

PRESIDENT SIGNS WATERPOWER BILL; RUSH ON FOR SITES

(By United News)
Washington, June 19.—The water-power bill passed by congress just before adjournment has been signed by President Wilson. It was announced Friday.
Accompanying the announcement was a statement that the president had acted after being advised by the attorney general that adjournment of congress had not deprived him of the 16 days allowed by the constitution for the consideration of a measure.
The new law releases power for almost unlimited industrial development in this country and is considered one of the most important laws enacted during the sixty-sixth session.
By its terms a commission composed of the secretary of war, secretary of agriculture and secretary of the interior is authorized to lease waterpower rights on all public lands, forest reservations, Indian reservations and on navigable streams for terms not exceeding 50 years. At the end of the lease period the government has the option of taking over the plants that have been built at an appraised valuation or re-leasing or of leasing to some other concern.
The interior department is authorized to specify the royalties on the leases that will be charged.
WEST TO PROFIT MOST
The effect of the law is expected to be particularly noticeable in the West where undeveloped waterpower sites are plentiful.
It is estimated that the potential horsepower available on the sites under government control is \$4,000,000, which is more than the total of 42,000,000 horsepower now in operation in all water, steam and gas operated plants in the country.
Most of the 42,000,000 horsepower is east of the Mississippi river and north of Kentucky and West Virginia.
The potential 44,000,000 additional horsepower is mostly west of the Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.
WAITING LAWS REMAIN
It is expected factories will start in various Western points, calling operations from the over-crowded Eastern cities. An early result, it is predicted, will be electrification of railroads, serving coal and oil, which are becoming scarce and costly.
The final approval of the waterpower bill marks the end of years of agitation. Persons favoring conservation of government resources have insisted upon extreme care to protect federal rights. The bill passed was drawn by government attorneys who believe necessary protection is given, at the same time permitting industrial progress to be made.
In addition to the waterpower bill the president signed several minor measures but not the resolution repealing wartime legislation and the Underwood bill creating a commission to take up the printing paper and pulp wood question with Canada.

HOOD RIVER GETTING READY TO ENTERTAIN SHRINE CONTINGENTS

Hood River, June 19.—With the cooperation of a large number of business men and other residents, the Hood River Shrine club has completed arrangements for the reception of large contingents of Shriners expected to come here over the Columbia highway from Portland during the coming week.
Many strawberry growers are contributing hundreds of crates of the famous Clark Seedling strawberries and with plentiful supplies of Jersey cream and sugar available, all Shriners are assured of at least one square meal after their arrival here. For the convenience of those who wish to stay overnight in the valley a housing committee has booked many rooms in private homes and the club is certain that it will be able to accommodate all who visit this section. The new Lotus grill, which can accommodate 200 at a time, has been opened.
During the first three days of the week a deputation of local Shriners will travel down to Bonneville to accompany carloads of Shriners over the highway to Hood River and through the valley and its famous orchards. The slogan is "One Oregon man to a car and he driven and spokesman."
In the past few days a number of Shriners have passed through here on their way to Portland, some being forced to remain here overnight to secure enough gasoline to enable them to continue on their way.

IDaho LUMBER MILL Wiped Out by Fire

Spokane, Wash., June 19.—(I. N. S.)—A \$50,000 fire completely destroyed the Robinson-Pugh lumber mill at Springston, Idaho, three miles from Harrison, Friday morning. The blaze started from sparks from the engine.
The Springston schoolhouse was also destroyed.

SPECIAL TRAIN BRINGS CONVENTION SCRIBES

San Francisco, June 18.—(U. P.)—The first special train to arrive for the Democratic national convention came in over the Southern Pacific today, bringing over 80 Eastern newspaper men. It was called the senate press gallery special and arrived at 8:30 a. m.

