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**A HOPEFUL NOTE FROM CONGRESS**

There has been a growing suspicion in the minds of many very good American citizens of late years that that august body, the congress of these United States, has become rather a fossilized institution; that a vast majority of the old members who have been holding down their seats for lo these many years put in more time playing politics or looking out for local interests or special privileges than they do in working for the welfare of the people of the country as a whole.

That this suspicion has some foundation in fact is shown more or less conclusively by the action of something like 100 new republican members who are now serving their first term and who seem to have got wise to the dillydally practices of their older and more seasoned colleagues.

It seems to be an unwritten law in congress—and perhaps this is particularly true of the upper house—that the new member must sit tight the first year and not say anything but according to recent press dispatches these new members have taken the bit in their teeth and propose to stir up the animals in an effort to have the special session do at least some of the things for which it was called.

Representative Ansgore, of New York, speaking for himself and the other new members who are out for action, in a recent interview said that the new members are dissatisfied with the progress being made in this special session and "want to cut some of the red tape and substitute action for delay." Continuing he said that there were about 100 new members in the house but that under the red tape methods they are not permitted to make their influence felt. He further pointed out that not one of the things for which the special session was called has yet been accomplished, nor is there any definite promise as to when they will be. He continued:

"The special session was called particularly to revise the cumbersome, unwieldy and inequitable system of taxation, the passage of a fair protective tariff and the adoption of a peace resolution and though nearly three months have elapsed none of these important measures have been passed. We believe that what is best for the country is best for the party and we want to impress that on some of the older members, many of whom have been here so long they seem to have forgotten it. We want to cut this red tape. We want to be recognized. We have come more recently from the people than the older members have and our opinions should have some weight. We believe that our districts have as much right to representation as has 'Uncle Joe Cannon's'."

That sounds something like revolt but Mr. Ansgore says it is not that; only a desire to do some of the things their constituents sent them there to do.

The statement has a hopeful note. Maybe those 100 malcontents will be able to rattle the dry bones to the extent that congress will quit fiddling around like a lot of school boys and get down to business. If they don't it will be a pretty safe bet that there will be a hundred or so more new members returned at the next election. The people are getting tired of things as they are and they are for the new members.

**PROFANITY AND WORK**

GENERAL Dawes has undertaken a man's size job—a superman's, to use a much abused term. The task of General Dawes is to find out, first why the United States government costs so much money, and second, how to eliminate waste, excess, extravagance, duplication. To state the second is to explain the first.

The United States through its bureau chiefs and department heads and all the enormous array of administration talent, spends vast sums of money because congress appropriates them; and congress has appropriated because it has not had the will to resist the demands of the departments, which have made up their respective budgets on the basis of getting all they could.

A private business basis its expenditures on its income, actual or probable. If it follows any other system, it goes bankrupt. But there is a different rule in public business. The average public official estimates his outgo on what he wants to do. Then he arranges for his income, which is limited only by the willingness and ability of the taxpayer to pay. The public cow is running dry, and the milkers have got to be restrained somehow. General Dawes is as well aware as anybody that the great problem of reducing public expenses is not to be solved through the mere medium of a copious and picturesque vocabulary of profanity, but the public does not object to his exercise of his undoubted talent for expletive. The general has put into words just what the people feel. As a preliminary to real work, it is well that the attention of the job holders be enlisted. Probably they know that General Dawes means business. Certainly the nation wants him to accomplish what he has set out to do.—Oregonian.

**Put It Up to the Teacher.**

It was Jimmy's first day in school and he appeared to be very much interested and was very attentive to everything the teacher said. In one class the teacher asked Jimmy how many fingers he had. The little fellow stuck out his fingers and said to the teacher: "There they are; count 'em."

**Great Fresh-Water Lake.**

Lake Balkal, in Siberia, is one of the great inland fresh-water seas, being nearly as long as Lake Superior, but not so wide. It is flanked by great mountains, and its shores are filled with wood cutters and fishermen, but there are very few hunters, although many fur-bearing animals are found in the great forests about it.

**LUCKY STRIKE**  
cigarette



**MARRIED**

**Erne-Christian**

Mr. John A. Erne, of Parkers Mill and Miss Florence M. Christian, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were united in marriage at the court house last Saturday morning, County Judge Campbell officiating.

The groom is engaged in the stock business near Parkers Mill and has been a resident of this county for a couple of years, coming here from Minneapolis, and during that time he has made many friends in this section. The bride is a charming young lady who arrived from her eastern home Friday evening. The wedding was the culmination of a romance beginning in the eastern city before Mr. Erne turned his face towards Oregon to prepare a home for himself and bride.

**Howell-McRoberts**

Mr. Earnest L. Howell and Miss Alta McRoberts, well known young people of this city, were married at the home of Mrs. Helen Schantz, last Friday evening, Rev. Livingston of the First Christian church, performed the ceremony. It is understood the happy couple will reside in Heppner.

**RUN OVER BY TRUCK**

A. D. Saechter has been a patient in the local hospital this week suffering from bruises and injuries to his head sustained when he was run over by a truck driven by Horace Potts last Friday, on the Saechter place near Gwendolyn. Mr. Saechter, an Austrian, and Mr. Potts were having an argument concerning money matters and Saechter tried to detain Potts by running in front of the truck. Ray Brown and Jimmie Courter were on the truck with Potts at the time and they did not stop after they had run over Saechter because they claim they heard him call for a gun. Mr. Saechter was not seriously injured and is recovering nicely. Sheriff Montague was called to investigate the case but no arrests have been made.—Condon Globe-Times.

**HEPPNER BOY WINS MILITARY OFFICE THROUGH MERIT**

Allen LeRoy Case, of Heppner, went to Hill Military Academy last year and after two terms of earnest study and hard work he had made excellent progress in his school work and the faculty gave him a second lieutenancy in the cadet corps. He won the office by passing a difficult



Allen LeRoy Case

examination and had a record of great improvement in scholastic standing and deportment to his credit.

At the school in Portland the cadets, while under strict military discipline have a wholesome home life, motion pictures every week in their assembly hall, patriotic exercises, outings supervised by the faculty and social gatherings chaperoned by society matrons. Several boys from this part of the state have attended the school.

At the commencement exercises at Hill Military Academy, in Portland last week, Arthur Donald Bowker, of Heppner, was commended for his work as chief trumpeter and received special recognition. Nineteen cadets were graduated. Several hundred guests attending the exercises.

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