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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Tuesday and in west tonight, local frosts east tonight.

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IS PRAISED BY
DR. REYNOLDSNational and State Officers
Remark at Success
of La Grande Meet200 PRESENT FOR
EVENING SESSION

Fancy Drill, Parade Ceremonies by Little Girls and Other Features Given Applause

The best laid schemes of all the committees and officers and others in charge of the district No. 4 rally of the Women's Benefit Association worked out so successfully last Saturday afternoon and evening as to cause Dr. Anne E. Reynolds, assistant supreme medical examiner from Port Huron, Mich., to say, "This is the nicest class of initiates I have seen anywhere in the United States," and Mrs. Julia V. Ward, of Portland, state field director of Oregon, to remark, "This has been one of the best rallies in the state."

Almost 200 persons attended the rally which was held at the Saxe-Jawee Inn. The entire occasion, from the start at 2 o'clock through the peppy banquet at 6 and the initiation, drills and other features of the evening session, was enthusiastically participated in by all members.

Mrs. Ostland Presides

Mrs. Lena Ostland, president of the local review, presided at the initiation and opening exercises and Mrs. York, of Pendleton, presided during the memorial which closed the convention in the evening.

The guests at the banquet included 24 from Pendleton, 24 from Baker, 20 from La Grande, eight from Enterprise, six from Echo, and one from Spokane.

Clever pep songs by the various reviews interspersed the banquet hour. The three honor guests, Dr. Reynolds, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Adelaide Packard, of Pendleton, district deputy, and Mrs. Ostland were the inspiration for several songs dedicated to them by the members. All responded, thanking the members for the words and songs of appreciation.

Parade Feature

One of the choicest features of the evening was the "parade" ceremony by a group of little girls dressed in bright costumes of crepe paper. Little Egonne Wells and Jean Buchanan came first, dressed in yellow dresses adorned with flowers. They carried a basket of flowers. Next came a little girl in pink, Alice Bunch, driving a miniature automobile. Two little girls in blue, Helen Mae Lane and Fern Ostland, came next pulling a gaily decorated wagon in which were gifts to be presented in the lodge room. Charlotte Ostland, in a delicate pink dress sitting in a miniature "airplane," "brought up the rear." The little procession went to the stage where gifts were presented to Mrs. Ward, Mrs.

SPECIAL MEET
HELD AT HOME
OF L. R. HALE

James E. Page camp, No. 14, U. S. W. V. held a special meeting Saturday evening at the home of L. R. Hale, with 22 members and the auxiliary present.

The meeting was held for the purpose of planning on the sale of tickets for the dance to be held May first at Zuber Hall and also for appointing subcommittees, etc., for the successful handling of this dance.

The dance committee advised exceptional progress in the sale of tickets and asked for the assistance of every member to make this first dance a success, both financially and otherwise.

Department Commander Campbell and Scout Young Camp drum corps, United Spanish War Veterans of Portland have been invited to the dance.

Mrs. C. W. Chandler, president of the local auxiliary, announced that Mrs. Anna Kaye, of The Dalles, would make an official visit April 22. Refreshments were served.

WEATHER TODAY
7:25 a. m.—35 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 35 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain .25 of inch.

WEATHER APR. 15, 1929
Maximum 52, minimum 31 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .04 of inch.

Oregon Pioneer
Of 1864 Takes
His Own LifeHalf Blind and Ill, Despondency Overcomes
James Monroe Slack;
Burial This Afternoon

James Monroe Slack, half blind and sick for many months, shot himself in the forehead with a .38 caliber revolver Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock at his home at Elgin. He left a note, officers report, stating that he was discouraged at being sick and in darkness for so long and felt this was the best method of ending it all.

Mr. Slack, a 71-year-old pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, was laid to rest this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Summerville cemetery with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of the services.

He leaves his widow and three sons and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Mr. Slack was born Oct. 2, 1857, and came across the plains to Oregon in 1864, when La Grande had only a handful of houses and the Grande Ronde valley had just begun to be touched by the pioneer. At that time he was seven years of age. His life in this valley was one of accomplishment and one that made many friends for him.

