

JOY RIDE OF FOUR DAYS ENDS WITH ARREST OF 3

After joyriding through Maryland and Pennsylvania since Tuesday, three Washington boys were yesterday brought back to the capital from Cumberland, Md., where they were arrested and charged with the theft of an automobile.

They are William Henry Robertson, nineteen, and Harry Clay Robertson, his brother, sixteen, both of 121 C street northeast, and Frederick Oliver Rinker, twenty-one, of 315 Pennsylvania avenue northeast. The police

say they stole an automobile belonging to James M. Brown, 123 Twentieth street northwest, Tuesday. They will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow.

DESTROYER HITS MINE.
Vice Admiral Huse has cabled the Navy Department that the American destroyer Brooks and Gilmer and the British cruiser Yankuzher have gone to the assistance of the destroyer Kane, which struck a mine off Riga. No casualties occurred aboard the Kane, it is stated unofficially. A court of inquiry will inquire into the character of the mine.

RICH WIDOW ATTACKED; CHAUFFEUR IS MISSING

EGYPT, Mass., Oct. 3.—Struck down by some blunt weapon, Mrs. Estelle T. Warner, a wealthy widow, was found brutally beaten on the floor of the living room of her home here last night. It is feared she cannot recover.

Her young chauffeur, Ralph Lopez, a Portuguese, is missing, along with the widow's car. The Warner place, near the estate of Thomas W. Lawson, had been robbed.

The Federal Water Power Act

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"Power!" We are so familiar with the word and so accustomed to daily manifestations of power all around us that the energies of the universe release themselves before a commonplace regard. Until now we have replaced men chiefly in their religious and political relations; from now on we shall regard them more and more in their industrial relations, in their capacity to achieve through intelligent use of the forces of nature.

Striking evidence of this new evolution is to be found in the recent international meeting at Spa, the latest of the great post-bellum conferences designed to control a new world order. That conference had little or nothing to do with political considerations or formulae.

It centered on coal as the essential of national existence and political independence of state, gathered there prominently to represent political power, thought only of industrial power; highest international statecraft concerned itself with nothing higher than coal; great personalities controlling the political policies of the world were but mouthpieces of national industry demanding coal; prime ministers found themselves bargaining with miners of coal, even with miners of coal.

THEME OF CONFERENCE.
Coal, rather than any political clause of the Treaty of Versailles, was the theme of the great Spa conference; it was and is the great problem of present Europe.

Likewise, our own problems are largely problems of mechanical power; coal, oil, and other sources of energy. These problems are becoming acute. To them our old political formulae have little application, and an intelligent consideration of them demands new political appreciations. That those in political authority are beginning to see this is indicated when our President was constrained to reverse an ancient practice and belatedly gave his approval to the Federal water power act, an act which was designed to put the work for us tens of millions of horsepower, but which unfortunately is likely to fall short of such sanguine expectation.

Coal is the great source of our developed power. We have some 25,000,000 steam engine horsepower in use in this country—much of it in wasteful use, as in the locomotive engine—and we have some 6,000,000 horsepower generated from water power. We are suffering from an acute shortage of power.

We have not enough to meet our present plant requirements and none for industrial expansion. We have many millions more. Let us not continue to deceive ourselves. This condition cannot be remedied by political preaching, nor by mere manipulation or over-improvement of things as they are. We are face to face with an actual shortage of coal, an actual shortage of production, and an actual shortage of transportation.

It may be well to remember that about one-third of all our transportation is taken up in hauling the coal that we now use. The water power act is designed to remedy this by supplementing, and in many activities superseding, our coal power by hydro-electric energy. It is estimated that some 50,000,000 horsepower lies latent in our rivers, almost twice as much as all the power we now have in use. If this act works, if it harnesses our rivers and enables us to develop a substantial quantity of the power now going to waste that is feasible and for many years will be of immeasurable benefit to this nation.

Our industries will expand, and multiply, our railroads be freed for our better service, the navigation of our rivers improved, our agriculture stimulated through cheaper fertilizers, the nitrate of which will be drawn from the air through hydro-electric methods, out-of-the-way localities opened up, our limited quantity of coal conserved and put to better use, and, incidentally, we of the common public may hope to be released to a comforting degree from the upper and lower millstone of the mine operator and the miner.

NO EFFECTIVE LAWS.
We have a water power act at last. The character of all legislation is largely determined by pre-natal influences. Notwithstanding this subject means, and for many years has meant, so much to every man, woman and child of this country, and notwithstanding the agitation for one kind of legislation or another for the last twenty years, there has been but little intelligent interest in it; consequently we have had no effective legislation.

As long ago as 1890 Congress, under the guise of protecting the navigability of our rivers and the ownership of our public lands, prohibited under penalty the activity necessary for power development unless it should be specially authorized in each individual case by Congress. Thus Congress effectually locked the door to water power development, which, until now—if now—it has never opened. Congress failed to perform the legislative function of laying down general principles to govern development, leaving the application of them in a particular case to administration, and unwisely assumed the impossible administrative task of passing upon every project. The result was inaction.

The President, little interested and never well informed, took no decisive action that gave attentive ear to impracticable plans. There was no leadership. It was against this situation that earnest and intelligent efforts of men like Garrison and Lane met failure seven years ago. As a further insupportable barrier to water power development became the pet hobby of those ultra-conservationists to whom conservation meant non-use, and by whom intelligent, active interest was frequently mistaken for dishonest purpose.

CONSIDERABLE STUPIDITY.
On the one side were those who wished to be granted the Federal rights to develop water power free of all public control or restraint, on the other were those who opposed the granting of licenses upon terms that would make development possible; lest this so-called "last great resource of the people" be bartered away to grafters. So it happened that among those honestly seeking legislative authority to develop this resource there was considerable stupidity; and among their opponents there was hopeless timidity. Unfortunately, the subject fell between these two extremes; still more unfortunately the bill that has been passed at last is a rather incongruous mingling of opposite views

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