Plane Few Feet Above Roof.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Charles Niles, an aviator, dropped nearly 1000 feet today during a flight at the Panama-Pacific Exposition while above the Mines building, but started his engine, which had stopped, during his drop, and landed safely.

He fell to within a few feet of the roof of the building before he righted his aeroplane.

HOPPICKERS GET \$55,000

T. A. Livesly & Co. Pay 1800 Workers; 80,000 Bales Estimated.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Fifty-five thousand dollars was paid out today by T. A. Livesly & Co. to 1800 hoppickers, who have been employed by the company in its yards south of this city. Picking practically is over in all yards in this section.

Estimates made by the Oregon Growers' Association of this place place the total yield for Oregon at 80,000 bales.

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MINERS HOBNOB WITH JOHN D., JR.

Financier Visits MINERS in Co. Library 440.

TOUR OF INSPECTION MADE

Children of Dozen Nationalities Sing for Guest.

MEAL EATEN IN MINE CAMP

Mr. Rockefeller Inquires Into Living Conditions of Workmen and Suggests Improvements to Men and Employers.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 20.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., visited the mining camps at Berwind and Tabasco on his first day's inspection tour of the Colorado properties of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company today. He talked freely with the miners and went into their homes, questioning the men and their wives about working and living conditions and making suggestions to individuals for improvements. Mr. Rockefeller apparently was greatly interested in the work being done in the public school at Tabasco.

"They don't sing very well, sir," apologized the pretty schoolmarm. "You see they have just started to school and haven't had time to learn much. And then they are so little."

Children's Songs Enjoyed.

"They're doing fine—fine," replied John D. Rockefeller, Jr., smiling broadly. And 60 sons and daughters of Berwind and Tabasco miners of a dozen nationalities, sang lustily, in good United States, the song in which they had been so carefully drilled by Miss Edna Campbell, teacher of the first grade in the Tabasco-Berwind School.

Then Mr. Rockefeller made a speech to the children in which he told them to study hard and obey their teachers. "And when next I come to Colorado, perhaps some of you will be teachers yourselves," he added.

"I have six children myself," continued the oil magnate. "Sometimes they are not as mannerly as you seem to be. Maybe I'll bring a few of them along the next time I come to Colorado."

Camps Are Inspected.

The day was spent in visiting Berwind canyon, some 15 miles north of Trinidad, where the company has two big mines and a series of coke ovens. Accompanied by President J. Wellborn and other officers of the company he made a close personal inspection of the camps, going into the homes of the miners and asking them a rapid fire of questions regarding the working and living conditions.

Early in the round of inspection Mr. Rockefeller hunted up Dan Morelli, a coal digger who had been elected by

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Monday's War Moves

OF THE many big battles fought on the eastern front during the past five months, few, if any, have been fraught with such importance as that now in progress to the east and south of Vilna, where Field Marshal von Hindenburg is attempting to cut off the retreat of and destroy the Russian army that defended that city.

The German official report throws little light on the progress of the operations, simply stating "the attack against the enemy retreating from Vilna is proceeding."

Petrograd continues to express confidence in the ability of the Russians to extricate themselves from the trap around them. In the opinion of military writers they are in a dangerous position. It is quite likely, however, that they got their artillery away before the Germans moved across the railways, as the evacuation of Vilna was decided upon weeks ago.

Prince Leopold of Bavaria also is approaching the railway to the south-east of Lida, having reached the district of Dworze which is immediately west of the road skirting the Pripiet marshes and running to Rovno. South of the Pripiet, the Russians still control the situation and keep on harassing the Austro-German armies in Volhynia and Galicia.

Although presumably Germany has her hands full in driving the Russians back, she has found men and guns to go to her allies' assistance against Serbia and the German official communication announces that German guns have taken up the fight against the Serbian artillery across the Danube and contends they have silenced it.

The bombardment with heavy guns has become mutual in the west, both sides maintaining an almost continuous fire, while the British fleet is making matters lively for the Germans on the Belgian coast.

There are no signs as yet of a general offensive, however, and another winter in the trenches may be expected.

Intense interest is taken in the Bulgarian situation and the efforts of the opposition parties to induce the King and government to depart from the path of neutrality and join the entente powers. It is believed, however, that despite the railway agreement concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria to maintain a benevolent neutrality toward Turkey and the Germanic powers.

September 21, 1914.

Servia reports rout of 250,000 Austrians.

German western wing thrust back seven miles in 48 hours.

Rhinus practically destroyed by German shells.

German Mayors order friendly treatment of Americans.

Germany reports capture of strong forts south of Verdun.