Freeding his death, he was despondent for some time because of his being partially blind and ill for so long.

No inquest was held by County Coroner F. L. Ralston.

Union, La Grande
Relay Meet Will
Begin Tomorrow

The La Grande High school team will see its first intercity action tomorrow and Wednesday, when a two-day relay meet will be held with Union. This is the first relay meet to be held in Eastern Oregon in many years.

The first day of the dual contest will take place at Union, beginning at 3:30 p. m., and the following events will run off:

Quarter mile relay, each man running 110 yards; half mile relay, each man running 220 yards; mile relay, each man running 440 yards; discus, shot and javelin.

The second day will find seven events to be held in La Grande, also beginning at 3:30, as follows: Two mile relay, each man running 880 yards; spring medley, first two men running 110 yards, second 220 yards and third 440 yards; distance medley, first man running 220, second 440, third 880 and fourth three-quarters of mile; shuttle hurdle relay, of five flights, each man running 129 yards with 10 yards in which to exchange; pole vault, broad jump and high jump.

Points in the relay events will be 5 for first and 4 for second, with each school limited to one team. In the field events five places will count, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, and any number of men may be entered.

On Saturday, April 20, a quadrangular meet will be held at Pendleton with La Grande, Monmouth, Culien and Pendleton participating. The following Saturday, April 27, a triangular meet will be held at Baker and the Eastern Oregon meet will be staged in La Grande on May 4.

Two Resign From
National Guard

Capt. E. W. Ely, U. S. army instructor of the Second Battalion, 186 Infantry, is conducting competitive examinations today for promotions to be made because of resignations of Lieutenant Jesse V. Andrews and First Sergeant Robert R. Carey. They are resigning because of business reasons which make it impossible for them to attend the field training period at Camp Clatsop with Company E.

Six men are taking the examinations: Sergeants Porter V. Wehli, Howard C. Glenn, Carl Ebert, George D. Oliver, and Carroll Murray and Private Carl J. Forstrom. Regular drill will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A large attendance is urged by Capt. W. A. Bean.

Lindbergh Attends
Herrick Funeral

CLEVELAND, Apr. 15 (AP)—America bid a sad farewell today to its distinguished and beloved ambassador to France, Myron T. Herrick.

With an impressive ceremony in Trinity Episcopal cathedral, the final rites were said, marking the close of the career that led Mr. Herrick from Ohio farm boy to one of the highest posts of trust in his country's service.

Seating in front, facing the casket were the relatives, the ambassador's son, Parmely Herrick, Mrs. Parmely Herrick, their son, Parmely Herrick Jr., and Dr. R. Herrick, aged brother of the ambassador.

Nearby was seated Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Count de Sarriges, as official representative of France.

16 DEAD, 28
HURT DURING
THE WEEKENDCar Accidents, Hit and
Run Drivers, Grade
Crossings Take TollTWO DEATHS IN
PORTLAND SUNDAYTwo Burned to Death in
Ventura, Cal.—Flier
Jumps from Plane, Falls
to Pull 'chute

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Apr. 15 (AP)—A riot of careening cars, crashing glass and screams of victims, hit-run drivers conspired with grade crossing and wet pavements to take a toll of 16 dead and 28 injured in Pacific coast automobile accidents during the weekend.

Ten more are expected to die, John Barclay, added his quota of tragedy and reports of fatalities continued to swell the number of dead and injured.

Five were killed, three of them by hit-run drivers, and 14 others were injured in Central California alone, as a result of the series of tragedies. An 18-year-old Petaluma youth was jailed there, charged with murder, while authorities of several counties sought the drivers responsible for the death or serious injury of victims.

Lynch Injured

Among those injured were Robert Newton Lynch, vice president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, whose ankle was broken when his car reached a Redwood City grade crossing simultaneously with a train.

The dead:

Mrs. Cora Kephart, San Francisco.

Erwin Morford Kephart, San Francisco.

