

WILSON'S VETO ONLY OBSTACLE TO POWER GRAB

President Now Only Hope of Conservationists to Check Vicious Shields Water-Power Bill—Ways Greased in Both Houses—Democrats Control Coming Congress.

By GILSON GARDNER.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Only President Wilson's veto will stop the vicious Shields waterpower grab. The lobby is here in force and in fine spirits. The ways are greased and there is every prospect that the boasts of the lobbyists, that the conference report will pass both houses, will be fulfilled. Secretary Lane is making no protest. Conservationists are urging President Wilson to have his veto ready.

In order to give a color of respectability to the Shields water power grab, the "development" crowd have got a fine delegation to wait on President Wilson right after Christmas to tell him it's "all right." They bring high-sounding credentials like these: American Institute of Electric Engineers, American Institute of Civil Engineers, American Chemical Society, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. It is understood also that the American Society of Boarding School Girls will bring resolutions endorsing chocolate drops.

Progressives a Power.

At first it looked as if Sandy Mush district, in Buncombe county, North Carolina, would decide the political majority of the next house of representatives; but the unexpected victory of M. Clyde Kelly, progressive democrat of Pennsylvania, has tipped the scale to the democratic side without the aid of Sandy Mush. The real balance of power, however, so far as legislation is concerned, is to lie with a group of independents of all parties, about thirty in number, who have been organized by Lynn Haines of the National Voters' league. Their first and most important job will be to insist on a proper revision of the rules.

Foot and Mouth Cost.

It cost \$9,000,000 to eradicate the foot and mouth disease. The federal government furnished \$4,600,000 of this, and the states the rest. "Large as this sum is," says Dr. Melvin in his annual report on the work of the bureau of animal industry, "it is trivial compared with the colossal damage that would have been inflicted if the disease had escaped control and become permanently established in some countries." The source of the infection, which first showed itself near Niles, Mich., in 1914, is still a mystery.

Clyde Tavenner of the fourteenth Illinois district failed of re-election by the narrow margin of 450 votes. A recount may show him elected. A special fight was made on Tavenner by all the war-profit interests. He had led the fight for a government armor plate plant and government manufacture of munitions generally, but in spite of the money dumped into his district Tavenner led President Wilson by 5000 votes; received 5000 more votes than he ever received before, in a district which is normally republican by from 8000 to 12,000 votes.

POPLAR CANKER THREATENS TREES IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The poplars of this country are now threatened by a dangerous fungous disease which has evidently been imported in recent years from Europe. This disease attacks the twigs, limbs, and trunks of the black and Lombardy poplars (*Populus nigra*) and of the Carolina cottonwoods (*Populus deltoides*), and may be expected to attack other species of poplars and cottonwoods, in regions not yet investigated, according to the plant pathologists of the U. S. department of agriculture.

This disease is caused by the fungus *Dothichiza populea*. It occurs first in the form of cankers or depressed dead areas in the bark much in the same manner as in case of the light of chestnut trees, which is caused by a distinctly different fungus. The effect of the fungus on poplar and cottonwood trees is as follows: Cankers are formed at the point of attack, spread rapidly and often girdle the twig, limb, or trunk at the point of attack, killing the part above the trunk become "spike topped." The death of limbs and twigs gives the trees a ragged appearance, which spoils their beauty, and later kills them. This is especially the case with black poplars which are frequently planted in rows along boulevards and avenues.

The European poplar canker is most severe in its effect on stored and transplanted nursery stock. Trees when in transit, and when heeled in the ground, or freshly transplanted in the spring, are readily attacked by the fungus and ruined within a short period of time. This disease is spread by means of spores produced in fruiting bodies in the form of small pimples or pustules in the bark of the cankers. From these pustules in springtime there are exuded small, sticky, cream-colored tendrils which soon change to a tawny-olive or even a walnut-brown. These tendrils contain millions of spores which spread the disease in various ways.

SCOTT FAVORS COMPULSION

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Adequate Preparedness.

"I believe," he said, "there is no higher duty than to provide for adequate military preparedness. But there is a radical difference between a military policy for defense and aggressive policy. If we are going to defend the Monroe doctrine in its broadest sense we are embarking on a military impossibility."

To provide a first line of defense, Mr. Fisher suggested that the pay of the army be doubled, that civic training that would fit men for civil life be made compulsory and that as rapidly as they could be trained, men be discharged into a citizen reserve, liable for duty in war.

"The plan proposed here is to adopt universal training for the sake of its civic by-product, for it is argued that universal training will give greater civil efficiency. Why not turn this right around? If you'll adopt civic discipline for the sake of its military by-product, you'll carry the country and you can't carry it otherwise."

Arguments Outlined.

Characterizing the volunteer sys-

tem as extravagant, inefficient and dangerous, the chief of staff told the committee that universal training would be democratic, reliable, efficient and economical and within a few years practically render the United States immune from attack.

"It would be democratic," he said, "because the great burden of national defense would fall equally upon all citizens. It would make it impossible for any man or group of men to trade upon the nation's necessities in time of war. The system would be reliable because it would produce each year the number of men necessary to be trained.

"It would be economical because it would be based upon recognition by the people of the duty of the individual to render personal service and in carrying it into effect the government would not have to compete in the labor market. It would be efficient because it would enable us to prepare adequately for war before war comes."

At the outset General Scott pointed out that the Mexican crisis had failed to recruit many National Guard organizations even to their minimum peace strength.

"The failure should make the whole people realize that the volunteer system does not and probably will not give us either the men we

need in peace or for service in war," he said. Reviewing the intensive training which European nations require he declared that if American troops ever were to compete with highly trained and splendidly disciplined forces they would require training and discipline at least equal to that of their opponents.

Lessons of Europe.

The lessons of the European war, the general said, had demonstrated that a higher standard of training and discipline were required than was popularly considered necessary before, and that most of the European nations for that reason found they could not develop them in less than two years with the colors.

"It should be obvious," said he, "that 192 hours training prescribed for the National Guard is utterly inadequate to prepare this force for war service."

For war with a first-class power, the general staff had previously estimated that 500,000 fully equipped troops should be ready at the outbreak and that 600,000 more should be available in ninety days. In view of the lessons of the war the general was now of the opinion that these numbers should be tripled, and that 1,500,000 fully equipped and ready and available and another 1,500,000 follow in ninety days.

BONEHEAD PLAY AT ELLIS ISLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Carlos Valdez Alvarez, the 14-year-old son of Manuel Valdez Alvarez, a leading dry goods merchant with a string of stores throughout Spain, was taken to Ellis Island today from the Spanish liner Buena Vista, in port from Cadiz. Young Alvarez' father was carried ashore on a stretcher, helpless from apoplexy, and taken to a hospital. The United States immigration law permits no alien under 16 years of age to land unless accompanied by the parents or legal guardian, and the immigration inspector stated that under the circumstances he had no other course to pursue than to send the boy to Ellis Island.

Representatives of various New York dry goods concerns tendered any bond that might be required by the government, but their offer was of no avail. According to the representatives of local firms, Alvarez has fifty dry goods stores in Barcelona, Madrid, Cadiz, Malaga, Seville and other places in Spain. He was on his annual visit to his store in Havann when stricken.

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF WEST SIDE PHARMACY

Ex-Postmaster Ralph Woodford has purchased the West Side Pharmacy and takes charge on January 1st. Dr. H. P. Hargrave who has conducted the business for the past five years, and devoted part of his time to the practice of medicine, will now devote all his time to his practice.

Mr. Woodford is a registered pharmacist, having graduated from O. A. C., and devoted some time to his profession before his appointment as postmaster.

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