

BILLS PILE UP AS CONGRESS REOPENS

Both Houses Prepare to Take Up Anti-Trust Legislation as Big Problem.

ALASKA MEASURE IS IN SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN TAKES UP APPROPRIATIONS FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS WORK IN NORTHWEST.

Lane Introduces Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Congress settled down to work on its long regular session today, after being in recess since the passage of the currency reform bill just before Christmas.

On the House side of the Capitol, return to work was celebrated by prompt passage of the first of the annual supply measures and the introduction of the opening day batch of miscellaneous measures.

Senators Chamberlain and McMillan took up the anti-trust program.

Senators Chamberlain and McMillan introduced an amendment to the river and harbor bill placing the project for construction of the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River on a continuing contract basis.

Senators Chamberlain and McMillan introduced an amendment to the river and harbor bill appropriating \$1,000,000 and authorizing future appropriations aggregating \$4,100,000 additional.

Senators Chamberlain and McMillan introduced a bill granting the state of Oregon lands on the margin of Sturgeon Lake, aggregating 908 acres, also was introduced by Chamberlain.

Senators Chamberlain and McMillan introduced a bill authorizing the War Department to use Government dredges for improving the channels to give access to the military reservation, the cost to be reimbursed from the river and harbor appropriations.

Another bill introduced by Chamberlain would appropriate \$2,500,000 for constructing a drydock between Portland and the mouth of the Columbia.

Investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of whether any railroads have favored the United States Steel Corporation with illegal rebates was proposed today by Senator Lane.

Four Subjects in Line.

Four general subjects will embrace much of the work of Senate and House during the coming months.

Control of trusts and monopolies, including legislation to prevent cold storage manipulation, unfair price cutting and other abuses directly affecting the retail business.

Rural credits and other legislation directly affecting farmers and landowners, such as credit improvement and Federal aid to vocational and agricultural education.

Strengthening of the National defense.

Passage of the annual appropriation bills, carrying more than \$1,000,000,000 for support of the Government.

Aside from those general subjects, Congress will take up early in the session the settlement of labor problems of far-reaching importance.

Government ownership of railroads, as proposed in the Alaska railway bill, will be forced upon the attention of members of both bodies.

Woman's suffrage will also give both branches of Congress a busy time.

Diplomatic relations with Nicaragua and other Central American countries may give further trouble to the Senate.

The first Nicaraguan treaty outlined by Secretary Bryan, which was not approved by the Senate committee on foreign relations, because of the protectorate it would have established over the southern republic.

It is expected that a general policy toward Central American countries will be outlined by the Senate, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

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pany to the salvage from the wreck, the passenger and freight money received on the voyage, amounting to some \$50,000 in all.

Claimants seeking to recover for loss of lives, baggage and freight have dispatched about a score of lawyers to the Supreme Court with briefs in their behalf.

Every inch of the ground upon which the navigation company is basing its claim to a limitation of liability is to be contested.

In the first place, it is contended that American law does not apply, because the disaster occurred on the high seas. Furthermore it is contended that the American law contemplates a limitation of liability only when the disaster results from the collision of two vessels and not when it occurs from striking an iceberg.

Some of the lawyers also argue further that British law fixes the liability of the owner because the Titanic was owned by British subjects and that the Supreme Court should so hold.

Should the British law be applicable, the American court would have to determine whether it shall proceed to take jurisdiction of the claims and enforce the British laws or whether the claimants must sue in England.

In either case, it is said a prolonged contest would result.

Should it be found that the disaster occurred without the owners' fault or privity, the damages recoverable by the claimants under British law, it is said, would be about \$3,000,000. Should it be held the disaster occurred with the owners' fault or privity, it would be liable for full damages, now claimed to be about \$13,000,000.

BAIL THAW'S NEXT PLAN MORE TIME TO PREPARE BRIEF ASKED BY LAWYER.

Finding of New Hampshire Commission Will Stop Litigation, Says Attorney for the Prisoner.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 12.—Harry K. Thaw, clared by the report of the Federal court commission that his release on bail would not endanger public safety, asked in his apartments at a local hotel today, receiving messages of congratulations and planning a series of visits within the state in event Federal Judge Aldrich allows him his freedom under bonds.

An immediate hearing on the subject of releasing Thaw on bail was asked in a petition filed in the United States District Court today by Merrill Shurtleff, one of Thaw's counsel. The petition asked for further time to prepare Thaw's brief to fight extradition.

The brief of Attorney-General Carmichael of New York, on the subject of Thaw's extradition also was filed today. In it Mr. Carmichael contends that the request of New York for Thaw's extradition should have been granted and that Thaw's test of the constitutionality of his rights should have come in an appeal from the decision of the court in New York.

