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WASHINGTON LETTER

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Republican and democratic house and senate leaders are now preparing for the congressional elections next November. Congressmen are apparently much more interested in the next elections than in the fate of the treaty growing out of the limitation of armaments conference. Most of the senators who are up for re-election this year seem to be more concerned with their prospects of staying in the senate than consideration of the new pact.

Before the campaign begins the republican majority in house and senate will have enacted, by next June, most of the laws that were pledged in the campaign that elected President Harding and a republican congress in both branches. Chief among these laws will be the tax and tariff measures, the first named already on the statute books. Upon this legislative record and the acts of the Harding administration, the majority party in congress feels it can go before the electorate with confidence. This confidence may be too optimistic, for it is possible that objection by the people to foreign entanglements in the new treaty may more than balance the good legislative record of the republicans. If this happens, and there are indications in Washington that some such storm is brewing out in the country

districts, then the republicans may not carry as many congressional and senatorial contests as they now hope for.

The entire membership of the house, 435 in number, is up for re-election in November.

One third of the senate, 32 members, must also appeal to the electorate for endorsement. A few in house and senate will not run again. They are either tired of congressional life or know they cannot be re-elected. Hope always springs eternal in the congressional breast, however, and the vast majority are already planning their campaigns to stay in Washington, if possible.

A careful analysis of the situation seems to indicate that the republicans will lose a large number of seats in the house, but few if any in the senate. Losses are expected in the house by the republican leaders. The reason for this is that the republican landslide that elected President Harding carried in on its swell into the house many republicans who really do not belong there, as they came from districts strongly and normally democratic. It is therefore to be expected that many of the seats held by these men will revert to the democrats in an off-year election.

Out of a total membership of 435 the republicans have a majority of 169, the largest they have ever had except in the congresses of the reconstruction period following the civil war. The majority is top-heavy and far in excess of normal. Next November a large number of districts that are always nearly democratic will return to the democratic fold. This is already anticipated and will not create astonishment when the returns are all in.

With such a large majority, however, despite the loss of many seats it is doubtful if the republicans will lose control of the house. Still this may happen if the people are angry over the new treaty of alliance with Great Britain, France and Japan. If there is a wave of resentment against the treaty it is entirely possible for the democrats to again capture control of the house.

A survey of the senatorial candidates gives more hope to the republicans. The 32 candidates for senate seats are about equally divided between the two parties, and it so happens that the democratic candidates up for re-election are in strong democratic states, and the same situation exists regarding the republic-

can candidates. Therefore, we may look for few changes in the political composition of the senate after next November. There may be some changes and a few surprises, but these will not be numerous enough, in all probability, to effect the republican control of the senate. The republican majority in the upper house is now 22, a majority that it would take a political earthquake to upset.

Republicans are hoping they will retain control of both house and senate. If the house is lost to the democrats we will then see the beginning of a real movement for the democrats to "come back" in the 1924 presidential elections. A democratic house, opposed as it would be to the Harding policies and the administration, could do much, and doubtless would, to make the future legislative programs of the Harding administration a failure. A legislative failure of the Harding administration for two years prior to 1924 would go a long way toward defeating the republican party in the next presidential elections. The republicans are confident, however, they will retain control of the house, and they know they will continue to control the senate.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LUMBER INDUSTRY IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Lumbermen and timber owners from many parts of the United States will come to the national capital this week to attend the hearings of the house agricultural committee having under consideration the formulation of a national forest policy bill. This gathering will be in response to an invitation from Chairman Haugen of

the committee who intends to make a thorough investigation of all the phases of the forest policy problem and recognizes the vital necessity of securing the views of the timber owners and lumber manufacturers in arriving at a patriotic and rational basis of legislation. The archives of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association in Washington have been placed at the disposal of Chairman Haugen and his committee, which means that the utmost information available will be at hand in convenient form for the use of the committee. The lumber industry will be represented throughout the hearings in an official way by John H. Kirby, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association; George S. Long, chairman of the forestry committee, and Dr. Wilson Compton, the association manager.

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\$10,000,000 FOR NEW FREIGHT CARS

Union Pacific System Will Build Them All With Lumber From Northwest Mills.

The Union Pacific system will expend immediately nearly \$10,000,000 for increased freight car equipment, according to announcement yesterday through the local offices. This is among the first announcements of railway expenditures that is of importance to the Pacific northwest.

The contracts which require the expenditure of the money call for the building of 4500 new freight cars for delivery the first six months of this year. The contracts require the use of lumber from this territory to enter into the construction of the cars. Several million feet of fir lumber will be used in building the cars. The railway officials have specified that the car builders who will erect them in the east obtain this lumber from mills on the Union Pacific line in this section.

Of the 4500 cars, 2000 will be double-sheathed 40-foot, 50-ton box cars; 1500 will be special double-sheathed 40-foot, 50-ton automobile cars for general service, including movement of grain in bulk, and 1000 are to be steel 50-foot, 50-ton automobile cars suitable also for general freight service.

The building of the special cars for the carrying of bulk grain will be of great benefit to the grain shippers of this section. These cars will be tight and moisture proof. It is planned to keep them in service for shuttle service back and forth from grain-loading stations to railroad terminal and shipping points at the time of year when grain is moving in its greatest bulk.

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