

PRESIDENT OPPOSES SOLDIERS BONUS

COOLIDGE DELIVERS MESSAGE

Harding's Successor in First Announcement of Policies, Emphasizes Need of Tax Reduction Throughout Land—Opposed to League, But in Favor World Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Coolidge addressed congress today for the first time since he became chief executive.

Appearing before a joint session of the house and senate, he presented recommendations touching all of the major problems confronting the nation.

The Mellon tax reduction program was given unqualified endorsement, but the soldiers' bonus was disapproved.

Mr. Coolidge's address broke the studied silence he has maintained on public questions since he entered the White House. His message had been awaited not only because it definitely outlined the legislative policy of the administration, but because of the political effect it may have both upon his own fortunes and that of his party.

In addressing congress in person, Mr. Coolidge adopted a custom established by Wilson and pursued by Harding. He spoke in the house chamber, standing at the clerk's desk in front of the speaker's dais where he had sat as vice-president on the occasions that his late chief addressed congress.

A Record-Breaking Crowd.

There was an unusual demand for tickets to the house galleries to hear the first speech of the new president and even standing room was at a premium long before he began to speak.

Outside on the capitol plaza another large crowd heard the address through an amplifier and at the same time it was carried throughout the country by wireless.

On the floor of the house itself the crush was so great that members complained they were unable to get to the seats to which they were entitled.

House officers were directed to clear the floor of persons not entitled to admission just before the president's arrival.

Mrs. Coolidge sat in the gallery. She had arrived before the house assembled at noon and received an ovation from the floor and galleries.

Senators, representatives and spectators stood and applauded when the president appeared. The applause expanded into cheers from the republican side when the president shook hands with Speaker Gillett and bowed to his audience.

The chief executive spoke slowly and deliberately without effort at oratory. The first applause came when he declared the United States saw no reason to limit its own freedom and independence of action by joining the League of Nations.

The address in part follows:

Since the close of the last congress the nation has lost President Harding. The world knew his kindness and his humanity, his greatness and his character. He has left his mark upon history. He has made justice more certain and peace more secure. The surging tribute paid to his memory as he was borne across the continent to the rest at last at home revealed the place he held in the hearts of the American people. But this is not the occasion for extended reference to the man or his work. In this presence, among those who knew and loved him, that is unnecessary. But we who were associated with him could not resume together the functions of our office without pausing for a moment, and in his memory recommitting ourselves to the service of our country. He is

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PENDLETON WIFE MURDER SUSPECT CAUGHT; LOS ANGELES MOTOR CAMP

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—The sheriff's office today received telegraphic instructions from the sheriff at Pendleton, Ore., to hold Elgin Pittman, arrested yesterday at an automobile camp here and to forward photographs of the woman with him and who asserts she is his wife.

A warrant was issued last June for Pittman, who was sought in connection with the supposed slaying of his wife Edna. A body identified by her parents as that of their daughter, was found in the Columbia river near Wallula, Wash. The woman in company with Pittman here said she was the person thought to have been slain.

Bride of One Week Drowned When Car Plunges Into River

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Josephine Byers of Aberdeen, Wash., a bride of one week was drowned late last night at the Harrisburg ferry landing when a car, driven by William J. Parks of San Francisco, plunged into the Willamette river. Her husband, Robert Byers of Los Angeles, had a narrow escape.

Mrs. Byers was formerly Miss Josephine Goodman.

SECRETARY WORK FOR INCREASE IN WAR PENSIONS

Secy. of Interior Urges Civil War Veterans Be Given More Financial Aid—Reclamation Work Declared to Be in Critical Shape.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An increase in Civil War pensions was advocated by Secretary Work of the interior department in his annual report submitted today to the president.

"The ravages of time," said the secretary, "have now overcome these survivors of the Civil War, and in their old age it is my belief that the pensioning of them should no longer be based upon a showing of disability due to wounds and disease. On the contrary both the veterans and widows should receive a pension from the government after having reached a certain age, and the pension paid to them should be adequate to fully support them."

I therefore recommend that some legislation be enacted by congress to increase the pensions of Civil War veterans and their widows, thereby more fully recognizing the debt the government owes them for the service they performed in preventing the disruption of the union."

