

CONSERVATION CONGRESS WILL CONVENE SOON

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CONGRESS PROBABLY
WILL HELP MOVEMENT

Selection of Gifford Pinchot to
Invite Two Neighboring Coun-
tries Regarded as a Wise
Move.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt is determined that his good work in initiating the general movement for the conservation of the country's natural resources shall not go for naught. His fondest hope is that before he retires to private life next March this movement, which aims at protecting the natural wealth of the whole country, will bear fruit in the adoption by Congress of some definite plan of conservation. The President already has put enough characteristic energy into the movement to impress its importance on the minds of the American people, and it remains his hope to make its success one of the crowning achievements of his administration. The progress of the movement has become so marked that it will be one of the great heritages of the Taft administration.

Plan Third Conference.

The movement already has taken the form of two notable conferences in this city, one at which the governors of the principal states were present, and a subsequent one which was participated in by the leading conservation advocates, including President Roosevelt, President-elect Taft, Gifford Pinchot, Andrew Carnegie and other distinguished men. The President now plans a third conference to be held on February 18 next in this city. He has extended invitations to Canada and Mexico, suggesting that those countries send representatives to confer with regard to a plan of conservation that involve the material progress of the whole of North America.

Ideas of Roosevelt.

In taking this step the President has in mind a two-fold plan, in its elaborateness entirely in keeping with Rooseveltian ideas. First, to extend the movement so that its scope will include the whole of the North American continent and thereby insure the perpetuation of the Roosevelt conservation policies. Second, to create such a demand for definite conservation, through awakening the interest of the entire people, that Congress will join with the states and appropriate money for the preservation of forests and the protection of navigable streams.

If the President could feel assured that in the near future Congress would expend money liberally to check the present alarming waste of the country's natural resources he would go from the White House satisfied that his work in this direction had been well directed. While he has some assurance that this will be done, his mind would be easier were there not now indications that his successor's path will be beset with some of the obstacles that have impeded the progress of the conservation movement since its inception—namely, the opposition of Congress to any considerable expenditure for forest preservation.

Too New for Congress.

This opposition became marked when the House at the last session blocked the passage of the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill, a measure providing for the purchase of a forest tract of some five million acres extending through Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. Speaker Cannon thought he detected private gain behind the measure and it was never reported out of committee. This opposition, however, should not be confounded with opposition to the protection of forest lands already owned by the Government, though a popular impression prevails in some quarters that Congress, in refusing to appropriate large sums for the purchase of forest lands, is taking the ground that no forest protection is needed. It may be said that the subject is too new to have taken deep root in Congress, though it has lately gathered many friends in both houses. As

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THE DUKE AND MISS ELKINS.

The above cut shows the gallant Italian and his American fiancée, Miss Catherine Elkins of West Virginia.

the movement grows, and as the impression gains in Congress that indifference to the President's advice on this subject will result in the country's resources becoming bankrupt, there is little doubt that each succeeding Congress will appropriate a sum sufficient to cover the needs of meritorious plans for conservation in various parts of the country.

To further impress Congress with the growing importance of a definite conservation policy, therefore, the President has hit upon this third conference. He has drawn into his plans two countries whose boundaries, because they lap ours on the north and south, make it important that they co-operate in the scheme.

Pinchot Wise Choice.

In naming Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States and chairman of the national conservation commission as his personal representative to convey invitations to the Governor General and Premier of Canada and President Diaz of Mexico, President Roosevelt has chosen wisely. It is doubtful if any man in the federal service today could impress the heads of these sister governments with the importance of President Roosevelt's plans as can Mr. Pinchot. His especial fitness in this capacity has come about as the result of years of study of the kindred subjects of forest preservation and the protection of stream sources.

At the coming conservation congress besides representatives of Canada and Mexico, there are likely to be present leading conservation advocates in this country, including many of the governors who participated in the former gatherings. President Roosevelt believes the movement of sufficient importance to attract friends of conservation from all parts of the world. If the only tangible result is additional publicity for the subject, without any definite action by Canada and Mexico toward the adoption of a conservation plan, the President will feel amply repaid. He realizes that in such a movement as this success is to be achieved only by "keeping everlastingly at it."

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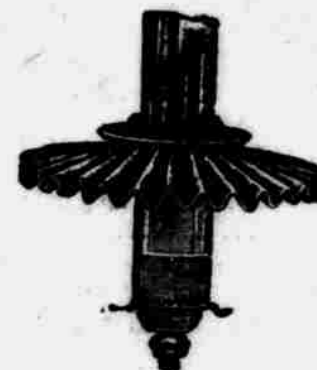
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