

### ADMINISTRATION PREPARING FOR CONGRESS TILTS

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Mindful of conflicts ahead, the administration has begun to point for the approaching session of congress with a view to advancing its program and disarming dissenters as effectively as possible.

Actual formation of recommendations has started. At the front President Roosevelt has placed treasury policy, asking his aides for conferences on what the federal government must spend in the next fiscal year and how to raise the money.

Whatever is decided, it will provide the nuts for one of the many conferences to be held in senate and house. Involved is the whole public and civil works and relief policy, liquor and income taxation, budget balancing and the necessity for protecting national credit.

The part to be taken by the monetary dispute depends primarily on what happens between now and January 3, when congress meets. For days the government gold program has been studied, but with no assurance of stabilization impending.

The capitol debates appear likely to be colored by presidential recommendations for permanent railroad consolidation legislation, stock market control, some possible alteration in but not general revision of the securities act, express federal control over the liquor industry, fulfillment of the St. Lawrence treaty and confirmation of William C. Bullitt as the first ambassador to the Soviet.

Realizing that enactment of this program hinges in great measure on how effectively are offset the challenges to what already has been done, recovery agencies are heading up their work toward the days when the leaders may be summoned before congressional committees. One line of the strategy is to order things so results can be cited to justify the extraordinary enactments of the extra session.

Indications at the moment are for a less determined bulk of opposition than appeared in prospect a month back. On the inflammatory money question, for example, less is being heard here from those who on the one hand have been insisting on outright currency inflation and those on the other who would return to the old gold standard. This is attributed to reports of business improvement.

There is no illusion that harmony will dominate, however. Some of the strongest voices in senate and house, Democratic and Republican, are being primed for opposition to Roosevelt and his policies. Both the national recovery administration and the agricultural adjustment administration will come in for their share.

Still entrenched behind weighty majorities, no concern is expressed in the Roosevelt quarter as it looks to the same leadership that maintained last spring: Vice President Garner and Robinson, of Arkansas, in the senate, and Speaker Rainey, of Illinois, and Byrns, of Tennessee, in the house. McNary of Oregon, and Snell, of New York, respectively, will continue to head senate and house Republicans.

The president plans to follow his practice of refraining from personal debates with those who differ with him. Subordinates will make such replies as are made, aside from the ones in the legislative chambers.

Nevertheless, portent of renewed Republican activity is having their effect, along with that of the Democratic branch of thought that holds with Alfred E. Smith and Senator Carter Glass as against Roosevelt.

Taking a more prominent place as the weeks pass will be congressional elections next fall. With more time, and not under the spell of the emergency atmosphere of their last meeting, there will be more inclination among the legislators for frank and full talk.

Into this situation the first major factor will be Mr. Roosevelt's report that he will seek to use it for all its worth, there is little doubt. The present inclination is to defer final drafting until the last minutes, to have year-end statistics that throw a later light on progress of the recovery program.

In that connection, the last two constitutional amendments could contribute to a better business report that might have been available otherwise. One is the "lame duck" amendment, which for the first time put the convening date after Christmas and the attendant holiday buying. The other is prohibition repeal, which will have been in effect almost a month, with consequent quickening of some business lines.

Summed up, the administration stand promises to be that its program is working, employment and prices having risen appreciably since its institution, and that the time has come to carry it ahead, possibly with modification of sections proved defective.

There being a lack of co-operation among the opposition, there is no apparent basis now on which to expect a unified general attack. But attacks there will be and plenty, until that day in late spring or early summer when legislators begin reporting back to their constituencies.

In general, it appears, the opponents will base their position on denials that the program is working and contentions that various phases are wrong in principle, contrary to American tradition.

As to which side is the more right, that will be put to the voter next fall and in 1936 on the basis of conditions then.

The South Dakota high school athletic association this winter will re-instate the 10-second rule in basketball, a rule which the prep did not enforce in the 1932-33 season.

### Old Man Prohibition—On His Last Legs!



"Come along, Mr. Prohibition, here's a nice long coffin for you." Extending a helping hand, the Spirit of Repeal, dormant for these 14 years, blithely swaps places with the blue-nosed, high-hatted old man of the Dry Era. Here you see the poor fellow, weak and wobbly after not-such-grave obsequies at a New York hotel, being assisted to his final resting place. The mourners later buried their sorrow in cocktails.

