

TEAMWORK OF HOOVER IS DOUBTED

Mark Sullivan Says—Food Administrator May Not Possess Ability to Work With Other Men.

IS MENTIONED OFTEN

By MARK SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Herbert Hoover is mentioned for the cabinet more often than any other man and is mentioned for more posts than any one else. Occasionally he is mentioned for secretary of state. That suggestion is rather far-fetched. Of course, it isn't indispensable that the secretary of state should be a lawyer—John Hay was not. But that qualification is pretty essential, especially in an administration during which, if the program of the Republican leaders goes through, international law is for the first time to be reduced to a formal code, as an incident of the International Association for preserving peace.

Hoover is mentioned also for secretary of the interior, for secretary of commerce, and for secretary of labor. Hoover is a very able man. It isn't quite the same kind of ability the public attributes to him and he has been at a disadvantage in the public eye. He really is not the thing that he is really not. Occasionally when Hoover comes into direct personal contact with the public, there is a sense of disappointment. The reason is that Hoover as a legend is one thing. And the real Hoover is another. The real Hoover is just as impressive as the legendary Hoover, but sometimes disappointingly different.

Regarded as Hero.
Because of the associations with which Hoover first came into public eye—as the Almoner of starving Belgium and that sort of thing—people think of him as a person of great personal benevolence, as a kind of cross between Santa Claus and a medieval mendicant saint. Hoover is not that at all. He is a practical engineer with a mind coldly intent on results. A mind that is one of the most incisive in America, with prodigious capacity for work and with that intangible quality that makes things go, the quality that makes success. In addition to that, Hoover has all the fundamental qualities of a super-journalist. He has the curiosity about facts and the pleasure in digging them out. He has the capacity for accurate generalization from facts; he has the reformer's itch to make things better; the zeal for public service; and he has a unique sense of publicity and timeliness.

Contributes to Thought.
Every speech that Hoover makes—and he is in more demand for speeches than almost any other man—contains fresh material. Each speech is a definite contribution to public thought, and is received by the newspapers and the public with the interest and weight it deserves.

Hoover is in demand for the freshness and thoroughness of his thought. Not for any flattery after dinner oratoriness nor because he is funny, nor for any other kind of entertainment. He is in demand for what he has to say. No living American excels Hoover in the value of his contributions to contemporary thought.

In considering Hoover as a cabinet possibility, not only is it to be remembered that he is a remarkably able

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WORKS BOARD HIRES LYON FOR ONE YEAR

J. D. Lyon, consulting engineer, has been retained by the board of works to act in an advisory capacity for the municipal light plant for a year, beginning with Dec. 15, according to members of the board. Mr. Lyon, or his assistant, Mr. Coughlin, will be in the city at regular intervals to look over the plant and make suggestions for repairs and improvements.

Mr. Coughlin, who has been making a detailed study of the plant during the past week, appeared at an informal meeting of the board of works Friday afternoon to discuss the condition of the plant.

Reports on Plant.
He said that the Lyon engineers were not only consulting engineers but also as resulting engineers, and that their work should be judged as such, a member of the board of works said.

The board was informed that the plant was not in as critical a condition as was generally believed, but that some repairs would be started immediately to insure the operation of the plant until the installation of the new 5,000 k. w. turbine.

Mr. Coughlin will be back in Richmond Monday to continue his detailed inspection of the plant. The drawing up of specifications for the foundation, piping and piling for the new turbine will be undertaken soon, so as to allow the letting of bids after the first of the year.

NAMES SHIP CINCINNATI

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.—Mayor John Galvin has been notified by Secretary of the Navy Daniels that the name "Cincinnati" has been assigned by him to one of the new scout cruisers being built in the navy yards at Tacoma, Washington. The former cruiser Cincinnati was scrapped recently.

SEVERE ITALIAN QUAKE

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Dec. 11.—All the villages in the Trepel district, southern Albania, have been destroyed by a violent earthquake, according to an Avlona message to the Tempo today. Two hundred persons are reported killed, and 15,000 have been made homeless.

