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**ILLINOIS TO PRESS SEATING OF SMITH**  
**UNITED STATES SENATE**

**Joint Resolution in Recent Legislature Provides For Urging His Recognition, Is Plan**  
 In accordance with the joint house resolution passed during the Fifty-fifth General Assembly, the state of Illinois is preparing to press its claims for the seating of Senator Frank L. Smith.  
 Under the terms of the resolution the senate of the United States is memorialized that the people of Illinois are clearly within their rights in the expectation that the credentials of Senator Smith now on file in the United States senate entitle him to take the oath of office as a United States senator from the state of Illinois.

**Delegation is Provided**  
 The resolution provides for the appointment of a delegation of six members from the house and senate, who shall appear before the Senate of the United States, or any of its committees or sub-committees to present for its consideration the claim of the people of Illinois. It is provided Lieutenant Governor Sterling, as president of the senate, and Speaker Robert Scholes, as presiding officer of the house of representatives, be ex-officio members of the delegation, with the other two members from each body of the legislature to be selected by the presiding officer, with the stipulation the two major political parties in the house shall be represented.

In accordance with the resolution Lieut-Gov. Sterling announces the selection of Senator Richard J. Barr, of Joliet, and Senator John Dailey, of Peoria, as the two members of the senate who will represent the upper house of the legislature with him in presenting the claims of Illinois that the credentials of Senator Frank L. Smith be accepted and the oath of office be administered.

**Resolution to Vice President**  
 With its adoption it was provided a copy of the resolutions be directed to Vice President Dawes, as the presiding officer of the United States senate and a copy also be transmitted to Senator Charles S. Deneen with the request that the resolutions "be presented to the Senate of the United States, to the end that the state of Illinois shall not be deprived of the rights of full representation in the senate of the United States, as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States."

The resolution was offered and adopted in the house of representatives on June 16 and on June 21 received the favorable consideration of the senate.

**SAYS GAS ECONOMICAL FOR HEATING HOUSES**  
**Many Ways in Which Saving Can Be Achieved By Its Use Declares Expert**

Gas as fuel for house heating is winning out on an economic basis, as well as on the scores of conveniences, comfort and cleanliness, according to Alexander B. Macbeth, president of the American Gas association. "Gas heating is still considered by some to be exclusively within the province of the rich," says Mr. Macbeth, "but more and more people in the middle classes are coming to realize that there are certain economies that can be attained only with this fuel."

"A study of temperature charts shows that temperatures vary considerably in most sections of the country," says Mr. Macbeth. "In a certain city it may be 10 below zero on January 5, and 32 below the next day. The user of a gas-fired heating plant with thermostatic control rests assured that gas is being used only in proportion to fluctuation of the weather."  
 "On a cold day the furnace will consume more gas than on a warmer day, but only sufficient gas will be used to keep the house at 70 degrees, or any other temperature desired. The automatic control turns off the gas when this 70 degrees is reached, and no fuel is used until the house temperature begins to fall a trifle. Then the gas goes on automatically and brings the desired heat, only to cease functioning when it has accomplished its work."  
 "Crude fuels mean waste, regardless of care taken to economize."

New warning is being sounded by the Department of Agriculture against the white snake weed, which in the past has caused a heavy loss in dairy herds, together with a number of fatalities among users of the milk. During 1926 the pest is charged with causing the death of twenty-six persons in Illinois.  
 Illustrated literature has been prepared by the Department of Agriculture to assist in the identification of the weed and farmers are urged not only to remove the pest by the roots but also to plow the location where it is discovered in order to prevent a reappearance.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY HOLDING MENACED**  
**IN RADICAL ATTACKS**

**Plenty of Rope Given Such Campaigns, But Sentimentalists Roar When Owners Fight Back, Report**

There seems to have grown up in the country an impression that while there is nothing reprehensible in any expenditure of money or effort against legitimate property rights, any effort to combat such propaganda by those who may have both principle and property at stake in resisting such campaigns, whether carried on by doctrinaires or mere demagogues carries the taint of corruption, according to George B. Lockwood, writing editorially in the National Republic. This sentiment is akin to that which has grown up that while advocates of revolutionary violence should have the right under "free speech" to further such activity, it is reprehensible for the government which is the object of such attack, to repel by legal force the efforts of its assailants.

It is very natural that those who are opposed to the institution of private property should seek by intimidation to prevent the natural defenders of this institution from putting forth effort to offset the activities of social revolutionaries. It is surprising, however, that they have been able to create a popular psychology which tolerates, and even accepts, the doctrine that opponents of government ownership and other forms of state socialism, should "take their licking lying down."

In view of the conception thus created, it is not surprising to note that hundreds of organizations and publications exist for the purpose of attacking in one way and another, directly or indirectly the institution of private property and that a quick way to political popularity is in assailing business enterprise however useful. For while attack upon property rights is active, adequate defense is lacking.

The general welfare of the people of the United States rises and falls with the welfare of the nation's productive enterprise, which is engaged in the creation of national wealth, and pays the taxes which provide the salaries of public men who often make such enterprise their target. Lengthening the public payrolls to the country will no more promote the prosperity of the nation than overloading the cars and disabling the engines will increase the speed of a train.

**HIGH GRADE OF GAS IN ILLINOIS COAL**

**Report Says Exhaustive Experiments Have Proved This To Be Fact**

Illinois coal produces gas equal, if not superior to that from coal mined in eastern states, is the claim being presented by the Western United Gas & Electric Co., to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

This claim results from nearly two years of experiments by the Western United Gas & Electric Co., serving practically 70,000 consumers in northern Illinois. In addition the company declares that if permitted to continue the use of Illinois coal for gas production it will mean additional prosperity to Illinois coal mines by the sale of practically two and one-half million tons of coal annually.

Under the rules of the Illinois Commerce Commission domestic gas must have heat contents of 5.63 British thermal units. This cannot be produced from Illinois coal and the Western United Gas & Electric Co. is asking the Commerce commission to change its rules to permit of the use of Illinois coal. However, it is claimed the quality of gas is in no way impaired by the use of Illinois coal and the cost to the consumer is reduced.  
 Plea of the Western United Gas & Electric Co. is gaining support from organizations of miners in many sections of the state, and also has the support of mine owners who are seeking this outlet for their product. In the past it has been necessary to use coal from eastern mines in the production of gas of the standard set by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

**OTTAWA ABANDONS FIVE CENT FARES**

With the abandonment of street car service in the city of Ottawa, and the substitution of buses, five cent street car fare in Illinois will pass into history. Permission for the change has been granted by the Illinois Commerce commission on the showing of the Illinois Power Co., that operation of street cars in Ottawa is resulting in a loss to that company.  
 With the abandonment of the street car lines, and substitution of buses, a slight increase in fares will result, four tickets being sold for a quarter.

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