

CONGRESS SETTLED DOWN TO ITS WORK

Agriculture Has First Call for Assistance.

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.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Members of the republican majority 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.

Congress returned in a serious frame of mind, appreciating the need for some sort of helpful legislation for business and industry, as well as some immediate check upon the flood of immigration flowing in from war-ridden Europe.

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.

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.

A shining example of this mental attitude toward fellow industries is offered in the resolutions adopted by the farm bureau federation at Indianapolis during the week, a copy of which was sent to every senator and member of the house.

"We declare that the farmer is entitled to compensation for his services equal to actual cost of efficient production, and a reasonable return upon his capital invested," reads one of the resolutions, but in dealing with the steel industry and the railroads the resolutions execute an about-face.

Principle is an-American.

"We denounce as un-American the principle, and are opposed to guaranteeing a fixed return to public utilities."

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SOVIET ARK REDS TRY TO BLOW UP RUSSIANS

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

PLOTTERS DEPORTED WITH GOLDMAN, BERKMAN.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Members of the party deported nearly a year ago on the soviet "ark" Buford with Emma Goldman and Alexander Berk- man have attempted to blow up offi- cials of the Russian soviet govern- ment, according to information re- ceived today at the department of justice.

The advices said Markus Orodow-
ski and Arthur Kozlov were in jail
at Moscow for attempting to plant
bombs in a building occupied by the
general executive committee of the
soviet government. Schnabel, former-
ly head of the union of Russian work-
men, the reports said, had been
killed by the Japanese in Siberia
while engaged in railroad work.

Peter Branky was reported to have
entered the ranks of the communist
party and to be associated with the
international propaganda bureau at
Petrograd.

Hyman Perkins was said to be em-
ployed in Odessa, both the Schatz
brothers are in Kiev and Paul Kovar-
loff is working on a tugboat near
Petrograd.

WASCO MAN IS STABBED

Knife Is Driven Into Shoulder Dur- ing 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 nurs-
ing 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.

Thinking that McCoy was fatally
wounded, the trio procured an auto-
mobile and attempted to escape. They
were arrested at Maupin. McCoy
will recover, according to Dr. J. L.
Elwood of Maupin, who is attending
him.

U. S. INVENTS NEW GUN

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Success-
ful 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 an-
nounced today by the war depart-
ment. The new weapon gave "re-
markable results," the statement de-
clared.

John M. Browning, inventor of the
Browning machine gun, collaborated
with war department experts in de-
velopment of the new gun. The tests
demonstrated "unusual possibilities,"
the announcement said.

The new weapon had a maximum
rate of fire of 700 shots per minute
and an efficient minimum of 400
shots a minute.

RELIEF SUNDAY PROPOSED

Herbert Hoover Asks Churches to Aid European Victims.

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 Amer-
ica's Christmas present to European
children.

The campaign will extend over the
holidays.

RAINY WEEK FORECAST

Occasional Rains and Generally Unsettled Weather Coming.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Weather
predictions for the week beginning
Monday are:

Pacific states—Normal temperature,
unsettled and occasional rains.

Northern Rocky mountain and pla-
teau region—Generally fair; the tem-
perature will be moderate first half
and much lower second half of week.

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

Logging Operations Suspended Be- cause of Falling Timbers and Some Districts Flooded.

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

The storm has passed, however, ac-
cording 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.

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. Many roofs developed
new leaks, a few chicken houses
were blown over and their occupants
scattered and washing was blown
from lines, but withal, Portland ac-
counted lightly.

Many telephones throughout the
city were still out of commission last
night, but the telephone company has
promised the restoration of normal
service by tonight. All available men
have been called in from construction
and installation and thrown as re-
serves into the repair work and will
spend their usual Sunday holiday
climbing poles and splicing wires.

Telegraph Lines Repaired.

The Western Union Telegraph com-
pany, which Friday night was cut off
from all communication south of this
city, reported that all wires had been
re-established except a few branch
lines to outlying districts.

Service on the Southern Pacific
lines, which suffered rather heavily,
was normal except for the Tillamook
line. This train was four hours late
last night. The heaviest sea and the highest
surf in years was reported yesterday
from many points on the coast, as
the aftermath of the storm. Several
sections of seacoast were inundated
and installation and thrown as re-
serves into the repair work and will
spend their usual Sunday holiday
climbing poles and splicing wires.

Logging Operations Stopped.

Aberdeen, Wash., reported trains
held up by soft track on the Moclips
line. The business section of Hay-
mond, Wash. was partly under water
as the result of a record high tide.
Logging operations in that section
were suspended because of falling
timbers.

The center of the storm, according
to weather bureau observations, had
moved eastward last night until it
hovered over the north plateau re-
gion of Montana and Wyoming. The
lowest barometric pressure reported
at 2 P. M. was at Calgary, where
the glass stood at 29.22. The barom-
eter will be moderate first half
and much lower second half of week.

BREAD TO DROP CENT IF FLOUR STAYS LOW

Milk and Bulk Coffee Also May Take Slump.

