

ODDIE'S LETTER TO SEC. WILBUR

(Continued from Page 1) na, and specified in your allocation of October 21, 1929, stating their desire to withdraw and use Boulder Dam power under the allocation of October 21, 1929. To this you replied on November 1, 1929, as follows: "In providing for such notice consideration must be given to the rights of the primary contractor who assume liability for payment of all the power. If the primary contractors are agreeable to the plan now proposed by certain Nevada citizens of permitting withdrawal of power at any time during the life of the primary contract upon twelve months' notice, should be glad to provide accordingly."

"Before any definite statement can be made concerning the plan now suggested, it seems advisable to ascertain the views of the proposed primary contractors and to consider whether the plan suggested is taken up at the hearing set for workable. These matters will be November 12."

The subservency of Nevada's interests in demonstrated in my reply to my request which states that it will be necessary for Nevada to obtain permission from the primary contractors of Southern California to modify the provisions of recapture. The Boulder Canyon dam does not contemplate and congress never intended to place Nevada in such a position of humiliation and subservency to municipalities and private power interests in another state.

The State of Nevada, in the formulation of the provisions of the Seven State compact and in the formulation of the Boulder Canyon Dam Act, has, as is well known, been exceedingly generous in the allocation of water in reserving to herself only 300,000 acre feet of water and allowing 7,200,000 acre feet of water to be divided between Arizona and California, and the provisions of your allocation therefore, are received in Nevada with surprise and regret. The physical conditions in Nevada preclude her using at this time more than a comparatively small amount of Colorado River Water, but the physical conditions in Southern California, on the other hand, make it necessary that she have a large amount of this water for her very life and growth. On the other hand, Nevada will ultimately need a large amount of the power to be developed at the dam. California does not need all of this power because of a surplus amount of power at present developed within the state.

If the allocations of power which you have suggested were put into effect and under the provisions which you have stipulated, it would inevitably lead substantially to a transfer of ownership of the power to California inasmuch as the California interests would be able to resell this power to Nevada at a profit and Nevada's development would be dependent upon the repurchase of that power at a greater cost.

In the proposed allocation of power, the government has failed to consider its obligation to administer its trust as custodian of the enormous area of unappropriated public domain in Nevada, belonging to the government, which amounts to over 53,000,000 acres or about 75 per cent of the area of the state, exclusive of the large areas embraced within the Indian reservations and forest reserves. The great undeveloped mineral and agricultural resources in Nevada on the public domain, which are largely dependent upon Boulder Canyon Dam power for development are owned by the federal government and should be fully considered and protected in the allocation of this power, under your proposal, is inadequate. In case of conflicting applications, such as here exist between Nevada and California, section 5 (c) states that such conflicts shall be resolved by the secretary after public hearings, with due regard to the public interest.

This is unquestionably proof that congress left no room for discretion with the Secretary of the Interior in considering the public interest in the allocation of the power to be developed at Boulder Canyon Dam, and the public interest demands that each of these three sovereign states receive equal shares of the total power to be developed.

Unless Nevada's full quota of one-third of the power is conserved for the use of the development of the natural resources of the state many of these valuable resources will lie dormant indefinitely, which would be a national as well as a state liability and loss. If, on the other hand, the secretary were to conserve for Nevada her full quota of one-third of the power which would permit the fullest development of the natural resources on the public domain in that state, it would constitute a national asset and would enable the state of Nevada to reach her highest economic development.

The Secretary of the Interior, adequately to safeguard the national interests, should submit the proposal to sell power developed at Boulder Canyon Dam to national competition and on terms which are agreeable to the states involved. Instead of predicating his decision, as the secretary has done, largely on the alleged demands of the municipalities and power interests of Southern California only, he should have predicated his decision on the broad national interests involved and have given consideration, first, after the federal interests, to the primary interests of the sovereign states involved.

In effect, it would seem that under the allocations made by the Secretary of the Interior on October 21, 1929, in which an allocation of 100 per cent of the power to be developed at Boulder Canyon Dam to California, that those interests are receiving the almost exclusive power benefits of the government's investment of capital at the lowest rates of interest for the construction of the dam and the power plant. As a matter of public policy, this method of procedure is indefensible. Since the government is ad-

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By WALTER T. BROWN (P) Feature Service Writer (P) SOUTH BEND, Ind. (P) Knute Rockne's chances for a claim to the national championship largely rests upon the brawny shoulders of five bulky linemen.

These "five horsemen" — truck horsemen — have crushed opposing lines, opening holes through which the flashy backs, Savoldi, Elder, Brill, Mullins, Schwartz and Carideo have whirled to headlines and bold faced type.

Two bulky lines, the Army's on November 30, and Southern California on November 16, remain to test Rock's rocks. Northwestern on November 23 may give the forwards a battle. In 1924 the Northwestern linemen decisively outcharged Notre Dame in the first half, but the "horsemen" pulled the game out in the last half.

The conviction is growing here that Rockne has the best team of his coaching career—one that he may not see at its best.

ancing the funds, it should consider first its own obligations to develop natural resources on its public domain tributary to this power development, and Congress, in providing that the power requirements of the States of Nevada, Arizona and California should first be considered, and on the basis of the equality of allocation so intended.

