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Water Power Bill
The Water Power Bill which provides for the lease of water power sites for the construction of water sites for the construction of water power dams on navigable rivers, public lands and the forest reserves, was passed by the House on Thursday of this week. The subject of water power legislation, to encourage and promote the development of hydroelectric power throughout the nation, has been a matter of wide public interest during the past ten years. Several water power bills have passed the House and several have passed the Senate within the last five years, but on account of far reaching and fundamental differences between the House and Senate bills, the various but on account of far reaching and fundamental differences between the House and Senate bills, the various conference committees appointed were unable to reach any agreement and none of the bills were enacted into law. The bill that has this week been passed by the House is one that was, approved and reported to the House by a special committee on water power, consisting of eighteen members appointed by the Speaker of the House. This committee was created by a special rule of the House on the suggestion of the President. The members of the special water power committee were selected by the Speaker from members of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the Committee on Agriculture. Since the appointment of this special committee by the Speaker on January 16, 1918, the Committee has had complete jurisdiction over all bills introduced in the House pertaining to the development and the use of water power. The principal features of the bill as passed provide:

1. That the license for the con-

1. That the license for the con-struction and operation of the water power project shall be issued by the power project shall be issued by the government for a period of not to exceed fifty years and at the end of the license period the egovernment may recapture the property by making payment to the licensee his net investment in the project.

2. That the licensee shall pay to the United States a reasonable annual rental charge to be fixed by the Federal Water Power Commission, composed of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture.

3. That in the maintenance and operation of the project the licensee shall be governed by rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Federal Water Power Commission.

While the bill in its entirety protects the interest of the public more fully than any water power bill that

fully than any water power bill that has thus far been passed by either the House or Senate, it is fundamentally defective, I believe, in that it contains no provision giving the government the wight to recently or the tains no provision giving the government the right to recapture or to take over the project before the expiration of the license period of fifty years on the payment to the licensee of the fair value of the property. The drafters and supporters of the bill in the form in which it passed the House have, in my judgment, lacked a broadness of vision as to the wonderful probabilities of hydro-electrical development in the nation within the next few decades and have failed to provide in the bill the protection to the public interest and the welfare of the people that should be provided and that would be provided if there was reserved to the government the right to recapture the project at any was reserved to the government the right to recapture the project at any time it was found to be to the pub-lic interest to do so on payment to the licensee of the fair value of the West Battle Front Successes

The smashing drives that the American, French and English forces have been making through the German lines on the west front the last three weeks have brought much rejoicing to all officials of the government here. While it is generally believed that this tremendously successful offensive on the part of the Allied Armies will be a destructive blow from which the German Armies can never fully recover and marks the real beginning of the end of the war, it is not thought that the German General Staff has yet given up all hopes of reaching Calais by a sudden concentrated drive. The administrative of the state of the st istrative officers of our government, as well as the administrative officers of our allies are not making the mis-take of considering that because of our recent victories, and advances the Central Powers are defeated but on the other hand, they are steadily working on and carrying out a great constructive program for putting into the struggle to save civilization every man possible in the nation who can be of real assistance to the work of winning the war, to the end that all doubt whatever as to the final victory of our cause in the war may soon be dispelled from all minds.

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