### Over The Valley Personals

**Cricket Flat Elects—**  
Miss Lois Witherspoon was elected master of the Cricket Flat grange when it met in regular session Saturday. Other officers, all of whom will be installed at the next meeting are:  
Overser, Emil Miller.  
Lecturer, Harold Blanchard.  
Steward, Raymond Wealty.  
Assistant steward, John Wasley.  
Chaplain, Mrs. M. E. Boem.  
Treasurer, Perry Witherspoon.  
Secretary, Bernad Hug.  
Gatekeeper, John Gekeler.  
Ceres, Mrs. Mary Wasley.  
Ponona, Mrs. John Gekeler.  
Flora, Mrs. Raymond Wasley.  
Lady assistant steward, Mrs. Emil Miller.  
The election was the chief item of

business transacted during the day, while the lecturer's program consisted of songs and readings, with a potluck dinner served at noon. The next meeting of this grange will be on Saturday, Dec. 23, an all-day meeting with a postluck dinner at midday.

**Doing Fine Work—**  
Club work is progressing well at the Liberty school in the Grange Hall neighborhood. The members of the Girls' Sewing club have finished most of their project which is to renovate and make over old garments. They will soon start the next project, that of making school costumes from new material. The boys in the Camp Cookery club have cooked three meals, two at school and one at home. After having cooked two more they will have their required work all finished.

**Move—**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunter, valley pioneers, have recently moved to the house of Mrs. Helene Lincoln up the Mill Creek canyon which Mr. and Mrs. Morris Spaeth vacated when they re-

turned to their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

**To Present Guest—**  
Members of the Mt. Fannie grange have been busy this week preparing the program which they will present this coming Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Wolf Creek grange hall near North Fowler. This is the time of their official visit when they will present the traveling gavel to Wolf Creek, which they received a number of months ago from Pleasant Grove.

**To Have Luncheon—**  
The second division of the Aid society of the Island City Community church, with Mrs. Ray Blokland as chairman, will serve a luncheon to the public Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. H. Bidwell. Serving will be from 12 until one o'clock and those wishing to attend are asked to call Mrs. Bidwell or Mrs. Dee Davis.

**Newcomers—**  
Homer Showers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schermer, entered the Liberty school in the Grange Hall neighbor-

hood Monday, making the 13th pupil to enroll. He is in the fifth grade. The family has recently come to the valley from Colorado and are located at the place known as the Reynolds sheep sheds.

**Christmas Party—**  
When the Countrywomen's club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Morgan, further plans were made for the Christmas party the club will give Friday evening, Dec. 15, at Blue Mt. grange hall. The affair is to be for the club members and their families, dinner to be served at seven o'clock followed by a program and a tree. Mrs. Laura Taylor, who acted as president in the absence of Mrs. Reese McAllister, appointed Mrs. Cora Wright, chairman of the kitchen committee; Mrs. Grace Groat, of the dining room; Mrs. Frances Wells, of the dish washing, and Mrs. Carrie Spencer and Mrs. Groat, to purchase the treats. After the business session, Mrs. Florence Jasper, Mrs. Jessie Masterton, Mrs. Frances Wells and Mrs. Cora Wright, who had charge of the program for the afternoon, presented

in pantomime the playlet, "The Courtin'", by James Russel Lowell. Mrs. Morgan, assisted by Mrs. Groat, served late in the afternoon, the Christmas motif being carried out in the refreshments. Mrs. Lillian Schaffer, of Island City, was a visitor. The next meeting of the club will be the second Friday in January at the home of Mrs. Betty Penland.

**Most of State Tax Paid Into Treasury**  
SALEM, Ore. (AP)—With the payment of second half taxes of \$15,100 by Washington county to complete its share of state tax, the state treasurer's office announced all but \$125,000 had been paid to the treasury of the second half taxes.

Keith Molesworth, Chicago Bears quarterback, will be playing baseball next summer in the International league, in which circuit Cal Hubbard, huge tackle and captain of the Green Bay Packers, is an umpire.