Local Dairymen Declare Product Will Stay at 14 1/2 Cents De- spite Tacoma Price Cut.

Portland consumers who have
been watching for price reductions
in foodstuffs may find a 1-cent re-
duction in bread within the next
few weeks if flour prices do not con-
tinue to fluctuate. The recent 75-
cent rise in flour to baggers follow-
ing a jump in the wheat market
caused a possible postponement of
the drop, however, for bakers have
been waiting for the market to
stabilize, they say yesterday.

Coffee, too, has been showing a
marked downward tendency and re-
ductions are expected as soon as the
new prices become effective to the re-
tailers. Coffee reductions at present,
however, are expected to be confined
to bulk grades. Packed stock is in-
fluenced somewhat by the prices of
containers and is less susceptible to
market changes.

Portland people will get small com-
fort from the recent reduction of 2 1/2
cents a quart on milk at Tacoma,
Wash., for local distributors hold out
little immediate prospect for a decline
below 14 1/2 cents. The decline to a
12 1/2 cent level in Tacoma was largely
due to the condensation situation in
that region. The condensed milk
market has been seriously disrupted
by foreign market conditions. Many
plants have closed down and all are
paying much less for milk.

Seven condenseries in the Tacoma-
Seattle region have closed, and dairy-
men have been taking what they
could get for their milk, according to
J. W. Romero, manager of the Ore-
gon Milk Producers, Inc.
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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.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—
Measures having for their purpose
the regulation of interstate traffic
as it relates to the operation of mo-
tor vehicles and uniform laws for
all the northwest states will be sub-
mitted to the legislatures of Wash-
ington, California, Oregon and Idaho,
in case officials in charge of the
automobile departments of these
states comply with the request in
Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, who
in a letter issued today urged a con-
ference at an early date to decide
upon regulations needed in handling
the traffic situation.

"The fact that there is much in-
terstate business in the northwest,"
said Mr. Kozler in his letter, "and that
many residents of these states travel
from one state to another makes
matters relating to interstate traffic
a subject of interest to motorists.
For example, uniform laws should
exist especially in these states affect-
ing motor vehicles entering one state
from another, the length of time for-
eign licenses may be recognized in
each state, the registering of resi-
dents of other states upon entry to
the states and other similar matters."
"We all know that the interests of
the four states are co-related and
that the laws of some of them in
many respects are indefinite and
without provisions covering some of
the matters referred to. In view of
this condition it appears to me that
it would be productive of good re-
sults if a meeting of representatives
of the respective departments could
be arranged at some central place
at an early date."

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Lots in Laurelhurst were sold at
auction yesterday for less than the
cost of the street improvements, and
the Laurelhurst company, as a condi-
tion of the sale, pays all the street
assessments. So cheaply did the lots
go under the hammer that it is be-
lieved that the realty market for
building lots will be materially af-
fected for the next six months or a
year.

The auction, was held in the grand
ballroom of the Multnomah hotel. So
great was the throng that people
could not all be accommodated, and
hundreds unable to wedge their way
into the ballroom had to turn away.
The auction was held in the hotel in-
stead of a large tent on the ground,
as originally planned.

Sale Continues at Night.

Over 185 lots were sold during the
afternoon and evening sales running
the total for the first day of the auc-
tion to the neighborhood of \$185,000.
Of this amount \$118,000 was paid dur-
ing the afternoon for the 116 lots
placed under the hammer. Bidders
crowded the room throughout the en-
tire evening and not until a late hour
did the crowd in the ballroom begin
to thin away.

The highest bid of the day's sale
was made by W. F. McKenney, presi-
dent of the Oregon State Motor auc-
tion, on a large corner lot over-
looking Laurelhurst Park on the
south. He paid \$2900 for the lot, and
to have been listed at \$12,500. The
record bid during the first lot auc-
tioned, was \$2800, paid for the first lot auc-
tioned, James M. Andersen, 935 Couch, bought
an inside lot on Burnside street for
\$1500 last night.

Bidders Cautioned at First.

The first lot sold was lot 17, in
block 18, and went to E. W. Sanberg
for \$2000. The lot faces Laurelhurst
avenue and East Davis street. Then
came half a dozen lots in block 81,
which is the highest part of the tract
south of the streetcar line, and these
to have been listed at \$2750. The
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THREE WEEKS' DEBATE FUTILE

Beginning of Reduction Not Considered Likely.

EXPANSION TO HALT

Covenant and How to Choose Four Elected Members of Coun- cil Causes Rift.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Enrico Car-
uso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in
his throat while singing at the
Brooklyn Academy of Music tonight.
The performance was stopped.
The accident, which it was said he
did not realize until he felt a sharp
pain in his throat, occurred during the first
act of Bizet's "L'Elisir d'Amore,"
but the singer did not stop until the
end of the act.

