

PROBLEMS BEFORE CONFIDENT CONGRESS

Foreign and Domestic Questions Remain Unsolved.

POLITICS TO PLAY PART

Senate Will Open Without Agreement on Treaty—Burger Due to Be Rejected Immediately.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Congress will reconvene at noon tomorrow, after a fortnight's holiday, with months of hard work in sight and adjournment expected by few leaders before the presidential campaign next fall. The only recess looked for is a brief one in summer, when the national party conventions are in session.

Innumerable domestic and international problems await the attention of congress, with political questions prominently to the fore. Political speeches of presidential candidates and members of congress up for reelection are expected to flood the congressional records during the coming months.

The senate will resume tomorrow consideration of the section bill of Senator Sterling, republican, North Dakota, and later begin work on the house water power development measure. The senator's section bill is the principle item of tomorrow's program in the house, where leaders plan to reject immediately the re-election certificate of the Milwaukee socialist, ousted in the last session and promptly re-elected.

Treaty Still in Hand.

The senate returns tomorrow in the hope of disposing of the German peace treaty this month, but without substantial results from compromise negotiations during the holiday recess. Some immediate move, however, is expected to be launched in debate tomorrow.

The motion of Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, for appointment of a commission is awaiting consideration and on the calendar, as is the resolution of Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania, proposing ratification of all peace terms except the league of nations.

Other treaties under consideration are the French, Austrian, Polish and the Panama canal settlement with Colombia, and, possibly, the Turkish peace treaty.

The railroad reorganization bills and the oil, coal, gas and phosphate land leasing bill, both in conference, are scheduled for final action this month.

Unusual committee activity is on the program. Army reorganization plans of the two military committees are being reported in detail except that the house bill is to be silent on universal military training projects. The senate committee will take up next Friday the bill drafted by a subcommittee.

Shipping legislation will be taken up January 10. The senate commerce committee, with wooden ship contract adjustments slated for January 10.

Many investigations will be prosecuted. Senate committees will continue the Mexican investigation here and on the border, the case of a woman whose husband was murdered at Chiapas, will be heard tomorrow.

Inquiry into naval awards of decorations will be begun soon at joint hearings of the senate and house naval committees.

Investigation of bolshevik propaganda and activities of L. C. A. K. Martens, soviet "ambassador," is begun next Friday by a foreign relations subcommittee, headed by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire.

Other senate investigations planned include the coal situation, the Ford-Newberry election contest from Michigan, investigation of the federal trade commission and charges of Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, that some of its employees are socialist propagandists, and the new-print paper situation.

Tariff to Be Passed by. General tariff and internal revenue tax revision legislation is not planned during the present session. Repeal of the war luxury taxes on alcoholic drinks is planned before hot weather sets in.

The Kenyon-Kendrick bills for federal regulation of the meat industry are to be taken up tomorrow by the senate agricultural committee. Next Friday the committee will hold hearings on a bill to extend the maximum limit of federal farm loans.

The senate will next week the first of the remedial bills urged by the senate labor committee, providing for Americanization of foreigners, and committee work on proposed federal tribunals to consider labor disputes also will be taken.

Laws to deny entry to undesirable aliens are to be considered immediately, including the Johnson deportation bill passed last month by the house and administration measure extending power to veto undesirable immigration.

Senate democrats will meet in caucus January 15 to elect a minority leader, to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia, with either Hitchcock of Nebraska and Senator Underwood of Alabama in contest for the leadership.

DEMOCRATS ARE FIDGETY

(Continued From First Page.) The largest banquet hall in Washington seats only 700 guests and the national committee has decided to have an overflow banquet at another hotel. The speakers are to be prepared to speak in duplicate at the two meetings.

There will be one woman orator, Mrs. Peter Ober of Ohio, and 18 men will talk, a ratio that is likely to be attacked as discriminatory by the "before the event" is over. Another storm has broken. Promoters of the Bryan candidacy charge privately that the administration forces are planning to pack the banquet against Mr. Bryan in order to control the applause in favor of the speakers more acceptable to the federal machine crowd. Specifically their charge is that Secretary Tumulty holds 20 tickets, which is admittedly a large number for one person at a banquet to include only 1800 guests.

This has been denied with the statement that Tumulty has only six tickets.

Ellis to Aid Polindexter. Announcement by the Washington Post this morning that Wade H. Ellis, former attorney-general of Ohio and manager of the Bryan campaign, is to take the national command of Senator Polindexter's campaign for the republican presidential nomination attracted considerable attention. At

BOGUS LIQUOR IS READILY

DETOIRERS FACE POISONING FROM ILLICIT STILL.

Use of Lead Coil Instead of Copper Pronounced Dangerous by Health Department Official.

DETOIR, Mich., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Death by lead poisoning confronts those who have imbibed the liquor brewed in a still discovered in the Hotel Pontchartrain bakery here Friday.

When the officers discovered the still, which was located through the search of rains, it was unattended and hence no arrests have been made. Examination of the apparatus by Police Sergeant C. M. Turrell disclosed that the coil is of ordinary lead pipe instead of copper, which means that the liquor is highly poisonous. The fact that the still was unattended and that it is as deadly, though not as swift in action, as that which resulted in at least 30 deaths in the east.

How many gallons of this deadly beverage are in Detroit before the still's discovery is unknown, but Police Commissioner Inches has issued a bulletin advising those who have bought liquor from the still to place themselves under a doctor's care at once.