15 CENTS CAUSES PURSUIT

Two Officers and Accuser Follow Gypsy Woman Far.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Just how much Washington County will have to pay to bring to justice a woman who filched 15 cents from the pocket of an Austrian will be determined later, but it is believed the institution of criminal proceedings for a small amount of money, and the passage through Wilsonville on their way to Canby, where the County Fair is in progress. An hour later Deputy Sheriff Redmond, of Hillsboro, accompanied by the Austrian who was released in pursuit of the woman, and they were joined by Deputy Sheriff Murray, of Wilsonville.

The gypsy was apprehended and taken back to Hillsboro.

PROGRESSIVE HEADS MEET

Victor Murdock Says Country Will Do as New York Does.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Forty-five county chairmen of the Progressive party of this state and a number of party leaders, including George W. Perkins, Victor Murdock and William H. Child, met here today. Mr. Murdock addressed the conference upon the condition of the Progressive party in Western states and particularly in California, Colorado and Kansas.

He declared that the success of the party throughout the country depended largely upon what was done in New York, as the other states were looking here for leadership.

BANKERS ARE FOR DEFENSE

Support Pledged Administration and Plea to Employers Issued.

DENVER, Sept. 20.—Hearty support of the National Administration was pledged in a resolution adopted by the convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America here today.

The resolution urged "a complete programme for national defense" and urges employers to give "employees sufficient time for participation in annual military or naval maneuvers without loss of pay or prejudice of position," in addition to their regular vacations.

CANAL SLIDES SERIOUS

War Department Notified Waterway May Be Closed Ten Days.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The earth-slip on the Panama Canal near Gold-Hill are much more extensive than was reported at first and probably will stop up the waterway for at least ten days.

This information was received today by the War Department from the acting governor of the Canal Zone.

STEFANSSON FINDS NEW LAND IN NORTH

Official Report Confirms Discoveries.

FIELDS WILL BE EXPLORED

Land of Unknown Size Found in Waters of North Canada.

COAST IS 100 MILES LONG

Game Abounds in Rugged Territory. Explorer Tells of Intent to Return at Once to Interior—No Hardships Encountered on Trip.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 20.—An official report from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, that he had discovered new land in the northern waters of Canada, reached the minister of naval affairs here today in a message from Nome.

The official report confirms the report made at Nome three days ago that Stefansson had discovered new land.

Explorations to Continue.

Stefansson's report briefly describes his journey in the North, announces the discovery of new land and states that on August 25 he sailed for Herschel Island in the Polar Bear, which he chartered to establish a base on Prince Patrick Island. From this point, he announces, he will continue the work of exploring the newly discovered land. Regarding the discovery and his plans, Stefansson telegraphed the Canadian government:

"Landed south end Prince Patrick Island June 1, 1915. Proceeded north, finishing mapping west coast Patrick Island.

Land of Unknown Size Found.

"June 18 discovered new land of considerable but unknown size near 78 degrees north, 117 degrees west. Followed coast south-southeast by east three days. Reached demonstrable extent coast over 100 miles, nearly straight line. Land in parts rugged. Game abundant.

"Started south June 22, reached Chronometers Bay of Mercy July 14 to 20, crossed bank's island diagonally with dog packs. Reached home (schooner Mary Sachs ten miles southeast of Killeet) August 8. No accident or hardship on trip."

Outfit Said to Be Adequate.

Stefansson reports the arrival of the Polar Bear at Killeet August 11. He chartered the boat "as the only chance of attaining needed Northernly base to get supplies from Herschel Island and land them at furthest attainable north."

Stefansson's report concludes as follows:

"Sail from Herschel tomorrow (August 23, 1915), with first adequate outfit."

LOAN PROMISED GERMANY

Swedish Bankers to Provide \$10,000,000 for Supplies Purchased.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—In return for Germany's consent to permit the exportation of coal and some other special items to Sweden, five Swedish banks, according to a Stockholm correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, have agreed to make Germany a loan of 40,000,000 kronor (about \$10,000,000).

This money is to be used in payment for goods bought in Sweden by Germany.

CYCLIST ROPES ELK IN CITY

Motor Aids Cowboy-Policeman but Animal Dies of Fright.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 20.—An elk, which is believed to have broken from a menagerie was captured today by Motorcycle Policeman Hook after a chase of several blocks through the city streets.

Hook, who was formerly a cowboy, roped the fleeing animal while on the rear seat of the motorcycle which was driven by another patrolman. The elk died of fright.

ALLIANCE PROTESTS LOAN

German-Americans Appeal to President; Boycott Is Urged.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 20.—The Cleveland branch of the German-American Alliance today sent a protest to President Wilson against the proposed British-French loan.

A boycott on banks joining the loan is urged.

FORD TO SEE NAVAL HEAD

New Plan for Submarine Is Reported Topic of Conference.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Henry Ford, of Detroit, will see Secretary Daniels at the Navy Department next Wednesday.

It is understood that he wants to talk about a plan he has evolved for a small submarine.