HARDING, WILL HAYS AND BRYAN INVITED FOR ADDRESS FRIDAY

MARION, O., Dec. 11.—President-elect Warren G. Harding, Will H. Hays of the Republican national committee, and William J. Bryan probably will speak from the same platform here next Friday evening. All three have been invited to address the laymen's conference of the Marion presbytery here that evening. Mr. Bryan has accepted. It is said that Senator Harding also will accept. No reply has been received as yet from Mr. Hays, who is an elder in the Presbyterian church. The Marion presbytery comprises 16 central Ohio counties.

Suggestions for a new American foreign policy, including the formation of an association of nations, were heard by President-elect Harding today from Colonel George Harvey, who was one of his close advisers in formulating his campaign policies toward the Versailles league.

May Stay for Week.
Colonel Harvey came to Marion yesterday at the very beginning of Mr. Harding's conference here on the association plan and in addition to holding long conversations on the subject with the president-elect today it was said he might remain until next week to give his advice as the administration program develops.

Mr. Harding has indicated that even the ground work for the association of nations is yet to be laid, and that he begins his promised "meeting of minds" here without a definite plan even on rudimentary forms for an international council. In asking advice he will seek a program behind which there is some assurance of a united country, rather than an attempt to put forward any speculation of his own.

Will Consult Notables.
In that connection it is recalled that when he first proposed an association of nations in his speech of August 28, he suggested that it be built upon the framework of The Hague tribunal or upon the practicable features of the Versailles league or by combining "all that is good in both."

Since that time he has given no indication that he is prepared to be more definite in his recommendations, and it is expected that during the coming months he will ask his conferees in particular which of these instrumentalities they consider most available.

Bound up in this is the question of whether the United States should enter the Versailles league on any terms at all. He is a practical engineer with a mind coldly intent on results. A mind that is one of the most incisive in America, with prodigious capacity for work and with that intangible quality that makes things go, the quality that makes success. In addition to that, Hoover has all the fundamental qualities of a super-journalist. He has the curiosity about facts and the pleasure in digging them out. He has the capacity for accurate generalization from facts; he has the reformer's itch to make things better; the zeal for public service; and he has a unique sense of publicity and timeliness.

BRAZIL TO WELCOME COLBY UPON ARRIVAL

(By Associated Press)
RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 11.—Brazil will accord Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state the same honors that were given Elihu Root, when in 1906 he visited this country as head of the Roosevelt cabinet.

This was decided upon by the Brazilian senate today when a resolution was approved at the instance of Senator Mendes de Almeida. In speaking on his resolution the senator characterized Mr. Colby's visit as of great importance to Brazil's international relations.

A committee of five to welcome Mr. Colby has been appointed by the president of the senate and during the secretary's stay in this city he will be received by the Senate at a special session. On this occasion Senator Alfredo Ellis will make an address in English.

Bucharest is Placed Under Martial Law

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 11.—Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is under martial law, according to an official announcement at the Rumanian legation here late last night. This step was a result of disorders in the city which culminated on Thursday in the explosion of a time bomb beneath the speaker's tribune of the Rumanian senate.

The infernal machine was set to explode soon after the senate opened its daily session. Bishop Radou, a member of the senate, was killed, and General Constantine, president of the senate, was wounded. The explosion was attributed to a bomb thrown by a man named Graciano, minister of justice; Senator Bishop Nifon, and two other members of the body were among the wounded. Mr. Graciano was dangerously hurt, and may die.

Argentina is Shaken by Slight Earthquakes

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 11.—Earthquake tremors were distinctly felt in some parts of Argentina shortly after midnight this morning, and reports from points as far south as Patagonia show the shock was perceptible. Seismic observations in this city registered the earthquake.

It is possible the tremors were a result of a terrific earthquake in southern Honduras, reports of which were received today, but the distance between Argentina and Honduras would seem to indicate that the shocks felt in this country were of a more local origin.

REFUSE TO HANDLE LIQUOR.

(By Associated Press)

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 11.—Resolutions have been passed by the labor federation at Arica, placing on record the refusal of its members to load or unload all classes of alcoholic beverages excepting liquors from foreign countries consigned to residents of Bolivia. The labor councils in the nitrate fields have taken similar action.

Mrs. Harding Entertained Royally While in Capital



Mrs. Marshall bidding Mrs. Harding good-bye after the luncheon. During the two-day stay of President-elect and Mrs. Harding in Washington recently on their return from Panama, Mrs. Harding was the honored guest at two social affairs. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of Vice President Marshall, entertained the new executive's wife at luncheon the second day. Wives of about forty senators attended the affair, given in the senate office building.

