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SIXTY SIX CONGRESS CONVENES

HOUSE REOPENED SESSION IN DEBATED TO LAST UNTIL NEXT DAY.

CRUISE REPORT SUBJECTS OBTAINED

The 4th session in the opening of the sixty-sixth congress was largely devoted to the study of the subjects obtained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The sixty-sixth congress met today in its first regular session, which is expected to continue until just before the presidential election next fall. There was a large attendance when the gavel fell to mark the hour.

As agreed with the agreement between the Republican and Democratic leaders, the usual formality of appointing a committee to notify the President that congress was in session was dispensed with because of the President's illness. A formal communication will be dispatched instead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Many months' work on a great variety of important subjects, international and domestic, were before the sixty-sixth congress today when it met for its second and "regular" session, which was expected to close only with the presidential campaign next fall. Members of both senate and house returned to work with only ten days' rest since the adjournment of the extraordinary session which ended November 19, when the peace treaty failed of ratification in the senate. Because of the extra session the opening day lacked much of the usual bustle attending the launching of a new session.

With the congress already "in harness" and with much legislation ready for immediate consideration, little delay in the beginning of work was expected. Calling of senate and house rolls for quorum, appointment of committees to notify the President and each other that congress again was "on the job" were among the customary opening formalities.

Besides legislative recommendations, President Wilson's message was expected to deal with international relations and particularly with the Versailles treaty. While early ratification of the treaty with compromise reservations was expected by many senators, with hopes of action before the new year, leaders believed the issues involved would be carried into the presidential campaign.

Politics is due to play a large part in the events of the new session, the last before the nominating conventions next summer and the final campaign in the fall. Leaders propose to have congress recess for the convention and work through afterward into December.

Enactment of legislation is expected to begin immediately. The senate today had pending, with privileged status the Commerce railroad bill with its provisions against strikes and for return of the railroads to private ownership. In the house, the bill to restrict immigration and provide for deportation of alien radicals was first on the calendar. The house probably will be occupied largely with appropriation bills for many weeks and leaders hope

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Kansas Volunteers Now At Coal Field

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 1.—Wearing gray uniforms, the first contingent of volunteer workers to dig coal in the mines here arrived early today.

Arriving at the mine Dec. 1, the volunteers were housed in a national guard camp and were given a tour of the mine. Reports indicate that the coal is in an open vein and there are no injuries.

The hitch track to mine No. 1 of the Hamilton Coal Mine company in Pittsburg district, was wrecked by a white Saturday night, according to a telegram received by Governor Allen Sunday from C. E.

KANSAS STRIKE ENDS SUDDENLY

SWITCHMEN CALL OFF 1900 STRIKE TODAY.

Kansas City Switchmen Commission Are Expected to Be Released by 9 Day Stay.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—An end was made unexpectedly as it began Saturday, the strike of 1900 switchmen in the local yards was called off early today. It is expected that the local conditions will soon be normal.

THE WEATHER FOR TOMORROW. The weather report for tonight and tomorrow is fair in the north, probably rain or snow in the south, and cold with moderate winds, mostly northwesterly.

GROWERS MEET IN SPOKANE

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS PLAN 3 DAY CONFERENCE

Years of Interest to Northwest Will Be Discussed and Organization of Growers Formed.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 1.—Fruit and potato growers of Washington, Oregon, California and Montana, government and state horticultural experts and representatives of fruit and vegetable shippers of those states will meet here this week for a five-day conference during which many topics of vital interest to the fruit industry of the Pacific coast and the Pacific northwest will be discussed.

The conference will open Monday, December 1, and will close Friday, December 5, with a meeting of northwest potato growers at which it is planned to form a organization of the potato men. The annual dinner of the fruit men will be held Thursday evening, and talks will be given by Dr. E. S. Holland and Dr. E. B. Lindley, presidents, respectively of Washington State college and the University of Idaho.

The session this evening will be occupied with the annual address of F. W. Williams, president of the Washington State Horticultural association. Tuesday's sessions, forenoon and afternoon, will be devoted to a discussion by horticultural experts of the northwest of fruit pests. General topics of interest to fruit men will occupy the evening session, and the three sessions to be held on Wednesday.

On Thursday forenoon the annual grape and pack conference will be held, with discussion by states and an address by H. W. Sampson, of the United States department of agriculture's bureau of markets. Reports of committees and a general discussion will take up the afternoon session.

DAKOTA INVESTIGATION. In behalf of the Commercial club, Walter W. Schram, secretary, last evening telegraphed to Representative N. J. Sennott, asking him to visit Dakota whenever possible. No answer had been received late this afternoon. It is the purpose of the club to invite E. E. Kiddle, newly appointed state highway commissioner, here also, and to take both visitors over the route and show them irrigation projects that are planned and in the construction stage.—Haber Herald.

