

CONGRESS BACK ON JOB TO GRAPPLE WITH PROBLEMS

FLOOD CONTROL AND FARM AID AT FOREFRONT

Compromise Measure Will Be Drafted to Solve South's Trouble.

TAX CUT TO GET REST

Numerous Investigations to Be Resumed; Supply Bill Is Up.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress comes back tomorrow after its two weeks' Christmas recess to get at the real business of legislation flood control and farm aid.

The House flood control committee will resume hearings Thursday to frame a bill for presentation within two weeks. The differences that have arisen over the report of the Army engineers have complicated the committee's problem, but a compromise measure will be hastened as soon as possible.

The House Agriculture Committee will start brief hearings on the old McNary-Haugen price stabilization bill and proposed compromise measures on Jan. 16. The Senate Agriculture Committee also is expected to begin work on the pending measure, in hope that some sort of farm relief bill will be passed before the Easter holidays.

The \$200,000,000 tax reduction bill passed by the House before the recess may languish in the Senate Finance Committee for the present, while Republicans and Democrats fight over whether to pass it before the March 15 treasury receipts are known.

Numerous investigations are to be resumed and some new ones authorized. The Mexican inquiry by the Senate investigating committee will be resumed tomorrow; the Smith (Illinois) election contest will have a hearing Jan. 7; the Walsh resolution for investigating the "power trust" will be considered by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee within two weeks, and an investigation of the American consular and diplomatic service will be considered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Resolutions are to be proposed also seeking investigation by a House or Senate committee, or both, of the sinking of the submarine S-4, Muscle Shoals, Boulder Dam and railroad consolidation proposals are to be considered by various committees of both Houses.

The immediate business before the House is the State and Justice Departments' appropriation bill. The Senate will debate the Norris resolution for eliminating "lame duck" sessions of Congress.

CAPITAL 'CLEW' FOUND

State Sleuths Think They're on Way to Solution of Burglaries.

Indiana's bureau of criminal identification found a clew to work on today right in the Statehouse where their offices are located.

Monday night the third of a series of petty burglaries occurred there. Office of the historical commission was entered by the transom and \$3 in change and \$4 in stamps taken from a desk. All desks were searched, as were also those in the State board of accounts.

A finger print was turned over to the criminal bureau, taken from a towel in the historical commission office.

Similar burglaries have occurred in other Statehouse offices within the last few weeks.

CRIME SURVEY IS BEGUN

Columbia Professor Starts Hoosier Work at Statehouse.

Professor Raymond Moley of Columbia University, New York, reported at the Statehouse today to begin a survey of crime and criminals in Indiana.

He will start by studying records of the new criminal investigation bureau and institution records of the State charities board. From there the study, which is being made under auspices of the National Crime Commission, will extend throughout the State.

COURT REPORTER QUILTS

A. C. Metcalf Resigns Due to Illness; Son Is Appointed.

A. C. Metcalf, 71, shorthand reporter in Indianapolis for fifty years and Criminal Court reporter for fourteen years, today announced his resignation because of illness which has kept him at his home, 1929 N. Pennsylvania St., for several weeks.

Judge James A. Collins appointed Metcalf's son, Norman E., to succeed him.

HURT IN BLAST ON BOAT

Coast Guardsman Suffers Fracture of Skull Off Block Island.

NEW LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lieut. Kenneth Leland of Kalamazoo, Mich., was in a serious condition at a hospital here today with injuries received in an explosion aboard the coast guard patrol boat 148 off Block Island late yesterday.

Leland was believed suffering from a fractured skull.

Two Suffer Frozen Ears

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 3.—Jack Oppess, Big Four railroad employee, suffering from having both ears frozen, and Robert Brown, 19, has frozen ear, local casualties of a recent cold wave.

Couzens' Daughter Weds



Mrs. William R. Yaw

PONTIAC, Mich., Jan. 3.—Miss Madeline Marie Couzens, daughter of Senator and Mrs. James Couzens, and William R. Yaw of Detroit, were married at Wabek, estate of the bride's parents, Monday. Only relatives and a few close friends were present at the ceremony.

LONDON'S SUBURBS SWEEPED BY FLOODS

Scores Are Marooned in Homes; Lakes Cover Vast Areas.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Flood water reached the suburbs of London today. Many residents were marooned in houses and traffic was disrupted in many places. Some railroad stations were closed, inconveniencing workers.

England rapidly was becoming a series of lakes. Among the sections affected by the flood waters were Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Sussex, Monmouthshire, Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Devonshire.

Willensden, a suburb of London, was the worst hit. More than 200 houses were flooded and many occupants imprisoned on upper floors. Rescuers in improvised crafts were doing their best to remove people from second-story windows.

