

PLANNING THE REVENUE HEALTH

Conservation Conference to Put Up to Congress Program of Do Something, and Do It Quick—Hostility Expected.

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Washington, Dec. 9.—Governors of the several states and territories, or their designated representatives, are in conference in Washington today with representatives of the federal government and of various associations, for the purpose of deciding upon a practical plan for the conservation of the natural resources of this great country. That the ruthless destruction of forests, the heedless neglect of waterways, the reckless disposition of the public lands, and the wild waste of mineral resources ought not to continue is admitted by every one who is not financially interested in this destruction, neglect and waste.

The Conservation conference now in session in Washington will transform the whole conservation agitation from an academic theory to a legislative program, from a sentiment to a live issue. If any, or all, of the conservation plans are adopted and made into laws by congress, somebody will suffer in the pocketbook. That is the most poignant form of suffering and there is no doubt that the sufferers will fight back.

Means Lumber Tariff Fight.
Before the expiration of the 61st congress, which was elected last month, the conservation issue will be one of the most important of public questions. Not only is it important of itself, but it involves a modification of old tenets of political faith which will bring it into the discussion of almost every other issue. The proponents of the conservation program will demand, perhaps, that the tariff on lumber and lumber products be reduced so that the persons who are ruthlessly destroying the forests may no longer have the aid of the government in their destructive work. Against this the friends of the tariff will oppose the doctrine that there will be no use in conserving natural resources if we kill the industries which must depend upon them by admitting free the lumber from the pauper forests of foreign lands.

The presence of the governors of the states in the conference now in session in Washington is significant. The custom of holding conventions in Washington during the first week of the annual session of congress has been growing rapidly. The purpose is to bring a strong pressure to bear upon members of congress from constituents who are not always active in party politics, and who, therefore, must take some other means of making their wants known.

History of the Movement.
Last May there was a conference of the governors of the states at the White House. They met there by invitation of the president to discuss the conservation question. At that meeting a declaration of principles was adopted, committing the governors to the conservation propaganda. Under a resolution then adopted, President Roosevelt appointed a state commission. The president named the federal commission in four sections, to deal with waters, forests, lands and minerals, respectively. Twenty-six governors appointed advisory commissions. Before the federal commission went actively to work, under the direction of the president, and undertook the gigantic task of making an inventory of the natural resources of the United States. It was not like taking a census, but rather it was a casting up of the things that the United States now possesses and depends upon, which are in danger of destruction or of passing into the possession of those who would not use them for the general welfare.

Two Concerns Control Power.
This inventory takes up, for the first time in a comprehensive fashion, the question of water power. While it is impossible to give the exact data, it has been developed that practically all the potential water power possibilities of the mountain streams in sections owned by the government and even in national forests have already passed into the control or ownership of great corporations, each with many millions of dollars behind it. The conservation of water power and the employment of water generated electricity is a problem in economics which has tremendous significance. Before the government was aware of the value of these rights, they were practically all gone. The Conservation commission inventory will tell an amazing tale along this line.

The inventory will show the extent of the standing forests of this country, the rate at which the forests are being cut down, and the much slower rate at which reforestation is being accomplished. It will show the tremendous annual loss from forest fires. It will point out that from one third to one half of the timber cut is wasted by careless and reckless handling in the sawmills. It will show the destruction of the forests and the beneficial results in drying up streams, in making fertile valleys sterile, and in decreasing the rainfall.

Nothing But Talk, Heretofore.
Facts in minute detail will be given concerning the situation regarding the public land and the mineral deposits of the country. It will be shown that the reckless prodigality of the government must be stopped. It will be shown how laws designed to furnish homesteads for settlers are being used for the advantage of enormous corporations which care nothing for homesteading or community building.

In brief, this inventory will show for the first time just exactly what material stock in trade the United States has on hand and it will furnish the first tangible basis for a plan of future procedure. Until this time the conservation propaganda has been largely a matter of sentiment. The forest service and other agencies

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have done excellent and effective work within their enforced limitations, but on the whole the matter has not been treated seriously. Conventions met, prominent citizens made speeches, everybody agreed that something must be done, and that was all.

The conference now in session in Washington marks the end of the sentimental epoch in conservation. Having facts as a basis, definite legislative program will be blocked out. Congress will be asked for very little at the first, perhaps. The repeal or amendment of the timber and stone act, the passage of the Appalachian forest reserve bill, a primary enactment reserving water power rights to the government—such will be the recommendations of the governors in conference, of the report of the federal commission to the president, and, probably, of the president to congress.