The interior secretary went into no further details, and he likewise dismissed with brief comment the other points touched upon in his report—one of the shortest ever submitted by a cabinet officer. He summarized in a paragraph his oft-repeated declaration for a new reclamation policy: "I propose soon to undertake a survey of conditions in the patent office; asked for additional facilities for Howard university, a negro institution here under government supervision; and concluded with a sentence pointing out that the department's application has been reduced by the last congress the budget bureau now proposed an additional cut of \$25,000,000 for the coming year."

Reclamation in Bad Way

The reclamation problem was described by Mr. Work as presenting "a critical situation."

"The reclamation law," he said, "provides that the cost of construction of each project shall be paid within a 20-year period in installments of fixed amounts, and also provides the annual maintenance cost, including operation shall be paid annually by the water users. Out of the 28 projects constructed or in the course of construction, only one of these projects has fully complied with this requirement notwithstanding that relief extending time of payment on three occasions has been granted by congress. A number of them are in a state of financial insolvency, making it impossible for the government to recover the money invested in them, while other projects are in such a dubious state that it is difficult to preserve at the present time whether they will ultimately pay out. In order to ascertain the true condition I have appointed a special committee of advisors."

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DEAD HUBBY FOUND ALIVE, CALIFORNIA

Mysterious Sailstad Case in Wisconsin Cleared Up By Arrest of Deceased Husband for Whose Death Wife, Married Again, Tried to Collect \$62,000 Insurance.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Officials who opened Allan McPhee's grave near Lake Nebagamon found the grave to have been robbed of the body, according to a communication from District Attorney Kennedy.

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Miss Dorothy Anderson, held here with Edward J. Sailstad in connection with an arson charge in Eau Claire, Wis., today admitted to authorities full complicity in the burning of the house containing the body of Allan McPhee in a plot to collect insurance.

According to District Attorney Thomas C. Anglin of Napa, Miss Anderson admitted that she had accompanied Sailstad to the cemetery and aided in disintering the body. The body was then taken to the cottage, she said, and placed in a mattress, after which Sailstad started the fire which burned the house.

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 6.—Miss Dorothy Anderson, companion of Edward J. Sailstad, confessed perpetrator of an insurance hoax at Lake Nebagamon, Wis., in which he disinterred and burned the body of a friend in order to make it appear as his own, was subjected to a long examination in a hospital here today by District Attorney Thomas C. Anglin. The girl, who also made a statement to the authorities yesterday on her friendship with Sailstad, was questioned minutely as to any knowledge she might have of the crime.

The district attorney said that he also intended to subject Sailstad to another examination today to clear up phases of the crime that were not fully revealed in the confession.

Miss Anderson, a sufferer from incipient tuberculosis was taken to the hospital after being taken into custody with Sailstad here. Sailstad is to be kept here until officers arrive from Wisconsin to return him for trial.

NAPA, Cal., Dec. 6.—Edward J. Sailstad, who was arrested here last night, admitted that he put a body in a cottage at Lake Nebagamon, Wis., and set fire to the building four years ago in an effort to make it appear that he had died in the fire so his wife might collect \$62,000 insurance money, according to District Attorney Thomas C. Anglin of Napa.

With Sailstad when he was arrested was Miss Dorothy Anderson, who was Sailstad's stenographer when he was a businessman in Eau Claire, Wis., before his supposed death and who, according to Anglin, admitted accompanying him on his flight from Wisconsin. Miss Anderson was detained for further questioning today.

Sailstad is being held in jail here on a charge of arson at the request of the authorities of Superior, Wis.

Sailstad and Miss Anderson were traveling in an expensive automobile and told officials here that they had been visiting various parts of the country repairing typewriters. At first the young woman declared her name was Mary Brown and said she met Sailstad, who has used the name of Kingston since the Lake Nebagamon fire, in Chicago.

In Financial Difficulties

The district attorney said that after much questioning Sailstad admitted he put the body of a man of about his own size, which he had stolen from its grave, in the cottage. Then, he said, he set fire to the building and fled.

Advices from Superior said that four cottages were burned in the fire that followed.

Anglin said that Sailstad told him that a Eau Claire phonograph company of which he was president faced financial difficulties and it was to solve these as well as to cover his flight with his stenographer, with whom he

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Delivers His Maiden Message



PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE

STORY BERGDOLL KIDNAPPING IS TOLD IN COURT

MOSBACH, Baden, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Corliss Hooven Griffiths of Hamilton, Ohio, unburdened himself today before the German court here trying him for the part he played in the attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft evader at Eberbach last August. Griffiths related in detail how and why he conceived the plan to capture Bergdoll and take him back to America.

