

# PRESIDENT SHOWS DESIRE TO HURRY WATERPOWER BILL

### Conferees Find Chief Executive Firmly Behind Departmental Measure.

## FORECAST IS BORNE OUT

### Finish Battle With Brigadiers, Who Secured Desires From Senate, Predicted.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—President Wilson is firmly behind the departmental waterpower bill, and congressional leaders at a White House conference last night with no doubt concerning the president's anxiety for action. To consolidate the subject and avoid committee jealousies, the rules committee was asked to clear the way for a special committee made up from the public lands and interstate and foreign commerce committees. The bill, submitted as an administration measure, will cover public land and navigable stream developments.

The bill provides for placing of the issuance of permits in the hands of a commission composed of the secretary of the interior, war and agriculture, provides for a federal charge of not less than 10 cents per horsepower developed, proceeds going in part to reclamation, roads, national forestry and the general treasury in varying proportions, according to the class of site from which it is derived.

It provides for recapture at the end of 10 years along the lines of the Ferris bill of former sessions.

The outline of the measure bears out the forecasts made in The Journal of December 30 of a finish battle with waterpower brigadiers, who recently secured what they wanted from the senate under the Shields bill, and are bitterly opposed to federal control.

The Shields bill of this session is virtually the same as the Shields bill of the last congress, which met a solid wall of opposition in the house and failed in conference. This result came about because men earnestly seeking to protect the public interest believed that the senate had surrendered to the waterpower brigadiers, and especially had failed to preserve the principle of federal control.

The bill follows closely the provisions of the Ferris bill, which has twice passed the senate.

## WAR AIMS OF BRITAIN SET FORTH IN DETAIL

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secret in the German peace proposals, declaring professions as "self-determination of peoples"—Czernin's own phrase—vanished into thin air, and the price of a repatriated, freed Belgium was "leaving Turkey to decide the fate of the Arabs, Armenians and Syrians and the restoration of Germany's south African colonies."

"Count Czernin is vague," Lloyd George asserted. "Does he mean that Roumania, Montenegro and Serbia are to be as independent as Germany and other nations?"

Views of Leaders Obtained  
"It has been a year since President Wilson asked the belligerents for what they were fighting. The central powers have not yet replied."

Lloyd George announced his address to that of the nation speaking. He explained carefully to his audience—it was at the "man power" conference of the British trades Unionists and Laborers—that he should be able to state clearly and definitely "not only the principles for which we are fighting, but also their concrete and definite application to the war map."

Continuing the prime minister explained he had "been at special pains to ascertain the view of representatives of all sections of thought and opinion throughout the country." He added apologetically he had conferred with former Premier Asquith and former Foreign Minister Earl Grey, and it was understood unofficially tonight had likewise conferred by letter with the Irish leader, John Redmond.

Further emphasis was laid on Lloyd George's speech—and particularly his phrase as to "reconciliation of the great wrong done to France in 1871" in covering the matter of Alsace-Lorraine—by the fact that the British premier has just returned from a visit to Paris, where he conferred with Premier Clemenceau and other French officials.

London Accepts Explanation  
London accepted this explanation tonight as evidence of the most complete harmony among all British leaders of thought in the statement of war aims thus announced. Officials held such a pronouncement would serve even more closely to unite every British citizen in the service of the war—in determination to fix those principles by victory over German militarism.

Roamer on Way to Astoria  
Marshfield, Or., Jan. 5.—The gasoline schooner Roamer, which was purchased by the Columbia River Navigation company from Captain Peter Olson, left for Astoria. She will be used on the Southern coast. Captain Levi Snyder was here to take the boat north. Steamer South Coast sailed south at 4:10 p. m.

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### THE PRICE OF WAR-SAVINGS STAMPS

Q. Does the price of a War-Savings Stamp always remain the same?  
A. No. The price for each month appears on the face of each stamp. Never pay either more or less than the amount shown for the month in which you make the purchase. The price is \$4.12 in December, 1917, and January, 1918, and increases 1 cent each month after January, 1918, until in December, 1918, when the price is \$4.23.

Q. What is the price of War-Savings Stamps for each month of 1918?  
A. Jan. \$4.12 Apr. \$4.15 July \$4.18 Oct. \$4.21  
Feb. 4.13 May 4.16 Aug. 4.19 Nov. 4.22  
Mar. 4.14 June 4.17 Sept. 4.20 Dec. 4.23

Q. Why is the price higher each month?  
A. Because the stamps are earning interest. War-Savings Stamps may be purchased from all postoffices, mail carriers, banks and many stores and industries.

## Federal Control of Meat Industry Due

### Special Prosecutor for Federal Trade Commission, Says "Anyone Can See Turn Investigation Has Taken."

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—That the federal government intends to take over the meat industry of the United States appears more and more evident as the federal trade commission's inquiry of "meat trust" continues.

This view obtained tonight strongly at the conclusion of a three days' investigation into the local meat situation here.

Before leaving for Washington, en route for St. Paul, where the investigation is to be resumed next Wednesday, Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the commission, said "anyone could see the turn the investigation has taken."

