

IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE CONGRESS

Congress Convenes With Many Matters of Importance to be Considered.

Washington, D. C.—The second and final session of the 70th congress convened at noon Monday, with prospects for controversies over half a dozen or more matters of major importance.

The president's annual message will be submitted to congress probably on Tuesday. His annual budget message and numerous departmental reports also will be presented to congress during the week.

The Boulder dam bill, passed by the house last spring, is the unfinished business in the senate, and its sponsors will seek to hold it continuously before the senate until disposed of.

Senate Center of Interest.
The big controversies of the session will center in the senate. Besides the Boulder dam bill, which may occasion another filibuster such as has marked its progress in several previous sessions, the naval cruiser bill is on the senate calendar, and the Kellogg anti-war treaty will be submitted to the senate during the opening week.

The house situation offers fewer complications than that in the senate. The house leaders will keep the appropriation bills before the house almost without interruption until they are out of the way.

Reapportionment Measures in House.
Reapportionment legislation threatens to cause trouble in the house. Another effort will be made to pass some kind of a reapportionment bill. Congress has failed to pass such a measure since the 1920 census and in the last session a bill was blocked by those who want no change in the present number of districts of states which would lose representatives under a reapportionment. The bill which was before the house in the last session would provide for automatic reapportionment following the 1930 census. Those advocating reapportionment have been organizing a bloc which threatens to filibuster against other legislation until this subject is given consideration.

Farm Legislation Not Likely.
The number of those who think farm legislation has a chance to pass at the short session is dwindling, particularly as the session draws to a close. The number of those who are left for his successor to wrestle with. Members of both houses from the middle west incline to the view that it would be a wise move to let the Hoover administration handle the farm relief from the ground up, regardless of what the president-elect may think about it, and Senator McNary may find that attitude an obstacle of insurmountable size.

NEW CALENDAR FAVORED

13-Month Year Proposed in Resolution by Chairman Porter.

Washington, D. C.—A thirteenth month would be added to the calendar under a resolution which Chairman Porter of the house foreign affairs committee has drafted for introduction in the house.

Porter said the resolution would propose the calling by the president of an international conference to take up the question which he believes should be tackled at once. If his plan should carry through, he would have the 12-month year cease as the bells toll out the old year on December 31, 1932. The new or 13-month year would be ushered in a moment later with the celebration of the year 1933 on Sunday morning.

Detroit Bribe Fund \$2,000,000 a Year.

Detroit, Mich.—With estimates already before it that rum graft in the customs border patrol service in the Detroit area annually approaches the staggering sum of \$2,000,000, a federal grand jury will resume its investigation in an effort to determine the scope of the alleged corruption.

Spokane Has \$100,000 Fire.

Spokane, Wash.—Fire of undetermined origin caused loss estimated at between \$80,000 and \$100,000 at the garage and store supply building of Armour & Co. The three-story structure, which adjoins the main packing plant, was damaged on all three floors and the roof.

Army Flier Burns to Death.

Duncan, Okla.—Lieutenant Park Sanders of Lawton, Okla., was burned to death and his mechanic, Clement Migliore of New York, suffered severe burns when their airplane was destroyed by fire while they were taking off from Haliburton field here.

Five Die in Airplane Crash.

Spur, Texas.—Five men were burned to death six miles north of here late Saturday when the tri-motored airplane in which they were flying en route from San Antonio to Deaver crashed and burst into flames.

EVERY BRUNDAGE



Elected national president of the Amateur Athletic union by unanimous vote at the fortieth annual convention, Avery Brundage of Chicago threw down the gauntlet to "commercialism in sport" before he had been in the chair two minutes.

EQUADOR RECEIVES HOOVER CORDIALLY

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Pushing his good will crusade into South America, President-elect Herbert Hoover landed here in a country beset by unfavorable economic forces, and in a perennial dispute with its neighbors over the location of boundary lines.