Bungalow dwellers in the valley of the Thames vacated their homes and took refuge on the mainland. Floods were increasing today in the River Lea, submerging thousands of acres from Clapton down into sections of Middlesex and Hertfordshire.

REPORTS LOSS OF GEM

Diamond Set Bar Worth \$1,000 Taken During Holiday Celebration.

While E. S. Joseph, 4620 Washington Blvd., was celebrating the arrival of the New Year at the Columbia Club Saturday night, he lost, or had stolen from him, a diamond-set bar pin containing three stones valued at \$1,000. He reported the loss to police late Monday.

Oakland City Church Burns

OAKLAND CITY, Ind., Jan. 3.—Flames which raged five hours destroyed the United Brethren Church building here Sunday with a loss of \$20,000. Local and Winchester firemen succeeded in preventing spread of the fire to nearby structures only by desperate efforts. Frozen hydrants hindered the firemen. An overheated furnace and defective flue are blamed for the fire.

Aged Couple Commits Suicide

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—After writing "It was not a happy new year" on a scrap of paper, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reichman, an aged couple, committed suicide together in a gas-filled room, it was learned today.

FIGHTING EX-GOB GOES FROM CELL TO MAYOR CHAIR

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Jan. 3.—His honor the mayor of Newburyport was planning war today.

And war with all of Sherman's garrisoning, for Andrew J. "Bossy" Gillis, red-haired ex-gob, who within the past six months spent sixty days in jail for punching the mayor in the jaw, was going to make his city council give his friends "the gray."

How Bossy got to be mayor was a long story, but its short title was "From jail to mayor in ninety days."

It all started when Bossy, the town's bad boy, wanted to settle down to the respectable business of selling gasoline. The mayor would not grant him a permit because the filling station would not beautify the landscape.

DISAGREE ON EARLY DEATH FATE OF MAN

Scientists' Doubt of Longer Life Span Draws Fire at Conference.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 3.—An alluring picture of men and women past middle age who will have leisure without idleness and plenty without loss of ambition, was drawn today at the Battle Creek Race Betterment Conference.

"Putting the world in the position of a man with a pension, who proverbially never dies," is the ultimate goal of science, Dr. Louis Faurgas, bishop of Fordham University, declared.

"It can't be done," Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, replied. He argued that early death is the price we pay for being such biologically complicated creatures.

More Increase Burden
The artificial methods which have improved the crops of the fields, made fatter horses, more industrious hens, more delicious fruits and beautiful flowers, can not be applied to the multi-celled organism of man," Carrel said.

"Why do it if we could?" asked Dr. C. C. Little, president of the University of Michigan and president of the conference. His theory was that if longevity merely would increase the burden on first rate men of taking care of the less favored. Degeneracy would be increased as man passed his defects along to future generations.

But, Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, of the Life Extension Institute, stated that it could be done—that medical science in the past 400 years had proved it by adding thirty-seven years to the average life time.

"It Can Be Done"

"There is no known limit to what man's intelligence may effect in the way of life length," he contended. Fisk took issue with Little's premise that if it could be done it would have to be through control and development of the hereditary factors of longevity.

"Man did not inherit the ability to fly, or the ability to see and talk around the earth, but he has acquired it," said Dr. Fisk. "He did not inherit a life cycle of 100 years, but he may well acquire it."

BANDITS TAKE \$150 IN CITY

Negro Forces Gas Station Man to Open Safe.

"Brother, you've got just what I want," a Negro bandit told attendant Philip Schneider, 718 E. Vermont St., at the Silver Flash filling station at North St. and Capitol Ave., as he was opening up the safe this morning.

Without exhibiting a gun, but holding his hand in his overcoat pocket, he took \$50 from the safe. Bandits got \$104 in three hold-ups Monday night. Two were by the same two men, police believed. At the Standard Oil filling station at Kentucky and Senate Aves., threatening E. B. Shelby with automatic pistols, they got \$35 from the safe, leaving behind all the money they held their hands over their faces.

A little later they got \$50 from the Thomas O. Mullen drug store, 2737 N. Illinois St.

Two young men passengers on an Emerson Ave. bus pulled a gun on Wilbur Ship, driver when all of the passengers had left the car and made him hand over \$10.75. When he told them \$4 of that was his money, they returned the \$4.

CARS DERAILED; 5 HURT

Four Coaches Leave B. & O. Tracks and Overtake in Ohio.

MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Five persons were injured when two coaches and two Pullman of a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train, en route from Pittsburgh to Charleston, W. Va., were derailed and overturned at Raven Rocks near here today. A defective rail caused the wreck, according to advices to the B. & O. offices here. No one was reported injured seriously.