Evidence taken here during three days consecutive grilling of witnesses tending to substantiate the evidence taken elsewhere—that a big coterie of Chicago meat packers share virtually a monopoly of the meat business of the country; that the independent packers have been "squeezed" until they are on the verge of going out of business; that prices are regulated at the dictation of the "trust moguls"; and that these packers are holding vast stores of hides, while leather and shoe prices are soaring.

Awards for Short Stories Announced  
Awards for short stories were given Saturday to Evelyn N. Cornish and Mrs. R. C. Wright in a contest by members of the University of Oregon extension course classes in short story writing.

Suggestions for the nature of the stories and an outline of the introduction were made by Mrs. Mabel Holmes Parsons, who conducts the class, and the writers wrote the narratives according to their own inspirations. The stories dealt with the romantic side of war.

This was the first time that awards were given to members of the class for prize-winning stories. Much the same plan of competition is planned for the writing of one act plays.

## No Oil Heaters for John D. Jr.; Moves

### New York, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—John D. Rockefeller Jr. moved from his New York home to Tarrytown today because the Standard Oil company could not supply him with oil heaters. The supply was exhausted and he was unable to obtain coal.

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## Michigan City, Ind., To Have Two Heads

### Present Mayor to Stay on Job, Contending Mayor-Elect, as Allen Enemy, Is Not Eligible—Courts to Settle.

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—This city will have two mayors Monday. On that day Fred C. Miller, subject of the kaiser, who defeated Mayor Martin T. Krueger at the last election, will assume office. At the same time Krueger, who maintains the fact that Miller is an alien bars him from office, will remain on the job. He is backed by a majority of the citizens, two thirds of whom are of German descent.

Krueger's attorneys appealed to the superior court for a restraining order. Judge Crumpacker refused to handle the case and named three judges from whom the interested parties could make a selection. They decided on Judge Gillette of Hammond, Ind., who will hear the application for the order Monday.

## Germans Complain Bitterly, Reports

### Woman Is Fined for Removing Small Stick of Wood From Forest to Save Children From Freezing.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Re-sentment at almost unbearable living conditions is becoming daily more and more outspoken in Germany, according to German press reports received here by the committee on public information.

It appears to be illegal to gather fuel in the common forests of Germany. The Bremen "Buerger Zeitung" tells what happened to a soldier's wife.

"Mrs. Clara Genter has removed from the common forest in Waldkirch one fagot of dry fir twigs of the value of 10 pfennig. In punishment thereof she is sentenced to a fine of one mark and one day's imprisonment.

"The husband of the culprit has been for three years at the front. She herself has four small children to support in the direst poverty."

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#### OLD LAW MUCH CRITICIZED

### Senator Proposes to Establish "War Profit" Taxes With Increased Rate.

By Lewis Wood  
Washington, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Senator Reed Smoot of Utah today introduced a substitute for the present revenue bill, which has caused so much criticism. The details of the new bill are practically as announced by the senator several days ago. He proposes to repeal the income tax of 1916, munitions tax, manufacturers' tax, war excess profits tax, the income tax amendment, and also the zone system for second class matter.

In lieu of the various war excess profits taxes, Senator Smoot wishes to establish "war profit" taxes. He makes the pre-war period five years prior to and including 1913, instead of the three years now used as a basis.

He makes no change in the normal 2 per cent tax upon net incomes of individuals but consolidates the surtaxes in the acts of 1916 and 1917 and also does away with the two different amounts of exemptions. The sum of \$1000 exemption is allowed to single persons and \$2000 to those with dependents. One hundred dollars is allowed for each child. The bill allows exemption for amounts paid as salaries.

Corporation Tax Increased  
Instead of the present normal taxes amounting to 6 per cent on corporations, Senator Smoot's bill imposes 8 per cent, except when corporations have less than \$2000 income. The senator claims this tax will raise \$180,000,000 more than the present taxes—\$715,000,000 instead of \$535,000,000.

He obtains his basis for "war profits" by deducting pre-war profits from the income for the taxable year, the pre-war profits to be the average of the selected years, plus 8 per cent of net capital and minus 8 per cent of withdrawn capital.

"The estimated revenue," says Senator Smoot, "to be derived from this tax will amount to \$1,321,050,000 based on a war profit of \$3,500,000,000 for the year 1917."

Law Is Not Understood  
No person he has yet found "understands just what the present bill means," says Senator Smoot in a statement. "We have yet to find any two persons who interpret it alike."

"It is unworkable and the taxes are unscientific and discriminatory," he adds. "My amendment provides a taxing system that any ordinary business man or individual can understand. Every individual in business is treated alike. Every corporation is taxed on the same basis. Invested capital, watered stocks and bonded indebtedness do not enter into the question. Businesses sub-normal and businesses normal during the pre-war period are treated on the same basis."

The senator also says if his amendment becomes law there will be no need of an advisory board within the treasury department to help with decisions. He thinks his amendment can be passed within 30 days.