Provisional President Isidoro Ayora of Ecuador cordially received President-elect Hoover and tendered a banquet to members of the goodwill mission. This was attended by members of the cabinet and prominent citizens of Ecuador. Crowds which lined the main street of Guayaquil upon the arrival of the Hoover party also accorded the mission a cordial reception, although there was no wild demonstration.

"True democracy is not a word cannot be imperialistic," Hoover said in a prepared address to Ayora.

BUBONIC PLAGUE RAGING

Shansi Province in China Suffers mysterious recurring scourge, seems to be fastening its grip tighter and tighter upon Shansi province, and to be increasing the number of its victims annually.

The first known cases of bubonic plague in Shansi occurred in 1915, when only two villages were affected and the deaths numbered only 15, with no recoveries. This year, it is feared, the deaths already exceed 2000, and it is known that 22 villages have been affected. If foreign medical men do not tackle the problem next year half of the province may be visited by the plague, and the deaths may run into tens of thousands.

Washington State Senators Meet.

Seattle, Wash.—State senators of western Washington conferred here recently with John Gellatly of Wenatchee, recently elected lieutenant-governor, and considered the makeup of the various committees and informally agreed that taxation and highways would be the chief problems of the 1929 legislature. Mr. Gellatly also announced that J. M. Stoddard, publisher, Waterville, would be secretary to the president and rules committee.

Woman Aged 103 Dies.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Mrs. Dorothy Reed Dunham, who for the last four years has received birthday greetings from President Coolidge, is dead at the age of 103.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, hard white, \$1.48; soft white, western white, \$1.19; hard winter, western red, \$1.13½; northern spring \$1.12.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50 ton; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21; clover, \$14@15; oat, \$15@15.50; oats and vetch hay, \$15@15.50.
Butterfat—54@55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 31@50c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$12@12.50.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.25@8.75.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$11@12

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.19; western white, \$1.18; hard winter, \$1.12½; western red, \$1.13½; northern spring, \$1.12; bluestem, \$1.49½; bulk Montana No. 1, \$1.11½.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28
Butterfat—54c.
Eggs—Ranch, 29@46c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@11.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.50@9.65.
Lamb—Choice, \$11@11.50.

Spokane.
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9.10@9.25
Cattle—Steers, good \$10.50@11.50

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Edwin M. Byers, resident of Gardiner and Oregon pioneer, died suddenly at Reedsport while attempting to crank a power boat.

The public service commission has granted to the Lewis & Clark Railroad company authority to abandon its line of 18 miles in Clatsop county.

Timbers are being shipped from the Johnson mill at Reedsport for building the first unit of the Sitka spruce pulp and paper mill at Empire, in Coos county.

F. L. Phipps of The Dalles was appointed by Governor Patterson county judge of Wasco county to succeed J. T. Adkisson, who was recalled at the recent general election.

Mrs. Clara A. Kirk has received the appointment of postmaster at Dorena. She is the widow of the late J. H. Kirk, who died recently after holding the office for 27 years.

The Eastern Oregon Dairymen's association at Haines so far this year has received and paid for 612,162 pounds of butterfat at an average price of 48 cents a pound.

Plans for erection of buildings on the Umatilla county experiment station near Adams have been completed. The project calls for a home for the caretaker, barns and implement sheds.

A large tract of logged-off land, 2400 acres, has been deeded to Oregon State college by John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich. The land will be used in experiments with reforestation.

Fourteen million Eastern brook trout eggs, one of the largest takes in the history of trout propagation work in Oregon are at the Fall River fish hatchery near Bend ready for hatching in the spring.

Three Eugene firemen were hurt, one fatally, when the northbound Shasta Limited of the Southern Pacific company struck a fire department chemical truck at the Eleventh avenue crossing.

Ashland is planning a celebration for December 5 to mark the completion of the Reeder canyon dam and the filling of the lake.

Willamette pass has been closed for the winter, according to C. B. McFarland, forest ranger, who crossed the pass a few days ago, the trip of 42 miles from Crescent lake to Oakridge requiring five hours.

