

CONGRESSIONAL RECESS TAKEN UNTIL JANUARY

Partisan Politics Holds Chief Place in Wave of Oratory Which Proceeds Adjournment

RUSSIAN SOVIET HAS PLACE IN DISCUSSION

Impression That Government Itself Not Involved Said to Be Quibble

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congress got away today on a wave of oratory for a Christmas recess that will end on January 3.

Partisan politics held the center of the stage but taxes, the recognition of the Russian soviet government and farmers' aid figured in the debate, which in the senate at least was the most extended of the session.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, opened political discussion there by twitting the Republicans upon what he characterized as their apparent inability to act upon "the really courageous" message of President Coolidge.

"The president with burning words, urged speedy action on railroad rates," he said, "and yet you can't even agree upon the chairman of the committee which must handle that legislation."

Prompt Action Asked

Urging prompt action on music shoals, Senator Harrison said this subject had not yet been mentioned in the senate but added that "we may hope for something different yesterday's revelations."

Half a dozen senators then got into the discussion. In the house, Representative Howard, Democrat, Nebraska, urged Republican insurgents to form an alliance with democratic progressives for the purpose of liberalizing house rules and of supporting progressive legislation. On the other hand, Representative Longworth of Ohio, the Republican leader, pleaded with Democrats and Republicans alike to "play politics" as little as possible so that the house might function efficiently.

The vehicle for the senate foreign relations committee investigation will be a resolution by Senator Borah urging that President Coolidge extend recognition to the Russian soviet government.

In addition to the data gathered by the state and justice departments, the committee doubtless will hear the testimony of several senators who visited Russia during the recess of congress and will take whatever other measures appear necessary to develop fully both sides of the argument.

Borah Investigates

Among other things, Senator Borah told the senate today that after mature investigation he was convinced the Russian soviet had not been a party within the past three years to any movement directed toward the overthrow of the American government.

Later, at the state department, it was declared that the revolutionary "instructions" made public there yesterday bore the date of August, 1923, and that the administration's continued refusal to accord diplomatic recognition to the soviet government was based in part on evidence of continued revolutionary activities in this country after the soviet officials had professed to abandon all propaganda of that character.

The impression in some quarters that the Russian government itself is not directing propaganda work in the United States is viewed by the state department as merely a quibble. The department is fully satisfied that the soviet regime controls the communist international completely and that it is impossible to draw a line of distinction between them merely because they bear different labels.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain Friday; moderate southerly winds. LOCAL WEATHER (Thursday)

Temperature, maximum, 44. Temperature, minimum, 35. River, 4.1 feet; falling. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, northwest.

ALARM CLOCK INTERRUPTS MOVIE SHOW

Chicago Man Finds it Cheaper to Move Than to Have to Pay Even Cheap Rent

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—William Lucky solved the age old problem of whether it is cheaper to move than pay rent by attending all night movies and carrying an alarm clock to insure against oversleeping, he told a judge in municipal court today.

He was brought in when his alarm clock startled the all night movie patrons early today. "I set the alarm to get to work on time and I got my room for a dime a night," he told the court. He made a reluctant promise to sleep elsewhere and was discharged.

NUISANCE TAXES TO BE OPPOSED

Democrat Member of Finance Committee Against Mellon's Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Notice was served in the senate today by Senator Simmons of North Carolina that there will be Democratic opposition to what he characterized as Secretary Mellon's "millionaire tax" program. At the same time he said that the Democrats would support the soldiers' bonus.

Mr. Simmons is the ranking Democrat on the finance committee which will handle both these pieces of legislation. He declared the Democrats on that committee would vote to cut off taxes, "but not in the way Mr. Mellon and the millionaires and the profiteers want to take them off." He then declared specifically for reductions in the rates on small incomes and for repeal of the so-called nuisance taxes.

As Senator Simmons was outlining his position, the house ways and means committee proceeded with consideration of the administrative provisions of the treasury's tax bill under a program calling for a temporary shelving of the soldiers' bonus until house Republicans in party conference after the holiday recess have decided whether a bonus measure is to be reported.

MONMOUTH WOMAN IS GIVEN OFFICE

Mrs. G. B. Jones Re-Elected Secretary of Cooperative Farmers Union

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—Herbert Egbert of The Dalles was re-elected president of the Educational and Cooperative Farmers' union of Oregon at the final session of the state convention here today.

