

SENATE TO DISPOSE OF FARMER RELIEF

BILL FOR FINANCIAL AID TO PASS

JOHNSON ACT BEFORE HOUSE

Advocates of Anti-Immigration Legislation Hope to Extend Bar on Foreigners to Four Years.

Washington, D. C.—The senate and house will convene with leaders hopeful of passage before adjournment of the first major legislation to be voted on at this session of congress.

The senate will resume its consideration of the agricultural committee resolution directing revival of the war finance corporation and the extension by the federal reserve system of liberal credits to farmers.

The house under arrangement completed recently is expected to proceed rapidly to a final vote on the Johnson bill to prohibit immigration. The measure as amended by the house in the committee of the whole would stop immigration for one year instead of four years, as originally drafted.

Several senators were said to be preparing formal speeches on other subjects, including international affairs, which may cause the senate debate between now and Christmas recess to be turned into other channels.

Country Where Wives are Scarce. Philadelphia.—A country where wives are so scarce that they are at a premium has been discovered by Donald B. McMillan, the noted Arctic explorer.

Mexico's Mines are Closing. Mexico City.—With approximately one-third of the republic's 3,500 silver and copper mines closed because of the low market price of those metals, the government this week will take emergency measures to prevent complete paralysis of the industry.

Anti-American Meeting in Tokio. Tokio.—A large meeting of students, members of the students' League of Japan, was held in Ueno park recently. A resolution protesting to the world in the name of "justice and humanity" against the anti-Japanese law in California was adopted.

Coal Production at High Water Mark. Washington, D. C.—Production of both bituminous and anthracite coal reached a new high water mark for the year during the week of December 4, according to a statement tonight by the geological survey showing the output for the week to have been 12,757,000 tons of bituminous and 2,051,000 tons of anthracite.

Young Boy Escapes from Kidnaper. Fresno, Cal.—The kidnaping, last Friday of William Ronell, of this city, and a nephew of Chester H. Rowell, widely known publisher, became known with the lad's escape.

CONGRESS HEARS WILSON MESSAGE

President Urges That Our Democracy Prove Its Purity and Power to Prevail.

WORLD'S HOPE RESTS IN US

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Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson's message to congress was read in both houses by the clerks, Mr. Wilson having decided not to deliver it in person. The message in full follows:

Gentlemen of the congress: When I addressed myself to performing the duty laid upon the President by the Constitution to present to you an annual report of the state of the Union, I found my thought dominated by an immortal sentence of Abraham Lincoln.

With that faith and the birth of a nation founded upon it came the hope into the world that a new order would prevail throughout the affairs of mankind, an order in which reason and right would take precedence of covetousness and force, and I believe that I express the wish and purpose of every thoughtful American when I say that this sentence marks for us in the plainest manner the part we should play alike in the arrangement of our domestic affairs and in our exercise of influence upon the affairs of the world.

This is the mission upon which democracy came into the world. Democracy is an assertion of the right of the individual to live and to be treated justly as against any attempt on the part of any combination of individuals to make laws which will overburden him or which will destroy his equality among his fellows in the matter of right or privilege, and I think we all realize that the day has come when democracy is being put upon its final test.

Two Things for Us to Do. There are two ways in which the United States can assist to accomplish this great object. First, by offering the example within her own borders of the will power of democracy to make and enforce laws which are unquestionably just and which are equal in their administration—laws which secure its full right to labor and yet at the same time safeguard the integrity of property, and particularly of that property which is devoted to the development of industry and the increase of the necessary wealth of the world.

Specific Appropriations Urged. This strikingly illustrates the importance of making direct and specific appropriations. The relation between the current receipts and current expenditures of the government during the present year, as well as during the last half of the last fiscal year, has been disturbed by the extraordinary burdens thrown upon the treasury by the transportation act in connection with the return of the railroads to private control.

Sample Democracy of World. I urge you to consider that the display of an immediate disposition on the part of congress to remedy any injustices or evils that may have shown themselves in our national life will afford the most effectual offset to the forces of chaos and tyranny which are prevailing so disastrously a part in the fortunes of the free peoples of more than one part of the world.