Green corn is being enjoyed by residents of Myrtle Point, and the supply was grown by Henry Strong on the north fork of the Coquille river. The variety is golden bantam, and was planted late in June.

Farming activities are progressing in Yamhill county, the recent rains having put the unplowed fields in perfect condition for fall-sown grain and every available means is being utilized to hasten the plowing.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company, employing 700 men in its sawmill in Medford and logging camps and railway at Butte Falls, operating uninterruptedly the past two years, will close down for the winter this year.

George P. Gove, N. R. Gilbert and Dr. J. F. Hoesch were elected as Bend's first city commissioners under the new commission-manager form of government authorized by the voters at a special election October 16.

Erection of a new telephone building in Salem at a cost of approximately \$140,000 was announced recently. The site for the new building was purchased by the telephone company recently at a cost of \$25,000.

The old William Burns residence on the Luckiamute, the oldest house in Polk county, was burned to the ground last week. Maggie Burns and Grand-ma Mary Jones, now in her 99th year, who has lived in the house since it was built in 1853, were in the house when it caught fire.

Bernice Rentschler, three, of Salem narrowly escaped injury in an odd accident. W. A. Rentschler was driving home when he noticed that the rear door of the machine was open and his child was missing. Looking back, he saw her sitting on the pavement in the middle of the street. She was unhurt although she narrowly escaped being struck by other cars.

M. B. Christensen's new 60,000 capacity sawmill on the outskirts of Eugene, the city's most recent industrial plant, sawed its first log Monday. Members of the Eugene chamber of commerce witnessed the beginning of operations.

The Milton Christian church congregation held a unique service last Sunday, when it burned the mortgage on the church property. A drive put on the last few weeks cleared the \$6000 remaining of the debt and there was \$50 left over.

As a gift from Klamath county, President and Mrs. Coolidge will receive a box of Nettle Gem potatoes which carried first prize at the Spokane potato show recently. The spuds were raised by Henry Semon.

John Irons of Freewater reports that a carload of his Italian prunes shipped to New York brought \$76 per ton at auction. I. M. Phipps shipped a few tons on the same train that brought him the same returns.

Announced intention of Umatilla county to gravel six miles of highway from the end of the present road from Weston to MacDougal camp will mean realization of the dream for a good road to Toll Gate, it was stated by Albert Baker, in charge of the forest reserve in that district.

The result of an application of 10,000 gallons of emulsified asphalt oil to a section to Macadam road near Sandy is being watched with interest by state highway officials. If the experiment is a success a large part of the road oiling program for 1929 will be devoted to bitumulus.

Fire loss in the city of Tillamook since January 1, 1928, totals \$74,290, according to Fire Chief Dave Steinbach. Thirty-one calls have been answered, with an average cost for firemen, including drills, of only \$19.34. Destruction of the Masonic building by fire created \$70,000 for the complete fire loss.

Domestic geese of W. W. Southwell are heroes of the hour as a result of the attempted robbery of Southwell's turkey roost last week. Warned by the honking of his geese, Southwell surprised four men attempting to break into his garage. He ordered them to halt and when they scattered aimed a shotgun at one thief.

Among the many clover seed displays at the Pacific International Livestock land show recently held in Portland, Charles Upcraft of Tumalo got first and second prizes in the red clover and James Underwood of Redmond also received a second in red clover. In the alskie display Thompson Bros. & Young of Plainview received first.

A blast that shook the business district of Roseburg partially wrecked a local filling station, starting a fire which was extinguished before any great damage was done. Gas escaping from a pump filled a hollow concrete pillar with fumes, which were ignited when an electric switch, controlling the lights of the station, was snapped off.

Occupants of the Mrs. J. T. Bryan car and window of the Peashee crashed in. Expecting to find a carelessly kicked football, a rock or some other such object, the women investigated, and found that a China pheasant hen had made an unceremonious entrance, carrying away the pane of glass on the way.

Two new rotary snowplows, costing \$11,000 each, have been delivered to the state highway department, according to announcement made in Salem recently. One snowplow will be used on the Columbia highway and the other on the Old Oregon trail near La Grande. The state highway department now has 70 pieces of snow fighting equipment.