The federal commission did not touch upon purely local problems in any way, that work being left to the several state commissions. The state commissions have not done much work on account of the entire absence of the necessary machinery. The federal commission, however, made an effort to avoid leaving any question in condition that it might fall into the limbo of the "twilight zone" between federal and state authority. This was in obedience to the will of the governors' meeting in May, when it was resolved that in dealing with the question of conservation there must be no twilight zone of refuge for the powers opposed to conservation.

The recommendation of a definite legislative program by a body composed largely of governors of states and of representatives of state commissions will put the question of conservation before congress in a manner wholly unprecedented. There is certain to be strong opposition in congress to any program submitted by the conservationists—and strangely enough the opposition will come from many of those who like to call themselves "conservatives." It would be useless to submit a complete program. If congress is to be expected to do anything it must not be asked to do more than one thing at a time.

The general result of this conference will be to get the conservation propaganda on a practical working basis. The full campaign for the cause is a work of generations. This is only the beginning, and as the task is so enormous in scope and so pervasive in character, it will be well to make haste slowly. The more obvious and immediately imperative reforms will be selected and pushed for consideration at this time.

The work of creating public interest by a campaign of education and research has been completed. Now will begin the campaign for tangible remedial legislation. With that will continue the work of research and education. The president's message to congress embodying this report is in this respect one of the most illuminating public documents of the generation.

It is passing strange, however, that when nearly all the governors, and nearly all the newspapers, and nearly all the associations of business men and technical men, and nearly all the people are on the side of conservation that the congress of the United States should be regarded as hostile. Yet such is the condition of affairs at the beginning of the last session of the sixtieth congress.

OREGON CITY'S NEW POUND DISAPPEARS LEAVING NO TRACE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oregon City, Dec. 9.—Following the news of the robbery of the Portland bank Monday evening, came the announcement today that this city's pound had been spirited away. The enclosure at the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets has been used both for stray dogs and cows.

Deeming the fence insecure, a substantial shed 25x100 was built, into which everything impounded was driven and locked up. This morning Chief of Police Burns passed by the pound's site and discovered only a vacant lot.

Vigorous search has so far failed to reveal the slightest clue to the whereabouts of the pound. Until it is found or a new one is ordered, stray dogs, cows and goats will be immune from the law.

LET MONEY BE SPENT

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In president of the National Drainage association; Admiral C. M. Chester, who was a delegate to the international waterways congress recently held in St. Petersburg, and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, who will discuss the labor's interest in Waterways Developments.

The Official Call.
The initial session today was given over largely to welcoming the guests and organization. When this had been accomplished Secretary J. F. Ellison proceeded to read the official call for the gathering. The call was in part as follows:

"The improvements of the waterways of the nation, which this national convention will associate and discuss, mean increased and cheapened transportation facilities for the producer and the consumer, and there is no question before the American people more worthy of their serious thought and consideration than the proper development and utilization of these natural and economic channels of trade and transportation."

"The National Rivers and Harbors congress advocates a policy, not a project; it represents no particular section or project, but is the direct representative of all sections that have meritorious claim for the improvement of a river, a lake, a harbor or a canal. This national organization, with delegates from every part of the union, in national convention assembled, will advocate and stand for a broad, liberal comprehensive policy for the improvement by the federal government of all waterways that have been examined and favorably reported upon by the United States army engineers, and by them recommended to the congress of the United States as worthy of improvement for the benefit of the commerce of the country."

"The platforms of the two great political parties are unequivocally endorsed and declared for the improvement of the waterways of the country, and by this declaration the president approved the platform of the National Rivers and Harbors congress. The improvement of our rivers and harbors is thus taken out of the political field and placed on the roll of business questions, the solution of which is demanded by all sections and all branches of trade and commerce from their representatives in the congress of the United States."

Fairbanks for Bond Issue.

In his address before the congress Vice President Fairbanks spoke in part as follows:

"The work is of a national character and must be carried on under national authority. The improvement of waterways has not kept abreast with industrial needs.

"It would seem, since the benefit to be derived from the expenditures is largely for the future, that a large share of the amount should be raised by a bond issue. The nation should not arrest development by a non-progressive policy. The improvement of the waterways system lies beyond the domain of local enterprise and is within a field where the government is supreme."

Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain addressed the congress and declared that the canal he does not compete with the railroad but actually aids it. He reviewed the experience of England in the improvement of international waterways, which, he said, afforded the advantages of cooperation between the railroads and canals in handling traffic.

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"On the 9th of November I was stricken with the disease, just as the weather was getting cooler, and at first I was doing well, but through improper food had a relapse and was given up to die. After a hard fight I was convalescing, when I was taken with typhoid fever, and was again at death's door. When I was able to be up again I was a walking skeleton. My stomach, liver, kidneys and bladder were in a very bad condition. There was a thick, bloody sediment in the urine, with pain in my back."

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