## Flyer Who Escaped Germans Is in U. S.

### An Atlantic Port, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Patrick O'Brien of San Francisco, an aviator of the British flying corps, whose escape from Germany after being 72 days in hiding, forms one of the most thrilling stories of the war, arrived here today.

Lieutenant O'Brien is said to be the only officer under the rank of general who has had the distinction of an hour's interview with King George.

In an engagement with the enemy five miles behind the lines near Passchendaele, Lieutenant O'Brien was shot through the throat, but managed to land and was made a prisoner by the Germans.

Later while traveling on a German troop train he jumped from a window and escaped.

## AMERICA SLEEPS, SAYS STEEL MAGNATE

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not appear to appreciate that in order to win the war it is necessary to appropriate every ounce of energy, every dollar of money and every atom of skill within reach.

Should Import Labor  
"We may be excused for having been slow in getting ready, but there can be no justification for failure in the future to push vigorously."

"If we overprepare for a long war we shall only have done what prudence requires. For the labor shortage, the United States should immediately draw from the islands and orient enough men, including soldiers and sailors, to provide for every emergency."

"We believe the war will end victoriously for the allies within two or three years; we hope for a very much shorter time. It could not terminate in favor of the other side within a decade, for with all the means at our command we would fight that long or longer before we would submit to the despotic rule of an autocratic tyrant."

## McCormick Out For Senatorial Honors

### Chicago, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Congressman Medill McCormick, Republican, today formally announced his candidacy for the United States senate and will contest for the seat held by James Hamilton Lewis, Democrat.

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## TRAFFIC SOLICITORS HANGING ON RAGGED EDGE OF UNCERTAINTY

### Nearly 200 Railroad Employees in Portland So Far Have Been Provided For.

Nearly 200 freight and passenger traffic solicitors in Portland are affected by the recent order of the director general of railroads eliminating solicitation of business and competition between railroad companies. Many of these men have been engaged in this business for many years and must now accommodate themselves to other lines of work. The situation is not a pleasant one for the men or for their families. So far none of the men in Portland railroad offices has been released from the payrolls of the companies by which they are employed. Many of them are being given employment in the general offices.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway has plenty of room for its solicitors in other branches of railroad work, according to Traffic Manager W. D. Skinner.

Officials of the O-W. R. & N. and Southern Pacific companies say they do not contemplate discharging any of the men formerly engaged in solicitation. Representatives of Eastern roads on "Railroad Row" are assured that their interests will be protected, but expect to be called to the general offices in the East.

W. M. Cook, general agent of the Missouri Pacific in Portland, says of the competition between railroads may be an economic waste. It must not be forgotten that the situation was not left to the choice of the railroad companies. For many years competition has been forced upon the roads by state and federal legislation. Least of all should any blame for the evils of the competitive system be attached to the men engaged in that profession.

Four Daughters Have Typhoid  
Lebanon, Or., Jan. 5.—The four daughters of J. R. Pound and wife of Soda-ville, have been brought to the Lebanon hospital, where they are seriously ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Pound moved to Soda-ville a few months ago to send his children to school.

## Now for the Second Week of Edwards' 41st Annual January Clearance Sale

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—Equipped with a fine link spring, held by 56 helical springs that pull from both ends and sides.  
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## \$15.50 Warranted Tarnish-Proof BRASS BEDS \$12.95

—The four corner posts are 2-inch size and filler rods in head and foot are of good weight. Its highly polished "Bakelite" finish is absolutely O. K.—a soft cloth will keep it shining.

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## Silk Floss-o-Lene Mattresses \$16.90

—They are wonderfully soft, as nothing goes into them but a blended combination of cotton and pure silk floss. Yes, Floss-O-Lene mattresses are fluffy and light like feathers.

## White Enamel or Gold Finish CRIBS \$7.25

—Such a consolation for mothers to know that "baby is safe."  
—No danger of getting hurt when sleeping in another room.  
—Unusually popular, because of size and construction, is this crib.  
—Has lock-drop side, helical braced link spring.  
—One fall off an open bed may result in a doctor's bill big enough to pay for a dozen cribs.  
—Avoid that danger—get a crib. Here's a dandy. You can pay for it the Edwards way.

## \$60 LIVING-ROOM SUITE IN 4 PIECES IN SOLID OAK \$49.95

**\$1.00 Weekly**

The construction of every piece insures genuine satisfaction, for each is glued and fitted with the utmost care. Settee, Arm chair and Rocker are fitted with auto cushion seats, upholstered to match, in a rich brown leatherette. January Clearance—

## De Luxe 9x12 Axminster Rugs \$28.75

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—This is not a close-out of discarded patterns, but it is the BIG OPENER that started off this Clearance Sale. There are about 30 left. This week will undoubtedly close out the entire lot, which came in the December shipment. If you want the best choice, COME EARLY!

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**\$1 Cash—\$1 Week**

—Here is a real beauty. And solid—any, you never saw anything so good. That placid base is built entirely of solid oak. Top opens to 6 feet, and it don't jiggle like a see-saw, either.