CONSTANTINE HEARS PLEBSICITE RESULT; TO SAIL ON CRUISER

(By Associated Press)

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—Official notification of the result of the plebiscite in Greece, and an invitation to return to Athens and re-ascend the Greek throne immediately were received by former King Constantine here this morning.

The Greek government notified Constantine it will have a Greek cruiser and an escort of warships to receive him and his family at Venice on Wednesday.

Because of the health of Queen Sophia, plans had been made for Constantine and his family to travel by the way of Brindisi, but on account of the arrangements made for his return his plans have been changed and the family will leave Lucerne on an ordinary train, probably on Monday.

Professor Georges Streit, former foreign minister and Constantine's chief adviser during his exile, who is reputed to be pro-German, and captain Stefan Paparrigopoulos, commander in the Greek navy, and Constantine's aide-de-camp, are prohibited from returning from Greece by the Greek government. In the telegram inviting Constantine to return.

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—The Greek battleship Averoff, commanded by Admiral Botzle, left Piraeos last evening for Venice, accompanied by a number of smaller vessels.

Speculation in foreign exchange has stopped temporarily, but the drachma is quoted at fourteen to one dollar. It is planned to draft the balance of Greek credits in America to meet the present difficulties facing the government. Three hundred members of the Greek staff who were appointed during the regime of former Premier Venizelos have been superseded by Royalist officers.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Former King Constantine of Greece, whose recall to the Greek throne was voted by the people of that country in the plebiscite held last Sunday, will leave Lucerne on Monday, arriving in Athens late next week. This information is contained in a dispatch received from Athens, quoting Demetrios Gounaris, minister of war and chief protagonist of Constantine in the campaign preliminary to the plebiscite.

Indication that he intended to return to Greece was given by Constantine yesterday in a statement to The Associated Press. His declarations appeared to be predicated upon his resumption of the Greek throne, and he emphasized assertions that he had no ill will against the entente powers.

SILVERSTATE LAUNCHED.
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 11.—The Silverstate, one of the 16 big combination freight and passenger liners being built for the shipping board, was launched here today. The vessel is 535 feet long and 72 feet broad, and will be operated by the Pacific mail steamship company.

Weather Forecast

MOORE'S SPECIAL FORECAST.

Unsettled and warmer weather, probably followed by rain, will again overspread this section within the next 36 hours, due to the north Pacific coast storm which now has a diameter of over 2,000 miles. Extensive storms of this type are frequently followed by decidedly colder weather.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday; probably becoming unsettled; warmer tonight.

Temperatures Yesterday.

Maximum.....38

Minimum.....33

Today.....42

Noon.....42

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore

Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday unsettled and warmer; probably rain Sunday or Sunday night.

Weather Conditions.—Unsettled weather is again rapidly developing over the states west of the Mississippi river. It is warm from North Dakota southward to Texas. It is getting colder over British Columbia behind the storm center.

RELIEF FOR FARMERS ASKED OF CONGRESS IN GOVERNOR'S PLEA

PALLADIUM BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—A committee of western and middle western governors, including Governor Goodrich, of Indiana, selected at the recent conference of governors, held at Harrisburg, Pa., will, after a survey of conditions, come to Washington to lay before congress the appeals of the farmers for relief.

The "drive" to be conducted in behalf of the agricultural interests of the country will be intensive and aggressive. The measures likely to be proposed for the relief of the farmers are: extension of credit, another to form a bank, which they claim, they could not move when prices were high because of lack of transportation facilities; that they are experiencing difficulty in securing adequate credit from banks, and that if this condition continues they will face the contingency of being unable to plant sufficient crops in the future, so that the country may be confronted with a near famine.

Several Proposals.
The relief asked assumes several forms. One proposal is to revive the War Finance corporation; another to change the federal reserve system to extension of credit, another to form either public or private corporations on a large scale to give credit to Europe so that American agricultural products can be purchased abroad. There are innumerable measures for other forms of aid.

It is an odd fact that one of the best known farmers in the sixth congressional district of Indiana is one of the sharpest critics of the movement to provide federal relief for farmers.

This farmer places himself on record as opposing such action on the part of congress because it would be "class legislation."