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TALKING MOVIES
ATTRACT CROWDSArcade Launches New
Vitaphone Service; Audi-
ence Enthusiastic

A Review

With large crowds in attendance throughout the afternoon and evening, La Grande Theaters, Inc., formally launched the new talking picture service at the Arcade, with the presentation of "The Jazz Singer," featuring Al Johnson, and three short features.

The new equipment, made particularly for Vitaphone and Movietone pictures, was a complete success and was given sincere and enthusiastic praise by those in the audience. Music, songs, dialogues, etc., are realistically reproduced, in perfect synchronization with the pictures on the screen.

The feature itself, with the famous Broadway musical singer playing the lead, was a fitting vehicle to inaugurate new service. Johnson brought both laughter and tears with his superb singing.

Popular Short Features

In addition to the feature, a short musical film was presented, with Gus Arnheim's "Cocacola" orchestra of Los Angeles playing several popular numbers. This orchestra plays nightly over KXX.

Pathe Sound News, which is exactly what the name indicates, was a short one-act Vitaphone play, concluded the entertainment.

In addition to the hundreds from La Grande who saw the show yesterday, there was a large number of out-of-town people in attendance, coming from Union, Tule, Hot Lake and other nearby points.

School Reopens Today Following
Spring Vacation--Musicians Return

La Grande public schools began their work again today starting on the final relay before the summer vacation calls a three month halt. High school started off for the spring term with one new pupil, Miss Ruth Aldrich, of Bend, a sophomore. All the teachers and officials of the schools are back on the job following the week's vacation spent in Portland and other Oregon points and, in Spokane, where many went to attend the educational conventions held there.

W. W. Nussbaum with his quartet of musicians from the high school have returned from Spokane where the students took part in the music in charge of the fine arts section of the convention.

Tomorrow morning a student body meeting of the high school is to be held with Maurice Baker, president, presiding. At that time the reports of the nominating committee will be given. Election of student body officers will be held the following Tuesday.

Fake Advertising
Robbing Public
Of Great SumsFederal Trade Commis-
sioner Cites Glaring
Instances of Dishonest,
Misleading Statements

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 15 (AP)—W. E. Humphrey, federal trade commissioner, in an address today before the annual meeting of the American Zinc Institute, declared that the people of the country were being robbed of hundreds of millions of dollars annually by false and misleading advertisements appearing in newspapers and magazines.

"Some of the more glaring instances of this class of advertisement might be cited," he said. "Those holding out alluring promises of lucrative employment; patent medicine advertisements for incurable diseases, frequently injurious, never of any value, and often by holding out false hopes prevent the victim from seeking any real relief until too late. Various methods for correcting bodily deformities; beauty creams and various rejuvenating cosmetics—all of them frauds and swindles and perhaps the greatest of all just at the present moment are the various anti-fat remedies, appliances, soaps, belts, machines, powders and medicines, all of them false and all of them dishonest—and some of them dangerous."

"Fabulous sums are spent for these frauds since the female skeleton has become the fashion in this country. Hair restorers are one of the most intriguing and aged frauds. Few men with bald patches seem to be able to withstand the allurements of this ancient and shameless fake."

Commissioner Humphrey said that following a conference last October the majority of the publishers promised cooperation in eliminating this class of advertisements and that the results generally had been good.

"Some few are not keeping their promises," he declared. "We are going to force decency upon these few. We are going to clean their house for them."

TWO FEATURES
ARRANGED FOR
FORUM LUNCH

Two important items will make up the program at tomorrow's chamber of commerce luncheon at noon in the Saxe-Jawee Inn, Albert K. Hunter, secretary, announced today.

The business of the hour will hinge on a decision of policy for the home manufacturer's campaign this spring. "Decision of the chamber to proceed with a home manufacturer's campaign has met with city-wide approbation," explains Mr. Hunter, "but there are two well defined methods entertained. One is for a prolonged campaign, dealing with allied lines one week at a time, and the other is one short, vigorous campaign. The members will decide tomorrow."

All manufacturers of home products are urged to be present.

The second event will be the playing of some of the numbers of the state contest at Corvallis by the high school band, which took third place in the contest. The band will play at 12 o'clock sharp and members are urged to come early so that the musicians can return to their study halls on time.