COMMODORE PORTER DIES AT ANNAPOLIS

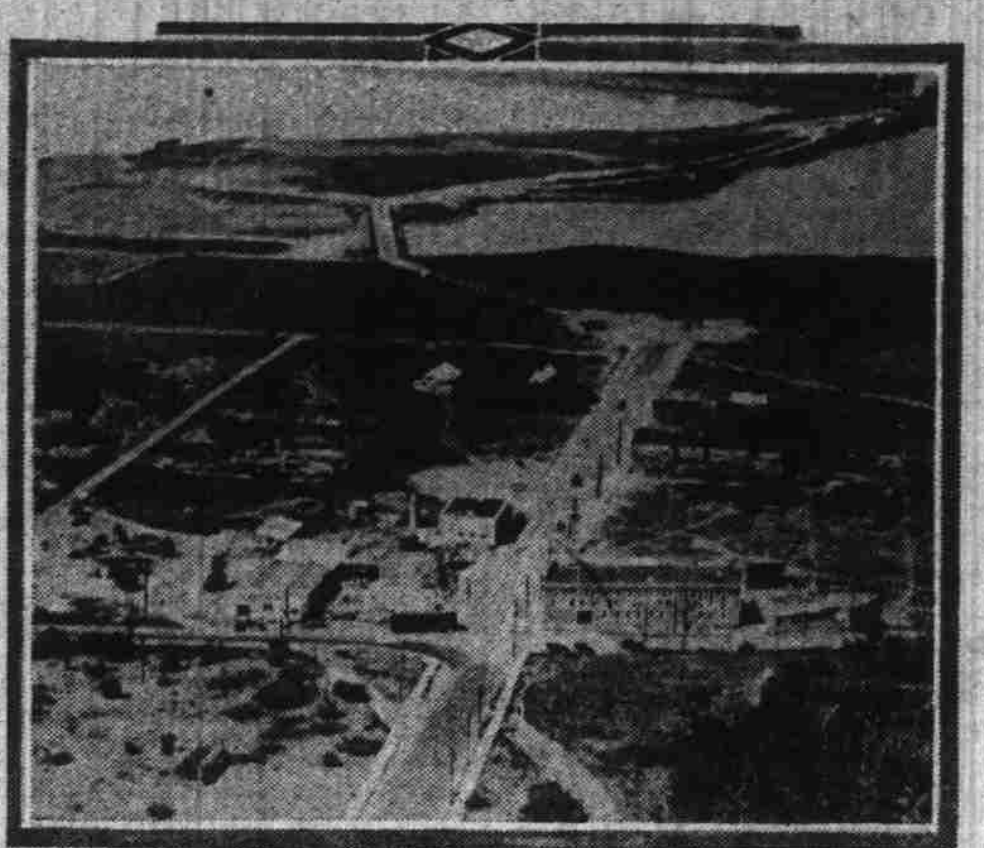
Annapolis, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Commodore Theodore Porter, U. S. N., retired, died at the naval hospital here Friday. He has been ill about one month and death was due to pernicious anemia. Commodore Porter was 70 years old and was a son of the late Admiral David Dixon Porter and a grandson of Commodore David Porter.

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AIR VIEW OF FLYING FIELD



Lewis and Clark field of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Airplane Co., at Twenty-ninth street and Idmon road, to be dedicated with ceremonial and flying circus this afternoon. Airplane view shows approach to field.

MAN WHO KILLED TRUANT ON TRIAL

Acomac, Va., June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Charged with shooting Roland Parks, 17 years old, as the outcome of the compulsory church attendance ordinance—an ancient Tangier island local law intended to prevent loitering in public during church services—Constable Charles C. Connorton is on trial here today before Judge James H. Fletcher Jr., in the circuit court for Accomac county. The shooting of young Parks has attracted country-wide attention and great interest is being manifested in the result of the trial. More than 30 witnesses have been summoned to testify and the trial is expected to last several days.

The shooting of young Parks occurred on Sunday afternoon, April 11 last, and was the result of a unique town ordinance, passed many years ago, evidently intended to legislate religion into the Tangier islanders. The law is to the effect that it shall be a violation of the law for any person to sit on a porch or loaf on a street in Tangier on Sunday during church hours. They must either go to church or remain within the confines of their homes.

Park Band to Give First of Summer Concerts Tonight

The Portland park band, J. B. Eitinger, conductor, will give its first concert of the season tonight at Laurelhurst park beginning at 8 o'clock. This, however, will be a special concert, and not one of the regular series scheduled to begin early next month to run for the summer.
The program will be:
Overture, "William Tell".....Rossini
Waltz, "Dance of the Children".....Schubert
"Lullaby of Lullabyland".....Donizetti
Suite, "A Day in Venice".....Mussorgsky
Intermission, "For the King".....Schubert
March, "Militaire, No. 1".....Schubert
Grand American Fantasia.....Bendix
Finale, "Star-Spangled Banner".....Donizetti

CALIFORNIA BOARD Of Health FEARFUL Of Bubonic Plague

Sacramento, Cal., June 19.—(U. P.)—A warning to citizens against the possibility of an outbreak of bubonic plague in California was issued today by the state board of health.
"At no time since 1907 have conditions been so favorable for the revival of this most acute and rapidly fatal disease," said the board's statement.
A fatal case of bubonic plague occurred in California during April and a few months ago an outbreak of 14 cases of bubonic plague, all of which resulted fatally, appeared in one of the coast counties.

Bar Silver Goes Up 10 Cents in One Day

Washington, June 19.—(U. P.)—Rise in the price of bar silver from 50 to 60 cents an ounce in one day is due largely to the government's recent purchase of 1,500,000 ounces of American silver at \$1 an ounce, mint officials said today. The government, under the Pittman act, has authority to purchase 207,000,000 ounces of silver.

