

CONGRESS IS LIKELY
TO DO SOMETHINGImportant Farm Legislation
May Be Passed.

HARDING GIVES SUPPORT

Growers Cry for Help Because of
Falling Prices and Appeal
From Treasury's Refusal.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The present session of congress has now gone far enough to make it possible to survey it as a whole and see what is about to come out. There is first of all the appropriation bills, the passage of these is the main business of the session. Probably most of them will be passed, but anyone who has followed previous sessions of congress will not be surprised if at the end of the session some of them have not been passed, and left over for action by the special session that Senator Harding will call immediately after he has been re-elected.

In addition, it is certain that a number of war time measures will be repeated, the repeal of a law usually involves less trouble than the passage of a new one and this is especially true of war time legislation. Other than this, it is apparent that there are three measures that have the greatest chance of success in the present session.

Budget Bill Important.
One is the budget bill. This legislation, which goes under a rather colorless name, is one of the most important bills that has emerged from congress in recent years. In fact, it is not an exaggeration to say that within the field of good management of the government, the budget bill is exceeded in importance by only one law passed since the civil war, namely, the Federal Reserve act. The budget bill represents literally years of work and effort in its perfected form.

In the present session of congress the weight of leadership in favor of the prompt passage of the bill has been overwhelmingly and easily recognizable, and it was one of the comparatively few things alluded to by President Wilson in his message.

Harding Urges Passage.
President Wilson said that the bill had been amended to meet his constitutional objection and urged that it be passed in its amended form.

Although President-elect Harding gave his endorsement to a large number of measures, he refused to put himself on record in favor of any except the budget bill. He took the ground that he ought not to attempt to influence the present session of congress but was willing to make an exception regarding the budget bill, urging that it be passed.

With the weight of this leadership in both parties, it may be assumed that the budget bill will be in operation within a reasonable time. This is one of the most satisfying things possible to record in the field of recent legislation. It would be hard to be extravagant in describing the influence and importance of this measure.

Two other subjects have engaged the attention of congress to such a degree that it is reasonably certain that some action will be taken on them: one is immigration, the other is the restriction of immigration in the lower house of congress, at least, is in favor of increased restriction of immigration.

Menace Seen in Flood.
The members of the house have been warned by a score of signs that America seems to be faced with an influx of immigration which, both as regards quantity and quality, involves a menace. Evidence has piled up on evidence of this fact. It has come from individual members of congress who have personally studied the situation at its source; from a New York grand jury, which pointed out the menace involved in the mass of immigrants and from other sources, notably from newspapermen and others now in Europe, who have written letters describing the character of the immigration that is now setting out for America and the risk of fraud that are practiced to get passports and other undesirable results of the exodus just preparing to leave Europe. That Congress has been impressed by these signs is clear.

The senate seems somewhat less responsive than the house but the senate also feels the necessity of immigration restriction.

The one other subject that is very much to the fore in the minds of managers of congress is financial relief for farmers and others who are embarrassed by falling prices. On this point there is a sharp conflict between congress on the one hand and the treasury department on the other.

When the fall of prices of farm products has been so low, and the treasury department has asked for some form of relief that would enable them to get credit necessary to carry their goods until proper time, when they might be able to get better prices. The secretary of the treasury took the ground that he could do nothing under the law as it now stands, and further took the ground that it was undesirable to do anything.

He said that the cause of the decline in prices was a factor beyond the control of the treasury and beyond the control of anyone else. He said that the chief cause of the decline in prices was the cessation of huge buying by governments at war on the basis of any prices the sellers might ask, the resumption of a certain amount of industry in Europe which competes with American goods, and the resumption of shipping which had been interrupted during the war and which now brings goods from Austria and Argentina into the market in competition with American goods. The secretary of treasury took the position that these are the causes of the decline of prices and nothing that the treasury can do will overcome these causes.

Farmers Are Disappointed.
The farmers suffered a bitter disappointment in this refusal of the treasury, and undoubtedly a certain number of votes received by the republicans in the recent election were the result of dissatisfaction with the democratic congress.