River Yields Two Bodies

SHOALS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Bodies of Samuel Albright, 48, and Thurman Jones, 38, drowned Friday in Lost river while hunting were recovered Monday. Albright was the father of nine children, and Jones of three.

FOES ATTACK AL'S SILENCE ON BIG ISSUES

Controversy Is Stirred Up Among New York Chief's Supporters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The continued silence of Governor Al Smith of New York on issues in the forthcoming presidential campaign has stirred up a controversy among his supporters. Some urge him to speak out; others praise his silence.

"The New York World, in a leading editorial, asserts that Governor Smith is much too important a figure in American life to be wasted on a mere struggle for control between the factions of his party."

"There is no use in his running it, as his advisers are now insisting, he must muffle and deaden the impact of the issues with which he is identified," says the World.

Defended by Hapgood

"The question before Governor Smith's supporters is not how to obtain the nomination at any price, but how to obtain it under conditions which will permit him to make good use of it. The first thing to do, in our opinion, is to dispel the impression created by Governor Smith's silence. He will take the nomination at any price. The way to dispel that impression is for the Governor to break his silence and speak out clearly on the larger domestic and international questions."

The world's editorial provoked a letter of opposition from Norman Hapgood, the writer Hapgood says Smith speaks when he is ready, and has his own ideas about how long it takes for the public to reach its peak of attention, ideas which in the past have proved sound.

Hapgood says "the most devoted vets are satisfied with what came out casually at a dinner recently." Opponents of financial imperialism, he says, could hardly ask more than what he said recently in connection with Mexico. Smith's position is known on armament reduction, the World Court and water power control, Hapgood points out.

The New York Times adopts a similar view, commenting on the fact that Herbert Hoover, leading Republican candidate, likewise is silent. And, The Times adds, the campaign of silence appears to be progressing finely in the case of both men.

"The more the New York Republic leaders point out Secretary Hoover's weakness in this State, the greater appears to be his strength," it says. "As for Governor Smith, he does not need to unbutton himself. His voracious enemies every day are improving his chances by their violent attacks on him."

"All told, it is a great time for the gospel of silence; and it now is being preached among the heathen of the political world in a way that would have gratified Carlyle himself."

EIGHTH IN AUTOS

Magazine Sets Indiana's Place in Motor World.

Although the eleventh State in population, Indiana is the eighth State in number of motor vehicles registered, according to the magazine, Motor.

Of the 23,226,191 motor vehicles registered in the United States last year, 81,072 were in Indiana.

Of the national total 20,282,293 were pleasure cars and 2,943,898 were trucks. Indiana had 695,165 pleasure cars and 115,907 trucks.

The total Indiana figure was a gain of 38,746 over 1926.

There were no changes in the relative standing of the States which are the biggest users of motor vehicles in 1927. New York increased its lead over California, New York reporting 1,953,280 vehicles to 1,714,986 for California. Ohio was third with 1,592,500.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Harry Albertsmeier, 1244 E. Washington St., Apt. 17, Stutz, 511-541, from New York and Illinois Sts.

Frank Willis, 1110 N. Belmont Ave., Ford, 63-558, from Indiana Ave. and West St.

Aged Man Drops Dead

Awaiting a street car at Twenty-First and Illinois Sts., William Underwood, 75, of 1929 N. Talbot St., dropped dead Monday night. Coroner Charles H. Keefer pronounced death due to heart disease. Motor Police Kinder and Renforth sent the body to the city morgue.

Baby's Ridin' High Now



Here's a new one for the baby—the Totem pole. It just has made its appearance here. The idea is to make it easy to take the baby through downtown crowds. He slides along on the Totem pole at shoulder height. Mrs. Evoline Brown, 859 Ashland Ave., and her baby, Paddy, are shown demonstrating it above. The mother's sister, Miss Mary Wilconon, is watching.

PLANE SPLASH HEARD ON SHIP

Crew Relates Story of New Grayson Clew.

PORTLAND, ME., Jan. 3.—A new clew to the fate of Mrs. Frances Grayson and her three companions in the "Dawn's" attempted New York-Newfoundland flight has been revealed by the story of the officers and crew of the schooner Rose Anne Bellevue.

Captain R. V. Comeau related how the sound of an airplane motor was heard at about 7:30 p. m. Dec. 23 when the Bellevue was eighteen miles northwest of Nauset Beach Light on Cape Cod. The sounds ended suddenly after about ten minutes when a heavy splash was heard.

It is believed that the plane had sighted the lights of the ship and tried to land beside it.

A heavy northwest gale and raging seas prevented the schooner from making a rescue, though the boat remained in the vicinity for some time.

This story was in line with the report of the reception of a wireless message on board the steamer Oakley L. Alexander at the same hour that "the plane was down." The Alexander was not far from the place where the Bellevue heard the sounds which they believe came from the "Dawn."

