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LAST SESSION SIXTY NINTH CONGRESS IS HELD TODAY

Solemn Ritual of Organization is Carried Out With Formality

Albert B. Cummins and Senator Fernald are called by death during vacation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(UP)—With historic ceremony, the final session of the sixty-ninth congress was ushered in today to close out a tax reduction, wrestle with prohibition legislation and deal with the business of the nation.

Fine ladies with lognettes; business men from over the country; silk hatted, diplomats; wounded veterans from hospitals and glad-hand government officials and politicians peered down into the wells of the Senate and the House of Representatives when the stroke of noon summoned the national legislators to organize for the work at hand.

Vice President Dawes in the Senate and Speaker Longworth in the House immediately called for order and introduced the chaplains for prayer.

The solemn ritual of organization prescribed by the constitution was complied with, and formalities were cleared away so that President Coolidge tomorrow may present his annual message on the state of affairs, with recommendations as to what business should be transacted.

It was the same ritual that has opened previous congresses, since the foundation of the republic but it bore an excited interest to the spectators and participants alike. Senators were dressed in their frock coats and high collars. They stood at their desks in the semicircular chamber with bowed heads as the chaplain prayed.

At the front of the chamber there were two vacant chairs to mark the passing of two senators during the nine months summer recess, Albert B. Cummins of Iowa and Bert M. Fernald of Maine.

After the prayer was over new senators were brought forward to receive the oath of office. There was former Senator David I. Walsh, Dem., Mass.; who was elected to fill an unexpired term to which William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee previously had been appointed. He, with Senator Harry Hawes, Dem., Mo., and Senator David W. Stewart, Rep., Iowa, were the only new ones who had not been sitting at the last session but formality required that the others chosen to succeed themselves also receive the oath. These included Senator Gerald P. Nye, Rep., N. D., and Senator Arthur Robinson, Rep., Ind.

Democracy found their strength increased substantially in the senate as a result of the last elections although their full newly acquired strength will not be felt until the new congress comes into power after March 4. This session is a hold-over of the old congress elected two years ago and the only changes made were through filling vacancies caused by death.

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STRANGLER SUSPECT IS HELD IN EUGENE

General Description Tallies With That of Portland Killer

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—A man giving the name of Morris Yoffee was under arrest here, being held for investigation in connection with the murders of Mrs. Blanch Myers of Portland, and Mrs. Florence Monks of Seattle. When arrested he gave the name of John Harris but later admitted that his real name was Yoffee. Adrian Harris is the name used by the stranger, according to Portland police. He came here December 1, Mrs. Myers was killed November 19. He stayed in a room sending out for Seattle papers and betrayed an unusual interest in the Monks case.

When arrested he asked "Am I wanted in Seattle?" Police say he answers the description of Adrian Harris who is suspected of slaying a dozen women in coast cities. Finger prints are being rushed to Portland for checking with those left at the scene of Mrs. Myers.

Normal Stages a Sales Contest

The ticket selling contest for the Ukrainian National Chorus concert which is to be given in the Armory, December 13, is creating great enthusiasm among the Normal school students this week. A huge thermometer which is placed in the assembly room registers the daily increase in the sale of tickets. There have been about two hundred tickets sold to date. The assembly program for Friday morning was to stimulate the interest and to acquaint the students thoroughly with this rare program. Glenn Hale, Katherine Parsons and John Galar gave short talks on the national characteristics and costumes of the singers, all urging a bigger ticket sale. As the reservation board which has been placed at The Rose is filling rapidly, we must urge people to buy their tickets soon.

The Normal school is working for its reputation as well as for the financial returns which it will receive from this entertainment. It is indeed a rare opportunity for Ashland to be able to secure such an entertainment of this class. And in order to be able to put this program over the top we must have the fullest cooperation and support of both the students and townspeople. Therefore we must all do our part in making this a success. If you are interested in this program from the artistic standpoint, you will be interested in the many gorgeous, brilliantly embroidered unique costumes of both the men and the women. If you are interested in the social qualifications, you will have the pleasure of seeing and hearing a duchess, three priests, two professors, a lawyer, a physician and a banker. And from the standpoint of music, the fact that forty chosen voices singing as a human pipe-organ under the direction of Alexander Koshetz, one of the world's greatest conductors, seems to speak for itself. The price of the tickets range from 50c to \$2.00 and every seat in the building is to be reserved. Buy your ticket now and reserve a good seat.