Griffiths repeatedly asserted he was the prime mover in the plot and that while many American officers in Paris were aware of his plans, the American Legion had nothing to do with it.

His motives were purely patriotic, Griffiths asserted. He schemed, worked and thought out the details with the aid of some other Americans but he himself had no idea or any hope of monetary reward once Bergdoll was in the United States to face the American government's charges.

"One hundred million Americans," said Griffiths, "know the damnable things committed by Bergdoll, who is American born, whose father was American born, and who betrayed his country in time of war."

Physical Culture Fast Fatal to Navy Man in Medford

John M. Eisenhour, of Water, Cal., twenty-three years old, died last night at the Sacred Heart hospital as the result of a thirty-five day fast. Discharged from the navy about six months ago after three years service Eisenhour came here recently and was a sort of watchman at the Siskiyew mill. Suffering from ill health and reading in a physical culture magazine that fasting would cure him, he fasted for thirty-five days. When the case was reported to the local Red Cross Tuesday he was removed to the hospital where he died next day, in spite of food and care that was administered, but too late. His mother resides at Water, California.

U. S. MARINES TAKE POSSESSION CUSTOM HOUSE

HONG KONG, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press.) Marines from foreign warships anchored off Shamenee, the foreign settlement of Canton, have landed on the Bund and taken possession of the custom house, fortifying themselves with machine guns, according to advices received here.

Six foreign gunboats are known to be anchored off Shamenee. They include the two American vessels, the Asheville and the Pampana, the British ships, Cleala and Moorpen, and the French gunboats Malicorne and Croaone.

The British fleet has been strengthened by the arrival of the gunboats Magnolia, with Admiral Levison aboard and the Tarantula, according to later advices received here.

The Japanese gunboat Matsuo and the destroyer Sugai also have arrived at Canton, the advices state.

Admiral Frocht of the French navy is aboard the Croaone.

Canton, military objective of the north China forces of General Chen Chung-Ming, and stronghold of Sun Yet Sen, south China leader, his foe, has been the scene of much internal disturbance during the past few months, as Chen's forces menaced nearby towns. Martial law recently was declared throughout the city.

Last month Chen's army was reported only twenty miles from Canton and Sun's forces prepared for an engagement in defense of the city by entrenching themselves in the hills six miles from Canton. Defections from Sun's army have been reported to be numerous for several weeks and banditry is said to have been prevalent for some time, despite rigid restrictions imposed by authorities, throughout Canton.

Death Toll of the Automobile

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Misses Myrtle and Bessie Woodman, sisters, aged 40 and 38 respectively, and Oscar Myranda, 6, were killed in automobile accidents here yesterday. Drivers of the two cars which figured were arrested.

Diphtheria in California.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 6.—Calling attention to the fact that 218 cases of diphtheria were reported in the state last week, the state board of health in a bulletin just issued advises that every child in California should be given anti-toxin immediately. It is denied however, that an epidemic threatens.

First Reports Show Liberal, Labor Gain In British Election

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The first result from the parliamentary election was a liberal gain in the exchange division of Manchester where R. M. Barclay, liberal, defeated the conservative free trader, Sir Edwin Stockton.

The second result was a gain for the laborites at Wakefield, where C. G. Sherwood was elected over the conservative member, G. E. Ellin.

PORTLAND IS HIT BY WINDSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN

Nearly Inch and Half of Rain Falls in 24 Hours—Wind Does Damage—Blizzard in Washington State—3 Feet Snow Falls.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—Heavy south winds driving almost steady rainfall gave Oregon a severe storm last night. Only minor damage was done at Portland. Plate glass windows were broken, a trolley wire was snapped and radio aerials were tangled masses in some sections. Telegraph wires in the state were crippled. The precipitation here for 24 hours ending at 5 a. m. was 1.21 inches.

At North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia river, the highest wind velocity of the season was recorded, 84 miles an hour during the night. This morning it had dropped to 48 miles an hour.

The steam schooner Oregon, which put into the Columbia river late yesterday looking, was expected to proceed to Portland for repairs.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 6.—Wenatchee awoke today to find the ground covered with four inches of the "beautiful white" after an all-night snow fall. It turned to rain this morning.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 6.—Rain to the extent of 72 inches fell here last night, an unusual occurrence for any time of the year in the Kittitas valley. Reports to railway officials here this morning stated that ten inches of snow fell in Snoqualmie pass last night with a heavy rain on the west side of the Cascades.