FARMER OPPOSES

"The vicious Adamson law," he writes, "which has justly submerged the Democratic party, is the father of this farmer movement, which, if successful, will be followed by demands of merchants and, in turn, by all other classes."

"Having been an active farmer for many years and in daily business contact with farmers during the past decade I feel privileged to recount some of my observations."

"First, there are thousands of land owning farmers who have grown immensely rich during the past six years, bought palatial homes in cities and towns and are now asking congress to guarantee their luxurious homes and large incomes."

"Second, there are an equal number of active farmers who have piled up large bank accounts and have extended their land holdings and are insisting that the recent orgy continue."

Hits Profiteers.
"Third, there are many tenant farmers who accumulated a few thousands dollars and have made small payments on high-priced lands and who now find their indebtedness burdensome with a falling market. Depreciation of farm products naturally cuts into the debt reducing revenue and probably results in the lowering of land values, all of which leaves this class of farmer in a jam—an educational one, I hope. Then there is a second group of tenant farmers—who rented lands at high prices, made one or two good crops, blew all they made for fine clothes and automobiles and ripped and stormed around the country until the inevitable crash came."

"Let the law of supply and demand run out our troubles. It only takes time."

GASOLINE STOCK LOW.

(By Associated Press)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 11.—Stocks of gasoline in this city are almost exhausted as a result of a strike of refinery workers—disposed to liquidate even at the expense of prices. While there were no sales below the 4 cents price level for Cubans, they were offered at 3 1/2 cents a pound this morning without being taken, which is the lowest level so far this year.

PARLIAMENT MAY DEBATE IRISH POLICY

Expect Opening of Discussion by Liberal Leaders in House of Commons Next Tuesday—Action Eagerly Awaited.

NEGOTIATION SOUGHT

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Debate on the government's Irish policy is expected to be opened in the house of commons by liberal leaders next Tuesday.

Announcement of martial law in southwestern Ireland was accompanied by intimations that debate on the subject was not desired, but it appears probable the lower house of parliament may be called upon to decide whether the cabinet's plans regarding Ireland are to be carried into execution without the acquiescence of the legislative branch of the government. This question, should it come to a vote, would test the stability of the Lloyd George cabinet.

Although the declaration of martial law in Ireland has been decided upon the door to negotiations between the government and the Sinn Fein is not considered closed.

Comment in this morning's newspapers relative to the government's Irish policy was, for the most part, restrained, and with the exception of one journal, the government's proposals were nowhere wholly condemned. The feature of the premier's speech that did not escape notice was the fact he was in effect holding an olive branch in one hand and the sword in the other. It evoked some questioning, but generally speaking was not regarded as banishing hope of success.

"Few will question the wisdom and propriety of the new policy," said the London Times. "If the government shows a true and settled purpose to encourage the forces making for honorable settlement, martial law under responsible control is preferable to the existing system of indiscriminate and lawless reprisals."

While remarking on the extraordinary and contradictory dualism of the premier's announcement, the Daily News agreed that conditions in districts affected by martial law should be better provided there is proper administration of the military regime.

The newspaper expressed pleasure at the premier's readiness to confer with the Sinn Feiners. Gratification over the proclamation of martial law in southwestern Ireland was expressed by the Morning Post, but it is thought the proposal to confer with that "absurd and dangerous body calling itself the Dail Eireann" before restoring order, was a somewhat dubious expedient.

Telegraph Stays Out.

The Telegraph, while not hostile, refused to speculate on whether the proposal should prove successful or not.

The only note of condemnation came from the Daily Herald, organ of labor. It said the premier has "definitely pledged himself to a violation of justice and has sworn to crush Ireland by jack-boots brutality." The newspaper asked British labor to take the responsibility of supporting and maintaining the wickedness of the government's coercion policy, and thus dye its hands with the blood of its Irish comrades.

SITUATION IN HAITI SATISFACTORY SAYS MARINE CORPS HEAD

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The military situation in Haiti and Santo Domingo from 11 points of view of the marine corps is "extremely satisfactory." Major General Lejeune, commander of the corps, declares in his annual report to the secretary of the navy made public today.

A year ago, the bandit situation in Haiti was "quite serious," General Lejeune says, but the present brigade and gendarmier commanders have handled the situation in "masterly fashion and now banditry has been almost completely suppressed."

