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"Conservation Phase of St. Lawrence Improvement Is Most Important."

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The farmers and industries of the whole region that is nearer to the Great Lakes than to our salt water ports will reap the advantage of lower transportation costs from the improvement of the St. Lawrence. Herbert Hoover estimated this at a saving of certainly 6 cents per bushel on wheat, and it will be correspondingly as much on other grains. More than 90 per cent of the many thousands of tons of meat products, lard and animal oils exported from this country annually are produced in the Central West, and on every pound a large saving could be made by loading into ships at our lake ports.

The people of northern New York and New England will be benefited even more than their western brethren, for they will not only have the improved transportation by water, but will have electric power for distribution to every city, town and farmstead. Their trunk line railways can be electrified, and they can banish the coal famine specter.

But fundamentally the conservation phase of the St. Lawrence improvement is most important of all. Where on our own continent is there a region that is not vitally interested in a development that will every year for all future time save us from the need to burn millions of tons of our "black diamonds" and use instead the "white coal" that a beneficent Providence has laid at our doorstep? *

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Commercial Assaults on National Parks



WASHINGTON, - Preservation of our national parks and monuments against the organized assault of commercial water power and irrigation interests is a subject that is going to attract much attention at this session of congress and in the next congress. So important is the water would destroy timber, hot matter, in the opinion of Secretary Payne of the Interior department, that he begins his 1920 annual report with is established and a six-foot dam built its discussion. He says, first thing; and the water devoted to reclamition "This is a vital question. The con- or power uses, increasing demands flict between the demands of commerce will specifily arise as other lands come and the preservation of these wonder under cultivation or need for more places involves constant vigilance. In power arises, and the demand for a my view, their preservation is of the ligher dam and more water will arise first importance. It should be the set- and will be well-nigh irresistible. tled policy of the country, regardless dam at the place suggested of 25 feet of any question of utility, that when | could be built and the question would In the wisdom of the congress national [30, Why not?]

parks or monuments are definitely set nput they must be preserved in their integrity, forever free from any form of commercialization. If this princi ple is not recognized, and com Telal infom in any form is allowed to creep in it will be only a question of time when our wild West will be only a nemory and the big game of our county will be extinct, and these places and objects, now so wonderful, will be

sciously and permanently injured. Secretary Payne then discusses a sil-foot irrigation dam across the muth of Yellowstone lake in Yellow some National park, the project of an association of Montana people. He siys that any material raising of the springs and scenery, and adds; "If the precedent of using the park

What's Uncle Sam Doing About Flying?

WHAT is Uncle Sam going to do about keeping up with the air rocession? Your guess is as good as inybedy's guess, these days.

One story is that the War departnent is preparing to call for bids for 300 new airplanes on designs worked out by the army aviation section, which include all latest improvements demonstrated to be valuable by recent tests. Approximately \$6,000,000, it is estimated, will be spent on the planes

The total appropriation for the air service-exclusive of pay and maintenance of men, which is carried in other sections of the army bill-was \$83,-000,000, of which it was provided that tot less than \$5,250,000 should be spent and not less than \$6,000,000 for new nachines and equipment.

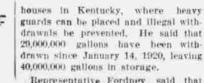
The air service last year asked for s0,000,000 and will ask this session of congress for \$60,000,000, Senators of the military affairs committee and members of the house military conmittee said that nothing like this much money could be allowed in view of the pressing need for cutting governnental expenses

Aviation activities in the navy are scattered through half a dozen bu-of the British and French navies.

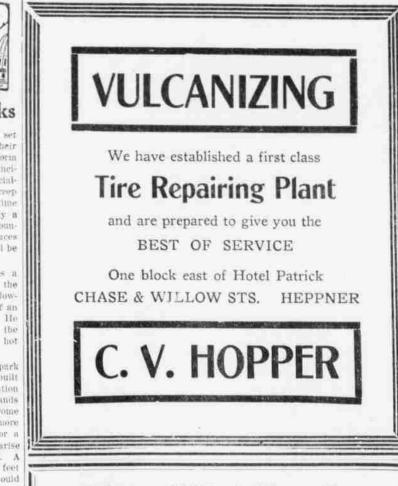


In the meantime experts declare that the nation is lagging farther and farther behind European countries, The United States is so III equipped as to be virtually defenseless and in commercial navigation it has scarcely begun to start.

The army air force is inadequate and most of the plants are either obsolete or obsolescent. The may air



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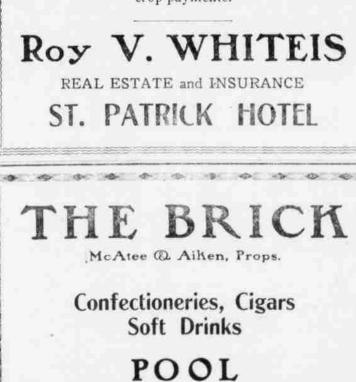


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 \mathbf{T}^{HE} plans for enforcing prohibition in the United States were presented to the house ways and means committee the other day, two of them ers," asked Chairman Fordney, "would

by prohibition advocates and the other by Representative Joseph R. Fordney of Michigan, the committee chair-Wayne B. Whoeler, counsel for the

Anti-Saloon bearue, suggested a text gosted to the bureau," replied Mr. Ken of \$500 a gallon on the whisky, the ture. Considerable pressure has been modenting of all stories in bond to brought to hear in factor of the preender it unfit for becoming purposes, point, but we baren't been able to see our way close to do 10." and genuine entretrement of the lawy at head one folloral district attor-

of Connecticut, expressed reprin Prohibition Coundssioner John F. extraordinary efforts to enforce the Krainer recommended that all liquor Velsiond act in communities in which now is the government wavelenges by II was apparent the people were apconcentrated in three or four wave- posed to it,

Cost to Uncle Sam of War and "Peace"

One Grand Jag to Get Rid of the Stuff

NET cost of the war to the American government has been fixed by Secretary Houston at \$24,010,000,000. This, he said, represented the "adjusted" expenditure of the treasury, excluding all other outlay which had no relation to the actual prosecution of the war during the period from April 6, 1917, to June 30 last, the extremes of the government's wartime fiscal operations

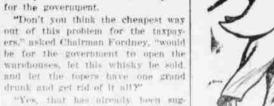
A special message giving the complete expenses of the American peace commission during its work abroad has een transmitted to the senate by President Wilson. Total expenditures amounted to \$1,651,191.09 from December 1, 1918, to December 4, 1920. The amount actually paid out was \$1,703,712.06, but repayments and gains in exchange reduced this by \$52,520.97. Some of the larger items were;

Travel and mibsistence, \$528,442; subsistence, \$193,629; salaries, \$209, 571; wages and employees at Hotel Crillion. \$131,507; rents, \$176,853; food. hotel and kitchen supplies, \$283,590; hire and laundering of linen atchotel, \$64,969; damage and loss of property at hotel, \$125,870.

Various missions to Russia, Germany, Posen, Turkey, Holland, and Armenia cost \$239,726. Purchase of ident."

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automobiles amounted to \$14,602, and confidential expenses of Presidential party to \$17,534. E. M. House and Henry White re-

ceived monthly salaries of \$1,000 as commissioners, while Robert Lansing. former secretary of state, and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, other commissioners, had their actual expenses puid.

The accounts showed refunds by President Wilson of 914.70 france for expenses while at Rome; by E. M. House of 10,402 france for official entertalnment from December 1, 1918. to June 3, 1919, by Secretary Lansing of 1,589 france for tips and of large amounts for expenses of the wives of the commissioners,

Doctor Grayson was credited with frequent drafts of \$1,000 and more for "confidential expenses of the Pres-