

CONSERVATION MESSAGE NEXT

President Taft Says His Policy is Action Rather Than Declarations.

REAL WORK IS OUTLINED

First Real Conservation Statutes Will be Placed on Books.

WILL NOT WAIT ON INQUIRY

Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy is Not Factor in the Problems.

BILLS ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED

Proposed Measures Will be Submitted to Both Houses Along With Presidents Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—"Action rather than declarations."

President Taft is reported in this term to have described recently to a caller his program for the conservation of natural resources. The president, it is said, has declared that when the present session of congress ends he will be able to point to the first practical conservation statutes ever placed upon the law books of the nation as his answer to the criticism which has been directed toward the White House.

Without waiting for the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, Mr. Taft soon will begin the preparation of his promised special message on conservation and he has received assurances from both houses of congress that while some trouble may be expected in the lower branch, the legislation which the executive will suggest will be made into law before the spring adjournment.

The president is reported as taking the position that there is nothing in the Ballinger-Pinchot dispute that has a bearing on his own legislative program and that he would proceed regardless of it.

Details of Proposed Laws.

In the preparation of his special message the president will have the co-operation of Secretary Ballinger and Senator

of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on public lands. It is anticipated that in the constructive work of needed legislation the president has had to depend almost wholly upon Mr. Ballinger, who has been at work for several months on the draft of proposed statutes that will meet the intricacies of the vexed problem of practical conservation and embody the president's views on this important subject. These proposed laws are ready to be submitted to the committees of the Senate and house along with the special message, the preparation of which the president will begin as soon as he gets the message on the interstate and anti-trust laws out of the way.

Senate Scrutinizes It.

In the upper chamber it is likely to be some opposition, but the president feels sure it can be overcome and that the laws will stand approved before the summer comes.

White house callers who have talked with President Taft on the subject described him as believing that he will best prove his friendship for the "Roosvelt policies" of conservation by putting laws on the statute books that will actually carry these policies into effect.

The real problem to be solved is how best to dispose of the public lands containing water-power sites, coal and phosphates. Such lands have been withdrawn from entry under the general land laws, but they cannot be held indefinitely and there is no specific law governing their sale or lease.

It is generally admitted that the forces must be developed that the coal and phosphates must be taken out by private capital, and yet there must at the same time be safeguards against monopoly. These are the intricacies with which Congress will have to deal.

Would Strengthen Federal License.

The announcement made yesterday that President Taft had determined to go ahead with his executive program and send in a message dealing with the Sherman anti-trust act, brought an unusually large number of congressional callers to the White House today. Among these was Representative Martin of South Dakota, himself the author of several bills designed to bring corporations under federal control.

Mr. Martin urged the president to make recommendations stronger as to federal license so as to provide that any corporation not taking advantage of the license within a year shall be prohibited from doing an interstate business. Mr. Martin said he feared that under the voluntary idea the good "trusts" would take out licenses while the bad "trusts" would continue to do business under state authorizations.

Dwight Promises Subsidies.

Representative Dwight of New York, republican "whip" of the house, talked with the president for some time today about ship subsidy legislation. On leaving he asserted that the president's recommendation would be enacted into law by congress and that the house would act soon after assembling. The bill of Representative Humphrey of Washington is the one that has been agreed upon by the president and the republican leaders.

Representative Dwight declared that democratic opposition to the ship subsidy bill would not retard the passage of the measure to any degree.

Celebrate Centenary of Gladstone's Birth

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Irrigationists Lay Plans to Get Appropriation

Western Congressmen Meet and Name Committee to Draft Bill for Ten Millions Yearly.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Representative Mondell, chairman of the committee on public lands, this afternoon assembled in his committee room a number of representatives to discuss irrigation affairs. There were nearly twenty representatives from so-called irrigation states, among them being Representatives Kinkaid of Nebraska and Burke of South Dakota.

No concerted action was taken a committee was appointed to be added to it tomorrow looking to drafting a bill which will provide an annual appropriation or through bond issue to carry to completion various projects which have already been

proposed. Elmer L. Wilmarth, of T. M. Carroll, substitute, Fremont, route 2, Benjamin H. Miller, carrier; Clinton E. Nelson, substitute; Madison, route 2, Harry E. Ryerson, carrier; no substitute.

Iowa—Cambridge, route 2, William R. Kirk, carrier; Clinton Kirk, substitute.

George G. Knier has been appointed postmaster at Arista, Campbell county, S. D., vice A. C. Ludwig resigned.

Bids were opened today at the Treasury department for the construction of an extension to the public building at Beatrice. The bidders were W. G. Campbell, Lincoln, \$47,000; P. M. Hennessy, St. Paul, Minn., \$47,935; General Construction company, Milwaukee, \$49,599; Northern Construction company, Milwaukee, \$50,340; Northwestern Construction company, Waukesha, N. D., \$63,000; J. H. Weise, South Omaha, \$4,872.