There has been no serious banditry in Santo Domingo in the last year, General Lejeune says, adding that the recent Haitian banditry has been stationed there to be in efficient condition.

After Effects Disappear.
The "after effects" of the world war have nearly disappeared from the marine corps, the commander continues. He believes that both officers and men have overcome the relaxations and unrest which followed the war and that they are working unceasingly to maintain the efficiency of the corps at its highest standard.

General Lejeune recommends that legislation be enacted which will allow the retirement of marines who served either as warrant or commissioned officers in the World War with pay of the highest grade in which they served during the emergency. He also urges the creation of the grade of chief marine runner, citing that the chief clerk and chief pay clerk for the corps are the grades to be filled by promotions.

Raw Sugar Price Drops to Lowest Level of Year

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The raw sugar market continued to decline today, with holders disposed to liquidate even at the expense of prices. While there were no sales below the 4 cents price level for Cubans, they were offered at 3 1/2 cents a pound this morning without being taken, which is the lowest level so far this year.

INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO SEEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS

Off for a goal of 600 men and 300 women, with "Make Richmond the Best Place in the World to Live In," as the slogan, the membership committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce began an intensive membership campaign Saturday.

Systematically and thoroughly the work of reaching every man and woman in the city with its message of civic improvement, and its appeal for support, is being done under the direction of John J. Harrington, Jr., chairman of the membership committee. After much consideration the committee decided to carry out its work through mail, and by local advertising.

"This method will save the organization the cost of bringing an organizing company to Richmond," said an official Saturday. "It means a saving of several thousand dollars in this respect, and it means the saving of time and money to our local citizens who would have to be personally approached personally by men who are busy. Everyone is busy this season of the year, and we do not propose to encroach upon their time. We believe the people of Richmond are interested enough in the Chamber of Commerce to make it unnecessary for a strenuous personal canvass."

Fees \$25 Per Year.
Membership fees are \$25 a year for men and \$10 per year for women. While the membership committee would prefer receiving the annual dues in advance, it was announced that quarterly or semi-annual payments would be acceptable.

At \$25 a year, it was pointed out, it entails only a weekly cost of approximately 48 cents for each man, and much less per week for each woman. "No man," said a member Saturday, "can afford to withhold his support to the city for so small a sum."

Letters that are being sent to families of the city are very brief and to the point. They urge enrollment in the organization at once, and enclose a self-addressed envelope in which to place the signed pledge and check.

May Hire Secretary.
Announcement is made that the campaign would not close until the goal had been reached. At present the organization has a membership of about 300. These persons voluntarily enrolled in the movement.

Efforts are being made to secure a competent full time salaried secretary, to begin work at once. For the convenience of persons wishing to join the body, but who may not receive a pledge card, coupons will be included in advertisements for signing and mailing. All pledges should be mailed to John J. Harrington, Jr., chairman of the membership committee.

JAPAN WON'T REDUCE ARMAMENT UNLESS UNITED STATES LEADS

GENEVA, Dec. 11.—Japan cannot reduce her armament as long as the United States is increasing hers, Viscount Kikujiro Ishii of the Japanese delegation declared, at a meeting of the armament committee this afternoon when the question of disarmament was under discussion.

Committees of the assembly of the League of Nations were called into session this morning and the meeting of the assembly was deferred until 4 o'clock today. It was anticipated that when the assembly met, decision would be reached as to the manner of choosing the four elective members of the council of the league.

It has been decided by the commission on technical organizations to send the United States a special invitation to make a member of the International advisory commission which will study the question of the opium traffic. The commission will also carry out provisions relating to the opium traffic which were embodied in the Versailles treaty.

May Solve Jurisdiction.
Members of the international committee have found that they hope to see a solution of the jurisdiction problem that will satisfy those who have objected to this feature of the proposed international court.

They have inserted a clause in the proposed plan which will provide that a state which is desirous of an arrangement by which an offender before the tribunal may signify its acceptance of the provision for obligatory jurisdiction. The clause would further stipulate that this obligatory jurisdiction would become reciprocally binding upon all those nations which signify their acceptance.

This is far from meeting the original demands of some states, but hope is expressed that the example furnished by the first nation to accept the clause will be a moral force strong enough to oblige others to follow a similar course.