### Japan Anxious About The Dollar Seeing It As A Recovery Index

By Glenn Habb  
TOKYO (AP)—President Roosevelt's monetary policies are watched with "special anxiety" by the people of Japan, Korekiyo Takahashi, the 78-year-old finance minister and former premier, said here in a strong plea for early stabilization of world currencies.

Toward the gigantic effort of the NRA the attitude of Japan is one of mingled hope and fear. Mr. Takahashi continued—hope that it will revive American purchasing power and thereby restore Japan's richest market, and fear lest tariffs imposed to safeguard American industry operating under codes, will curtail the booming expansion of Japanese trade.

**Calls Dollar World Key**  
Without waiting for the interviewer to broach the subject, Mr. Takahashi opened comment on the gyrations of the dollar. He spoke vigorously and incisively, using Japanese for the most part, but breaking into clear-cut English when the interpreter failed to drive home a point.

"The first requisite for improvement of world trade is stabilization of exchange rates," Mr. Takahashi said. "For this reason we in Japan are watching with special anxiety the monetary experiments conducted by President Roosevelt."

"Stabilization of the dollar would contribute more than any other single factor to dissipation of the present chaos and uncertainty in the world trade situation."

"Until exchanges are stabilized all trade is speculative. This evil must be eliminated. It enters into the industrial life of each nation, into the

political decisions of governments. Thus it directly affects the welfare of the common people of every nation."

**Regrets Tariff Walls**  
"The remedy for this situation lies primarily within the power of the American government; to a less extent it depends on the governments of Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy."

"The economic recovery of Japan is closely linked with the NRA and the outlook for early enforcement of its provisions for tariff barriers against imports threatening American industries under its codes. We are waiting to see how far this will exclude Japanese manufactures."

"It is a regrettable feature of our present foreign trade boom that it is producing a tendency throughout the world to raise walls against Japanese goods. For this reason we can not be optimistic over the outlook for our overseas commerce, although for the first nine months of 1933 it was 30 per cent larger in yen value than for the corresponding period of 1932."

"Our economic recovery is well underway, but is still confined to certain industries and classes. Distress prevails in the countryside and fishing villages and genuine prosperity can not be said to have returned until purchasing power is restored to our millions of small farmers and fishermen."

"The revival thus far is due to the foreign trade boom and to activity in steel, chemicals and other industries producing military supplies in fulfillment of the replenishment programs of the army and navy."

### Steady Progress Toward Economic Recovery, Report

PORTLAND, Dec. 13—Business surveys conducted in key industries over the United States, tabulated today in the office of Frank Messenger, Oregon-Idaho NRA compliance director, reveal steady progress toward economic recovery.

"The national retail dry goods association reported that 450,000 working men will be given employment during the Christmas buying rush over the United States. Payrolls will be increased \$30,000,000 during December. The association estimated that December sales will approximate \$4,000,000,000 in U. S. department stores.

Retail toy sales, judged by preliminary purchases, will be 10 per cent higher this year than in 1932. The toy manufacturers' association reported, Sales of \$200,000,000 are predicted by this industry.

Men's hat manufacturers reported a business increased 50 per cent dur-

ing the fall season, and orders booked for the spring trade are likewise half again as high as the 1932 total.

Exports of automotive products were valued at \$8,901,840 during October, the last month for which figures are available, compared with exports of \$5,355,793 during October, 1932.

"These are but scattering examples picked at random from nation-wide surveys," Messenger said. "These figures, from widely divergent industries, are reliable indices that the recovery program is steadily recovering the ground lost during the 1929-33 depression."

"Retail establishments report daily increases in business, due to the increases in money in circulation, which resulted directly from the civil works program and the increased employment made possible by NRA codes. Business is already better, and is increasing steadily."

5000 New Street Signs  
KANSAS CITY (AP)—After a year of exhaustive tests of 25 types of standards, Kansas City will put up 5000 street markers at intersections. They will have orange block letters on a black ground.

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<b>Scarf Sets</b> Beautiful color combinations and solid colors in this popular accessory for street wear. <b>\$1.95 &amp; \$2.95</b>	<b>Millinery</b> Every hat in the store is now on sale at this one low price. Formerly sold in our store for \$2.95 to \$4.95. <b>95c</b>	<b>Tams</b> The new winter head covering. All wool in the newest winter colors. <b>19c</b>

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