William Travers Jerome, special attorney for New York State, in his efforts to bring Thaw back to Matteawan, said today that the action of the New Hampshire commission in finding Thaw sane will not affect the main issue.

HOFF DENIES MURDERS GERMAN SAYS HE DID NOT KILL WIFE, FATHER AND CHILDREN.

Druggist-Poisoner Admits He Gave Poison to Insured Former Wife as Beauty Potion.

FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN, Jan. 12.—The plea of "not guilty" was entered today by Carl Hoff, druggist and fencing master, when brought up for trial charged with killing his two children, his father and his first wife by administering poison with an attempt to commit similar crimes on his second and third wives and another person.

Walter Wilcox, who today admitted he had given "a poisonous drug to his three successive wives, ostensibly as a means of improving their looks. To his third wife he had also given fever germs, but she escaped death owing to the vigilance of her doctor.

The three women had been insured by the prisoner for \$500, \$750 and \$20,000 respectively, and each of them fell seriously ill within a year after her marriage.

Hoff's explanations for the presence of the poison in the bodies of his victims, his wives, he said, had taken it as an ingredient in a beauty compound and he had injected the drug into the bodies of his children in order to embalm them.

At the scene found in the possession of the prisoner were those of typhoid, cholera, purpural fever and tuberculosis.

PARDON DENIED TOLMAN GOVERNOR REFUSES CLEMENCY TO NOTED MONEY LENDER.

Glyn Says Millionaires and Paupers Should Be Treated Alike, Turning Down Prisoner's Propositions.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Governor Glyn finally today refused to pardon D. H. Tolman, the convicted New York money lender.

District Attorney Whitman refused to say that he favored an absolute pardon for Tolman. The Governor requires the indorsement of the trial judge and the prosecutor in every case where he exercises clemency.

The Governor said the amount of indebtedness which would be canceled by the notes Tolman promised to destroy if released and the number of people who would be benefited would be based on guesswork. Tolman's offer of a bond as a guarantee of his sincerity was worthless, added the Governor.

The acceptance of such proposition would open the way for men of means to procure a pardon that is not open to poor men," he said. "I know of no reason why millionaires and criminals should be treated any differently than a pauper criminal."

TAX INCREASE IS UPHELD COLORADO COMMISSION'S STATUS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE LEGAL.

DENVER, Jan. 12.—The legality of the State Tax Commission and its recommended increase of more than \$90,000,000 in the assessed valuation of Colorado property was upheld today in a decision handed down by the State Supreme Court.

Under the decision the declared full cash valuation of the state is \$1,366,699,407, and the state taxes for all purposes \$1,596,447.

EUGENICS PARENT IS DECLARED NEEDED TO PAY COST OF BEARING AND REARING CHILDREN IS SUGGESTED FOR UPLIFT.

Rollins Gillman Declares That Unhealthy Children Are Deserving of Greatest Attention but Views of Others Differ.

OBJECTION MADE TO PRIZES FOR PHYSICALLY PERFECT CHILDREN.

Parents Total Abstemious.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 12.—The cause of the declining birth rate, and "segregation" were two of the subjects taken up today at the closing sessions of the first National conference on race betterment.

The restriction of the propagation of feeble-minded persons is necessary if the production of defective delinquents is to be avoided, declared Hastings H. Hart, of New York.

The committee in the "better babies" contest, awarded medals for perfect babies—boy and girl, between the ages of 4 months and 3 years—to Alvin Kingsley, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kingsley, and Virginia June Nay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Nay.

It was said that the winners of the awards were particularly perfect in physique and mentality. The parents of these children live in Battle Creek. The father of the boy is a taxi cab driver and the father of the girl is engaged in the optical business.

Both fathers are abstemious, it was announced, from tobacco and alcohol. New methods in prize contests were urged by Rollins Gillman, head worker of the University Settlement Society of New York in addressing the conference today.

"The healthiest or prize winning babies," he said, "are of less immediate importance to the society of tomorrow than the babies who are physically through lack of health to win prizes. The unhealthiest are the ones in which we should take most interest."

"If the contest is to consist of finding a physically fit baby, to single out one and to give its parents the proud distinction of bearing such a prodigy and incidentally arousing bad blood in the parents of the baby who came so near winning but didn't, then I say let us have few contests. As a social worker I am more interested in the possibility of imperfect babies growing up into fairly fit physical manhood and womanhood than in searching out a physically perfect baby who may not so grow up, but above all, I am interested in having a perfect or imperfect baby grown up into moral and spiritual fitness for parenthood and citizenship."

Many View Points Given.

To make a baby health contest of more than passing importance it should be followed by a social worker's examination, one into the environment and another into the possible inheritance that the baby is to fall heir to.

The speaker took up the international scope of race betterment also. Scientific phases of eugenics furnished a large part of the discussion during the day.

