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James P. Clarke, Senator from Arkansas, who was chosen president pro tempore of the United States Senate.

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Dr. Karl Buenz, director of the Hamburg-American line, recently convicted in New York of violation of our neutrality laws.

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Yuan Shih Kai, President of China, having accepted the throne tendered by the council of state, will become Emperor.

CONGRESS IS FACING FOREIGN PROBLEMS

Extended Hearings on Subject of National Preparedness Are Contemplated.

Washington.—Congress reconvened Tuesday to begin consideration of momentous legislation confronting it. Before the holiday recess little was accomplished beyond organization and extension of the emergency war revenue law.

During the preliminary two weeks there were assurances on every hand that foreign relations incident to the European war and the subject of preparedness for national defense would be the dominating features of a session fraught with far-reaching possibilities.

The military and naval affairs committees of both houses have been studying the national preparedness program during the recess. House committees plan to work on these at once, and public hearings, which probably will extend for a long period, are contemplated.

The revenue situation also will command immediate attention. Representative Kitchin, majority leader and chairman of the ways and means committee, plans to call his committee together without delay to take up this problem. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, also contemplates frequent meetings of democratic members to study fiscal problems. First to be considered will be an amendment to the war revenue law. Involved in this are issues likely to provoke wide divergence of views, among them the suggestions to tax gasoline automobiles, horsepower and steel products, and a stamp tax on bank checks. Amendment of the income tax and an inheritance tax also are to be regarded seriously.

Land Leasing is Reported Favorably.

The house public lands committee voted to report favorably on the administration's general leasing bill for coal, phosphate, oil, gas, potassium and sodium products on public lands. The coal lands under this bill will be leased in tracts of 2560 acres at a royalty of two cents per ton for coal mined and 25 cents per acre the first year, 50 cents the second, third, fourth and fifth years, and $1 per year for the continuance of the lease. Railroad companies may take one lease for each 200 miles for their own use, and municipalities may lease 640 acres for obtaining a municipal supply of coal. Similar provisions apply to phosphate, potassium and sodium lands. Oil and gas lands will be leased in tracts of 640 acres at 10 per cent royalty and $1 per acre for the land. The proceeds will be turned into the reclamation funds.

Alliance of American Republics.

Creation of a defensive alliance that would put the power and resources of the 21 American republics behind the Monroe Doctrine, it became known, is the real purpose behind the proposed convention among them. While ostensibly this convention is for settlement of boundary disputes and from preventing munitions from reaching revolutionary states, and while Secretary of State Lansing would not discuss the broader proposition delegates to the Pan-American Scientific congress declared that such a movement is on foot.

Director John Barrett of the Pan-American union had this to say concerning the proposal:

"Whatever may be the results of this war, there may be afterward little or no love for the United States and other American nations. They must stand together for eventualities."

State May Handle Perishables.

After consulting for several days with Attorney General Gregory and members of the Federal Trade Commission, Harris Weinstock, California state market director, left for California to invite all producers of perishable farm products in that state to give the state market commission a monopoly of routing and directing carloads of the products for the eastern markets.

While not having any formal approval from the federal officials for his plan, Mr. Weinstock said they had found no defects and he was confident the state could do without question that which individuals acting separately or through private organizations could not do.

The plan provides for warehousing crops and financing them through favorable loans in New York. Moreover, it proposes a campaign to get an enormous business in the United States and South American markets.

The decision given him may have an important effect on other combinations of a similar nature throughout the country. Dried fruit men, however, will not be the only ones who will benefit by the proposal, for the commission plans to embrace all forms of agricultural men.

THE HALL OF FAME.

LOUIS AGASSIZ—Celebrated Swiss-American geologist. Born Motier, Switzerland, May 28, 1807; died Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 14, 1873. Educated at Zurich, Heidelberg and in other German universities. Became a disciple of Cuvier. Was a professor at Neuchatel and there issued two of his great books. Studied the glaciers of the Alps, and some of his most brilliant work was the result. Came to the United States in 1846 to lecture and was made professor of natural history at Harvard. Henceforth devoted his life to the development of science in America with signal success. Lectured extensively and established summer schools; also led parties of scientists in investigations in various parts of this country and Brazil.