IRISH INVESTIGATION ASKS LEAGUE'S HELP

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Representative Mason of Illinois made public a cablegram sent by him to Paul Hyman, president of the league of nations appealing for support of the league in the effort of the commission investigating the Irish question to send a special investigating body to Ireland. Passports issued by the state department to members of the investigating committee have been refused a visa by the British embassy.

Representative Mason in his cablegram declared that "in the present instance the league of nations is afforded an extraordinary opportunity to free America from its domination from British domination by inducing the British government to permit the truth to be known to America as to conditions in Ireland."

LENNARD IS ACCUSED OF AUTO THEFT

Authorities From Hamilton, O., Arrest Man Held For Alleged Liquor Law Violation. Search Garages.

SEEK THE ALLEGED RING

Search of a number of garages in Richmond, and the arrest of John L. Lennard, already held on a \$2,000 bond on another charge, featured the arrival in this city of officials from Hamilton, O., Friday afternoon, in connection with their investigation of the activities of an alleged ring of auto thieves, said to have operated in Ohio and Indiana principally in the cities of Hamilton, Dayton and Richmond. Two members of the "ring," a representative of an insurance company in Ohio and men from the local police and sheriff's offices co-operated in the search, which culminated in the arrest of John L. Lennard at his home at North Ninth street, for alleged complicity in the affair.

Charged With Felony.
Lennard was arrested by Sheriff Clem Carr, on a formal complaint filed by Howard Slonaker, of Hamilton, O., an insurance man whose car had been stolen. The complaint said Lennard was charged with a felony in Hamilton at that he had knowingly received and purchased a stolen automobile. The warrant issued by the sheriff's office was for the purpose of holding Lennard in this city until extradition papers could be put through to secure Lennard's return to Hamilton for trial. Lennard is seriously ill at his home here with a case of erysipelas. The sight of both sides threatened.

Prosecuting Attorney Freeman said Saturday that if his condition warranted, Lennard would be arraigned in court immediately and a date set for hearing of the case.

Member Confesses.
Lennard was arrested on information obtained from the confession of a member of the "ring," now in custody in Hamilton. He is alleged to have confessed. One other member of the ring, who had also confessed, accompanied the officers here.

Federal officers were appealed to and they referred the case to local officials. Despite the fact that officials arrived here in the afternoon, it was almost evening before they were able to obtain the necessary co-operation that would enable them to conduct a search for stolen cars.

Three Places Searched.
Three places were searched in this city. Garages at the rear of 1017 Main street, 402 South Twelfth street (at the residence of S. J. Eckenrode) and at Lennard's home were searched. At the Lennard home a Ford sedan was found in the garage. Lennard showed officers a bill of sale for this car, which, he stated, he had purchased from George Harvey at Newcastle. It was also stated Saturday that the Ohio officials had located one stolen car at Eaton.

TRUEBLOOD GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Professor E. P. Trueblood, head of the department of public speaking, has been granted a leave of absence from Earlham college, to commence December 20 and continue until the middle of March. Professor Trueblood will go to Bradenton, Florida, where Mr. Trueblood has some property which he intends to improve.

During the absence of Professor Trueblood, Donald B. Snyder, 21, is to have charge of all the classes in the public speaking department. Having a list of several victories in this field, Mr. Snyder is adequately fitted to assume the teaching duties.

House Curtails Recess to Facilitate the Work

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The house voted unanimously today to curtail its Christmas recess in order to take up the annual appropriation bills without delay. On motion of Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, the house agreed to adjourn on Thursday, Dec. 23, and reassemble the following Monday, instead of adjourning for two weeks as heretofore.

Repeal of Wartime Laws is Up for Consideration

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Under a special rule reported out today by the rules committee the Volstead resolution will be given the right of way in the house after the immigration bill is disposed of. Debate would then be held on the repeal of wartime laws. The house committee also reported out a rule giving the Reavis bill for consolidation of government executive departments right of way after the Volstead measure is acted upon.

WOULD RESTRAIN RAILROADS

(By Associated Press)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 11.—A suit to restrain the 41 steam railroads operating in Ohio from putting into effect rates and fares in excess of the rates prescribed for interstate freight and passenger traffic, was filed in the Franklin county common pleas court by Attorney General Clarke in behalf of the state of Ohio, today.

RESERVE SHOWING

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$11,247,910 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$10,733,130 from last week.