John B. Southall of Manchester, Ia., has been appointed fish culturist at Fairbank, Ia.

Elmer V. Gregg of Ames, Ia., has been appointed steam engineer in the Interior office.

Miss Helen B. Robertson of Independence, Ia., and J. D. Dickson of Aberdeen, S. D., have been appointed clerks in the forest service at Missoula, Mont.

Henry C. Haynes of Iowa, a postoffice inspector, has resigned.

Kills Waitress in Dining Room

Indiana Man Then Commits Suicide with Same Gun—Love Affair Cause.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 29.—A man that had registered at a hotel as L. B. Lenhart of Chicago shot and killed Dora Chappell and then killed himself in the dining room of the hotel soon after noon today.

The woman, who was a waitress, bent over Lenhart to take his order for dinner. Lenhart put his arm around her and drew her close to him. Suddenly with his other hand he drew a revolver and shot the woman in the breast.

Lenhart then shot himself in the heart. There were no other guests in the dining room.

Lenhart registered at the hotel yesterday afternoon. To several persons he said he was a deputy United States marshal, making inquiry about a government agent.

An examination after the shooting exposed letters in the man's coat pocket addressed to Roy McKinney, Indianapolis, Ind. Lenhart, or, perhaps, McKinney, was about 23 years old.

Dora Chappell was 18 years old and a graduate of the Peru High school.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—The man that shot Dora Chappell in the dining room of the Bears hotel at Peru, Ind., at noon today was Roy McKinney, Indianapolis.

McKinney's father and mother said he and the Chappell girl fell in love with each other when she was employed here. Her father separated them and McKinney, they said, declared he would kill her and himself.

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Larceny Charge Against Them.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Andrew Peterson, John Van Vole and Carl Nelson, all of this neighborhood, are in jail charged with grand larceny for robbing the Crowe hotel of a woman's gold watch, a purse of \$24 and a diamond brooch given to the wife of Mrs. Clara Crowe, daughter of the proprietor. Peterson confessed and has implicated the others. The watch was recovered.

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Coldest Weather of Winter.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—The sunny south from the Ohio river to northern Georgia and Alabama today experienced the coldest weather of the winter. Louisville, with a temperature of 6 above, was the "coldest city," with Nashville a close second at 8. Chattanooga reported 2 degrees; Memphis 15 and Atlanta 22. Freezing weather is reported as far south as central Alabama and Georgia, with practically the entire country covered with snow of varying depths.

The condition on the Ohio river is becoming daily and river men are passing.

Some asked the question of City Clerk Butler, who is supposed to keep official tabs on the auto automobile the man has decided to buy.

"That isn't worrying me," replied Butler. "What I'm guessing about is what will happen when election time rolls around? Who is to have first call on the machine then? Anybody else can have it the rest of the year, so far as we Democrats are concerned. Joy riding isn't our stunt, except possibly in Texas and Florida; but with a campaign on here in Omaha, I can see possibilities in that auto."

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Lee Bridges, democratic leader of the city council, is a very active person at election time, and is understood to be something of a "shawer," as an engine is part of his contracting outfit. He can, on occasion, start anything that happens to need a little gingering up.

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The council will have the naming of the employee finally, even if the mayor insists on sending in a name, and a very pretty fight is expected when the time comes to make the appointment. There are already several prospective applicants, with Joe Butler having possibly a slight advantage.

He has handled teams, is familiar with combustible fluids through his study of gas, and has no hair to speak of that might get tangled in the machinery while repairs are being made.

It is understood that Hummel, Burmeister and Schroeder will make regulation for it during the Saengerfest next summer. Many prominent Wacht am Rhein will be here at that time, and the German members of the council don't help to entertain they will lose a chance

MORSE IS DENIED ANOTHER TRIAL

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LAWYER ASKS WRIT OR ERROR

There seems Little Probability That This Will be Granted.

JUDGES HIGH REVIEWS CASE

Says Affidavits Submitted Do Not Justify Another Trial.

CHARGES AGAINST JURORS FAIL

Allegation That They Were Drunk During Progress of Trial in Not Sustained—Judgment Affirmed by All Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—

Only a technical legal shadow stands between Charles W. Morse, banker and one-time ice king, and a fifteen-year sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta. Judge Hough in the United States circuit court today denied his motion for a new trial, but Martin W. Littleton, his counsel, announced that one more stand would be taken. Tomorrow he will move to the circuit court for a writ of error on Judge Hough's decision of today. If this is denied Morse will begin the New Year serving his sentence for violation of the national banking laws, the supreme court of the United States having previously refused to interfere in the case.

Mr. Littleton's recent application for a new trial for Morse was made on the ground that the jury was improperly guarded and that some of the jurors drank to excess during the trial. With respect to this charge the court holds that the fact that the jurors were in the custody of secret service men instead of regular deputy marshals was well known to both counsel and jurors when the trial began.

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