For the reasons just outlined, the farmers transferred their plea from the treasury to congress. Congress, as an elected body, was much more sympathetic. In both the house and the senate bills were formally introduced looking, in one way or another, toward treasury relief for farmers, who must either sell their goods at present prices or find credit with which to hold them. Thereupon the issue that formerly had arisen between the farmers and the treasury

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now arose between congress and the treasury. In this issue any one who has observed events is inclined to sympathize with the treasury, regardless of whether or not the treasury is right. Governor Harding and officers of the federal reserve board have attacked every side of the argument in an effort to make a strong plea to members of congress who have given the impression of a mere clamoring for something which they believe will help them with their constituents.

Some Help Possible.

The officers of the government on the other hand give the impression of standing squarely on principle. It is possible that within the near future, however, some way will be found to give some degree of help to the farmers.

The farmer, of course, is at this moment in an embarrassing position. He has the crop on his hands. This crop was raised on the basis of conditions at the time the crop was planted, with wages, fertilizer, seed and implements at the prices at which they were last spring. But when it comes to selling the crop the farmer must part with it on the basis of present prices. This involves a real loss.

Nevertheless, the farmer should try to balance this episode against the time, four or five years ago, when conditions were exactly reversed. Then he did his planting and cultivating on the basis of low prices and was able to sell his crop on the basis of high prices, but the most serious part of the farmers distress arises, not in his crops, but in his mortgages.

Mortgages Cause Trouble.
During the past four years prices upon lands advanced from 200 to 300 per cent. After making a special payment farmers often give a mortgage for as much as \$100 to \$200 an acre. The farmer who was carrying a mortgage at the rate of \$200 an acre, must, in order to pay the in-

terest, raise a value of \$12 on each acre before he has anything for himself. Under present conditions, which are likely to continue, it is difficult and even impossible for the farmer to do this. Indeed once he has allowed himself to get into this position it is difficult for him to avoid foreclosure. There are in this situation all the elements to recreate such a situation as brought Bryan to the front 25 years ago.

BANK BONUSES AWARDED

Many Local Officers and Employees
Get Christmas Gifts.

That Christmas is near was signified yesterday in some of the local banks, when officers and employees received the annual bonuses which these firms distribute.

At the Northwestern National bank the usual custom of distributing checks for a full month's pay as a bonus was observed before the bank closed its doors at noon.

Officers and employees of the United States National bank received a half month's pay as evidence of appreciation for their services and an indication of good will, and similar action took place at the State Bank of Portland.

Alaskans Indorse Exposition.

Indorsement of the proposed Atlantic-Pacific Highways and Electrical Exposition for Portland in 1925 was made by the Alaskan society at a recent meeting. The society also sent a letter to Governor Briggs of Alaska asking for the co-operation of all Alaskans in furthering the movement.

Schools Close for Institute.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The high school and public schools closed for the holidays yesterday. On account of the county institute to be held here during the coming week they were closed one week earlier than usual. The following prominent educators will be present at the session of institute: State Superintendent Churchill, Miss Smith from the state normal, Frederick H. Berchold of Oregon Agricultural college and H. M. Gran, representing the Oregon Social Hygiene society. A round table will be held each day and informal discussions of matters of vital interest to the county and each locality will be discussed. County Superintendent J. E. Meyers is expecting every teacher in the county to be present.

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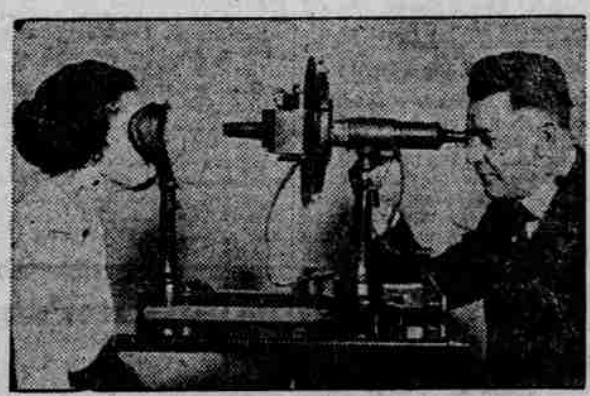
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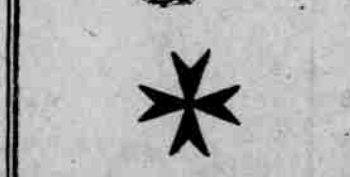
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