

CONGRESS SETTLED DOWN TO ITS WORK

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APPEALS FOR AID FRANTIC

Industries and Business Are Clamoring for Relief.

ALIEN PROBLEM SERIOUS

Johnson Bill Restricting Immigration Develops Bitter Opposition, Fate Still Hangs in Balance.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,

Washington, Dec. 11.—Politicians of the republican variety came to Washington in swarms during the week. Organization and patronage matters—mostly the latter—brought them here, they admit, but with all of their activities, the first week of the last session of the 66th congress shows a good record for legislative industry. Even the visit of Senator Harding, president-elect, to the national capital, which featured the events of the week, did not arrest the energy of the lawmakers, who began early Monday to get into action, working early and late today.

Agriculture Has First Call.

The agricultural interests appeared to have the first call for help, and both the senate and house showed signs of a mood to extend early aid. Never before, perhaps, in years has the senate been able to get down to business with such rapidity as that with which it took up the bill for the revival of the war-finance corporation, proposed as a means of financing European purchases of American farm products.

Almost every branch of industry and business is asking some help or relief from congress. Business men beseeched congressional leaders at the opening of the session to give some grants for the payment of the last installment of income and excess profits taxes, falling due on December 15, but this was abandoned for two reasons—there was not time to enact the legislation and the treasury needs the money which would have been withheld by any plan of relief.

Human Selfishness is Present.

As usual, in working out economic problems, human selfishness is here with a loud voice. Every fellow coming to town to get a helping hand for his own industry or business complains of the high cost of living, denounces the profiteer and keeps a straight face while he implores congress to get for him a fair return on his own investments, at the same time blaming many of the present economic ills to government guarantees and cost-plus contracts.

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High Chiefs in Government Marked for Death; Two Held in Moscow Jail.

WASCO MAN IS STABBED

Knife Is Driven Into Shoulder During Quarrel at Wapinitia.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—As a result of a quarrel at Wapinitia, east of The Dalles, early today, Louis McCoy tonight was nursing a knife wound in the shoulder, and Charles Delores, E. Barzee and V. Fitzpatrick were under arrest, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Delores is alleged by county police officers to have done the stabbing.

U. S. INVENTS NEW GUN

700 Shots a Minute With Half- Inch Bullets Weapon's Test.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Successful tests of a new machine gun firing half-inch bullets and with at least double the range of the caliber .30 machine gun now in use, was announced today by the war department. The new weapon gave "remarkable results," the statement declared.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 11.—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief council, today issued an appeal to all churches to observe December 18 as national collection day and to take part in the campaign to be launched to raise \$33,000,000 as America's Christmas present to European children.

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FORECASTER SAYS STORM IS BROKEN

Portland Sees Sun for Only 30 Minutes.

TELEPHONE LINES ARE OUT

Telegraph Wires Repaired Except for Some Branches.

HIGH SEAS ARE RUNNING

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The sun peeped out between the flying clouds at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and poured his golden rays through the well-washed air; Portlanders turned down their coat collars, and the weather was balmy for nearly 30 minutes. Then it started to rain again.

Telephone Service Affected.

The damage in Portland appears to have been confined to derangement of telephone, telegraph and electric light services and the uprooting of a few trees.

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The storm has passed, however, according to Weatherman Wells, who had received reports last night over as many wires as had been repaired, and therefore was in a position to know. No new damage was reported from anywhere in the storm area, though as communications were re-established further casualty reports came in from almost every sector.

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BREAD TO DROP CENT IF FLOUR STAYS LOW

Milk and Bulk Coffee Also May Take Slump.

UNIFORM AUTO LAWS IN NORTHWEST URGED

Secretary of State Kozler Submits Proposal.

LAURELHURST LOTS ARE SOLD FOR SONG

Building Sites Cost Less Than Street Work.

MARKET WILL BE AFFECTED

Throng Crowd Hotel Ball- room; Many Turned Away.

FAMILY ROWS COMMON

Husbands and Wives Dispute Often Over Bids to Be Made on Some Lots Especially Wanted.

\$1500 IS FOUND IN BERTH

Honest Pullman Porter Turns Over Savings of Chinese on Way Home.

MOHAIR GROWERS ADJOURN

New Mexican President; Portland Man Secretary-Treasurer.

SNOW IS CAUSE OF FIRE

Slaking Lime Ignites Woodpile and Flames Spread to House.

PONZI NOW BEHIND BARS

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