Three Feet of Snow

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 6.—Today and yesterday three feet of snow fell in the Cascade mountains along the Great Northern right of way and it is still snowing. In the prevailing storm telegraph wires east of Index have gone down and a flood stage in rivers is threatened by tomorrow. High tension electric wires leading into Everett went down this morning and the city is now depending upon an auxiliary steam plant for light and electric power. Repairs are being made upon the Sultan river pipe line, which was broken in two places yesterday by slides in the Sultan canyon, but nothing is known regarding progress of the work as telephone lines are down. A water shortage is not feared however.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6.—Herbert Munter, American mail aviator who left Seattle at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was reported to have been rescued.

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2000 DEAD AND WOUNDED LEFT IN TOWN SACKED BY CHINESE BANDITS

PEKING, Dec. 6.—(By Associated Press.) Bandits scaled the walls of Likwankia in southwestern Honan province and looted and burned the town some days ago, according to advices from a mission station at Lachokow, Hupeh province, across the boundary line from the burned town.

Two thousand dead and wounded were left behind when the bandits abandoned the smoking ruins of the town, the advices said. Although the attack occurred in mid-November, details of it were delayed in reaching the rest of the world by the isolated position of Likwankia, far up a tributary of the Kankiang river.

S.P. BANDITS REPORTED IN TWO PLACES

Mexico and Henderson, Ky., Report D'Autremonts—Arrest Three Suspects in Latimer Town—Mexico Officials Claim Boys Are in Hiding in Pueblo.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 6.—Mexican state and federal officers are taking up the hunt for the D'Autremont brothers, Roy, Ray and Hugh wanted in connection with the holdup of a Southern Pacific railroad passenger train near Ashland, Ore., on October 11 when 3 trainmen and a mail clerk were killed.

HENDERSON, Ky., Dec. 6.—Three men arrested today by detectives are being questioned regarding the holdup of a Southern Pacific railroad passenger train near Ashland, Ore., on October 11 when 3 trainmen and a mail clerk were killed.

County Buys D'Autremont Car

The Nash car, belonging to Roy D'Autremont and used, the authorities say, by the three brother Shakyoun tunnel bandit suspects, in making at least one trip to the vicinity of the crime scene, before the attempted robbery of October 11, was purchased Wednesday by Jackson county from the Burnside Auto Exchange of Portland, for \$600.

The car was held by the sheriff's office in a Jacksonville garage as evidence, where it had been brought from Eugene, Oregon, where one of the brothers left it, a day or two before the hold up, the evidence shows.

As the result of a collision with a brindle steer, belonging to a man by the name of High, on the Neil Creek road, about seven miles from Shakyoun, heavy repairs were necessary, and it was up to the county court to either pay for these repairs, or buy the vehicle. They choose the latter course, retaining the car as evidence, and having an auto for use by the sheriff's office, which needs one, and it will also come in handy for prohibition enforcement, eliminating taxi bills.

The car, which played a leading role in the opening chapter of the atrocious crime, according to official data and evidence, was purchased by Roy De Autremont, August 30th, last all the brothers being present, but Roy signing a contract, and conducting the negotiations. He agreed to pay \$69.75 a month, for a year, until the car was paid for.

The authorities claim that the Nash car was driven from Portland to Eugene, and later to the cabin near the scene of the hold-up with supplies, etc., on their alleged pseudo hunting trip.

On one of their jaunts, they are thought to have broken the hind leg of Mr. High's brindle steer, putting the engine and other delicate mechanism of the motor out of commission, temporary repairs being made at the Park Garage in Ashland. This done, one of the brothers, the evidence shows, drove the car back to Eugene, and stored it in his father's garage, returning to this city, and joining the others.

Harry Fleims and George Eads, according to the sheriff's office, think the two twins called at the Denny Fruit company packing house, about securing a ride to Ashland, one eating an apple, while the other chatted.

The movements of the suspects after this incident have not been definitely traced, but it is thought they "picked up" a ride from a passing tourist to the Sklakyons.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is stated semi-officially that the marine forces at Vera Cruz have joined General Sanchez, chief of military operations, in repudiating the central government.