Try To Measure Mars Temperature

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 5.—(UP)—Astronomers at Mt. Wilson are attempting to measure the temperature on the planet Mars and to determine the composition of its atmosphere.

According to Dr. Walter J. Adams, director of the Mt. Wilson observatory, it is expected that the observations will result in important conclusions concerning the possibility of life on the planet.

An intensive study of the Mars-Mt. Wilson as part of a nationwide series of observations during the period of the planet's comparative proximity to the earth. Photographs in red and blue are being made through the observatory's 100-inch telescope, the largest in the world.

ASHLAND HAS FIFTEEN AT STATE SCHOOL

Sixty Students Are Enrolled at Corvallis From Jackson County

MANY COURSES TAKEN

Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty is Total Registration for This Term

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 6.—Ashland is represented at the college by 15 of the 3420 full-time students. Sixty students are enrolled from Jackson County.

Frances Pratt, senior in commerce, is a day editor on the O. A. C. Barometer. She has been active in journalistic work, being a member of Theta Sigma Phi national honorary fraternity in journalism for women. Miss Pratt is manager of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Hugh Bates, senior in pharmacy, is president of the Psi Chi fraternity. He is on the art staff of the Orange Owl, college humor publication. Mr. Bates is a member of the inter-fraternity council.

Margaret McCoy, senior in professional home economics, is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She was a member of last year's Beaver staff and has been on the Barometer staff for two years. Miss McCoy is on the great O. A. C. committee, which furthers college activities outside of school.

Donald Wright, junior in commerce, is secretary of the Theta Nu Phi fraternity. He is a member of the College Art Club.

Arto Swingle, sophomore in electrical engineering has received honorable mention for high scholarship by the engineering department. He was on the rifle squad last year.

Rosina Gallatin, sophomore in professional home economics, is secretary of the 4H club, a Smith Hughes club under the supervision of the extension department of the college. She is on the community service committee of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Gallatin played freshman basketball and was on the sophomore volleyball team this fall.

Charles Tilton, freshman in engineering, is a pledge for the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is trying out for freshman basketball.

George Gillette, sophomore in commerce, is specializing in political science. He is a member of the Theta Nu Phi fraternity.

Doris Hitchcock is a freshman in home economics is a freshman out for the women's rifle squad.

Kenneth Hobson, freshman in civil engineering, is a pledge of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He plays a clarinet in the college military band.

Bernard Joy, freshman in agriculture, is on the freshman debate squad. He had to do hard work to be chosen from the many that tried out for the squad. He is a member of the 4H club, being especially interested in animal husbandry.

Get Ready For New Fire Truck

Work was started this morning on remodeling the fire station in order to be in readiness for the new fire truck which is expected to be here ready for operation by Dec. 22. The entrance of the station is being enlarged in order that both trucks might be sent out at the same time.

Fire Chief Baughman will go to Portland about Dec. 19th to drive the new fire truck back to Ashland.

STRANGLER MAKES CALIFORNIA ATTACKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The return of the dark stranger charged with the murder of a dozen elderly Pacific coast women was believed to have been indicated today with the reports of three fresh attacks in San Francisco. In each case the fiend was frightened away before he accomplished his purpose. While the attempted outrages were believed to have been by the same man in one case the fiend was identified as a swarthy foreign looking degenerate who was believed to have been responsible for the slaying of women in California, Oregon and Washington.

MESSAGES BROADCAST

Directly in the interest of early shopping and early mailing and indirectly to aid the merchants of the country as well as the postoffice service, during the Yuletide season, the following message is being broadcasted by radio, through the newspapers, and on the screens of the moving picture theatres throughout the whole United States: "The government would be grateful if you would shop early, wrap carefully, address plainly and mail promptly all Christmas packages and mail. (Signed) Harry S. New, Postmaster General."

FREE CONCERT TONIGHT

A free concert will be given tonight in the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock, in which 125 high school students will take part. This concert, which will be under the direction of Miss Laura Raguse, music supervisor at the local high school, is given under the auspices of the Ashland Music Study Club.

The public is cordially invited to come and bring the children of school age, in order to stimulate their interest in music.