Mrs. G. B. Jones of Monmouth was again chosen as secretary-treasurer, and R. P. Laird of Creswell was named vice president to succeed A. G. Hempel of Rickreall. Mr. Hempel and H. B. Davidhizer of Joseph were elected to the executive committee. A. B. Swift of Baker was re-elected national delegate, and H. B. Richards of The Dalles was selected as alternate.

Resolutions passed today favored the adoption of a tax on wheat exported from this country; a national cooperative marketing association, with district and local branches, patrol of roads, and a constitutional amendment prohibiting the issuing of tax exempt bonds. The convention also went on record as supporting Governor Pierce's tax program for Oregon.

The next meeting will be held in Wasco county, it was decided, and The Dalles will probably be selected as the convention seat.

Salem Student Chosen OAC Delegate to Meeting

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—Dante Robbins of Salem, junior in physical education, has been one of the 19 delegates to represent OAC at the ninth international student volunteer convention in Indianapolis December 28 to January 1.

These conventions are held every four years and are international in scope. More than 5000 students, representing more than 100 colleges and universities, attended the last gathering in Des Moines in 1919-20.

HANEY'S NAME IS WITHDRAWN BY PRESIDENT

Senate Commerce Committee Reports Adversely on Farley Because He Is From Great Lakes District

OREGON MAN'S NAME RECALLED BY COOLIDGE

Will Consider all of Appointments Anew Is Report From White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—An adverse report on the nomination of Edward P. Farley of Chicago as a shipping board commissioner was voted unanimously today by the senate commerce committee. Immediately afterwards President Coolidge sent to the senate a message withdrawing the nominations of Frederick I. Thompson of Mobile, Ala., and Bert E. Haney of Portland, Ore., which had been approved by the committee.

The president in his message gave no reason for the withdrawal, but at the White House it was said in view of the adverse action of the committee he undoubtedly would be confronted with the task of selecting a chairman to replace Mr. Farley and that he desired therefore to consider all of the vacancies anew.

No Action Till January

Neither the president's message nor the report of the committee could be laid before the senate before the adjournment for the holiday recess, as the senate was proceeding today under an agreement which made impossible an executive session for their consideration.

White House officials and senators generally were agreed that action of the committee in disapproving the nomination of Mr. Farley would be approved by the senate. However, since Mr. Farley and Mr. Thompson and Mr. Haney are holding recess appointments by President Harding there will be no necessity for a change in the personnel of the board until after the senate has acted on Mr. Farley's nomination.

Disapproval Explained Chairman Jones and members of the commerce committee said the disapproval of Mr. Farley's nomination was solely on the ground that he was disqualified by provisions of the act limiting the representation of the Great Lakes territory on the board to one commissioner. T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, N. Y., holds the Great Lakes place, committee men said, inasmuch as the two Atlantic coast places are held by William S. Benson of Georgia and E. C. Plummer of Maine.

President Coolidge in sending Mr. Farley's nomination to the senate considered there was precedent for his action in view of the appointment of Albert D. Lasker of Chicago by President Harding, under similar conditions. He left the senate, however, the question of whether the precedent established by the confirmation of Dr. Lasker's nomination was to be followed.

NELLIE MITCHELL LEADS CONTEST

Tomorrow Night Closes Another Remarkable Offer to Contestants

(By The Contest Editor) Only a few hours left to win one of the valuable gold prizes or one of the \$15 vote bonus offers. It seems to me that you will not be hurt if you get out and secure \$15 worth of subscriptions and receive one of these 150,000 extra vote offers. Just think what this \$25 in gold will buy for Christmas, too.

Contestants in the City of Salem do not have to compete with the outside territory. As you know, we are giving \$25 in gold to the contestant in the city of Salem and also to the outside territory who turns in the most money on subscriptions. I am wondering if you are interested in these big offers.

Miss Nellie Mitchell of the White House restaurant leads in the contest today with \$75,989 votes. Miss Mitchell, in her few spare moments, has been doing

BROTHER SAVES MAN'S LIFE IN BIG EXPLOSION

Leap Made From Launch Four Miles From Shore Near Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 20.—Ablaze from head to foot in consequence of the explosion of a fuel tank on a 45-foot speed launch, four miles from shore tonight, Charles Driscoll, 33 jumped into the sea and was saved from drowning only through the heroism of his brother, Jake, 31, the only other occupant of the launch.