THE HALL OF FAME.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE—Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Born Litchfield, Conn., June 14, 1811; died at Hartford, Conn., July 1, 1896. Sister of Henry Ward Beecher. Married Calvin E. Stowe, a noted educator. Educated at Hartford and taught school there and at Cincinnati. She wrote many books, of which "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was by far the most famous. This first appeared in serial form in a Washington newspaper and attracted little attention. When published as a book, however, it almost immediately had a great vogue. A half million copies were sold in the United States in five years. No single modern novel has been so widely read or had so much influence. Many of her other novels concern New England life. She also wrote "Lady Byron Vindicated."

THE HALL OF FAME.

THOMAS JEFFERSON—"Author of the Declaration of Independence and of the Virginia Statute For Religious Freedom and Father of the University of Virginia." At his own request these words were carved upon his tombstone, Jefferson apparently regarding these achievements as more important than the fact that he served two terms as president of the United States. He was born at Shadwell, Va., April 13, 1743, and died at Monticello, Va., July 4, 1826. Secretary of state 1790-3. Vice president 1797-01. President 1801-9; elected as candidate of Democratic-Republican party, which he founded. It was through Jefferson that the vast domain of the Louisiana territory was added to the United States and also that of the Oregon country.

312,703,743 Feet of Lumber Shipped.

Astoria—During the year just closed 1249 vessels with a tonnage of 1,711,268 tons entered at the Astoria custom house, while 1254 vessels with a total tonnage of 1,732,963 tons cleared for domestic and foreign ports. According to the records in the Astoria custom house 355 vessels loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia river district during the year 1915, and their aggregate cargoes amounted to 223,426,797 feet of lumber. In addition to these, four rafts containing 24,000,000 feet of logs and piling were towed to California, making the total lumber shipments by water from the mills in this district 247,426,797 feet. In the same 12 months 265 vessels loaded 65,276,946 feet of lumber at the upper-river mills, giving a grand total of 312,703,743 feet as the amount of lumber shipped from the Columbia river in cargoes and rafts during the year just closed.

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Postoffice reports from all sections of the country denote the largest Christmas trade the nation has had.

R. B. Miller, former traffic manager for the O-W. R. & N. company, who resigned November 1, has become associated with the railroad construction firm of Twohy Bros. company.

Having failed to honor a subpena served upon him to appear as a witness in a libel case in New York, W. J. Bryan was adjudged guilty of contempt, and must answer to the charge on January 12.

The consignments of fruit dispatched to Skandinavian countries by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors association, representing 10,000 Oregon and Washington fruitgrowers, which was seized by Great Britain, has been released.

Thomas A. Edison will supply the government at his own expense plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost $1,000,000, if the government will erect the building. It would be used in the development of naval inventions.

George W. Glover, only son of the late Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, died at his home in the Black Hills near Lead, S. D. He was awarded approximately $250,000 of his mother's fortune by the courts after her death. He was not a Christian Scientist.

Colonel Robert L. Hirst caused a private named Green to be chained to a telegraph post for nine days instead of confining him in a guard house, and when tried for the offense Hirst was acquitted by the court martial. Major-General Leonard Wood strongly disapproved of the acquittal.

Administrator's Notice of Appointment and to Present Claims.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Florence A. Palmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of December, 1915, the Hon. F. L. Tou Velle, County Judge of Jackson County, Oregon, appointed John B. Palmer, administrator of the estate, of Florence A. Palmer, deceased.

Any person having a claim against the estate, is hereby notified to present same duly verified to the undersigned, at the office of A. E. Kellogg, attorney for the said estate, at Gold Hill, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice.

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—JOHN B. PALMER, Administrator.

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