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CONGRESS IS IN SESSION AGAIN TODAY

House Recessing in Three-day Periods Until October 4

STEERING COMMITTEE TO GET BUSY SOON

Anti-Beer Bill to be Taken up Again and Many Other Important Measures Are on the Program

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Congress reassembled today at noon after a thirty-day recess, with the prospect of an extra session that would lapse into a regular session beginning in December.

The House expected to take a series of three-day recesses until October 4, while the Senate goes ahead on tax revision, ratification of treaties and with anti-beer, railroad debt funding, allied debt funding and Panama canal tolls bills.

The bill to reappoint the house membership is slated to be taken up when the house begins work.

Debate Next Week

A definite legislative program is to be arranged soon by Republican steering committees whose members will confer with President Harding. The tax bill is to have senate precedence according to plans, although debate is not expected to begin until next week.

In view, however, of the administration desire to press the peace treaties, it was said by leaders that the tax bill and the treaties might be considered virtually simultaneously, by discussing treaties during lapses of debate on the tax bill.

Anti-Beer Bills

The anti-beer bill also is to be pressed, according to Senator Sterling, Republican, South Dakota, who is in charge of it. As the conference report has been adopted by the house, the bill has parliamentary priority in the senate. Opponents of the conference compromise on the Stanley search and seizure provision threaten to continue opposition. Eventual adoption of the conference report by the senate was generally predicted.

After disposal of the tax bill, the senate finance committee is to resume work on the tariff revision measure, but with little prospect of final enactment before early spring.

The railroad debt funding bill is to be urged at the first opportunity in the senate, according to Republican leaders. It has passed the house.

On October 16, under an agreement, the senate will vote on the Borah bill to restore to American coastwise vessels free tolls privileges in the Panama canal.

Much Talk Coming

Much senate and some house discussion of questions involved in the armament conference is in prospect.

Good roads legislation is in conference with final action on the Townsend-Dowell federal aid bills expected next month.

Farmer Hearings in October

The joint congressional committee investigating agricultural relief is to continue hearings in October. Inquiry into American administration of Haiti and Santo Domingo also will be continued, by a special senate committee.

When the senate interstate commerce committee's inquiry into railroad conditions is to be resumed has not been determined. House committees are to continue work on a general revision of immigration laws and on Hawaiian labor immigration particularly.

Night School Opens on Monday October Third

On Monday, October 3, the night school of the Y. M. C. A. will begin, the La Grande National Bank, has to continue for a period of 20 weeks, been secured to teach the class in stenography.

Classes are also being organized in stenography and English for foreigners. The class in stenography will meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A., and the class in stenography will meet Tuesdays and Fridays at the same hour. The form that it is desired that all intending to meet for the first time on October take one of the courses in the night school, and especially in the commercial stenography class.

Cecil Bolton, bookkeeper at the La Grande National Bank, has been secured to teach the bookkeeping class.

Elks Begin Work on The Annual Holiday Event for Children

Local Lodge Will Be Santa Claus to the Youngsters This Year as Usual—Committee Promises Big Event

Initial efforts to arrange an itinerary for Santa Claus next winter that shall be far more thorough and be marked along the way with more real Yuletide joy and blessing that Santa has ever spread in La Grande, have been taken by the "49 committee" of the Elks. These men who have played Santa Claus to the children of La Grande for, in these many years, are organizing this year to do a much better job of it than ever before. They, like all men who watch the signs of the times, can see that the coming Christmas is going to find many a father out of work, and a Christmas dinner all done up brown with the delicacies attached, will be a real boon to many a home, no doubt. And then the Christmas tree for the kiddies! It wouldn't seem like a Christmas in La Grande if there was no Elks' tree for the children.

But to have all these goodies requires money and to get money the committee is going to put on its annual "49 show" with all the embellishments, early in October. More about the details anon, but right now the all-important point is to get your social program arranged to conform to four days of fun and frivolity at Rex Hall where the big show is going to be held.