According to Dr. Turrell, who states that the use of lead pipe in the making of whisky would inevitably result in lead acetate poisoning, the chemical action of the acetic acid combining with the metal forms a salt of lead, which is taken into the body and slowly permeates the system, causing a malady similar in character to painters' colic, as lead poisoning is known in the commercial world.

HOOVER REFUSES TO RUN

(Continued From First Page.) possibility that Mr. Hoover's appearance at the Jackson club dinner, secretary of the former food administrator yesterday directed a telegram to The Oregonian which read as follows:

"I would you kindly correct the statement that Mr. Hoover is attending the Jackson dinner in Portland. He is in fact en route direct to Washington to attend industrial conferences."

Umatilla Sheriff Here.

Sheriff "Til" Taylor of Umatilla county, spent a few hours in Portland yesterday, en route to his home in Pendleton from Salem where he delivered several men convicted of horse theft to the state penitentiary. Sheriff Taylor was registered at the Imperial.

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AWARDS GIVEN TO HEROES

Heroism Even in Loss of Ship Is Emphasized.

ADMIRAL SIMS QUOTED

Commander Bagley's Honor Made Equal to That in Similar Cases Is Declaration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Daniels replied today to attacks on his awards of navy decorations in a letter to Chairman Page of the senate naval committee, which with the house naval committee probably will investigate the whole row precipitated by the refusal of Rear-Admiral Sims and other officers to accept the decorations awarded to them.

The complaint of the officers was that in some instances the recommendations of the official board which sat on the cases, bestowing higher decorations than officers thought merited in some cases and lower ones in others.

Secretary Daniels explained at length the theory on which he disagreed with some of the awards as finally recommended to him and how he differentiated between awards for officers who served at sea and those who served on land.

Theory for Awards Explained.

Mr. Daniels referred to his first communication to Chairman Page as he set forth the principle that the highest distinction should be conferred upon officers and men who had come in contact with the enemy and had by courage and judgment under the most difficult conditions of the service and that the distinguished medal should also be awarded only to those officers on shore duty who in the language of the act of congress had distinguished themselves "by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility."

"In thus following the act of congress," wrote the secretary, "honors less than the distinguished service medal should be awarded to officers whose duty was meritorious but not of great responsibility."

Daniels Cites Precedent.

"I stated that the service worthy of the highest distinction is that rendered at sea in the presence of the enemy and that the distinguished service medal should be awarded to officers on shore duty who in the language of the act of congress had distinguished themselves 'by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility.'"

Valor Seen in Loss of Ship.

"It is, of course, the victory in battle which gives glory, but medals of distinction are awarded for 'exceptionally meritorious service' and Lawrence was no less deserving of a nation's gratitude when his ship was sunk and he was killed in the endeavor to save the ship, than if he had been victorious in a conventional battle."

FEW REDS ESCAPE NET

(Continued From First Page.) financial institutions. All power to the workers! Mr. Bryson said yesterday that his ultimate aim: The abolition of the present system of production in which the working class is mercilessly exploited, and the creation of an industrial republic in which the machinery of production shall be socialized so as to guarantee to the workers the full social value of the product of their toil.

RAID MADE AT MARSHFIELD

Officers Fail to Find Radicals in Lodging Houses. MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A government raid, calculated to have been made on Friday night last, simultaneously with others throughout the nation, was made here last night on lodging houses and hotels.

SHOCK LASTS NEARLY HOUR

Disturbance is Recorded on Instruments at Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A pronounced earthquake, lasting almost an hour and believed to have been centered in South America, approximately 1900 miles from Washington, was recorded during the night by the Georgetown university seismological observatory.

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face ships which were able to sink or destroy the enemy. The truth must also be recognized, however, that the courage, skill, determination, resourcefulness, foresight and judgment of officers whose ships were torpedoed and suddenly sunk are put to quite as severe a test as in the case of commanding officers of surface ships which see and sink the enemy.

"Nobody has suggested that an officer should be honored because his ship was sunk by a submarine. But it is clear that when a ship is sunk the commanding officer should be rewarded if he meets this supreme crisis with poles, utter fearlessness, with thought of his men above himself, with the utilization of all those attributes that show a man a hero when the hour strikes for his supreme trial."

To deny this principle is to deny one of the bases of the moral law. The greatest thing that a man ever does in this world is to turn a stumbling block into a stepping stone. If medals are not given for a sort of thing what on earth are they designed for?"

Records of Officers Included.

Incorporated in the letter were the records of all of the officers who lost their vessels, including Commander D. W. Bagley, brother of Mrs. Daniels, and Commander Percy W. Foote, the secretary's aide, about whom much of the controversy has centered.

In Commander Bagley's case Mr. Daniels quoted from a letter by Rear-Admiral Sims in connection with his approval of the findings of the court of inquiry convened to investigate the loss of Bagley's ship.

"Bagley's handling of the situation after his ship was torpedoed was everything that I expected in the way of efficiency, good judgment, courage and chivalrous action. Admiral Sims wrote."

Admiral Sims Is Quoted.

Secretary Daniels said that Admiral Sims recommended Commander Bagley for a navy cross, the Knight of the Order of St. Louis and the award and the secretary changed it in common with the awards of all other commanding officers of torpedoed ships except Captain Hasbrouck to a distinguished service medal.

"Captain Hasbrouck, convoy commander, wrote that 'it was an inspiring sight to see the ship, her stern awash and on the point of being swamped by the enemy's guns and shells. Officers aboard and guns still firing.'"

Action to Be Recommended.

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LEWISTON FARM IS SOLD

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