A physician then told him it would
be unwise to continue, for if he did so
the result might prove serious. In
addition, the blood in his throat in-
terfered with his vocalization.
The manager, in dismissing the au-
dience, said:
"Mr. Caruso assures me he is willing
and even anxious to finish, if you
wish him to. It is for you to decide."
"No," came the answer.
The hemorrhages were similar to
those which resulted from a ruptured
blood vessel while Mr. Caruso was
singing at the Metropolitan opera-
house last Wednesday. It was said.

\$1500 IS FOUND IN BERTH

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

Because a negro Pullman porter
with the romantic name of Bertrand
Countee placed honestly above riches,
Jim Lee, an aged Chinese en route to
China to spend his remaining days,
will sail soon from San Francisco
with enough wealth to last him until
he is called to his fathers.
Jim Lee, the China-bound, arrived
in Portland from Spokane, and upon
going to visit John Wo, 84 Second
street, discovered that his money bag
containing \$1500, had been left be-
neath the pillow of his Pullman
berth.

In company with John Wo and
Police Inspectors Coleman and Col-
lins, the Chinese went to the Pullman
office where he learned that the por-
ter had turned over the money bag.
The sum of \$1500 was missing, but
was found when he found it.
The police do not suspect the por-
ter of having anything to do with the
missing \$1500. Jim Lee departed on
his return trip to China thankful that
a greater part of his money had been
found.

MOHAIR GROWERS ADJOURN

New Mexican President; Portland Man Secretary-Treasurer.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 11.—E. E. Tay-
lor of Carlisle, N. M., was elected
president of the National Mohair
Growers' association, succeeding U.
S. Grant of Dallas, Or., at the annual
convention of the association, which
closed here today. Grant was presi-
dent of the association for 11 years.
A. C. Gage of Portland, Or., was
chosen secretary-treasurer.

Resolutions asking for a flat duty
of 25 cents a pound on mohair, and
resolutions favoring the French fab-
ric stamping bill to show the per-
centage of wool fabric contained,
were adopted.

SNOW IS CAUSE OF FIRE

Slaking Lime Ignites Woodpile and Flames Spread to House.

BEND, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—
Lime, slaked by falling snow, set fire
to a woodpile, the flames spread to a
juniper tree, then jumped to the house
of J. E. Curley of this city. Chemi-
cals extinguished the blaze. The
damage was small.

PONZI NOW BEHIND BARS

Get-Rich-Quick Scheme Promoter Begins Prison Term.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 11.—
Charles Ponzi today started serving
his sentence of five years for fraud.
He obtained millions of dollars from
thousands of persons.

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Beginning of Reduction Not Considered Likely.

EXPANSION TO HALT

Covenant and How to Choose Four Elected Members of Coun- cil Causes Rift.

GENEVA, Dec. 11.—(By the Asso-
ciated Press.)—World disarmament
must be a slow and gradual process,
the league of nations assembly com-
mission which has been deliberating
on the question more than three
weeks decided today. Opinions of
leading members are that neither the
political situation nor public opinion
is yet ready for full realization of
the object. Even beginning reduc-
tion of armament is not considered
possible.

The programme to be presented to
the assembly is to proceed in three
stages. The first involves an agree-
ment between the powers to make no
further increase in armament. The
second will provide a gradual reduc-
tion on a basis to be laid down by the
armament commission. The third will
provide for general and complete dis-
armament when found that the situa-
tion permits.

Japan Will Not Reduce.

Yoshida Ishii has given notice that
Japan cannot reduce her armament
while the United States increases hers.
One conspicuous fact is the necessity
of propaganda to prepare the world
for a radical solution of the question.
The covenant again gave rise to a
long and confused debate. The ques-
tion was how to choose the four
elected members of the council. The
committee, which decided the most
important point by only one majority,
proposed that the terms of these mem-
bers shall be limited to two years and
that members shall be eligible for re-
election for two years more, then in-
eligible for re-election the succeed-
ing four years. This provision is in-
tended to facilitate access to the coun-
cil to all members of the league.

Provision Protested.

Another provision which was more
stoutly contested apportioned mem-
bers among the different continents.
Europe and the Americas each three
and Asia one. The provision is
held contrary to the covenant, which
provides the assembly shall "freely"
choose the members of the council,
while apportionment would tie the
hands of the next assembly.

A dispute between Chile and Bolivia
in the assembly today has raised the
possibility of the withdrawal of one
country or the other from the league.

Chile Threatens to Quit.

The Tacna and Arica case was sub-
mitted to the assembly at the begin-
ning of its session and soon reached
an acute stage involving Chile and
Bolivia in a serious dispute. Chile
renewed her opposition to the assem-
bly hearing the case, while Bolivia
insisted on an immediate inquiry. The
Chilean delegates threaten drastic
action should the steering committee
decide to hear the case in the present
assembly and the withdrawal of
either country is considered a possi-
bility.

Conditional acceptance by Holland
of the invitation of the league of
nations to contribute a portion of the
military force to be sent by the
league to the Vilna district for the
plebiscite there was announced to-
day. The acceptance is subject to
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PICTORIAL COMMENTS ON SOME TOPICS IN THE NEWS BY CARTOONIST PERRY.