SOURCE OF PARTIES FOUND

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 21.—A cache containing 38 bottles of homemade beer, which was said to be of much better variety than the ordinary home brew, was located by the officers investigating the report of two small boys who discovered the hidden liquor while they were hunting with air guns in the brush just south of the city. Evidently the cache was the rendezvous of a number of thirsty persons, as a large number of empty bottles found near by indicated that there had been several beer parties held there during the past week.

WOMAN IS SOLE WRECK SURVIVOR

Spent Five Days on Hulk of Wrecked Sloop; Was Rescued by a Fishing Snuck.

ST. VINCENT, Windward Island Sept. 21.—A woman passenger was the sole survivor of the sloop Coronation, which was wrecked while bound from St. Lucia for Grenada. The sloop encountered a terrific storm on September 8. The woman remained clinging to the hulk, after all the others had been swept away. Drifting through high seas, the vessel finally stranded on a reef on the Grenadines, and after five days in her perilous position the woman was observed by a fisherman, who rescued her.

The schooner Lillian M. Barnes, which left Cuba with 200 repatriated West Indians, arrived at Barbadoes on September 8, in a distressed condition. She could not make port, owing to the tempestuous seas, and was driven in the direction of St. Lucia. She entered Port Castries the following day, with only 284 passengers and crew, 16 having died in consequence of their appalling experiences, one of whom became demented and leaped overboard.

ANOTHER GARDNER CLUE

TACOMA, Sept. 21.—The possibility of Roy Gardner taking advantage of the ending of the search to escape from McNeil Island was indicated today in a report of J. O. Evans, residing near Gertrude, who missed a rowboat today. No trace has been found of the rowboat and Evans believes that it is very likely that Gardner decamped in it.

Weather

Tonight and Thursday will be fair.

New Air Service Head Is Named

Colonel Patrick Now Heads the High Flyers of the Army

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Colonel Mason Matthews Patrick, of the corps of engineers, was nominated by the president to be chief of the air service, with the rank of major general. Millard T. Garton of Seattle was nominated to be collector of customs in the internal revenue district of Washington. Joseph C. Grew of Massachusetts, now minister to Denmark, was nominated as minister to Switzerland. John Dwyer Prince, professor in Columbia University, was nominated as minister to Denmark.

MEETING MAY NOT OCCUR AT INVERNESS

Political Clouds Begin to Gather as Return of Premier Is Expected.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Premier Lloyd George's reply to Eamonn De Valera will probably be delayed until after a conference with the ministers at Gairloch, Thursday, and it seems certain there will be no Irish peace conference at Inverness for, according to the latest reports, the premier has decided to return here this week if his health permits, in which case the next formal cabinet council will be held in London.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, left Tuesday for Gairloch, indicating that Ireland will be the subject of the conference Thursday.

The decision of Mr. Lloyd George not to go to Washington has revived gossip of a coming general election, the idea being that there are now only two alternatives, a piece of emigration or an appeal to the country. The government is likely to find itself surrounded with difficulties, not only in the shape of unemployment, the anti-waste campaign and similar matters at home, but also abroad.

The reparations questions with Germany involving possible friction with France, combined with the continued depreciation of the mark, may necessitate further meetings of the supreme council. New difficulties with Russia seem to be brewing, all of which may require the premier's personal attention.

Latest reports from Gairloch Tuesday night say that a ministerial conference may be held Wednesday and there are also rumors that Mr. De Valera has expressed willingness to withdraw his claim that the Irish delegates must go into the conference as representatives of an independent state.

DUTCH WELCOME FISHING

HAVRE, Sept. 21.—An enthusiastic welcome was accorded General Pennington today when he arrived here on a mission to bestow the congressional medal on unknown French soldiers.

JURY NEARLY COMPLETE FOR TRIAL

Four Women Selected to Try Alleged Wife Slayer

INSANITY PRETENSE NOT MADE BY ACCUSED

Eleven of Twelve Jurors Have Been Selected for Trial of James Mahoney; Testimony Taking To-Morrow.

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—With eleven jurors for the Mahoney trial secured yesterday attorneys in the trial expect to begin taking testimony tomorrow. The court room was again crowded today. There are seven men and four women in the jurors tentatively selected yesterday to try James E. Mahoney for the murder of his aged and wealthy wife, Mrs. Kate Moore Mahoney.