CHAPLAIN BOOST ASKED

Higher Rank Sought for Pastors in Army by Davis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Higher rank for army chaplains is proposed by Secretary of War Davis in a bill just submitted to Congress. The measure provides that chaplains shall be promoted to the grade of captain after three years' service as first lieutenant; to the grade of major after twelve years; to the grade of lieutenant-colonel after twenty years and to the grade of colonel after twenty-six years' service.

Further, the chief of chaplains shall hold the rank of brigadier general, being appointed for four years from any grade not below that of major.

At present the highest rank a chaplain can attain is colonel.

PASADENA PICKS WINNER

Beverly Hills Float Is First in Tournament of Roses Parade.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 3.—The many-hued "Kingdom of Paradise," Beverly Hills float, won the grand sweepstakes in the annual tournament of roses parade here Monday.

Freshly picked blooms representing an enchanting courtyard scene earned for the float the most beautiful entry award.

San Marino's offering, "Springtime in New York," was declared the most expressive of this year's theme, "States and Nations in Flowers."

It was estimated that more than 750,000 persons saw the 300 units of the parade.

STORES WILL 'TELL ALL'

If Goods Won't Wear Well the Customers Will Be Informed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—One of Gotham's biggest department stores has made a 1928 resolution. All goods will be tagged to tell the customer what he may expect in the way of service, such as "this will not wear well" and "this is fashionable, but fragile." What next?

MOORE AGAIN TO HEAD STATE FARM BOARD

Predict Rochester Man's Re-Election at Annual Parley Wednesday.

Levi P. Moore, Rochester, Ind., vice president of the Indiana board of agriculture, probably will be elected president at the annual conference Wednesday in the House of Representatives, according to present officers.

E. D. Logsdon, Indianapolis, probably will be elected vice president. E. J. Barker, Thorntown, Ind., will be re-named secretary treasurer, it is indicated.

Eight persons will be elected from eight congressional districts to the board.

Re-elect Present Members
Since there is no opposition to the eight incumbents, they probably will be re-elected.

They are: S. W. Taylor, Booneville, First district; Guy Cantwell, Gosport, now president of the board, Second district; R. C. Jenkins, Orleans, Third district; Logsdon, Seventh district; W. W. Wilson, Muncie, Eighth district; Thomas Grant, Lowell, Tenth district; U. C. Brouse, Kendallville, Twelfth district, and Moore, Thirteenth district.

The meeting Wednesday follows the meeting today of the Indiana Association of District and County Fairs at the Severin.

Following committee reports this morning J. A. Terry, La Porte, Ind., spoke on "Club Work Essential to Fairs."

Boys', Girls' Clubs Vital

"Boys' and girls' clubs are essential to the life of fairs through the interest added to fair work. The children become vitally interested in the fairs and bring their parents into closer cooperation," he said.

Mayor L. Ert Slack will speak tonight at the banquet at the Severin. Other speakers: Miss Betty Ann Fort and Benny Barrett Fort of Maxwell; L. A. Pittenger, Muncie, and State Senator Andrew Durham, Greencastle.

Association officers are: J. E. Green, Muncie, president; J. H. Clasen, Crown Point, vice president; E. W. Fickhardt, Huntingburg, treasurer, and Barker, secretary.

NO CLEW OF MISSING CITY GIRL IS FOUND

Young Woman, 16, Gone From Home Since Dec. 26.

Her parents have no clew to Miss Loretta Townsend, 16, of 4715 Baltimore St., who has been missing from her home since Dec. 26.

Dayton police have been asked to watch for her, in the belief that she might go to the home of relatives there.

She was believed to be with Miss Juanita Hudson, 16, of 1747 E. Forty-Sixth St., also missing since Dec. 26.

The girl wore a blue figured dress with a black coat and tan collar and a black hat with a gold band. She also wore dark slippers and bright sport socks. About 5 feet, 4 inches tall and of medium build, she has dark hair and dark blue eyes.

Teachers Fail to Strife

ALFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Teachers have resumed their work in the high school here after the holiday vacation despite a threat a few days ago that they would strike unless past due salaries were paid. Efforts are being made to raise money to meet the pay roll.



New Orleans the winter capital . .

where the width of a street separates the old world from the new

"The Paris of America" is often used to summarize the attractions of New Orleans. The visitor is delighted with the warm and sunny days that prolong outdoor diversions all through the winter. Bring your golf sticks as well as your guide book, because between strolls through the old French Quarter you will want to play the city's splendid courses. Steamer trips on the river, excursions to nearby Evangeline land, horse and whippet racing, boating—fill the days with interest. The restaurants are world famous. Social life is gay and colorful. And faces and tongues from many lands make the setting a truly cosmopolitan one.

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