

SHORT MEET OF CONGRESS SEEN AS CALM, MAYBE

By Walter W. Chamberlin, Jr. (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON (AP)—Unless an unexpected breeze should spring up congress gives promise this winter of sailing a tranquil course through the doldrums of legislative routine.

The outlook discloses nothing of an exciting or startling nature beyond the unsolved problems left from the last session, but then it is difficult to tell just what the 531 members who make up the house and senate will stir up before the seventeenth congress passes into history at noon March 4.

Farm relief, the usual batch of annual appropriation bills, the Kellogg peace treaty, Boulder Canyon dam and the \$274,000,000 naval program are among the major tasks to be tackled at the short session starting December 3, although congressional leaders are undecided whether the farm problem should be taken up immediately or postponed for a special session in the early spring.

While these questions in the minds of many members hold foremost positions, a host of other subjects are rubbing shoulders with one another to obtain points of vantage. This later group includes the Shipstead anti-injunction proposal, railroad consolidation, coal legislative and a group of senate investigating committee reports.

Of the whole array of questions none is a newcomer to Capitol Hill, and the inquisitive citizen can find volumes of testimony and reports on each of them in the various committee rooms of the two houses.

The Boulder Canyon dam bill, proposing government construction of a huge flood control project on the Colorado river, is the unfinished business in the senate. The measure, passed by the house late last session after stormy debate, precipitated a filibuster in the senate, and this session the two Arizona senators undoubtedly will make another determined fight against its enactment.

On farm relief Senator McNary of Oregon, who heads the agriculture committee, has announced he will introduce a new bill minus the converted qualification fee provisions. He has expressed belief that his long-standing problem can be solved without an extra session, but no one knows what will be done on this score.

Along with the farm problem has been linked the question of tariff revision. President-elect Hoover and Vice-President-elect Curtis both have suggested tariff revision as one means of aiding the agricultural industry, and some members of congress feel a farm bill should be enacted prior to consideration of tariff revision. It is argued that with a farm bill out of the way it would be easier to determine what tariff changes might be desired from the farm view point.

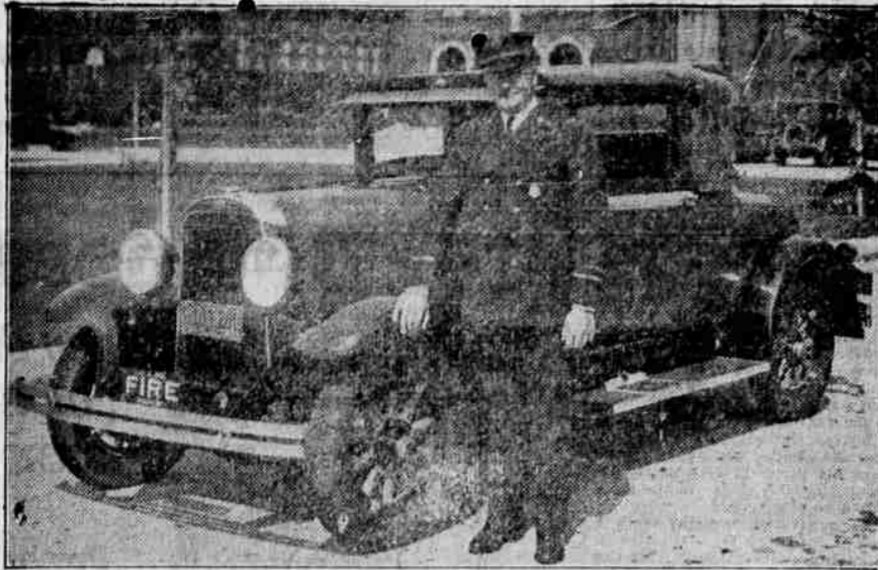
Pressure for consideration of the naval bill, which should provide for the building of fifteen battleship cruisers and one aircraft carrier, is expected to be forthcoming from administration sources. The measure, which passed the house last winter, was presented to congress as having the full support of the navy department, and President Coolidge in an armistice day address advocated building up the navy.

The Kellogg treaty, which would have the American government renounce war as an instrument of national policy, probably will come before the senate at a comparatively early date. The proposal has been endorsed by Senator Borah of Idaho, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, which group will have jurisdiction over the treaty.

