

# PLAN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF WATER POWER

### Tayvenner of Illinois, Introduces Bill for Federal Development of Power Reserves and Sale at Cost of Production to Counties, Cities and Individuals.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Government development of water power resources, and the sale of power at cost of production to counties, cities, corporations, and individual users, is the solution of the water power problem proposed in a bill introduced in the house of representatives today by Representative Clyde H. Tavener of Illinois.

The fight between the conservation and anti-conservation forces in congress over the control of government owned water resources, resulting in the passage through the senate of the Shields bill, which fails to protect public interests, is responsible for the new Tavener bill.

**A Natural Monopoly**  
"Water power development must necessarily proceed along lines of monopoly," said Congressman Tavener today. "There cannot be competition in power development because a power site can be controlled and used by only one interest, and the most economical development of power occurs when a number of power sites are linked together into a single system. This is becoming increasingly so as the means of transmission of electrical power develop. Private monopoly of any great natural resource like water power is indefensible. Therefore, the only logical solution is to have the government itself develop its power resources at cost for the benefit of the people."

The Tavener bill creates a "Waterpower Development Board" consisting of the secretaries of war, interior and agriculture. It reserves all rights of the United States in or over navigable streams and their tributaries and on the public lands and reservations, including national parks and national forests. It directs the board to make examinations and surveys for the storage, diversion and development of water for power purposes, and to build the necessary power plants, and proceed to operate them and sell the power to "municipalities, manufacturers, railway companies, or other companies, corporations, firms or persons, under regulations to be made by the board."

**Development Fund**  
The bill follows closely the lines of the reclamation act, creating in the treasury a special fund to be known as the "waterpower development fund" to consist of an initial amount of \$50,000,000, which the secretary of the treasury is directed to place in the fund. This amount is to be raised by a three percent bond issue.

The rates to users of power are to be fixed by the board at such figure as will produce revenue to maintain and operate the plant; pay to the state, county and other local government within whose jurisdiction the plant is located, an amount in lieu of taxes equivalent to the local current tax rate for such classes of property, but not to exceed three percent of the assessed value; to pay the interest on the bonds and provide a sinking fund for their redemption in twenty-five years; and to accumulate a "development fund" which will be used to develop new projects, until eventually all waterpowers owned by the government are in operation.

The bill is destined not only to furnish cheap power to consumers all over the United States, but to provide the government with power for its own use, such as the construction of nitrate plants which would be necessary in war time to manufacture powder, and which could be used in peace to produce fertilizer. Cheap power would determine also the location of munitions manufacturing plants run by the government. The Rock Island plant, located in Representative Tavener's district, is supplied with power from a government water power plant.

"The location of government munitions plants supplied with power at cost by the government itself would result in enormous saving every year," said Mr. Tavener. "As a preparedness measure, this bill should receive the support of everybody except power interests which are seeking to control valuable waterpower for their own profit."

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## PULQUE AND MESCAL AZTEC CONTRIBUTION TO CIVILIZATION

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Although Francisco Villa himself is said to be a total abstainer from intoxicating liquors, many of the Mexican border outrages perpetrated by his men have followed a two-fold indulgence in the Mexican national drinks, pulque and mescal.

The National Geographical society of Washington, in a primer issued today on these two beverages peculiar to the southern republic says:

**Aztecs Invented Pulque.**  
"The colonists who settled the east coast of the United States have been charged with introducing the American Indian to freewater in exchange for the tobacco habit, but no similar accusation can rest against the Aztecs who conquered the pulque-drinking Aztecs of Mexico. The intoxicating properties of this unique beverage were known long before Cortez marched his army across the mountains which joined the ancient Venetian capital of the Montezumas to the lake shores.

"Both pulque and mescal are products of the cereals of eastern plant, which was of the same utilization importance to the aborigines as the date palm to the Arab, the bamboo to the Chinese, and the banana to the Central American. In addition to the two important beverages, this plant supplies from its roots a starchy food; from its fibrous leaves a cloth is woven and rope is made; from its pulp of the Aztecs obtained a sort of papyrus paper on which have been preserved some of their most valued writings; its large leaves when dried furnished a roofing for adobe huts; its stems still supply fuel, and rows of the sharp-pointed plants afforded an impenetrable defense against the attacks of wild animals as well as an effective barricade against hostile tribes.