Recovery from the disturbing and sometimes disastrous effects of the late war has been exceedingly slow on the other side of the water, and has given promise, I venture to say, of early completion only in our own fortunate country; but even with us the recovery halts and is impeded at times, and there are immediate serviceable acts of legislation which, it seems to me, we ought to attempt to assist that recovery and prove the indestructible recuperative force of a great government of the people.

Marked Gain in Finances. The nation's finances have shown marked improvement during the past fiscal year. The total deficit of \$5,694,000,000 for the fiscal year 1920 exceeded those for 1919 by \$1,542,000,000, while the total net ordinary expenditures decreased from \$18,514,000,000 to \$16,935,000,000. The gross public debt, which reached its highest point on Aug. 31, 1919, when it was \$36,556,000,000, had dropped on Nov. 1, 1920, to \$24,175,000,000.

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HEBRASKA RELIEF COUNCIL

Organized to Help Feed the Starving Children of Europe.

Omaha.—For the purpose of assisting to feed 3,000,000 children in Europe who will die of starvation this winter unless America feels them, the Nebraska relief council has just been organized by the state committees of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Y. W. C. A., Church Federation, Friends' Service association, American Relief association and the Jewish relief. The organization was perfected at a meeting in Omaha last Monday, at which representatives of the eight state-wide organizations chose G. W. Wattles of Omaha chairman and L. W. Trostler executive secretary.

The Nebraska campaign is to be waged as a portion of the nationwide campaign of which Herbert Hoover is chairman. The organization through which Mr. Hoover carried on the great relief work in Europe immediately following the war will be utilized for this work among the children of Europe.

"Unless America feeds and clothes these children this winter they will die," said Mr. Wattles, reading from a telegram from Mr. Hoover.

"This is the last campaign in which America will be called upon to assist Europe," said Mr. Wattles. "And this is for the children. Not a cent goes to grown folks—it's for the little children. They must not be left to starve."

Arrangements were made to organize the European Relief council in every county in the state. Representatives of each of the eight organizations which have merged into the European Relief council will get together in each county immediately and will arrange to conduct a local campaign beginning at once and ending with the year.

The Norfolk canning factory has been closed down until next January due to lack of buying on the part of jobbers.

Dr. Harold Gifford, Omaha eye specialist, is going to South America to spend several months studying eyes of birds and reptiles.

The Farmers' State bank of Verdon is a new banking institution, which has made application for a charter from the state banking bureau.

From Saturday, December 18, until Saturday, January 1, has been set for Christmas recess at the University of Nebraska, instead of the later period beginning Wednesday, December 22.

An explosion in the gas plant at Kearney set fire to the building and caused a damage of \$90,000. The shock of the explosion was felt all over the city.

The Gothenburg Community club has decided to bring some of the big musical attractions to Gothenburg this winter and the first number will be the Polish pianist, Leopold Godowsky.

The report of State Land Commissioner Dan Swanson shows a total increase of \$103,467.93 in receipts from lands leased and lands sold by the state for the two years ending November 30.

Nebraska university is now a full-fledged member of the Missouri Valley Conference, ready to comply with all the rules of the organization and will compete for the football championship in 1921.

George Knight of Fairbury was almost instantly killed when the motorcycle he was riding ran into a chain used as a gate to the city park, hitting him below the chin and severing his windpipe.

More than 10,000 farmers have joined the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation in the last month. Nine counties have conducted membership campaigns and several more are now in the midst of adding new members.

The first death from anthrax, reported in Omaha for some time, was recorded by the health department, in the case of Patrick Spellman, 60, laborer, who died from that cause at the City Emergency hospital.

Nebraska will be required to enlist 6,400 officers and men for the national guard in the next four years, according to a statement just issued by Adjutant General Paul, who has plans for the reorganization of the guard almost completed.

Nebraska municipalities, school districts and counties have issued treble the amount of bonds in the last biennium as in the preceding two years, according to records compiled by C. E. Lawrence, clerk in charge of bond registration at the state auditor's office.

Petty thieves are operating in Fremont, and many small thefts are being reported.

At a special election held in Wyomere last week, voters by a majority of 324 adopted the referendum. It is believed that as a result of its adoption the question of Sunday moving picture shows will soon be brought up.

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