While a bill proposing a plan for the voluntary consolidation of railroads was reported by the house commerce committee last session, it is problematical if this measure will negotiate the entire legislative pathway before March 4, when under constitutional mandate the seventieth congress takes its place in history.

As for the appropriation bills—the big task for every short session of congress—a start already has been made by the house appropriations committee, which is charged with the responsibility of wrapping them into shape. Since early summer a corps of committee clerks have been laying the ground work so as to enable the members to get way to a running start.

Fight Forest Fires



R. L. Dunlap, fire prevention engineer and assistant fire warden of Los Angeles county, Calif., and the Oldsmobile he uses to speed from one forest fire area to another in his work of saving the forests of the west.

WOMEN OF LAND TO ASK KELLOGG PACT IMPROVED

By Sue McNameama (Associated Press Feature Writer) WASHINGTON (AP)—Five million women, through accredited representatives of organizations with that many individuals on their rolls, will press for senate ratification of the Kellogg war-attenuation treaty to renounce war, at the short session of congress that begins December 3.

There have been few public issues which have enlisted the apparent tremendous women's support as that accorded the Kellogg pact. While various groups have put measures which they are sponsoring, the peace pact is receiving the support of all groups.

Women from every part of the country have written to headquarters of the various organizations here that peace pact pledges should flock to the senate galleries when the ratification proposal is up, hoping that their silent presence may wield some power.

The big organizations will have their appointed spokesmen, the best qualified women they can find, to urge their cause among members of congress.

Among these women will be Mrs. Maud Wood Park, counselor on legislation for the National League of Women Voters, Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the League, Mrs. Clarence Keim, legislative chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. John P. Stoppel, president and Mrs. S. M. N. Marx, president of the National Parent-Teachers association, and Mrs. William Tilton, legislative chairman.

While the women realize there are breakers ahead before their centuries-long dream of women can actually come true, they see in the Kellogg treaty a beacon of hope and they are united in support of it.

Another issue of major legislative interest to women at the coming session of congress deals also with the conservation of life. This is the Newton bill, creating a child welfare extension service in the U. S. children's bureau. This bill authorizes an annual appropriation of one million dollars to be used in a campaign to reduce the maternity and infancy death rate and to promote maternal and infant hygiene.

When the Sheppard-Towner maternity and infancy bill was enacted into law it expressed the conviction that the federal and state governments should cooperate in a campaign of education to the end that mothers and their babies should not die needlessly. The Newton bill places responsibility upon the federal government to continue to bear its share of a nation-wide program of maternal and infant welfare.

Various groups will also work for other legislation of interest to women. The National Parent-Teachers association, which includes men as well as women, is much interested in the Brookhart bill which provides safeguards against unwholesome and sensational films. It prohibits block booking, which compels a theater manager to accept unwholesome pictures along with the good, and blind booking, which permits booking films without knowing what they are.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, which alone has a membership of two million women, will urge that congress pass legislation permitting an alien, legally admitted to the United States prior to enactment of the immigration law of July, 1924, to bring to this country without delay his wife and unmarried minor children, thus making possible the re-uniting of families now separated.

The club women will also support the Shipstead-Newton bill to set aside Rainy Lake Watershed region of 14,000 square miles in Minnesota and Canada as an international park.

The National Woman's Party will continue to concentrate its efforts at the coming session of congress on securing the equal rights amendment providing equal opportunity in all fields for men and women.

The child labor amendment, prohibition enforcement and uniform marriage and divorce laws are other pieces of legislation in which the women's organizations generally are interested.

PEARY PARTY TO NORTH POLE MAY GET LATE HONORS

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)—The success of the Peary expedition to the North Pole at last sees some hope of gaining governmental recognition for himself and his companions for their feat. In the nearly 20 years since the dash to the pole, the United States has conferred no awards upon Peary's men.

The surgeon, Maj. John Walter Goodsell, a world war veteran and practicing physician at Sandy Lake, Pa., has received a promise from Rep. Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania that a bill will be presented in congress for fitting recognition of the expedition's service. Representative Kelly introduced such a bill at a previous session, but it was tabled.