LAST NOTE IS SENT TO MEXICANS

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S CONDUCT IS ARRANGED IN SEVEREST TERMS.

UNVOICED REPORT SAYS JENKINS FREE

Note Characterizes Conduct of Mexico As Studied Attempt to Ensure Consul Agent in Intricacies of Legal Procedure—Indications As to Next Step Are Not Given.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) EL PASO, Dec. 1.—An unvoiced report is current here that Jenkins has been liberated. The Mexican consul general here has no verification, however.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Renewing its request for the immediate release of Consul Agent Jenkins, who is imprisoned at Puebla, the latest note to Mexico was made public today.

The note arraigns the Mexican government's conduct in the severest terms and characterizes it as a studied attempt to ensure the American consul agent in the intricacies of legal procedure. No ultimatum was served and no indication given as to what the American government's future course might be if Jenkins is un-released.

The note, which some officials indicated might be the last on the subject was in reply to Mexico's answer to a sharp demand by this government for immediate release of Jenkins. No intimation of its character was disclosed, but officials in touch with the situation.

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VISITORS CRITICIZE SALVAGE OPERATION

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Civilian visitors returning from tours of the battlefields in France criticize the salvage operations still being carried on there.

"I spoke to two officers, each of whom told me that the value of the salvage would not compare with the money spent in these operations," said another.

Others say that the French are complaining of the presence of Chinese laborers engaged on this work, laying out tennis courts, or building useless army huts.

POSSE CLASHES WITH STRIKERS

ONE KILLED AND THREE MEN WOUNDED IN RIOT.

Sheriff's Posse and Steel Strikers Fight at Gates of National Tube Company Today.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 1.—A steel striker was killed and Sheriff Clayton, of Marshall county, was shot and seriously wounded and a deputy and another striker suffered gunshot wounds in a riot when a mob of strikers and sympathizers clashed with the sheriff's posse at the gates of the Riverside mill of the National Tube Company today.

KOLCHAK ARMY RETREAT RAPID

UNABLE TO CONSTRUCT ANY DEFENSIVE WORKS.

Soviet Government Wireless Report Claims Admiral's Forces Are Routed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) LONDON, Dec. 1.—Admiral Kolchak's forces are retreating with such rapidity that they are unable to construct defensive works, of which there are none west of Irkutsk, according to a wireless from the Soviet government at Moscow.

ELECT CAPTAIN FOR YEAR 1920

At a meeting of the members of the local high school football team, held at the home of Coach and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds last Saturday evening, Harry "Diz" McClure, dependable left tackle, was elected captain of the 1920 team.

McClure has played stellar ball throughout the season and his election was almost unanimous.

Thirteen members of the squad are entitled to their letters, and it was decided to buy sweaters, but as the ruling of the State interscholastic association prohibits the student body from presenting these to the players, a dance will be given in Rex hall Friday evening, December 12th, from the proceeds of which it is expected that the sweaters can be purchased.

WAR TIME BAN IS PUT ON COAL

ORDER WILL BE EFFECTIVE DURING THE PRESENT STRIKE EMERGENCY.

SEVEN GOVERNORS PLAN DRASTIC STEPS

Governors' Conference Advises That "All Possible" Steps to Obtain Production of Coal Should Be Taken By the State Governments, With Administrator at the Head.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—War time restriction on the consumption of coal was ordered effective for the period of the present strike emergency.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Governors of seven soft coal producing states at a conference yesterday agreed that the state governments should take "all possible" steps to obtain the production of coal and recommended to the federal government that a complete fuel administration with an administrator for each state recommended by the government be perfected immediately. The state executives also requested equitable distribution of coal under uniform and rigid regulations in all states.

The governors participating in the conference, called by Governor Gardner, of Missouri, said that they had adjourned to meet in St. Louis next Sunday to await further development of the federal government's plans for bringing about resumption of the production of coal. M. C. Biley, of Madison, Wis., secretary of the conference, was instructed to proceed to Washington to remain there temporarily.

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GREAT BRITAIN IS BUILDING AIRSHIP

BARROW IN FURNESS, Eng., Dec. 1.—The airship R-80, which is of a larger design than the R-24 which recently visited the United States, is expected to be completed and handed over to the Admiralty here by Christmas. Airship construction, under orders of the government, has been suspended here, but as the R-80 was 95 per cent finished, it was decided to complete her.

The airship embodies the latest improvements in British design. Her hull is of stream line shape. She is 225 feet long, 70 feet wide and has an overall height of 85 feet. Her lifting power (total) is 28 tons and four engines, each of 240 horse-power, will give her a maximum speed of 65 miles per hour. A crew of 15 or 16 will be able to navigate the ship.

SOUTH DAKOTA ENDORSES WOOD

STATE REPUBLICAN LEADERS ANNOUNCE TODAY.

