

## COOLIDGE'S 'NO' ON U.S. RUNNING OF RIVER LINES

Shippers Demand Increased Barge Service; Congress to Get Plea.

BY C. J. LILLEY  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The next Congress will be asked by the War Department to decide just what will be done with the Inland Waterways Corporation.

This was announced by Secretary of War Davis, at almost the same moment it was being made clear at the White House that President Coolidge is opposed to the Government going into the shipping business on inland waterways.

The Inland Waterways Corporation was started with a capitalization of \$5,000,000 to experiment in barge service on the Mississippi and Warrior Rivers.

**Want More Barges**  
Beginning with a few barges, this service has now developed to such extent that shippers all along the Mississippi and its tributaries are clamoring for more barges, so their goods may be moved.

President Coolidge takes the view that Congress did not intend that experimenting in inland waterway barge service would commit the United States to a definite policy of handling inland shipping.

Rather the President considered that Congress merely wanted the Government to take the initial step, that private capital might later take the industry over.

Whether the time has come for private ownership and operation is one of the problems with which the next Congress will be faced.

A special committee of shippers appeared before Secretary Davis and the advisory board of the Inland Waterways Corporation to urge that \$50,000 be voted to provide more barges and shipping facilities along the Mississippi and Warrior Rivers.

**Problem Up to Congress**  
Backing this request were letters from business men as well as oral testimony from the committee that the barge service is inadequate to handle the great volume of traffic that has been developed for it.

Secretary Davis said that the inland waterway problem would be presented to Congress this fall in full detail. In addition the alternatives facing Congress will be enumerated, he said. The alternatives are:

1. Congress to sell the Inland Waterways Corporation, its barge lines and facilities to private interests to own and operate.

2. Leave the corporation as it is and let it struggle along with its present limited facilities.

3. To increase its capital stock to meet the demands of the shippers.

4. To adopt a policy of government development of inland waterway shipping and extend it to other navigable streams.

**Coolidge Against Move**

When Congress does take up this problem, as it undoubtedly must, it is expected that the Coolidge Administration will take a firm position for private development.

Representatives of the shippers said private capital would not want to take over the barge service as it now stands because it has not been developed sufficiently.

Members of the advisory board are thought to favor continued expansion and increased capitalization by the Government.

## FOOD, DRUG MEN MEET

National Association to Convene at French Lick Tuesday.

By United Press

WEST BADEN, Ind., Oct. 10.—A large attendance from all parts of the United States is expected at the thirty-first annual conference of the Association of Dairy, Food and Drug Officials of the United States, which will convene here Tuesday to continue through Friday.

Nationally known food and drug officials from various parts of the country will participate in the program, which will be opened with an address of welcome by Dr. William F. King, secretary of the Indiana Board of Health.

The business session and election of officers will be held Thursday morning.

Senator Willis to Speak

LA PORTE, Ind., Oct. 10.—Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio will speak on "One of Our Forgotten Possessions" at a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Lions clubs here Tuesday night. The Senator will take up some matters which will come before Congress at the session beginning in December.

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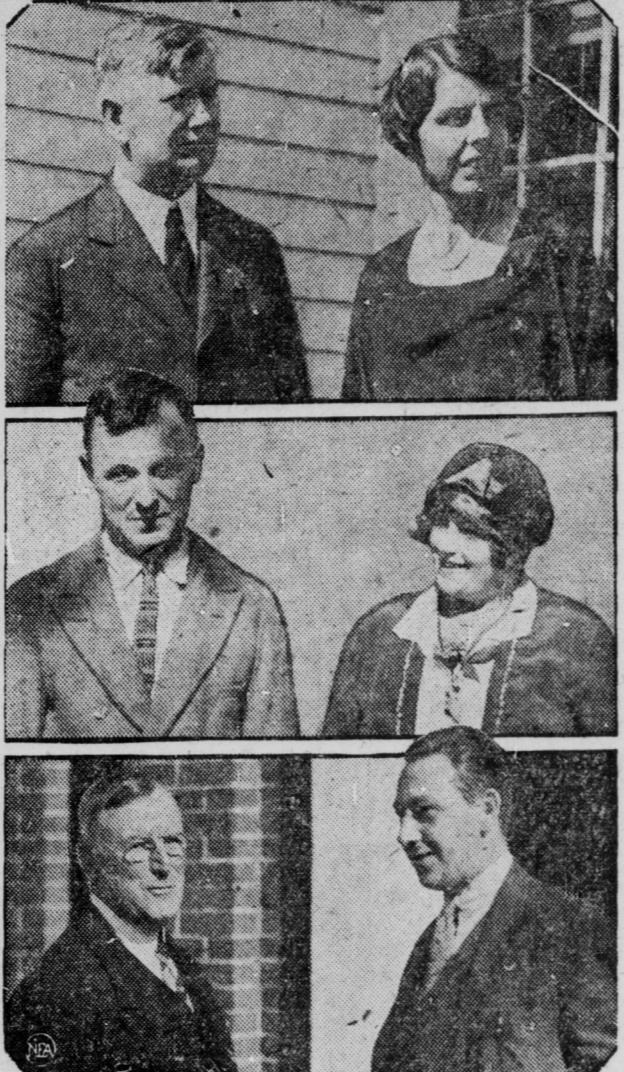
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## Headliners in Jersey Mystery Murder Case



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Willis Beach, poultryman, had his little game of hide and seek with New Jersey authorities investigating the murder of Dr. William Lilliendahl. Then, just before his indictment for participation in the crime he gave up. Here he is (right) shackled to Sheriff James Clinino.

### TAX CONFERENCE OPENS FOR WEEK IN TORONTO

Many Problems Face Association During Session.

By United Press

TORONTO, Oct. 10.—A full week's discussion of the tax situation, as it affects people in all walks of life, opened here today when the twentieth annual tax conference of the National Tax Association began its deliberations.

Delegates from many sections of the United States and Canada were here when the first session opened with a "Review of Tax Legislation in 1927," by Miss Beulah Bailey of the staff of the New York State Tax Commission.

Among others on the program for the week were: Prof. T. R. Snavely of the University of Virginia; Prof. Frank R. Hunt of Lafayette College; G. G. Tunell of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad; C. R. Mickie, Toronto; Prof. Fred R. Fairchild, Toledo; and Senator Franklin S. Edmonds, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Tax Commission.

**DOG ROUTS TIRE THIEF**

Pet Leads Owner to Garage Where Burglar Is Busy.

Harry Davis' dog earned his board and lodging also license fee Saturday night, Davis told police. Around the persistent barking of the animal, Davis went to the garage, where he heard noise.

A thief, who had removed three tires and was working on the fourth, fled amid six bullets Davis fired at him.

**STEAL TOOLS IN GARAGE**

B. Ruby, 1622 N. Tacoma Ave., told police his garage was entered Saturday night and carpenter tools valued at \$100 taken.

A brick was hurled through the window at the Wolf department store, 12144 N. Senate Ave., and a \$5 sweater taken. The window was valued at \$175.

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