AIR MAIL PLANES LAND HERE SUNDAY

Low-Hung Fog in Lower Valley Forces Them to Come Down Here

Because of the fog which hung low over the valley yesterday the air mail planes from both Portland and San Francisco made forced landings near Ashland. One plane landed near the golf course and the other came down without a mishap a short distance east of the city. The fog was so heavy over the fair grounds that the pilots were unable to land at their regular field.

"JOHNNY BEHIND GUN" IS IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Famous Old Mining Man Takes Shot at Neighbor After Dispute

BEATTY, Nev., Dec. 6.—(UP)—"Johnny Behind the Gun" is in trouble again. Johnny's full name is Johnny Cnty, and he came to America from Bohemia 60 years ago.

In the days when it was "day-time all night" in the now historic ghost city of Rhyolite, Cnty, in the veracious of those hectic times, "bumped off" a man in a dispute over some mining claims. It was then the custom to shoot first and argue afterwards. This incident earned for Cnty the title of "Johnny Behind the Gun." He was freed by a California court.

While the Leadfield excitement was running high last summer Cnty decided that it was time for him to settle down into some less strenuous occupation than tramping the hills for the rainbow's end of gold. He purchased the Beatty Hotel and became a fulfilled landlord.

Johnny at 75 is easily irritated and when George Dalton, one of the owners of the Nevada hotel, picked up a bucket the other day and dumped its contents of nuts and bolts, deposited there by Cnty, "Johnny Behind the Gun" was enraged. Dalton is in the hospital recovering from a bullet hole in his left leg. Johnny is in jail awaiting trial.

Corvallis — Plans approved, for \$500,000 soldiers Memorial building on O. A. C. campus.

SIXTY NINTH SESSION OF THE HOUSE IS CALLED TODAY

Congressmen Resemble College Class After Summer Vacation

POLITICS IS POPULAR

Congratulations and Sympathy is Extended to Various Members

BY WILLIAM J. McEVROY United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Like a college class returning for study after a summer vacation, the House of Representatives convened at noon today for the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

Vigorous bangs of the gavel by Speaker "Nick" Longworth, Ohio, ended temporarily the hubbub and roaring conversation between members and Rev. Dr. James Shera Montgomery, House Chaplain, prayed to the Almighty for aid and guidance during the three-month session.

After a short business meeting, adjournment was taken until tomorrow out of respect to members and former members who died during the five month recess.

The journal of the proceedings of the last meeting of the first session, July 3, was read and approved. Several of the regular appropriation bills which brought members of the Appropriations Committee here two weeks ago, were presented and given a privileged status on the calendar. A committee was appointed to inform the President the House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication he might wish to send it.

Adopt Resolution Except for the adoption of the adjournment resolution, the short business session was conducted under difficult conditions. Members, in their eagerness to greet each other again, sent up a din which handicapped Longworth in keeping the legislative wheels moving.

Exchanges of congratulations and sympathy appeared to be the order of the day, with politics in general a popular topic of conversation. Those who were successful in the elections

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CLAIM WORLD WILL BE OVERPOPULATED

Utah Professor Says Two Hundred Years More Will See Changes

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 6.—(UN)—Within a period of less than 200 years the world will be over-populated and drastic action must be taken before that time if life is to be preserved.

Professor Walter P. Cottam of Brigham Young university, made these assertions in a lecture, declaring that by 2100 A. D. man must find ways of decreasing the birth rate, increasing the death rate or producing more food.

The speaker said that there was hope that methods of obtaining food directly from the soil instead of through the medium of plants and that this might save the situation.

"Botany," declared Professor Cottam, "is the most important part of biology in the science of life. Plants, either directly or indirectly, furnish food and clothing for mankind and also prepare the air we breathe by eliminating carbon dioxide and other gases that would be harmful to men."

"Plants also supply man with energy, though of course the ultimate source is the sun. This energy is stored up in plants, sometimes for millions of years, as in the case of coal, for the use of man."

"At the present time the world is growing near the saturation point as to population and botany is becoming increasingly important, for speed must be made in learning all possible sources of food supply."

ANCIENT RUM BOAT HOLDS MANY SECRETS

Government Advertises in Vain for Owners to Come and Get It

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 6.—(UN)—The three-masted windjammer Marion C. Douglas, suspected rum runner, found a near-derelict off the Mexican coast in September and towed to San Diego for identification, is holding its secrets better than it did its liquor.