Unknown Soldier
Found Near Fismes

FISMES, France, Apr. 15 (AP)—The skeleton of an American soldier killed in the drive on the Vesle river in 1918 was found Sunday in the courtyard of a sugar refining plant by a workman doing excavation work. The shoes worn by the doughboy were in good condition but nothing else remained but the bones. Search is being made for the disc usually carried by soldiers to establish identity.

The American officials today were seeking details and meantime have advised the state department of the available information.

Senate Committee
May Call Mellon

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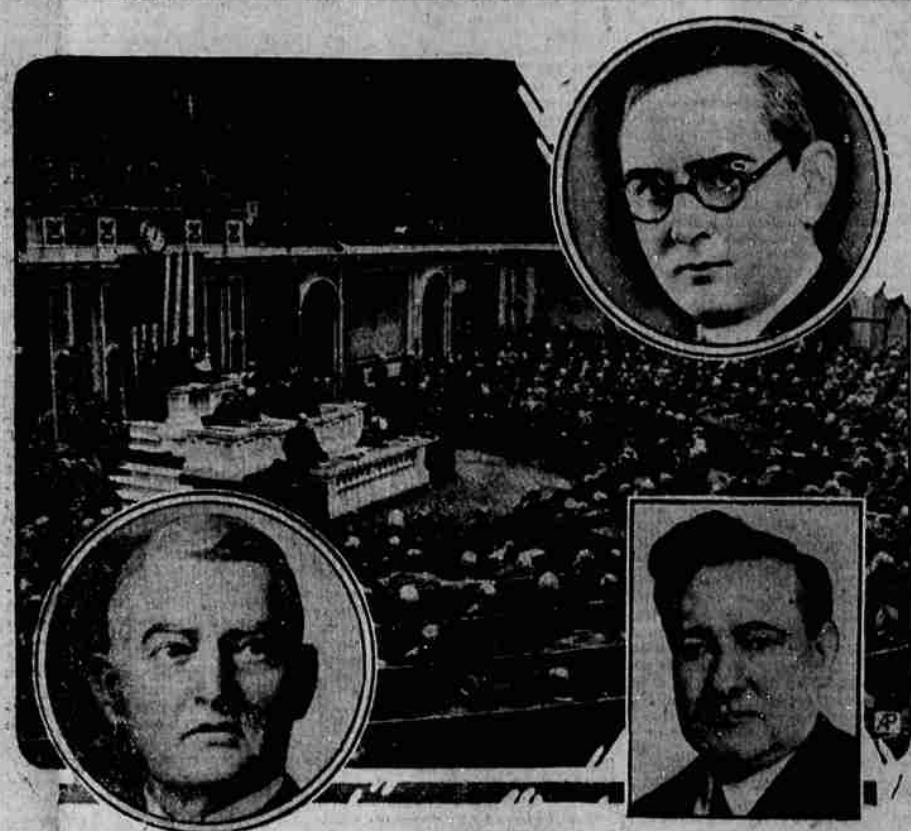
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SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS CONVENES



The special session of the 71st congress, which convened today in Washington, is expected to deal chiefly with the major subjects of farm relief and tariff revision. Representative Vandenberg, republican of Michigan (upper right), wants consideration also of a bill to reappoint membership of the house. Senator Watson, Indiana (lower right), will take his place as leader of the senate majority forces. The house majority leadership is unchanged, but democrats will be marshaled by a new leader, Representative Garner (lower left) of Texas.

Nate Zweifel
First To Return
With Mess of Fish

Almost every year, one of the Zweifel comes into La Grande on the opening day of the season with the first catch of fish. This morning it was Nate Zweifel who reported first, arriving about 10 o'clock from Dry creek with a nice mess. An hour later Rube Zweifel and Ray Goodhouse came back from Wallawa river, where they caught about a dozen trout.

Both reported the fishing only fair, blaming the rain that fell yesterday for muddying waters and causing the crooks to rise. "The rain spoiled it all," was the way Nate Zweifel put it.