A total of 35 carloads of Oregon turkeys have been shipped out of the state, about three-fourths of them going to eastern cities and the remainder to California and northern markets. These shipments of approximately 70,000 dressed turkeys represent a value to the Oregon growers of about \$306,250. The quantity forward broke all previous records.

A city park for Tillamook was made possible by the gift of Henry Fremont Goodspeed, pioneer Tillamook county dairyman, ex-county clerk and ex-county judge, who died there November 17, it was revealed when his will was filed for probate. The park will consist of two city lots in Goodspeed's second addition to Tillamook city and will be named for Lillian A. Goodspeed, his wife, who died in 1924.

Linn county has taken a long forward step looking to the completion of the Santiam highway across the mountains by two recent votes. At the recent general election the people of the whole county voted \$60,000 for next year to match state and federal aid for this road. Then the Cascadia road district No. 38, by a large majority vote, added \$10,000 to the fund for next year. If the state highway commission and the federal government meet their proportion, as usual for such roads, and there is every indication they will, there should be funds on hand to undertake the completion of another 20-mile section of this road.

Ralph M. Singer of Portland, who has been appointed sales manager of the \$2,000,000 Western Lumber Manufacturing company at Marshfield, says the new owners will double the capacity of the plant and increase the payroll about 50 per cent.

At a meeting of the directors of the Newport chamber of commerce steps were taken to co-operate with the city council in obtaining a larger water supply for the city of Newport, so that water can be furnished to industries that locate in or near the city.

JOSE VASCONCELOS



Jose Vasconcelos, known as "El Maestro," who is now a candidate for the Presidency of Mexico to succeed Portes Gil.

KING OF ENGLAND NOT IMPROVING

Weakness of Ruler Causes Anxiety; Duke of York at Bedside.

London.—The medical bulletin issued just after midnight Monday morning said that anxiety concerning the strength of the heart of the king persists. It was signed by two consulting specialists as well as by two regular physicians to his majesty.

The bulletin was issued by the physicians only after a prolonged examination and did nothing to alleviate the nervousness which had been aroused by the medical report Sunday evening.

As soon as the early morning bulletin was posted on the palace railings the crowd which had waited patiently outside rushed eagerly to read it. The earlier bulletin, with its discouraging news of the serious state of the king, had prepared them in part for the news that two other physicians had been called in.

The Duke of York, the only one of the four sons of his majesty who is now in England, went to the palace to be with his mother and sister during the anxious hours while the physicians were consulting.

The prolonged illness, which began with a heavy cold and developed into pleurisy and a slight infection of the lung, has now continued for two weeks and is beginning to tell on the royal patient's strength and powers of resistance.

CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

Santiago, Chili.—Relief moved out to the living among the ruins of the earthquake Sunday while the official count of the dead rose to over 100. Communication still was lacking with some towns, while in several cities the piles of the debris thrown down by the shock Saturday morning had been only partly investigated for victims.

The greatest devastation fell on Talca, an industrial city of 35,000 population, about 150 miles south of the capital. Fifty-seven bodies were in the improvised morgue there and unofficial reports were that the death toll would number 100 for the city alone.

Talca virtually was wiped out and persons arriving here said that the damage would amount to 100,000,000 pesos (about \$12,000,000). Troops who were enforcing martial law took over most of the food supply to prevent looting and were rationing it. They blocked efforts of speculators to take advantage of the emergency by jumping their prices.

STATE ROAD FUNDS SHORT

Revenue Mortgaged at Previous Session; Little Chance of Gain.

Olympia, Wash.—Final returns on motor license fees and gasoline taxes for the biennium ended November 30, together with official and unofficial estimates on prospective revenues up to March 31, 1931, indicate that the 1929 legislature will be unable to maintain the customary biennial increase in appropriations for the state road program. The most liberal of estimates fix the income up to March 31, 1931, at \$25,400,000, making it obvious that the coming legislature will have to recede from the high point set by the 1927 legislature with road appropriations totaling \$30,100,000.