Dr. C. B. Davenport, director of the Carnegie station of experimental evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., urged that a broader official study be given the subject of producing better men and women, instead of so much study for the protection and care of defective types.

Dr. Maynard M. Metcalf, of Oberlin College, expressed the opinion that the only certain improvement in the race would come through proper breeding and culture.

Walter Wilcox, of Cornell University, spoke on the subject of "Mittelschicht fecundity." A paper on "The Importance of Hygiene for Eugenics," by Irving Fisher of Yale was read at the meeting, the author being unable to attend the conference.

TOSH NOT TRAIN ROBBER MAIL CLERK CLEAR SUSPECT IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC HOLDUP.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Alfred Tosh, arrested in connection with the robbery of the mail car attached to a northbound Southern Pacific train at Tropico Saturday night, was released today. A. G. Wendland, one of the mail clerks in the car, said Tosh was not the robber.

Charles E. Webster, postoffice inspector, said that Estevada Viera, the Portuguese arrested at Beaumont yesterday, was not wanted in connection with the mail robbery. Viera is held at Riverside pending an inquiry as to his whereabouts December 22, when G. O. Alexander, City Marshal of Corona, Riverside County, was killed.

CHEAP ALIEN LABOR TARGET BILL WOULD MAKE FOREIGNER EARN IN PROPORTION OR BE DEPORTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Any alien laborer who within the year previous to his admission to the United States had not earned 30 per cent of the wages paid in this country for the same work would be excluded from the United States by a bill introduced today by Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts.

It is designed to bar cheap foreign labor.

BIG STEEL PLANT REOPENS 5000 WORKERS, IDLE FOR MONTHS, AFFECTED BY RESUMPTION.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The Riverside plant of the United States Steel Corporation resumed operations today after an idleness of four months. Approximately 5000 men are affected.

RELICS OF REVOLUTION FOUND PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 12.—A LARGE NUMBER OF RELICS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WERE DISCOVERED HERE YESTERDAY IN A SECRET VAULT ON THE SITE OF THE RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY THE PROVOST MARCHAL DURING THE OCCUPATION OF THE CITY BY THE BRITISH UNDER LORD HOWE.

Patriot on Sickbed Weds Countess.

BUDA PEST, Hungary, Jan. 12.—Francis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, was married on his sickbed today to the Countess Benyorsky, widow of Alexander Benyorsky, who was a close friend of Kossuth. Kossuth is 65 years old.

The Great Semi-Annual Art Needle Clearance



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\$2.45 to \$6.50 Pillow Tops, Clearance, \$1.95
—Of linen crash in natural, black, gray—all made up and embroidered in the cross stitch, lazy daisy stitch and in solid embroidery work, finished with fringe, braid and lace, in oblong shape.

35c Stamped Collars, Clearance, 15c
—Dainty little collars of fine pure linen, made and ready to be embroidered; some with scalloped edges and others to be finished with lace if desired. Round in shape.

\$1.25 Tops, 50c **\$1.00 Models, 79c** **75c Models, 49c**
—Of linen crash in tan, brown and buff, stamped in the conventional floral designs—Richelieu cut work and tapestry designs, cross-stitch and poppies. Very handsome designs that make the most beautiful pillows when finished.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Stamped Tops and Covers, 50c
—Scarfs, center pieces and pillow tops with backs—of novelty and plain rep in white, oyster white, tan, gray and green stamped in many handsome French rose designs and conventional patterns.

50c Elk Pillow Tops, 25c
—Of linen crash, stamped in different Elk designs to be worked in colors.

\$1.50 Corset Bags, Clearance, 75c
—These bags are ideal for traveling—they are all made up, having cord, and come in gray linen, stamped for embroidering.

Sale of Drayton Sweetheart Series. Stamped \$1.25 articles, 69c; 65c articles, 39c
—Laundry bags, center pieces and pillow tops of soft linen crash, stamped in colors to be embroidered—in all the well-known designs of the "Sweetheart Series."

\$4.00 to \$50.00 Finished Pieces, Half Price
—Table covers, scarfs, center pieces and pillows, all made up and embroidered in many handsome designs, raised patterns in poppies, roses, violets and other designs in their natural colorings. Made of novelty burlaps, crash and heavy linens, finished with heavy silk cords, braids and Cluny laces.

Made Up and Embroidered Lingerie, Half Price Selling Regularly at \$1.25 to \$12.00
—Little articles for the baby, made up and embroidered, and all ready for use—dresses of pique, chambray, poplin and linen—dainty little linen bibs—bonnets in dainty embroidered colors, quilt for the crib, baby pillows—nursery towels worked in birds and little chickens.
—Also made up waists, beautifully embroidered, combined with lace.

insets—bath slippers of ratine embroidered—night gowns, ribbon run and lace trimmed—pin cushions, dressing saccos and boudoir caps.
—All these things are made of the softest and finest white lingerie. Also some stamped and embroidered waist patterns of white marquisette in bright colors.