**Mescal and Pulque.**  
"Mescal and pulque are not, as many believe, different names for the same drink. Mescal is distilled from the leaves and twisted heads of the plant, and is a sort of brandy, containing from a third to half as much alcohol as the average American whiskey. Pulque, on the other hand, is the fermenting sap of the plant, and is obtained from the flower of the maguey or agave, which it has attained a growth of six or eight years. The pulque has a sweet taste, which might be compared with the center of the date palm, and with the aid of a long reed or several sticks the sap from it, using a technique as a siphon for the reed. When the reed is full he blows it into a wooden container strapped on his back. In the course of four or five months the maguey will yield ten gallons of sap. It then settles and clarifies. When fresh pulque is a sweet, innocuous liquid and is called maguey (choney water). It soon becomes (fermented), however, a process often hastened by the addition of maguey or old pulque.

"Neither mescal nor pulque is expensive. One can get a drink of the latter for a cent, while a mescal gallon costs of the average tourist about as much as he had for many years ago.

"Pulque cannot be shipped out of the country because the method of preserving it has been discovered, in the most remote of the extensive plantations of the states of Hidalgo, Mexico, Puebla and Tlaxcala, some 200 miles from Mexico, some 24,000,000 worth of pulque annually."

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## SIERRA MOJADA TOWNE'S PROPERTY REPORTED RAIDED

Sierra Mojada (Muddy Hill), mentioned in today's dispatches from Mexico as having been raided by Mexican bandits, possesses local interest through having been the scene of early operations on a large scale by the owners of the Blue Lodge mine, several of whose employees are known in Medford. Frank Safford, formerly cashier of Blue Lodge mine, was at one time a resident of Sierra Mojada, as was F. W. Carrahan, E. B. Turnbull, of the Blue Lodge force, was later cashier at the company's mine at Sierra Mojada.

The settlement is in an arid region at the base of a high hill from which the name of the town is derived, and comprises three towns, Parana, Estancia, and the city proper or pueblo. Dependence for water is mainly upon artificial reservoirs which fill in the rainy season, purify themselves and remain sweet until the next rains.

The Mexican Metallurgical company, owning the Blue Lodge and affiliated companies, own the Mexican Northern railway, connecting Sierra Mojada with the main line of the Mexican Central railway at Escalon, some eighty miles. It is a mining camp and simple, where, in the early days armed guards rode by water wagons, which otherwise would have been attacked more completely than a billion times. The mine of M. Guggenbain and sons was at Sierra Mojada some of their early workings accompanied ore deposition through a fissure or fissures in limestone, and it has been described in a monograph by James W. Maloolson. Silver, lead, copper and zinc are the more abundant of the metals produced.

To hear of the sack of Sierra Mojada brings a real pang to members of the large American colony who remember the kindly local judge, the pulque, the doctor and all the large Mexican population who were the friendly and interested co-workers with the foreigners.

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## 8 OF 19 CHINESE PROVINCES REVOLT AGAINST YUAN

PEKING, April 12.—Telegrams dispatched by the Chinese government today to the revolutionary leaders, urge that hostilities be brought to an end in order to prevent foreign intervention.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—A revolutionary military governor of the province of Che Kiang which declared its independence of Yuan Shi Kai two days ago, has been appointed to succeed Chu Chang Chun the Yuan Shi Kai governor, who is in jail. The new revolutionary governor is Brigadier General Ting Tao Chuan, according to advices today to the Chinese republic association here.

With the official declaration of the independence of Kiang Si province today, the revolutionaries now dominate eight southeastern provinces of the nineteen provinces of China. These have an aggregate population of about 150,000,000. Two of those provinces are on the seacoast, a strategic advantage in the progress of the revolution.

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