The trial will be a long drawn-out affair, as indicated by the questions of judge and lawyers, who made it a point to ask prospective jurors if they thought they could stand the strain of two weeks' constant confinement.

The jury as it now stands is considered by court attaches as being considerably higher in standard than the average. The four women members are all of a refined type. Three of them are married and one single—the latter is the youngest person in the box. Most of the men are high grade artisans.

Mahoney made no effort to continue the insanity pretense that he is insane when he was taken into court today, and he wore an expression throughout the day that denoted an intelligent interest in the selection of the jury.

For the first time since he "went crazy," weeks ago, he publicly recognized his mother and sister—Mrs. Nora Mahoney and Mrs. Dolores Johnson—and sat beside them throughout the court proceedings.

In striking contrast to his appearance at the time of his arraignment—when his attorney entered an insanity plea—he was immaculately dressed, his face was clean-shaven and the little hair that he has was carefully arranged.

Before he was taken out of the court room at the close of the session he affectionately kissed his mother and nodded over his shoulder to his sister.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—Wheat was from \$1.07 to \$1.12 today on the local market.

Eight Hundred Germans Killed

Factory Ellows Up and Lays Town Waste; Many Hurt

MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21.—Eight hundred persons are reported killed and many injured at Oppau, in the Rhine Palatinate, through an explosion in the Badische Anilin- und Soda-Fabrik, a chemical plant.

The town of Oppau is reported wrecked. The shocks were felt 15 miles. In Mannheim one was killed and 50 injured.

BOOZE SUPPLY OF THE FRISCO HOTEL WORRIES

Guests and Servants of the Arbuckle Party Testify and Prosecution Makes Charges Against Witnesses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Seven witnesses were questioned Tuesday by the federal grand jury in an attempt to learn the source of the liquor consumed at the affair in Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle's hotel suite here from which resulted the death of Miss Virginia Rappe and Arbuckle's arrest on a charge of murder.

"No indictments will be returned until all of the federal departments co-operating in the case have completed their several investigations," announced Robert H. McCormack, assistant United States attorney general, in charge of liquor prosecution, who laid the matter before the grand jury. The investigation will be resumed by the grand jury Friday, he said.

Tuesday's witnesses were Mrs. Bambina Maud Belmont, Miss Alice Blake, Miss Zeh Prevost and Mrs. Mae Taube, who were present at the party in Arbuckle's rooms at the Hotel St. Francis; John P. Pickett, a bellboy at the hotel, and Miss Josephine Kessler, a hotel maid. Mrs. Belmont swore to the murder complaint against the film comedian, and Miss Prevost was the woman whose statements to the police caused Arbuckle to be indicted on a murder complaint. Joyce Clark, another member of the party, was subpoenaed but was not called into the grand jury room.

"We simply wanted their testimony perpetuated in the event any witness should leave the city, and to prevent conflict of testimony in case any of them should desire to leave before the case might be brought to trial," McCormack said.

Another guest missing, a telegram to Lowell Sherman, a participant in the affair, was sent Tuesday to Chicago by District Attorney Matthew A. Brady asking Sherman to come to San Francisco to give his version of the affair. District Attorney Swann of New York also was notified by telegram to inquire into the matter.

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Accused Man Told of His Criminal Acts, it Is Said

Al Semmner, Miss Rappe's Manager, Declares That Arbuckle Admitted Criminality at Party.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Al Semmner, Virginia Rappe's manager, today told the grand jury here that Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle had admitted to him and other men at the party following which Miss Rappe died that he had taken Miss Rappe into his room and had committed certain acts in connection with the crime he is accused of.

DENVER MOVIE MEN SAY WYOMING COWBOYS GOOD

DENVER, Sept. 21.—The reported burning of the "Fatty" Arbuckle film by some cowboys in Thermopoli, Wyo., last Friday night is a myth. As a result, executives of the film board of trade of Colorado and of the Rocky Mountain Screen club today announced they are considering action against F. J. Buzzetti, owner of the Maverick theater of Thermopoli, whom they charge with perpetrating a pernicious publicity stunt.