"Considering the recognition accorded the Scott Antarctic expedition by the British government, similar awards by other governments to men who have assisted in notable achievements," Representative Kelly says, "it is a travesty on justice that after more than 19 years congress has not accorded recognition to Prof. Ross Marvin, who lost his life in the arctic, and to his comrades who aided and suffered that Commander Peary might plant 'Old Glory' at the North Pole."

"These officers and comrades of Peary should receive equal recognition," says Mr. Kelly.

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All of these, with the exception of Wardwell, whose duty required him to remain aboard the Roosevelt, accompanied Peary on the actual dash to the pole, across the frozen sea, of jagged, unbroken ice, sleeping without cover or sleeping bags with temperature 60 degrees below zero.

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Big Reception Accorded the New Durant

During the first week of their introduction to local motoring circles, the new 1929 Durant 60 models have been accorded a reception that will go down in history as having few equals, says Mr. Salin, of the local dealers. Demonstrations establish the claim of Durant engineers that this speed, power, performance and riding qualities of the new 60 models far surpass any previous motor car produced by the Durant Motor company. The new models are said to be the world's lowest priced fully equipped six-cylinder automobiles.

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SENSITIVE SNOUT IS CHIEF ASSET OF WINE EXPERTS

ELTVILLE, ON - RHINE, Germany (AP)—A discerning tongue and a sensitive nose may easily become a man's fortune in the wine growing districts of the Rhineland. Given a keen sense of taste and smell, the doors are open to a profitable career as "wine commissioner," or professional wine sampler.

Every hotel and restaurant in Germany prides itself on the quality of its wines. To replenish their stock from year to year, the owners of these establishments employ the services of a "wine commissioner." This wine expert is told what kind of wines are wanted and what maximum price will be paid. For the rest, his tongue and nose must be his guide.

Private individuals, with a penchant for a select wine cellar, also employ these professional samplers, even though their orders may be relatively small. The wine commissioner then makes it his business to find enough other private individuals or restaurant keepers to enable him to buy at least a "half piece" of 800 bottles of a given kind of wine. His commission is four per cent, paid by the producer.

The way the wine changes hands from the producer to the consumer through so-called wine auctions. The producers, among whom the Prussian state vineyards are the largest, announce that on such and such a day a wine auction will take place. The "wine commissioners" and prospective customers assembled in the sample room and are offered, free of charge, specimens of every brand of wine on sale. With a nose no less sensitive than that of a musician or an art critic they bend over the half-filled glasses and first test the "bouquet" or aroma. There follows a lingering sip, during which the wine is made to remain on the tongue as long as possible.

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insulation against sound and unfavorable temperatures. By treating oats with a special kind of chemical dust, Dr. Benjamin Koehler, of the University of Illinois, has helped curb the spread of the smut disease and has increased the yield materially on more than 4,000,000 acres of Illinois farm land.

From the explosion made in firing big guns, scientists have learned that the air is warm at a height of twenty-five miles. Using a sensitive electrical device developed by them, the distance of guns by their sound, observers have noticed that the explosion is, of course, easily heard close to the gun, farther away it is inaudible, but still further on, it can once more be heard. This is said to be the result of a warm layer of air, at least twenty-five miles high, bending the sound waves back to earth again.

Milk exposed to sunlight acquires a bluish tinge and a curd board taste, experiments by investigators in the department of agriculture have shown. Evidently, the light acts as an agent to cause oxidation of elements in the milk at a much greater rate than occurs when the fluid is kept in the dark. Milk stored in a cool, dark place developed no offensive odor or taste even after seven to nine days.

Practically any kind of soft coal, including slush, can be burned with almost no smoke, no clinkers and but little ash, manufactures of an improved down-draft furnace now on the market assert. The draft air current enters at a chamber in the front of the furnace and passes down through the coal bed.

Meteors tell which way the wind blows fifty or more miles above the earth's surface, Dr. Willard J. Fisher, of the Harvard college observatory, has been demonstrating recently. He does not claim to be the discoverer of the method, but has been making more practical use of the information, through the press, radio and the public, in supplying data concerning the fireballs or meteors that appear to be as large as the brightest stars.

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