Seizing two life belts, Jake jumped in after his brother. "Poreing one under Charles' arms, he fastened the other about his own waist and then with a knife cut his brother free of his smoldering garments. The sea was running high and the brothers swam desperately to get away from the motor boat fearing a second explosion, if the flames reached an emergency fuel tank.

The explosion and burst of flames were seen by coast guards and hundreds of holiday visitors along the board walk. The federal dredge Abscon, in charge of Captain Ostensen was the first craft to head for the scene.

To those on shore it appeared that the craft in distress was a three-master.

SALEM WOMAN GOES TO LINN RED CROSS

Miss Mary Fake Elected Executive Secretary of Albany Chapter

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 22.—Miss Mary Fake of Salem has been elected executive secretary of the Linn county Red Cross chapter. She succeeds Miss Edith Forrest who will spend a short time in Seattle with her family and sail for a two month vacation in Honolulu the first of the year.

Miss Fake received her training in social service work at the Missouri school of social economy at St. Louis. During the war she worked with the Red Cross organization in the southwestern division, where she attended school. Later she was engaged in home service work at San Antonio, Tex., and the last position she filled was that of Red Cross executive at Marshfield, Oregon. During the past few months she did disaster relief work at Berkeley, California, and since has been in Salem.

During Miss Forrest's two year tour of duty here, she has won a place in the hearts of the people of the entire county by conscientious and thorough service. Under her period of direction, the Red Cross has pursued an efficient policy of social welfare work as preached by the national organization, which, in close cooperation with the county, has had its effect.

More than 400 families have come under the care and protection of the Red Cross in the past two years. The thrift shop, which was conducted under Miss Forrest's supervision, shows a monthly profit, in addition to giving service to a number of people who were in need.

Three Springfield Boys Admit Robbing Postoffice

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—Steve Edwards, 16, Ray Bryan, 17, and Hazlette McKelvey, 15, all residing at Springfield, were arrested today charged with robbing the postoffice and store at Goshen and two stores at Springfield Monday night. They admitted their guilt, according to Sheriff Stickels.

Hiram Johnson Is Given To File in South Dakota

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 20.—The state supreme court decided that Senator Hiram Johnson, if he would file as an independent candidate for president in South Dakota republican primary next March, will have to appear separately on one petition, with his delegates to the national convention on another in the presidential ticket on a third.

Diplomatic Corps Guests At White House Dinner

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President and Mrs. Coolidge had the members of the diplomatic corps as their guests at a state dinner tonight at the White House.

RADIO CHARMS SNOW LOCKED ARCTIC PARTY

Europe and United States Heard By Expedition "On Top of the World."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Frozen fast in the ice 11 1/2° from the north pole, the Arctic expedition of Captain Donald MacMillan has been listening to radio programs broadcast from all parts of the United States and Europe, according to a radio message received from the explorer and made public today by the Aerial League of America.

The message says in part: "Here, at the top of the world, in the darkness of great Arctic night, isolated as we are from even outposts of civilization, radio has conquered solitude, banished anxiety over welfare of friends and relatives at home. It has removed monotony during necessarily inactive periods. We have already listened to stations practically all over the United States, from Europe and even from far away Honolulu. Music, vocal and instrumental, speeches, prayers, sermons are penetrating the aural belt and reaching little Bowdoin fast frozen in ice. We are almost incredulous as Eskimos that this can be done. But here we are and nightly it comes to mind us with the great busy world to the south of us.

MODERNISTS SCORE VICTORY IN DEBATE

Baptist and Unitarian Ministers Discuss Popular Question in Public

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Modernists scored a technical victory over their conservative opponents tonight when Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of West Side Unitarian church, was awarded the judges' decision over Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, in a public debate on the question: "Resolved, The Bible is the Infallible Word of God." Rev. Mr. Potter upheld the negative.

The debate, which was the first of a series of five between the two ministers, drew an audience that filled Calvary Baptist church. Hundreds stood in aisles and many more outside crowded to get within hearing distance.

FINAL FLASHES

(By The Associated Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The case of Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan editor, charged with the murder of William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney was given to the jury at 10:24 o'clock tonight.