A secret door, a bullet hole, a bible with certain passages underscored and the scrawled names "Mary" and "Hazel," add untold mystery to the craft, which bore no ship's papers when found.

The government has advertised in vain for its owners to "come and get it." If unclaimed the vessel will be sold at auction and its past will probably always be a mystery.

A deputy constable who is stationed aboard the craft, with plenty of time and little to do, has rummaged every nook and cranny for a clue to the fate which befell the old windjammer and her crew. He has found:

The names "Mary-267" and "Hazel-264" scrawled in a heavy hand inside an old adventure-story magazine. A Bible with the pages of the book of Acts giving worn evidence of much reading. A verse was underscored reading: "He suffereth shipwreck," and another: "And Paul said, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

A barrel of meat from a San Diego concern, bread wrappers from Westminster, B. C., supply cans purchased in Vancouver B. C., a shoe horn from St. Johns, N. B., a British government seal stamped at Halifax, cooking utensils from India, and Australian and Argentine publications.

STREAMS REcede Following the heavy rains of the past week, raising the water levels in all valley streams, a continued drop in them commenced Friday. From Friday morning until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, says W. R. Coleman, state superintendent of fish streams, the Rogue River dropped over 12 inches and Saturday was dropping even faster, indicating that normal flow would be reached in a comparatively short time.

WORST STORM IN YEARS IS SWEEPING THE EASTERN U. S.

First Reports Give Twenty Lives Lost in Fierce Blizzard

RECORDS ARE BROKEN

Weather Bureau Says Storm is Worst Since December 8th, 1886 (United Press)

The entire east from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic Ocean and from Montreal to the Delaware breakwater paused today before its snow indented doom step to take the toll of the first blizzard of the year. It is the worst snow storm in weather bureau annals, since the record breaking snow storm for December 8, 1886.

Sweeping out of Ohio, the blizzard whirled north over the Atlantic Coast line, leaving disorganized shipping and snow blanketed cities in its wake. In the storm area approximately twenty lives were reported lost, and the casualties were expected to run even higher. Shipping suffered particularly. Dispatches from Sault St. Marie said that one hundred and twenty vessels were imprisoned in an ice jam, which was the worst in the history of the great lakes. On board the vessels two thousand seamen were preparing for a protracted stay, with the food low and famine threatening unless supplies reach them.

Deny That Insanity Is Hereditary

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(UN)—The widely accepted theory that insanity is hereditary is denied by Dr. Frankwood E. Williams, editor of Mental Hygiene and lecturer in psychiatry in the Yale school of medicine. He is strongly opposed to the growing movement for passage of state laws providing for the sterilization of the unfit.

Even feeble-mindedness, he believes, is not nearly so likely to be handed down from parents to children as is generally believed. He says that not more than 40 per cent of feeble-mindedness is due to heredity.

Dr. Williams, in addition to his other positions, holds a place on the staff of the New York Institute for Child Guidance. Discussing methods used by many social workers and students in gathering their data on the life histories of families, he said: "Some very earnest and tremendously serious student who wants to work out a master's or doctor's degree digs up material for a thesis. You could put a feeble-minded boy of 14 in front of this student and he wouldn't know how to begin proving he was feeble-minded. And yet, this same person, after questioning some neighbors and residents of the community, has no hesitation in definitely declaring that this boy's great, great grandfather was insane, an uncle was feeble-minded, and a cousin was a moron."

"On data collected in such an unscientific fashion we are asked to accept a theory that insanity or feeble-mindedness is hereditary."

The Yale lecturer does not wish the thought of "a young and enthusiastic state officer" that

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Our Inquiring Reporter Does A Little Inquiring. A cartoon strip with four panels. Panel 1: Reporter asks 'PEACHES BRANNING WAS AWARDED \$300 A WEEK - DO YOU THINK SHE CAN LIVE ON THAT SUM?' Branning replies 'GULP?'. Panel 2: Reporter asks '\$4000 ENDOR'. Branning replies 'GR-R'. Panel 3: Reporter asks 'AN - DO YOU THINK PEACHES CAN KEEP FROM STARVING ON HER \$300 A WEEK?'. Branning replies 'THE ROMAN \$2,000 YEARLY'. Panel 4: Reporter asks '\$300 PEACHES?'. Branning replies 'BRAIN \$1,500 ANNUALLY'.