

NORRIS CLAIMS MUSCLE SHOALS DRAFT IS LAW

Says Congress on Recess
Makes Pocket Veto
Without Force.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 8.—The Muscle Shoals bill held doubtful status today through failure of President Coolidge to attach his signature to the measure by Thursday midnight.

It was authoritatively stated the President believed he had killed the measure by "pocket veto."

Senator Norris of Nebraska, lead-proponent of the bill, maintained on the other hand that it had become law. He plans to make a test by inserting appropriations for conduct of the work in an appropriation bill next session. This would throw the matter into the courts if the Government contests his action.

Ten Days Expire

The measure, designed to have the Government manufacture nitrates, develop an oil power, and produce fertilizer for experiment at its war-time plant in Alabama, was passed by Congress a few days before the end of the recent session.

Ten days, excepting Sundays, followed without the President either signing or vetoing the measure. The ten days expired Thursday midnight.

Foes of the bill and persons close to the President maintained his failure to act during this period constituted a "pocket veto" of the legislation. They based their argument on the United States Constitution, which reads:

"If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return; in which case it shall not be a law."

Norris contended that the end of this session did not constitute adjournment in the meaning but is only a recess. Therefore, he said, the President's "failure to sign" made the measure a law automatically, just as if the ten days had elapsed at any time while Congress was sitting.

Moreover, Norris explained, he has found a Supreme Court decision which affirms the President's right to sign a bill during a Christmas recess lasting more than ten days allowed by the Constitution.

Ruled Indiana Bid Out

However, the United States Court of Claims ruled on April 19 that an Indian claims bill left unsigned following a similar long session of Congress two years ago had failed thereby to become law.

The President's disapproval of the bill had been expected in line with the Administration policy of "keeping the Government out of business." Advocates of the bill succeeded in passing the measure 43 to 34, in the Senate and 211 to 114 in the House.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OPEN ANNUAL PARLEY**

High Officers Attend Conference in Milwaukee.

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 8.—The annual summer conference of supreme officers and national directors of the Catholic Daughters of America opened a two-day session here today, with high officials of the order in attendance from all parts of the United States. Miss Mary C. Duffy, Newark, N. J., supreme regent, president.

The conference is being held during the week of the order's Silver Jubilee, celebrated everywhere with receptions, social functions, religious exercises and civic programs.

Founded June 4, 1903, at Utica, N. Y., with a membership of sixty, the Catholic Daughters' organization has a present membership of 200,000.

ROUTS THIEF WITH BAT

Burglar Who Tried "Steal" Is Put Out, Unassisted.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, June 8.—In addition to a rolling pin, a hammer, stone crusher and an instrument to knock out base hits, a baseball bat may be used to repel bandits and burglars.

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BANDITS PEPPER VICTIM

Blind Truck Driver, Escape With \$325.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, June 8.—Three robbers, who evidently remembered how Daniel Boone escaped from the Indians by blowing tobacco in their eyes, hurled pepper into the optics of C. E. Curran, truck driver, and robbed him of \$325.

CITY BANS CATS, DOGS

Aids Gardeners By Ordering Animal Pets Confined to Homes.

ATHENS, Ohio, June 8.—Gardening will prosper in this town this year as the result of a city council ruling that dogs should be confined to the homes of owners. An amendment also confines cats to the home fireside.

Institute Graduates Two

LAPEL, Ind., June 8.—Herbert A. Lashbrook, Gwynnville, and Jessie H. Nall, Portland, were graduated by the theological institute of the White River conference, United Brethren church, which closed a three-day session here Thursday.

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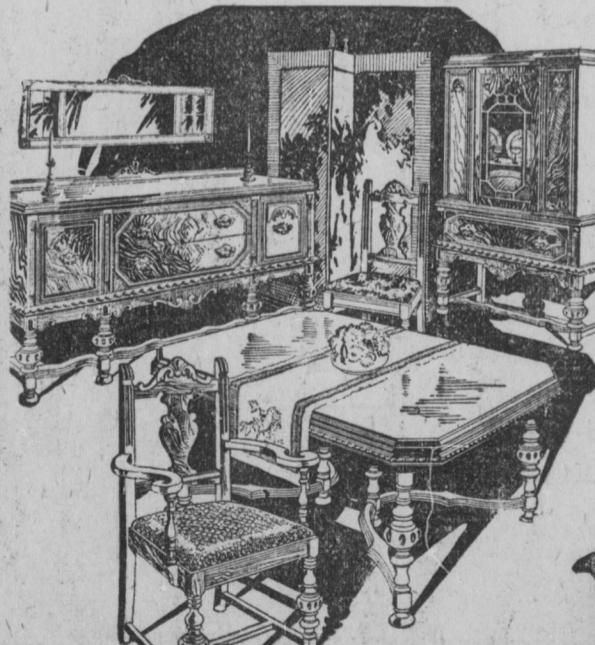
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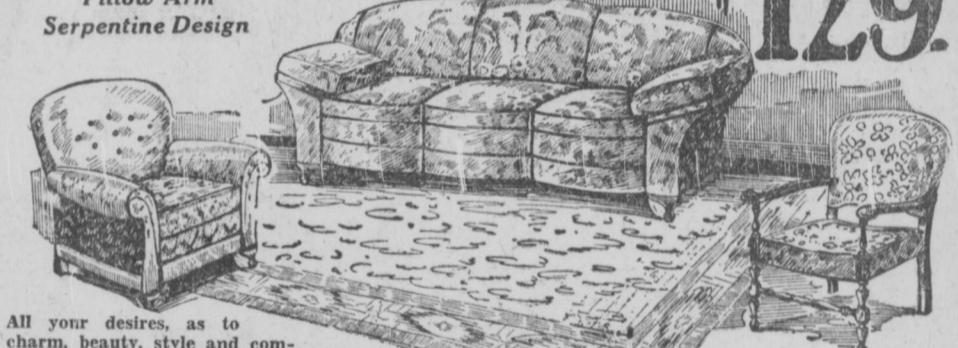
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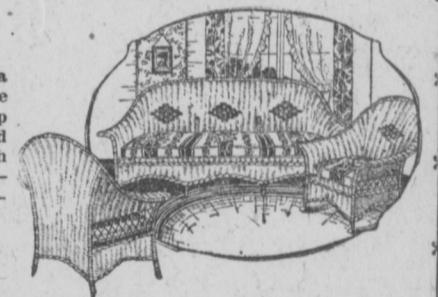
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