Official Endorsement Will Be Made By State Convention Tomorrow—Democrats For Wilson.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 1.—Governor Norbeck and W. H. King, chairman of the state central committee, leaders of the Republican party in South Dakota, announced today that they had endorsed General Leonard Wood as Republican candidate for President, and declared Wood would be endorsed tomorrow by the state convention.

Democratic leaders said their convention would endorse President Wilson in their convention tomorrow, if he is willing to be a candidate.

SUGAR LABOR ASKS INCREASE

JAPANESE PLANTATION LABORERS MEET AT HONOLULU.

Basic Wage of Three Dollars a Day and an Eight Hour Day Form Keystones.

HONOLULU, Dec. 1.—Upwards of 100 Japanese delegates from unions of sugar plantation laborers throughout the Hawaiian Islands gathered here today with the avowed intention of demanding increased wages.

For several weeks Japanese organizers have been preparing for the convention, actively assisted by the Japanese Laborers' Supporters association.

A recent convention in Hilo, said to have represented the Japanese workers on the island of Hawaii, formulated specific demands which are expected to be the basis of the resolution presented to the Honolulu gathering. A basic wage of \$3 a day for men and \$2.25 for women and an eight-hour day form the keystone of the program.

The Japanese assert that, although the plantations furnish them with houses, fuel, water, light and medical attention when ill, the present wage scale does not permit them to keep pace with the rising living costs.

Under the system of pay now in vogue a new hand receives approximately \$30 for a 20-day month, with a 91 per cent bonus, making the wage approximately \$57.50 a month. The contention of the planters is that, with the expected rise in the price of sugar, the laborers will receive \$21 per cent bonus, bringing the monthly pay envelope up to approximately \$66. Representatives of the Japanese declare they prefer to do away with the bonus system and establish a higher basic scale.

Opposed to this is the stand of the planters that to insure the permanency of labor and the bonus system must remain. They object to having men going and coming from the plantations and for that reason, they assert, they established the rule that to obtain a bonus a worker must be 20 days of the month on the job.

The Japanese language press is strongly supporting the demands of their countrymen and a stiff fight is expected before the planters and workers come to a final agreement.

GREAT ACTIVITY PREVAILS IN FIUME

BELGRADE, Dec. 1.—Great activity prevails in Fiume. A destroyer left there Saturday, presumably for Zadar according to the Serbian Press Bureau. The merchant vessel Adria followed with a thousand shock troops.

TELEPHONE RATES ARE REDUCED

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN AN ORDER, CUTS RATES TO FORMER TARIFF.

BURLESON TARIFF PRONOUNCED ILLEGAL

Sweeping Reductions of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Oregon Were Made By the Commission, to Become Effective Today—Directs Refund to Patrons.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) SALEM, Dec. 1.—Sweeping reductions in the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, in Oregon were made in an order issued today. The Public Service commission, in the order, pronounces the Burleson rates, which were prescribed last August, as both exorbitant and illegal and reinstates, with slight modifications, the tariff prescribed by the commission last May. It also directs the company to refund to the patrons the difference between the Burleson tariff and the commission tariff of last May. The order is effective today.

ATTEMPT A TREATY WITH HUNGARY

PARIS, Dec. 1.—An attempt to make a peace treaty with Hungary through the new Hungarian government was decided upon by the supreme council today.

RICE ADMITS CONSPIRACY

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 1.—William E. Rice, printer, indicted for conspiracy in connection with the investigation of the campaign of Senator Truman H. Newberry, pleaded guilty in the United States court today.

No arrests have been made as yet as a result of warrants which were issued upon the return of indictments in the federal district court Saturday charging United States senator Truman H. Newberry of Detroit, and more than 125 other men, with fraud in the election by which Senator Newberry obtained a seat in the senate. Assistant Attorney General Frank C. Dalley of Indianapolis specifically requested that no arrests be made Sunday to obviate the possibility that some of the defendants might have to spend Sunday in jail through lack of ability to furnish bonds Sunday.

Investigation by grand jury of the election of Truman H. Newberry to the United States senate, was ordered by the Department of Justice and was based, it was announced, on filed complaints and "public charges of fraud and corruption" made by the lieutenant governor of Michigan and others. United States District Judge Session presides over the inquiry, which was conducted

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The Thermometer

GREAT SCOTT! I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT COLD.

SHUCKS I THOUGHT IT WAS BELOW ZERO.

United States Court Confirms Convictions

WESTERN POTATO SHOW INTERESTING

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1.—The Western Potato show will be held here next January. Under the auspices of the Agricultural and Livestock Association, according to an announcement made here.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The United States court of appeals affirmed the conviction of A. J. Partan, manager of the Western Workmen's Publishing society of Astoria, and W. N. Revo, editor of the Toveri, a foreign language paper of Astoria. Both were found guilty of violating the espionage act. The court also upheld the order for the deportation of Neil Guiney, executive of the Industrial Workers of the World of Portland, charged with unlawful destruction of property under the immigration act.