The prospective backward turn of the road program is not due to a falling down of gasoline taxes or motor license fees, which finance highway building, but is essentially a case of legislative chickens coming home to roost. Revenues continue to increase, although the combined gain is running at about 8 per cent per year instead of the commonly estimated increase of 10 per cent.

New Oregon License Plates Ready.

Salem, Or.—Issuance of motor vehicle licenses for 1929 will begin December 10, according to announcement made here. A total of 253,373 cars were registered up to December 1 of this year, with license fees aggregating \$6,958,949.98. The new plates for 1929 have a black background with white letters and figures.

Crack Southern Pacific Flyer Ditched.

Roseburg, Or.—A loose tire of the fourth drivewheel of the locomotive pulling the Southern Pacific south-bound Shasta Limited No. 11 Sunday afternoon, derailed six cars about 7½ miles north of Roseburg on a straight-away track at Deady station, injuring nearly a score of passengers, none of whom, fortunately, was seriously hurt.

George P. Griffith Dies in Salem.

Salem, Or.—George P. Griffith, 49, formerly state commander of the American Legion in Oregon and prominent in this section, died here Sunday.

LANDING FIELD FOR DIRIGIBLES SOUGHT

Washington, D. C.—An exhaustive study of aerological and geographical conditions in different parts of the country has been undertaken by the navy department with a view to establishing a new landing field and hangars for dirigibles.

Atlanta, New Orleans, El Paso, St. Louis, Los Angeles and Seattle all figure in the survey now being made by the navy bureau of aeronautics with the co-operation of the United States weather bureau. The relative smoothness of the air, suitability of the surrounding terrain, and the weather record over a period of 25 or 30 years all will be taken into consideration and compared with conditions at Lakehurst, N. J., field, which so far has proved entirely satisfactory.

Within the next 18 months, before the first of the two new airships is completed, recommendations for a new field may be asked of the bureau of aeronautics by the bureau of navy operations. No provision for any new field has been included in the 1929-1930 appropriations bill.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The trustees of the Rockefeller foundation have placed \$170,000 at the disposal of the University of Utrecht for establishment of a new school of physiology.

An official announcement is made that the 53d session of the league of nations council will be held at Lugano, in southern Switzerland, all members having agreed.

The trade committee of the Austrian national assembly votes approval of the measure ratifying a treaty of amity, commerce and consular affairs between Austria and United States.

In a very close election, Jim Bottomley of the St. Louis Cards won the National league valuable player contest over Fred Lindstrom of the New York Giants by six votes. The final vote stood, Bottomley 76 and Lindstrom 70, out of a possible 80.

Prime Minister Baldwin, according to authoritative information, has dispatched a friendly reply to the proposal made by Representative Britten for an Anglo-American parliamentary conference on naval affairs. The reply was sent to Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador at Washington.

Stanford Wins in Clash with Army.

New York, N. Y.—Smashing West Point's defenses to bits with a rip-roaring, bewildering attack that kept up its momentum from start to finish, Stanford put the Army football team to rout and won the most spectacular intersectional battle of the year by the lopsided score of 26 to 0. While a capacity crowd of 85,999 looked on in astonishment, the last hope and pride of the eastern gridiron was smothered, completely outplayed, outgeneraled and soundly trounced by what turned out to be a Cardinal cyclone, sweeping all before it.

Rocket Car Tried Out in Germany.

Berlin.—Engineer Kurt von Volkhardt tried out a rocket car of new design on the Avus speedway in Grunewald but only attained a speed of 20 miles an hour when six rockets were fired in quick succession during the third attempt. Earlier starts drove the car only a few yards and one side of the machine was partly blown out.

Trojans Beat Notre Dame, 27 to 14.

Los Angeles.—In one brilliant and masterful stroke Southern California's Trojans, coast conference champions, ended their 1928 football season Saturday with a smashing 27-to-14 victory over the Ramblers of Notre Dame.