It is reported, however, that in some of the creeks higher in the hills the water is fairly clear, where snow fell instead of rain. In La Grande Sunday a quarter of an inch fell.

Another huge steelhead was brought into La Grande yesterday, weighing seven and a half pounds and measuring 32 inches from tip to tip. It was caught by Neil Sydman on the Wallawa river. He and his two boys returned with three of the game fish, each catching one.

Many other fishermen are out today and others were preparing to try their luck in spite of the weather conditions.

U. S. Missionary
Killed In China,
Consul Learns

SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (AP)—The American consular authorities have been advised of the slaying on an American missionary in the province of Kweichow.

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FLIERS FORCED
TO EAT SNAILS
TO KEEP ALIVE

LONDON, April 15 (AP)—Dispatches to the Daily Express from Sydney today related some of the pitiful scenes enacted when the Health rescue plane landed beside the Southern Cross.

Captain Kingston-Smith and his three companions, who had been forced to cook weeds and eat snails, approached the rescue plane at a staggering run and pressed around the occupants to shake hands, laughing and sobbing, haggard, emaciated, unshaven and weak from starvation and privation, they raised a pathetic cheer of relief.

SOCIETY MATRON
FIGURE IN CASE

Rivalry for Favor of Kentucky Woman Preceded Fatal Scuffle

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (AP)—Rivalry for the favor of a Kentucky society matron was revealed today as preliminarily to a scuffle on fashionable Park avenue, which was followed by the death of Arthur Morgan Smith, rich Cleveland manufacturer and the arrest of Samuel E. Bell, oil promoter, on a charge of homicide.

Bell was arrested after police learned he had engaged in a scuffle with Smith as they were leaving a party in the apartment of Mrs. Robert W. Schuetz in the Hotel Marguery at 2:30 Friday morning.

Mrs. Schuetz is the widow of Harry S. Harkness, sportsman, who left her \$9,000,000 inheritance from his father, a Standard Oil magnate.

The scuffle, witnesses said, was the outcome of an argument whether Smith or Bell should accompany Mrs. Robert L. Brown, of Lexington, Ky., to the Hotel Plaza, where she was staying. She was confined to a hotel in the custody of a policeman as a material witness.

Smith, who was secretary and treasurer of the Gas Machinery company of Cleveland, died in the Hotel Barclay Friday afternoon. An autopsy disclosed a fracture of the skull which the medical examiner said was the cause of death.

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That part of the Southern Cross log dealing with forced landing was quoted "After ten hours lost in the severest rainstorm we made a forced landing. Smith made a wonderful effort and the plane was not damaged. The only food aboard was seven sandwiches all about to putrefy. We lit fire, all tired out after 18½ hours in the air. The mosquitoes and flies made sleep impossible."

Agreement Not
Reached Today
On Reparations

PAULIS, April 15 (AP)—Dr. Hjalmer Schacht, German spokesman, faced representatives of the creditors of his country today and apparently deferred temporarily a positive answer of yes or no to their bill for damages incurred in the world war.

After a closed plenary session of the experts committee on reparations lasting an hour and ten minutes, during which Dr. Schacht had the floor a great part of the time, the experts adjourned until 11 a. m. tomorrow. The only actual decision arrived at was not to publish the figures contained in the Allies' bill at present.

A wash of the creditor nation delegates to study their figures and ascertain just why they arrived at the totals contained in the bill was given as the official reason for the adjournment.

This time, it was believed, Dr. Schacht and his conferees might use in an attempt by private conversations with the creditor nation delegates to scale down the amount and total figures still further. There was nothing today to indicate what these totals might be when they were handed to Germany Friday a present claim value of between \$10,000,000,000 and \$12,000,000,000 and an eventual value of around \$24,000,000,000 was understood.

BRINKMAN IS
GUEST SPEAKER
HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. W. E. Brinkman, of Portland, pastor of the St. James Lutheran church, was a guest speaker in the Lutheran church here yesterday and will also speak tonight and tomorrow night. Attendance was large, not only in the Lutheran church, but in other houses of worship Sunday.