Made Up and Stamped Children's Dresses and Rompers, Clearance Now Half Price
—These dresses come in sizes from 2 to 10 years and are made of pique, poplins, Indianhead, lawn, batiste, cotton crepe and ginghams—in Buster and Russian styles. French and short waisted effects, belted models, plain and pleated, kimono and sewed-in sleeves, long and short sleeves, high and low necks, gathered and pleated skirts—in white and colors, stamped for embroidering around the neck and sleeves.
\$2 Dresses, \$1.00; \$1.25 Dresses, 63c; \$2.50 Dresses, \$1.25
—**Silk Pongee Dresses** in one-piece kimono styles, with belt, ready to be embroidered, 2 to 4-year sizes. Regular \$1.50, now \$1.25.
—Also silk pongee rompers, regular \$2.50, now \$1.25.
—**75c Muslin Rompers**, made in one-piece style with belt attached, stamped ready to be embroidered in cross-stitch design. **Now 38c.**
—**\$1.50 Rompers**, of linen and pique, in sizes from 2 to 4 years, stamped around the neck and sleeves. **Clearance, 75c.**
—**\$1.25 Middy Blouse Suit** of Indian head, made up with pleated skirt, sizes 6 to 3 years. **Clearance, 63c.**
—**\$1.25 Dresses**, in dark blue wash material, sizes from 4 to 6 years, long-waisted models, to be embroidered around the neck and sleeves. **Clearance, 63c.**

Stamped Center Pieces, Scarfs and Pillow Tops Selling regularly at 35c to \$1.25, Clearance, 25c
—Cushion covers in oblong shapes, pillow tops, scarfs, center pieces of novelty materials, soft reps and burlap, linen crash and linens in tan, natural, oyster white, buff, rose, green and a few black. All stamped for embroidering in various designs, such as the cross stitch, tapestry embroidery, conventional and floral designs, many in various lodge emblem designs, some of the scarfs and centerpieces are finished with braid.

Children's Made-Up Gowns, Clearance, 98c
—Dainty little night gowns of white washable crepe, in empire style, with yoke joined with embroidery beading, kimono sleeves, stamped around the neck and sleeves with embroidery design and finished in narrow Valenciennes lace.

Leather Table Scarfs and Pillow Covers Selling Regularly at \$1.50 to \$12.00, QUARTER OFF
—Handsome Arts and Crafts novelties of a combination of felt and leather in applique designs and shown in green, brown, tan and gray—pillow covers, scarfs and center pieces for library and dining tables.

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SEA TRAGEDY IS ECHOED COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIFE ON TITANIC COURT ISSUE.

On Outcome of Supreme Court Case Depends Whether Ill-fated Ship's Owners Pay About \$13,000,000

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ALASKA ROAD BILL UP

SENATOR BORAH ADVOCATED FEDERAL CONTROL OF COAL MINES—PORTIONS OF MEASURE MEET OPPOSITION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Debate on the Alaskan Government railroad bill began in the senate today with the prospect of occupying many sessions before final action. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, in charge of the measure, spoke at length, reading from the reports of Government experts sent into the territory to study its possibilities and characterizing the purchase of Alaska from Russia as the greatest business arrangement in which the United States had ever engaged.

Declaring statistics on Alaska's minerals and fisheries to show the vast commerce lying isolated and virtually impossible of development under present conditions, Senator Chamberlain said the present railroads there did little or nothing to aid the territory as a whole because they were constructed to serve the ends of private interests.

Alaska, today, he declared, is a country for rich men only.

The Senator read reports on climatic conditions of the territory and its agricultural possibilities. When he touched on the coal land leasing feature of the bill, Senator Borah of Idaho took exception to a statement that leasing would stimulate competition. He advocated Government development and operation of coal mines in Alaska.

He insisted that unless this was done the ultimate consumer will not benefit. For, he maintained, the leasing system permits monopoly as readily as does outright ownership of coal lands.

Senators Cummins and Reed took part in the discussion, which indicated

EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBED WELLS-FARGO COMPANY REPORTS \$8575 AND ONE CLERK MISSING.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 12.—A package of money containing \$9575 was stolen from the office of the Wells-Fargo Express Company here early today, according to the company's report to the police this afternoon.

Company officials said one of the clerks in the office was missing.

Daughters Object to Moving Bell. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—A committee representing the Philadelphia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, called on Mayor Blankenburg today and presented a petition against the removal of the historic Liberty Bell from Independence Hall for exhibition purposes.

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