(By The Associated Press) ATHENS, Dec. 20.—Admiral Coundouriotis has assumed the regency of Greece. Colonel Plastiras of the military directorate administered the oath to the new regent.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—Edgar Harris, 16, son of Mrs. P. N. Harris, a widow, was instantly killed while operating an elevator in the White House-Drumbeiler building here today.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 20.—Three Long Beach physicians, Dr. E. A. Sweet, Dr. George H. Coulthard and Dr. A. H. McMillan were arrested here today on narcotic charges.

(By The Associated Press) MANILA, Dec. 21.—An earthquake at 4:30 a. m., shook buildings and roused the sleeping populace.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 20.—According to a report received by President Durazo of Agua Prieta, the Mexican towns of Granaditas, Huasabas and Oporto were rased by an earthquake about 9 o'clock last night.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Two men are dead and a boy is in a hospital with a broken leg and other injuries as the result of the derailing of a street car at a crowded business corner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(By The Associated Press)—Demand for a sweeping investigation by the house rules committee of the administration in the Philippines of Governor General Leonard Wood was made in a resolution introduced today by Representative Froar.

HUGHES SEEKS DATA ON PLANS OF RUSSIANS

New Senate Launched on First Debate on Foreign Affairs—Soviet Problem Up for Review

LODGE PROMISES FULL INQUIRY INTO CHARGES

Borah and Norgis Claim no Proof of Disclosures of Secretary of State

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The state department's charges of revolutionary soviet propaganda in the United States started diplomatic circles here today, launched the new senate upon its first debate over foreign affairs and resulted in a promise of further disclosures that will bring the whole problem of Russia once more into review before the American public.

Sensors who repeatedly have urged formal recognition of the soviet regime in Russia started the senate debate by assailing Secretary Hughes' disclosure of soviet "instructions" for a movement designed to raise the red flag over the White House.

Both Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, openly charged that there was no proof of such activities and although no general reply came from administration quarters, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader, announced that a sweeping inquiry into the entire Russian question would be undertaken by the foreign relations committee.

Data Reserved

At the same time it was disclosed that the state department had additional ammunition in reserve for the expected battle over recognition. In cooperation with the department of justice, Secretary Hughes has been collecting evidence that he believes will establish beyond doubt the direct responsibility of Moscow for the well defined movement to undermine the government of the United States.

Whether the house will take up the question through an inquiry by its foreign affairs committee was not indicated, although a resolution was referred to the committee upon its introduction today by Representative Britten, Republican, Illinois, calling upon the secretary of state and the attorney general for data and information in their possession of the soviet activities and propaganda in this country.

Plans Given

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Plans attributed to Russian soviet authorities organizing and training "fighting" units among American industrial workers to "raise the red flag over the White House" were published today on authority of the state department to disclose definitely the basis of Secretary Hughes' charge of revolutionary propaganda in his refusal to enter into negotiations with the Moscow government.

Detailed instructions from Moscow to the Workers' Party of America, the authenticity of which was vouched for by the department of justice, called for weekly "instructions in shooting" for the "fighting units," in addition to "all other matters." The plans outlined, the document stated, were designed to give "enormous results in the sense of preparing thousands of new propagandists, future leaders of the military forces of the party, and faithful fighters during the social revolution."

Major Dusenbury Given Present From Company

On the eve of his departure of the field officers school at Ft. Monroe, Va., Major James S. Dusenbury was presented with a gold watch and cuff links by representatives of the CAC, ONG, newly designated as the 249th artillery, at a surprise dinner at the Gray-belle last night.

WRIGHTMAN IS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY JURY; WEST IS PROSECUTOR

Silverton Physician Cleared of Charge of Possessing Intoxicating Liquors—Interest in Trial so Great Hearing Transferred to Circuit Court Room—Jury Out 15 Minutes.

Dr. A. E. Wrightman, prominent Silverton physician, was found not guilty of possession of intoxicating liquor, the jury returning the verdict after deliberating nearly 15 minutes. The case was scheduled for the justice court but on account of the great amount of interest in the trial, it was necessary to hold the trial in Department 1 of the court house. Prosecution of the case was in the hands of James West, assistant attorney general with Attorney L. A. McMahan representing the defendant.

COOLIDGE'S PLAY MR. AND MRS. SANTA

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Christmas greetings from President and Mrs. Coolidge to the children of the United States were sent out tonight by the Santa Claus association which announced receipt of the following message: "Through the Santa Claus association, Mrs. Coolidge and I wish the children of the United States a very Merry Christmas."

