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LIFE—The fear of the Lord lengtheneth in life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. Prov. 10:22.

The fortune of Payne Whitney, New York capitalist who died last May, is found to be worth a little less than \$200,000,000. Thomas Fortune Ryan, who died just the other day, left an estate estimated at \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000. Here is a long jump from the days, still remembered, when a mere "millionaire" was a figure to gaze at on the street. "Multimillionaires" are so plentiful now that they attract no attention. Even these two notables were almost lost in the mob of post-war nabobs. We have no adequate term for a man whose fortune runs into the hundreds of millions, and apparently nobody is sufficiently interested to coin one. The only word expressing great wealth that makes the public sit up and take notice is "billionaire." There seem to be at least two of these in America already.

THE LAME DUCK SESSION

Congress will convene this week for the short session and will go out of existence on March 4th when the new congress comes in. What this session of "lame ducks" will accomplish depends largely on the enthusiasm and energy of the leaders. There are lots of important questions to be considered. Coolidge is anxious for some constructive action before he retires from office.

Of greatest interest to an agricultural territory like this will be the attempt to provide farm relief legislation again. In spite of the many optimistic things in Secretary Jardine's report published Saturday, he says there are numerous problems awaiting the action of congress through a farm relief bill. Many farmers will agree with him, especially those engaged in wheat raising in the Northwest and in corn growing in the Middle West. The bigger crops, with bigger surpluses and more growers involved, are demanding the most attention.

Senator McNary seems to hold to the opinion that farm relief legislation can be passed very rapidly at this short session, but political experts shake their heads. The lame ducks will hardly lend their co-operation because they aren't anxious to take a burden from the shoulders of those who will succeed them. Lame ducks (those congressmen who have been defeated for re-election and are serving their last session) are interested in other things usually. It's one session where they can safely work for themselves instead of for their constituencies, should they be so inclined. Besides that, farm legislation is doubtful because no definite program has been worked out with an adequate amount of public opinion behind it. It has neither the Hoover nor the Coolidge leadership behind it. So it looks very much like Mr. Hoover would have to keep his pledge for a special session to consider farm relief immediately after March 4th.

There are goals of other questions that will more than occupy the time of this short congressional session. The World Court proposal is one of the first things on the list in the senate. Coolidge is very anxious to have enough reservations ditched by all opponents to secure American membership before he retires from office. We hope he is successful.

If there's anything that we should do as a nation, it's to get into the international picture a little and show our desire to co-operate and converse and consult, if nothing more. Friendship and courtesy cost nothing but the effort and they are well worth it. We can't hope to keep on posing as a world leader if we refuse to do any leading when there are real world problems at hand.

Which reminds us that the Kellogg treaties to outlaw war will be an important subject before the senate this session, too. Coolidge will be equally anxious to have these documents ratified and it seems safe to expect such action. The senate probably realizes that there is much public sentiment behind the Kellogg treaties, regardless of how impotent they may be, and will ratify on that account. Hoover is for them, too, and that will have its influence.

When all is said and done and the smoke has cleared away, the inaugural of Mr. Hoover on March 4th will probably see very little accomplished during this session of congress. Appropriation bills will take most of the time. The Kellogg treaties should get by. There will be much discussion of many other things, but very little actually accomplished. It will be very much as lame duck sessions in the past, with the real work left for the new congress and the new administration. Perhaps that's just as well.

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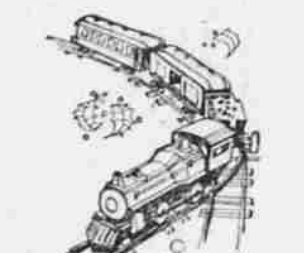


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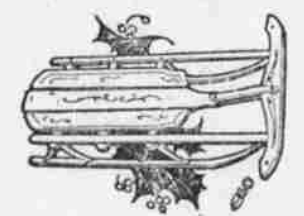
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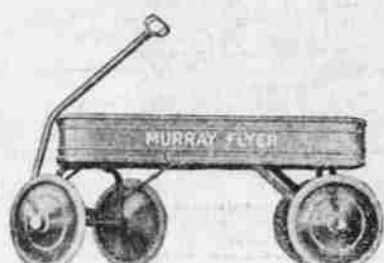
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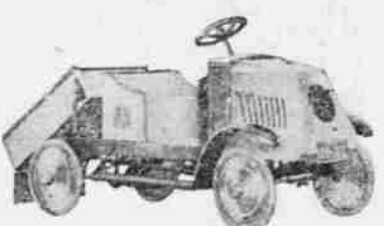
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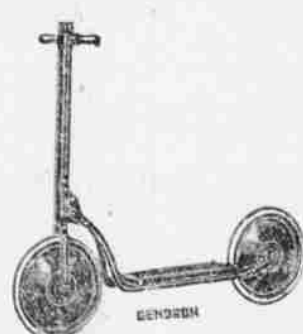
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