

NORRIS RENEWS FIGHT AGAINST 'LAME DUCKS'

Nebraska Senator Hopeful of Triumphant in His Long Battle.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Presentation to the senate of a unanimous committee report advocating abolition of "lame duck" congresses and the attendant legislative jams and filibusters will be the first legislative work in 1932 of Senator George W. Norris (Rep., Neb.).
The project, if approved by two-thirds of each house of congress and ratified by thirty-six legislatures before next Oct. 15, also would end President Hoover's present term in office on Jan. 15, 1933, instead of March 4, as now provided by the Constitution.
Norris, chairman of the judiciary committee, disclosed today he has been authorized to make a favorable report on his constitutional amendment, under which the new congress would meet two months after election instead of thirteen months, as at present.

Hopeful of Passage
The senator, who has campaigned for this reform for more than a decade, is hopeful the amendment will be approved by congress and submitted to the legislatures for ratification on this year.
The thirteen-month period was written in by leaders of an ox-cart and stage-coach era, when intelligence of national happenings and journeys to and from the capital took months, instead of minutes or days, Norris pointed out.
"The senate has passed this resolution in each of the last six congresses," he said, "and I expect it to be passed again without much debate or opposition. No logical objection ever has been made to the changes proposed."
In the house, which has prevented submission in the last six congresses, the amendment's chances are believed to be better this year because of the Democratic majority.

House Is Interested
Intense interest in this fundamental change is shown by the introduction of nearly a score of such amendments by house members. Last session the house approved a "lame duck" amendment, but changed the provisions to cut short the session of congress in even-numbered years. Norris and the senate refuse to accept this modification, and the whole plan failed.
Norris' principal aim, he explained today, is to end the distractions which have always marked the short- or three-month sessions of congress.

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JOBLESS, TAKES POISON

Elmer Ruff, 68, Attempts Suicide; Woman Also Fails.
After writing a note in which he said he was unable to find work and would end it all, Elmer Ruff, 68, of 1134 North Keystone avenue, drank poison Thursday night, police reported. He was taken to city hospital.
Miss Santina Tivone, 22, of 622 Stevens street, also is at city hospital as a result of trying to end her life with poison, police reported.

PROSECUTORS' LAW IS SPIKED BY HIGH COURT

13 Officials Named in 1930 to Assume Posts Today, Opinion Holds.

Prosecutors in thirteen judicial districts will be replaced today by those elected in 1930, rather than hold over another two years as a 1929 statute provides, due to a supreme court decision handed down late Thursday.
The high court ruled the hold-over law unconstitutional by affirming such a decision made by Brown circuit court.
In the majority opinion, written by Judge Walter E. Treanor, Bloomington, it was pointed out that while the legislative desire to make prosecutors' offices uniform by abolition of the off-year elections might be a good idea, it is contrary to the Constitution.
This document gives the legislature no power to change constitutional offices, it was pointed out. Treanor's opinion was concurred in by Judge Curtis W. Roll, the other Democrat on the bench. Judge David A. Myers, Republican, concurred in the conclusion, but wrote his own opinion, which was concurred in by his Republican colleague, Judge Julius C. Travis.
Majority of the thirteen prosecutors who benefit from the decision are Democrats.
The following judicial circuits are involved:
Allen, Vanderburg, Tippecanoe, Henry, Grant, Fayette, Monroe, Owen, Jefferson-Switzerland, La Porte, Sullivan, Steuben-Lagrange, Brown-Johnson and Elkhart.

BRITAIN NAMES MARY AS PRINCESS ROYAL

Eldest Daughter of Sovereign Gets New Title.
By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Princess Mary, daughter of King George and Queen Mary, henceforth will be given the title of Princess Royal, it was announced tonight.
Princess Mary is an only daughter. She married Viscount Lascelles in 1922 and they have two sons. Since their marriage the viscount has become earl of Harewood.
The former princess royal, Princess Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar, duchess of Fife, died last January. She was the eldest sister of King George. The title was conferred on her by royal warrant in 1905.
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