NO PARDONS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Christmas Spirit Not to Enter Into Executive Clemency, Says Pierce

"There will be no Christmas pardons or paroles at the state penitentiary this year, says Governor Pierce. This is not saying there will be no executive clemency granted during the holiday season, but if there is it won't be in the nature of a Christmas gift.

"No," said the executive, "there will be no wholesale granting of pardons and paroles at the Oregon penitentiary during the holidays this year. They will be given only in the regular course of business, as in every other month of the year, and on the recommendation of the parole board, which board I have found to be very careful in recommending causes for pardon and parole.

"We have received scores of requests for holiday presents in the way of pardons and paroles. However, I find that the pardon power is one to be used very carefully and not in the spirit of the holiday season."

INVITATIONS MAY BE ISSUED TODAY

Reparation Parley Hopes to Send Out Letters to Those Selected

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The reparation commission may be able to issue invitations tomorrow to the persons selected to serve on the international expert committees which are to investigate Germany's financial situation and her resources abroad.

It was learned today that the British members would be Montague Norman, governor of the Bank of England; Sir Josiah Stamp, economic and statistical authority, and Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer.

The third American delegate to serve with General Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young has not yet been announced here, but if the selection is delayed, invitations will be issued to the other two along with the British, French, Belgian and Italian appointees.

The members of the reparation commission have consulted one another regarding the names proposed, and all are in accord. If the invitations are issued tomorrow as hoped it is thought the first meeting of the experts will be held on or immediately after January 10.

No effort was made to deny that a small quantity of wine and a bottle of beer were found in Dr. Wrightman's establishment. The wine had been received over a year ago for analysis when a patient had died after drinking some of the wine from which the sample had been taken. The beer, Dr. Wrightman said, had been in his possession for five or six years and at the time it was given him was declared to have been "no good," as other bottles of the same vintage had soured. The beer was cherished as a souvenir, the physician testified, and that he had at one time placed a bow of ribbon around the neck of the bottle.

Beer Rotten

That the beer was unfit for consumption was the opinion given by Prof. Von Eichen, chemistry department at Willamette university. He declared the composition to be rotten and only testing 4.84 per cent alcoholic content. The wine only tested 13.89 per cent, he said. Chief of Police Archie Thomas, Silverton, testified that at the time of the raid the bottle was opened and the beer was decidedly "wild."

Dr. Wrightman, in telling of the raid, said that he had retired for the night and was reading in bed when he heard someone in his office, which is adjacent to the living rooms. Someone rapped on the door and then went down stairs. The telephone rang and a man giving the name of Johnson said he was coming up to see him (Dr. Wrightman). After opening the door and looking over the warrant, Dr. Wrightman testified that he went back to bed, and told the officers where the small bottle stood on a table.

Picked Up Bottles

Bottles found in his rooms were explained by the physician as being some that he had frequently picked up in the hallway, several the morning after the Armistice celebration. Other gallon jars had been used to hold denatured alcohol, he said.

Others called to the stand were Webb Haskins, night officer who admitted being the "Johnson" who called Dr. Wrightman and C. R. Stipe, federal prohibition agent, who testified that Dr. Wrightman had been issued no permit to handle alcohol since the expiration of his old permit on December 31, 1921. Application for another permit had been denied, he said. Affidavit of H. H. Lant, prohibition officer who investigated the raid, was submitted in evidence, the officer not being present.

Affidavit Attacked

Attorney McMahan attacked the affidavit offered by Lant on the ground that the warrant had been issued upon Lant's word that "he had good reason to believe liquor to be in Dr. Wrightman's rooms. He said that he had no probable cause or no basis upon which to request a warrant and that in visiting Dr. Wrightman's rooms he violated the search and seizure clause of the Constitution. He declared that the bottles offered in evidence had been seized illegally.

Members of the jury were A. A. Keene, foreman; H. C. Pugh, W. F. Buchner, Clyde E. Johnson, C. R. Parker and S. J. Hofma.

Wilhelm's Monroe Store Robbed of Valuable Goods

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—A. Wilhelm's large general store at Monroe, a village on the West Side highway, 20 miles north of Eugene, was robbed of about \$1,000 worth of goods last night, according to a report made to local officers today.

A large car was heard leaving the store at midnight and start south. It is believed the burglars were riding in this car. Silverware, silk jewelry, rifles, ammunition and clothing made up their loot.