The Rev. Hans Hanson, evangelist, will be in La Grande this evening and will speak at the Light-house Gospel mission at 7:30 o'clock. He will be accompanied by Mr. Jensen, colporteur. The two men will only be here for one evening and a large crowd is expected.

The Rev. F. O. Hess, of the Baptist church, announces that the annual meeting of his congregation will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the church. At that time reports of committees and officers will be given and election of officers held.

**Madame X Under
Defense Attack**

SACRAMENTO, April 15 (AP)—Counsel depending Judge Carlos S. Hardy against impeachment had a verbal barrage of rapid fire questions about Mrs. Lorraine Wisconsin-Schaff in a desperate attempt to entangle her and discredit her testimony that she agreed to produce a "Miss X" in the Carmel investigation of the disappearance of Alvin Karpis.

FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—March exports from the United States were \$485,000,000 and imports were \$383,000,000, leaving a favorable balance of trade for the United States on the month of \$102,000,000.

The chief executive, Mrs. Hoover and their guests will occupy boxes along the first base line. Mr. Hoover is expected to throw out the first ball.

CONGRESS IS
CALLED FOR
MAJOR TASKSReelection of Nicholas
Longworth as Speaker
Routine MatterHOOVER TO GIVE
MESSAGE TUESDAYTribute Paid to Myron
Herrick Before the Ad-
journment; Many Visi-
tors Throng Galleries

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—Faced with the task of solving two fundamental American problems, a special session of the 71st congress met today at the call of President Hoover to begin work on bills to aid agriculture and to revise the tariff law.

It was a new congress, but it was predominated by old faces and its political makeup was much more strongly republican than that of the congress which went out of office on March 4. The Hoover landslide of last November had swept out of office many democrats and carried in many republicans to take their places.

A farm relief bill was ready for house consideration when the noon hour ushered in the session. Minus the equalization tax of the McNary-Haugen bill which was so disastrous to the Coolidge administration, it would create a farm board, with a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 to handle the surplus question. In a few days a tariff bill will be ready for presentation.

Organizing Today

Today's session was largely for the purpose of organization. The senate, however, with Vice President Curtis already installed as presiding officer, was ready for its legislative functions. The reelection of Nicholas Longworth as speaker of the house was merely a routine matter.

After this it was just a question of calling the roll; installing the speaker and other officers; appointing committees to study the president that congress was ready for business; swearing in new members, adopting resolutions of regret at the death of members who had passed since the last session, and adjustment.

Eight women had seats in the house when it met, and for the first time in many years a negro, Oscar De Priest, of Chicago, was assigned a place.

Hoover Changes Mind

Changing his mind about sending the first batch of nominations to the senate on the opening day of the extra session, President Hoover decided today to let the appointments go over until tomorrow. His first communication to the senate will be his message which will be read tomorrow.

Heading the list of nominations is the name of Charles G. Dawes, former vice president, to be ambassador to Great Britain.

Both the house and the senate chambers were the scenes of reunions and handshakings. The democratic side of the senate was almost vacant as the session began, but the reduced minority representation soon made its appearance. President Hoover's proclamation calling congress to its task was the first business after the prayers were said.

Allen Succeeds Curtis

Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, who was appointed to succeed Vice President Curtis when Mr. Curtis resigned from the senate, was one of the first new senators to be sworn in. Bronson F. Cutting, of New Mexico, with Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, who was re-elected in November, also took the oath of office. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, accompanied La Follette to the rostrum in the absence of Senator Blaine, the other Wisconsin senator. Senator Caperton, of Kansas, read the credentials of Mr. Allen. The vice president administered the oath.

Dr. Priest, the negro representative, took his house seat on an aisle in the third row from the rear of the chamber. The galleries contained several score negroes who came to see him installed in the place formerly held by the late Martin B. Madden.

Tribute to Herrick

After the adjournment of Senators Watson, republican, Indiana, and Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, the party leaders, as the committee to notify President Hoover of the convening of congress, the senate turned its floor over to Senator

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HOOVER AND
CABINET TO
ATTEND GAME

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