

FEDERAL CONTROL DEFENSE SARGICAL

Thrills Abound as Senators Spar Over Issues Be- fore Conference.

SCOPE OF ACTION ATTACKED

Mr. Chamberlain, in Spirit of Antagonism, Assails Governor and Programme Committee for Choice of Speakers.

Defense of the Federal control feature of the Ferris bill and sharp attacks on the conference by United States Senators George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, and an equally warm reply by Reed Smoot, United States Senator from Utah, supplied the morning session of the Western States Water Conference yesterday with plenty of thrills.

Both Senators Chamberlain and Walsh spoke extempore. Senator Smoot had prepared one of the most comprehensive addresses yet delivered before the conference on the subject assigned to him, "Federal Tax on Water Power," but at the beginning, and again at the end, he departed from his set speech to reply to the assertions of the two Senators assailing him.

So magnetic is Senator Smoot's personality as a speaker and so remarkable was his address that he held to his last word an audience that filled the big conference hall to the back row of seats, though he did not finish until after 1 o'clock.

Antagonistic Spirit is Shown.

Senator Chamberlain, the first speaker, displayed a spirit of antagonism to the conference in his first words. He assailed Governor Withycombe on having, as he said, appointed men of the same views to the Oregon delegation. He said that though plenty of Senators who were against the Ferris bill were on the programme, he saw none present but himself who joined in the majority report in his favor.

He attacked the Portland Chamber of Commerce for its bulletin discussing the purposes of the conference. "The delegates as they arrived were confronted by this bulletin issued by the Chamber of Commerce, purporting to state what the issue was, and telling them the West was abused by the policy of withdrawing public lands," he said.

"In other words, this distinguished body, instead of calling a conference at which the situation would be analyzed and discussed, told its guests what the question was and how it was to be decided."

"Now I hope I am mistaken in my fear that no constructive work will be accomplished by this conference," he went on, "and that it will only criticize the Ferris bill."

He said the delegates should try to refute the arguments presented in the paper of O. C. Merrill, chief engineer of the Forestry Bureau. "Instead of indulging in recrimination and recrimination of the Forestry Bureau," he said, "I was born and raised in the South," he continued, "yet I never heard a more insidious plea in behalf of state's rights by the mouth of a man than that delivered yesterday by the distinguished gentleman from Washington (ex-Senator Piles). Are we not going to secede from the Union for this declared invasion of state's rights?"

frequently had the whole audience laughing.

"I was considerably astonished when I came to the city to be handed a pamphlet purporting to be the official paper of the Chamber of Commerce, our hosts here," he said, "in which the delegates were advised that the question confronting the conference was whether water power will be developed under individual initiative or under control of the Federal Government."

"I was very much relieved when you presiding officer, the eminent, fair and distinguished gentleman from Utah, Governor Spray, at the luncheon yesterday put the subject very much better when he said that the question how to get the use of the Government land in order to get the use of the state's water, and that's the question."

He declared the idea that under a leasing system power sites on Federal land could not be taxed was erroneous. "Government lands aren't subject to taxation, of course," he said, "but whenever the Government gives a possessable right to anyone, that leasehold right is subject to taxation anywhere. It has been so decided by the United States Supreme Court, and not only that, but we already do it in Montana. We tax even the right of the land holder on public lands to occupy his right."

He asserted that if the idea of the conference is to denounce the Ferris bill, the delegates might as well go home without debate. "Do you think the Secretary of the Interior will be influenced in his version of the law by resolutions you may adopt?" he asked.

Question at Issue Defined.

"The question is whether you are going to grant the privilege of occupying power sites for all time, or whether you are going to adopt the same policy as you adopt with public utility franchises. Eastern opinion, you must remember, too, is all one way. The Easterners might be disposed to agree to what the unanimous opinion of the West demanded, but what are we to do divided among ourselves, what can we expect?"

"With Republicans as well as Democrats in the West raising their voices against any effort to convey these power sites in perpetuity, I wonder what effect has of being passed. And what influence will any resolutions to that end adopted by this conference have? I sincerely hope that even at this late date we shall direct our attention to the wisdom of this policy, modifying it so far as we can in accord with the ideas prevalent in this part of the country."

Revenue Raising Alleged Purpose.

In his address, Senator Smoot said in part:

"Vigorous attempts are now being made by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, particularly by the Department of the Interior, to induce or coerce Congress into the enactment of legislation which would curtail the lines of their existing regulations. The avowed purpose of these regulations is to produce revenue for the Federal Government. It is an attempt to do indirectly what cannot be done directly. The time allotted me today would not allow me to discuss in detail the merits and demerits of the Ferris bill. I do not hesitate, however, to say that the principles involved in it go to the very constitutional rights and life of the states."