COX ENFORCES DRY LAW, SAYS MOORE

San Francisco, June 19.—(U. P.)—"Governor Cox has a record for law enforcement, the dry law in particular," said R. H. Moore, his political manager, declared today in response to questions as to Cox's attitude on the prohibition issue.

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Driven by storage batteries carried under the seat, an easily controlled electric wheelchair for invalids has been invented.

WORLD'S BIGGEST DRUM TO BE SENT BY BAKER SHRINE

Baker, June 19.—Baker's chief contribution to the Portland Shrine convention street attractions next week will be the world's largest drum, made especially for Larsen Balliett, promoter of the White Swan gold mine, in 1902. The drum is 61 inches in diameter and the whole United States was searched for months, it is said, before skins sufficiently large to provide heads were found.
Upon one of the heads a massive wheel is shown, with "Baker, the Hub" inscribed in the center. "Baker, the Metropolis of Eastern Oregon" on the rim, and each of the 16 spokes representing a Baker county industry. Four of the tallest Shriners in Baker will carry the drum and another wearer of the crescent will beat time upon it as the Baker Concert band marches from one concert station to another.

The White Swan drum, now the property of the Baker Concert band, has lain in the city hall gathering dust since the wild-cat mining venture fostered by the drum's notorious creator, abetted innocently by this instrument, fell through. In 1902 and later the White Swan band, organized

LEAGUE ISSUE IS BEING FORCED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

(By Fred S. Ferguson)
(United News Staff Correspondent)
Chicago, June 19.—President Wilson is trying to do what Senator Hiram Johnson failed to accomplish—force the Republicans into a straight league or no-league fight in the coming presidential campaign.
At the same time he is taking no chances on what the San Francisco convention may do and will see that his party takes an unmistakable stand for adoption of the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations, as a high moral obligation of the nation.

Republicans and Democrats alike, now in Chicago, saw these outstanding facts today in the interview given out by the president in Washington. Whether the president is again the Democratic nominee, or someone else is named, it is apparent that the platform is to be dictated from the White House and the league fight carried to the Republicans if the president has his way.
ALL CLASSED TOGETHER
It is known that the Republican managers, from Will Hays down, have not relished the idea of going into a campaign on a straight anti-League of Nations basis. This resulted in the long

fight in the resolutions committee when the Johnson-Borah forces insisted that their "bitter end" opposition to the league be upheld. When the compromise was reached, eliminating any mention of ratification of the treaty with or without reservations, the way was left open for future interpretations of what the "policies of Washington and Monroe" might be.
President Wilson now puts Senator Lodge, the reservationist, and Senator Johnson, the irreconcilable, in the same class as opponents of the league, claiming that they differ only in their methods. Taking advantage of the Republicans' compromise league plank, the president has seized the affirmative in the big debate for the Democrats and in the opinion of administration forces has left nothing but the negative for the Republicans to argue. Whether this proves to be an advantage or disadvantage remains to be seen.
BRYAN JOINS OPPOSITION
It was expected that Senator Harding would outline his position on the League of Nations in a speech at the time of his formal notification of nomination. The president, however, has not waited for Chairman Cummings to sound the Democratic "keynote" at San Francisco. He has taken the offensive with the evident intention of attempting to force the campaign on the straight issue of whether there shall be a league or no league at all, and classing all of the Republicans as "bitter enders."
But the president will not be without opposition within his own party in working out campaign strategy. Aligned against him will be William J. Bryan, who stands for ratification with reservations. In addition to such strength as Bryan can muster, Tammany hall and its sympathizers in the East will line up against the administration forces. The entire situation holds forth possibilities

of the renomination of the president or a tremendous fight.
WOULD CLEAR FIELD
Within the last month one of the most prominent Democrats in the country pointed out to the United News that unless President Wilson stated specifically that he would not stand for reelection before the San Francisco convention assembled he would be in a position to dominate it, not only as to platform but to the extent of forcing his renomination. It was pointed out that if it appeared that the president desired renomination such candidates as A. Mitchell Palmer, Secretary Meredith, Ambassador Gerard, Vice President Marshall and Carter Glass would be forced to withdraw their names because of their present, or past connection with the administration. This would leave only Governor Cox, Governor Edwards and Senator Owen in the field against the president.
The first development to follow the president's interview, published Friday, is an announcement from McAdoo of his decision not to permit his name to be presented to the San Francisco convention.

Many Delegates to Go as Wets, Says Edwards' Manager

(By United News)
Chicago, June 19.—Seven hundred and twelve of the 1092 delegates to the Democratic convention at San Francisco are committed to a modification of the steady act permitting light wines and beer, according to Walker W. Vick, campaign manager for Governor Edwards of New Jersey here today.
This estimate, he said, was based on polls taken in every state.

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