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A CONSERVATION JOKE.

Under the above head the Minneapolis News gives such an interesting version of a bill before congress affecting this country that the Democrat reproduces it:

There is a certain grim irony about the announcement from Washington that the conservation congress has indorsed the famous Shields water-power bill. This bill is a measure devised to give the water-power trust the inside track in the development and operation of powers on streams which are owned by the people. To see such a measure indorsed by "conservationists" is as much of an incongruity as it would be to see a Prohibitionist committee operating a distillery to build up a campaign fund.

The Shield bill indorsement marks the consummation of a definite campaign to steal the conservation organization and use it to further the very ends which it was originally formed to fight. A defection of western governors openly prompted by large railroad interests occurred at the St. Paul meeting of the conservation congress in 1910.

Following this defections conservation work has been in progress to undermine the character of the congress and reverse its direction. Results were apparent in Washington when the gathering of alleged conservationists was composed very largely of water-power lobbyists, and representatives of water-power interests. For example, the sub-committee on water-power, which fathered the indorsement of the Shields bill, was made up of: B. M. Hall, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman, who represents the Georgia Power company; H. J. Pierce, of Seattle, Wash., representing the General Electric; O. M. Leighton, representing the Utah Power company; John H. Finney, acting for the Aluminum Company of America, a Niagara Falls corporation; Ex-Congressman Dennis O'Flynn, of Oklahoma City, who is connected with several bonding companies; W. P. Lay, of the Alabama Power Company; Ex-Governor Hawley, of Idaho, who has a son serving as attorney for the Idaho Power Co.; C. C. Rabb, of Bangor, Me., a power engineer; Milton C. Damm and E. C. Warren, both of Seattle, favorable to the power interests. E. C. Finney, of the department of the interior, another committeeman, is the man who was characterized by Louis D. Brandies as "the faithful Finney" in the Ballinger case. He was the close legal advisor of Secretary Ballinger. E. C. Grover of the Geological Survey was the thirteenth member of the committee.

That such a committee would indorse the Shields bill, which is desired by the water-power interests, was a foregone conclusion. The only subject for wonder is that the power attorneys, engineers and lobbyists should believe that the public could be impressed by such a line-up.

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Silly cartoons often make friends for a man.

A prominent London man, who foretold two or three war events and even his own death predicted that the war will end on June 17th. The Misfit man predicts it will not by several months. It is very doubtful if any human being actually has a vision that looks ahead a single day or minute, except as a guess. Many have guessed correctly, showing remarkable perception; but was it anything more than that.

This suggests the old case of Mother Shipton who lived in the fifteenth century, and who was said to have made several wonderful prophecies. Here is one in poetry, reaching even until these days:

The time shall come when seas of blood
Shall mingle with a greater flood;
Great noises shall there be heard,
Great shouts and cries,
And seas shall thunder louder than the skies.

Then shall three lions fight with three,
And bring joy to a people, honor to a King.
That fiery year, as soon as o'er,
Peace shall then be as before;
Plenty shall everywhere be found,
And men with swords shall till the ground.

Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe;
Around the world thought shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye!

The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at root of tree.

Through hills man shall ride,
And no horse or ass be at his side.

Under water man shall walk.

Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.

In the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, in green,
Iron in water shall float,
As easy as a wooden boat.

Gold shall be found and coined
In a land that's not now known.

Fire and water shall wonder do,
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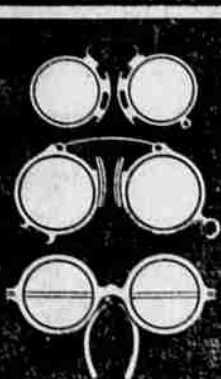
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