Weakness of States is Defense.

"It has been declared by the Supreme Court that our Union is an indestructible union of indestructible states. The indestructibility of the Union was finally settled after a long and bitter struggle. I ask what will it require forever to establish the indestructibility of the states, which is just as important to the future life of our country as the indestructibility of the Union?"

CHAIRMAN FAVORS SCHOOL MILITARY

Experience Would Be Fine and Best Means of Prepared- ness, Says Mr. Munly.

BANKERS APPROVE PLAN

Financiers Ask Board Not to Allow "Well-Meaning Parent-Teachers to Blind" Body to Movement for Trained Citizens.

"I am heartily in favor of equipping the young men of our country with the means of defending our National life against foreign assault and internal strife," declared M. G. Munly, chairman of the school board of the Portland public schools, yesterday.

"Military instruction in the schools is the best possible means of preparedness and the finest sort of experience that could be supplied to the young men of the growing youth, regardless of whether he ever follows the military life or not."

"I am emphatically opposed to the attempt of the Parent-Teachers to feminize the West raising their voices against any effort to convey these power sites in perpetuity, I wonder what effect has of being passed. And what influence will any resolutions to that end adopted by this conference have? I sincerely hope that even at this late date we shall direct our attention to the wisdom of this policy, modifying it so far as we can in accord with the ideas prevalent in this part of the country."

Mr. Munly was the only member of the School Board who ventured such positive remarks, all the other members interviewed yesterday preferring to wait until some action had been taken by the teachers' committee and the Board before they allowed their sentiments to be made public.

O. M. Plummer said:

"I would rather not make a statement until some action has been taken." Mr. Plummer declared that he was an advocate of peace as a principle, but he favored maintaining peace through education. "I would rather see peace secured by educating the pupils to be skillful in diplomacy than to have it attained by brute force," he said. "If the pupils who attend our public schools are to be trained in the art of diplomacy, fullness and straightforwardness I consider that our National safety would be assured."

"I have had relatives who fought in both the Revolutionary and Civil wars and possibly I have some of that same military spirit. But I prefer the system of education to that of militarism. If our National honor were in danger of being insulted and education failed, then my position might be different."

Dr. Beach has Fixed Opinion.

Dr. Allan Welch, chairman of the teachers' committee of the Board had nothing to say until "the matter has been taken up and decision reached."

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X-RAY SHOCKS 2 PERSONS

Hoquiam Hospital is Threatened With Damage Suit.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—C. H. Shutt, president of the Grays Harbor Logging Company, of this city, was knocked unconscious and his forehead buried and his daughter, Theresa, a high school student, was rendered unconscious for nearly two days by an X-ray machine in the Hoquiam General Hospital, Monday. Mr. Shutt says he was hurled several feet against a wall, and that his daughter was hurled in another direction. He says he will file suit for damages.

Klamath Buyers' Week Changed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Klamath Falls Business Men's Association and the Commercial Club have changed the date for Buyers' Week to the second week in October. This change was made at the request of the farmers and ranchers of the neighborhood as they say it will be more convenient for them to be here that week than earlier.

Great Benefits Predicted.

"And as it further resolved, that it is our firm belief that great benefits are bound to accrue to every youth of high school age from such methods of discipline, physical exercise and proper care of the body, as have made our citizen soldiery of the National Guard the recognized bulwark of our National defense."

Conference Housed to Cheers.

In concluding, Senator Smoot again departed from his manuscript, and his words stirred the conference to applause and cheers again and again.

Senator Smoot Replies Pointedly.

Senator Smoot, when he was called to speak, preceded his set address with a sharp and pointed reply to Senator Chamberlain's remarks.

Announcement Brings Regrets.

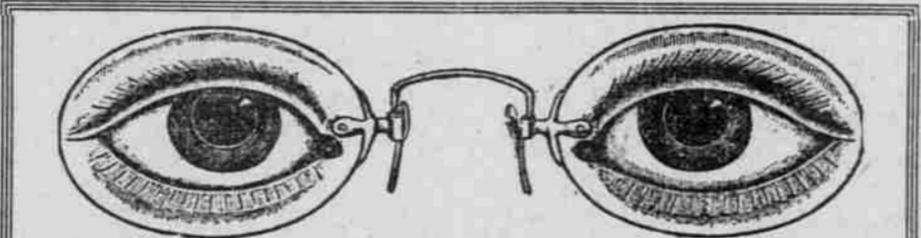
"And I am sorry to hear it stated this morning that none of the Senators of the public lands committee, who signed the majority report, were asked to be present," he heard yesterday the regrets of Senator Pittman, of Nevada. He was asked to be here, Senator Myers, chairman of the committee, was asked to be present, and no doubt would have been asked to speak."

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