In limiting Nevada's power quota to 18 per cent of the total to be established at Boulder Canyon, the reason stated is that it will be many years before Nevada can use her full quota of one-third of the power specified under the act. The Metropolitan Water District, at the present time has no immediate demand for the power. Presumably, the Secretary's allocation of one-half of the power to the Metropolitan Water District is predicated wholly upon the anticipated need of power for pumping water for the district's water supply. It would be many years before the major portion of the 50 per cent allocation of Boulder Canyon Dam power would be consumed in pumping in connection with the water supply.

There does not appear to be a great and immediate need for the power to be developed at Boulder Canyon Dam in the Metropolitan Water District and in the City of Los Angeles, it would seem that the allocation of 75 per cent of the power to them, suggested by the Secretary, would, in effect, create a politico power organization largely at the expense of the development of the federal and state natural resources in Nevada. Any other course would not be consistent with sound public policy.

It is to be hoped that the conference on November 12 will adopt a course of procedure which will make primary allocations of one-third of the power to each of the states of Nevada, Arizona, and California, and provide for competitive bidding for the power on terms and under provisions, in the formulation of which the states involved will be allowed fully to participate. If any agreement to make equitable power allocations as indicated, and under a method which will fully protect the public interest and the inherent sovereign rights of the State of Nevada cannot be accepted, it may become necessary to amend the act.

I sincerely hope that the conference will be able to settle all differences on an equitable basis so that no delays will occur in commencing the construction of the dam. If it becomes necessary I will be ready at any time to offer an amendment to the act to fully protect Nevada's interest in the allocation of this power.

Very sincerely yours, ODDIE.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13. (U.P.)—The Rev. R. P. Shuler, crusading pastor, suffered a crushing blow in his trial on criminal libel charges today when the court ruled that the jury alone will determine what he meant when he wrote "don't take brides by the real estate route. If you don't know what I'm driving at, ask Mayor Cryer."

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 13. (U.P.)—Bishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles was named today as assistant to the Papal throne. Pope Pius granted an audience to Bishop Kidd of Calgary, Alta.

ON THE SIDELINES by BRIAN BELL. A closed season may have to be established for baseball experts, particularly in New York. Playing a losing game at guessing the identity of Connie Mack's world series pitchers, the experts went home and suggested every name but the right one for the Yankees' manager.

Shawkey is a baseball player who probably never thought of himself as manager of the team until the subject was brought up by President Ruppert. Shortly after Huggins' death a newspaper writer asked Shawkey: "Who's in charge of the team?" The Yankees were playing at Washington at the time. "Nobody in particular," was the reply. "Well," the writer persisted, "Somebody must be in charge. Who's running it?" "No, nobody in particular," Shawkey repeated.

Dan Howley, new manager of the Cincinnati Reds, heard from his National league friends that the team he will manage in 1930 needed a "punch." This festive quality in baseball is represented by batting.

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Valley Stages Armistice Fete

Moapa Speedball Team Defeats Virgin Squad.

By J. DONAL EARL OVERTON, Nov. 13. (Special)—Probably the biggest Armistice Day celebration that ever took place in the Valley was presented last Monday morning. It started with the parade at 9:30 in the morning. The color guard led, with the band closely following. Other groups in their order were: Boy scouts, co-ed club, speedball team, junior high school girls, junior high school boys and others.

The faculty mingled with the students in the marching, which started in front of the high school building and went through the business district and back to the auditorium. A halt was called at each corner while the band played a special number.

Everyone marched into the auditorium where the following program took place:

R. S. Pugmire, chairman of the meeting; invocation, F. Edgar Munn; selection, high school band; musical reading, Margaret Lyon; piano duet, Emma Waymire, Neva Jones; address, Joseph I. Earl; "Down by the Sea," faculty quartet; Messrs. Shepherd, Johnson, Fish and Iyie; oration, Harlan Lyon; address, Prof. J. E. Hickman; vocal solo, Mrs. R. T. Shepherd; selection, faculty quartet; selection, high school band.

Immediately after the program the speedball team left for Virgin. The parade served as a good send-off for the team. The Pirates proved themselves as the rightful champs by trouncing the Virgin Bulldogs to the tune of 14 to 9 on their home court. A heavy wind hindered the speed and accuracy of passing and thus made a rather poor game of it.

Kennedy Signs To Handle Ace

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13. (U.P.)—Tom Kennedy, former Hollywood matchmaker, announced yesterday that he had purchased the contract to handle Ace Hudkins. He declined to discuss the terms. Ab Hudkins, one of Ace's brothers, confirmed the announcement. Kennedy said he planned to start a comeback campaign immediately.

Dr. O. D. Thomas has been confined to his hotel with an attack of influenza for the past few days.

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Union Service For Thanksgiving

The churches of Las Vegas will hold Union Thanksgiving services at the Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, November 27. Bishop Bunker will preside. Rev. Arthur S. Kean will preach the sermon and appropriate special music by singers from all the churches will be in charge of Prof. Rowe.

LONDON, Nov. 13. (U.P.)—Appointment of Sir Ronald Lindsay to succeed Sir Esme Howard as British ambassador at Washington, upon Sir Esme's retirement next year, was announced here last night. Sir Ronald, who was under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, has had wide experience in the diplomatic service and is well known in the United States. He Roosevelt and Wilson administrations.

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