The film arrived in Denver today undamaged, exposing the alleged burning story as a fake.

DEMOCRATIC FIREWORKS STARTED IN SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—"The American people want more work and less play," Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi declared today in the senate in describing President Harding's recent trip to New York state on the presidential yacht Mayflower.

The trip was taken, he said, "while millions of Americans were hanging their heads in shame" because men who "helped with the war" were being offered on the auction block in Boston.

POWER COMPANY OFFICIALS HERE

J. Pulliam of Milwaukee, Wis., and J. P. Lottridge Inspect Plant.

On their annual inspection of the plant and lines of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, J. P. Pulliam, of Milwaukee, Wis., one of the heavy stockholders of the company, and J. P. Lottridge, superintendent and manager of Baker, are in La Grande today.

Mr. Pulliam and Mrs. Lottridge are with their husbands on this trip.

In speaking of the general conditions in the east Mr. Pulliam holds firmly to the belief that things are much better. He says the feeling of settled business is permeating through all sections. As a nation we have given up the war prices and are gradually settling down to regular business. Mr. Pulliam believes there is a great future for the west.

"When the nation enters the long period of constructive prosperity which is just as sure to follow the upheaval as they follow night, the Pacific slope will come into her own. The east has plenty of people who would be delighted to live in the Pacific northwest if they only knew the great merit of this country. I confess that after making one of these annual trips it is quite hard for me to get down to business in the east, for I yearn for this western country. Others are like me and I look for a great influx of people especially in the northwestern states in the next few years."

No Sympathy With The Consumer of Coal, Says Foster

Mine Worker Organizer Says that Consumer Should Be Made to Pay Dearly for Coal This Winter.

WALSBERG, Colo. — Charles Kaiser, superintendent of the Cameron mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, Tuesday testified before the Colorado industrial commission investigation into the coal miners' strike that Robert Foster, international organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, had said to him:

"I have no sympathy for the public in this matter. I am strong for the miners' wage staying up. The public had all summer to buy coal, but would not do it. Now let them pay for it or do without it."

Victim of Shots Dies at Medford; Slayer Arrested

MEDFORD, Sept. 21.—Wilbur Jacks of Eagle Point, who was shot yesterday during altercation involving alleged attentions of Rollis Matthews to Mrs. Jacks, died today. Matthews is in jail and will be charged with murder.

Ku Klux Klan Under Eye of President Harding

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Investigation in the hands of the department of justice as to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan was laid before President Harding today by Attorney General Daugherty, after the latter had held a conference with Director Burns of the department's bureau of investigation.

Burns has been conducting an investigation of the Klan. It has also been proposed by Representative Tague, Democrat, of Massachusetts, who in a resolution asserts that the organization is "anti-American" and its purpose is the "exile and suppression of certain races and religious sects."

BORAH FIGHTS RATIFICATION OF TREATIES

Idaho Senator Has Support of Several of His Colleagues

DOCUMENTS SENT TO SENATE BY HARDING

Opposition Is Based Partly on Possibility of Being Involved in European Diplomacy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Accompanied by a brief formal note the treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary, were sent to the senate today by President Harding for ratification.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, is planning to wage a fight against ratification of the new treaties and is said to have assurance of support combined with Democrats favoring ratification.

Against Mandate. Senator Borah, it is understood, is against the new treaties, because, it is said, he believes they would involve the United States in European problems of diplomacy. He also is said to object to proposed appointment of an American representative on the allied reparations commission. The plan and practice of mandates also was said to meet with his disapproval.

President Harding is expected to transmit the treaty without any detailed explanation, confining his statement to a brief note of transmittal. The plan of some Republican leaders to have the treaties debated behind closed doors also is threatened with opposition.

BODY OF BERT ANDREWS COMING

Word Received Today of its Arrival in Hoboken; Military Funeral Is Planned

Mrs. Mary E. Andrews this morning received a message telling her that the body of her son, Bert E. Andrews, who was with the La Grande hospital unit in France, is now in Hoboken, New Jersey, and will be forwarded here.

Funeral arrangements will be made as soon as the date of his arrival here is known. It is planned to give him a military funeral under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion.

