

Murderess Escapes in Bare Feet

Mrs. Clara Phillips, Hammer Slayer, Saws Way From Jail—Police Anticipate Attempt to Reach Mexico.

Fear for Life of Witness

By EDWARD DOHERTY.

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of the murder of Alberta Meadows, who was beaten to death with a hammer, walked barefooted out of the county jail this morning and has not been found.

She proved herself as dexterous with a saw as she was with a hammer, severing three steel bars that were in the path to liberty.

Deputies have been sent everywhere, but there has been no trace of the slight clue—that leads to fearful theories concerning the safety of Clara Phillips' one great enemy, Mrs. Peggy Caffee.

Mrs. Caffee accompanied Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Meadows to Montecito drive last July. At that time she swore that Mrs. Phillips had killed Mrs. Meadows with the hammer. She had kept quiet for some time, she said, fearing Clara would kill her. She testified she was deathly afraid of Clara. Peggy's testimony resulted in conviction. Clara was sentenced to prison—10 years. She is now in the second degree murder. She was in the county jail only because an appeal taken by her attorney is pending.

Peggy Is Missing.

The first place Clara went, after her escape, was to Long Beach, a car in which was found a necktie, believed to have been that of the hammer murderess was left starting a few blocks from Peggy Caffee's home. And there is no trace of Peggy.

The sheriff's office believes Clara has gone to Mexico, by airplane, by boat, or by another automobile. And it would not surprise the deputies, they say, to learn that Peggy went with her, kidnaped.

From the nature of the escape, it is believed Clara must have been aided by at least two or three men. Immediately after the escape, Clara was missing a little past 7 this morning—search was begun for her husband, Arthur L. Phillips. He was found early this evening at the office of Attorney Bert Harrington and was taken to the sheriff's office to be questioned.

Harry Labet, a friend of Clara's—her husband once charged she had gone to Camp Baldy with him, and this is what led to the murder of Alberta Meadows—Billy Moody, a chorus girl whom she was released from prison yesterday and who was an intimate of Mrs. Phillips, and several others were rounded up and questioned, but could tell nothing about the escape.

Escape Carefully Planned.

The authorities are convinced that the escape was carefully planned days ago and that only the favorable opportunity was awaited. The matron remembers, now, that on several occasions she had seen men walking on the roof of the building next to the jail, rearranging some clothes on the line. When they arranged the clothes (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

Harding Delays Annual Message

Precedent Established Early in Country's History Is Broken.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A precedent established early in the history of the republic was broken by President Harding today, when he failed to deliver his annual message to congress which was convened in regular session for the chief executives to deliver their messages in person or in writing on either the first or second day of a session, and, according to officials at the capitol, the only time this practice has been broken here before was in 1857, when President Pierce deferred his message until the last day in December because of the inability of the house to organize. At that session it required 133 ballots for the house to elect its speaker.

Pressure of public business was believed to be the main responsible for the delay but there were also intimations that the president, because of recent official discussions, felt it would be the part of wisdom to have a few more days study to certain questions.

There was a suggestion that among these questions was a plan for legislation to aid the farmers. The president discussed this subject last week with Senator Watson of Indiana and a dozen other republican senators and it was believed possible that this program had not been worked out in all its details and that more time would be required to put it in final form.

Youngest Safe Robber in U. S. Captured in Minnesota

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 5.—The youngest safe robber in the United States is believed to have been arrested in Crookston. He is Clifford Morlan, 9, who confessed today that he opened two safes here Sunday night, according to the police.

Klan Sends Warning.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Mayor Martin has received recently a number of communications signed "K. K. K." claiming responsibility for the Montreal university fire two weeks ago and threatening to fire other Roman Catholic buildings.

Los Angeles Posses Hunt Clara Phillips, in Flight



Mrs. Clara Phillips.

Greeley County Man Wins Prize at Chicago Show

Red Polled Bull Nominated by Paul C. Larson of Wolbach Declared Champion of Class.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Reactor, a Percheron, entered by the Chestnut farms of Walkersville, Md., is monarch of all he surveys among the senior class Percherons assembled at the 23d International Livestock exposition.

Competing in a record field today, the animal was awarded the grand championship which entitles him to the same distinction in his breed that was bestowed upon Chenoweth Jack, chosen as the grand champion steer the day before.

To Jerome, entered by the Highland farms, Greensburg, Pa., went the reserve championship.

Robert McEwen, London, Ont., annexed the grand champion title of the show in the sheep department with a pure bred Southdown wether.

Iowan Is Winner. Hestiation, nominated by W. H. Butler, Woodside farms, Sandusky, O., annexed the championship among the junior Percheron stallions while the stable of J. P. Singmaster & Sons, Keota, Ia., produced the finest group of five Percherons, any age.

Carval, entered by W. Harvey Smith of Boswell, Ind., was awarded the championship among the senior Belgian mares, 3 years and over. The reserve honors went to Rubie, owned by Harry Starny, Roachdale, Ind.

The junior championship for mares under 3 years was awarded to Maple Dale Dorothy, owned by Ervine J. Snyder, New Paris, Ind.

Pervenche, named by the Michigan Agricultural college, drew the reserve title.

Max Walton Monarch, nominated by Carpenter & Ross of Mansfield, O., won among the Hereford bulls 3 years or over, while Modest Kind was voted the best yearling senior bull. The latter is from Littleton, Colo.

From Raymond, S. D., and the farms of I. L. Jones came the winner among the Aberdeen-Angus bulls, 3-year-olds or over, responding to the name of Barnmarsh. The champion Red Polled bull, 3-year-old or over, was Reval Dude, named by Paul C. Larson of Davenport, Ia., won in the Red Polled class for entries 2 years old and under, her entry being Chamer's Model.

The Oklahoma A. and M. won the special trophy awarded the grand champion pen of barrows in the Tamworth swine division. Mrs. C. H. Van Eyre of Davenport, Ia., won in the Duroc Jersey barrow class.

Scottsbluff Chamber to Survey Platte Valley

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to make a business survey of the North Platte valley, to gather facts that will convince eastern congressmen and business interests of the economic importance of irrigated regions of the west. This information will prove useful, it is thought, when measures for the relief of the water users come before the coming congress for action.

Mother and Child Escape Injury When Stove Explodes

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—While Mrs. Robert Taylor was bathing her baby on the opened range door shortly after building a fire, the water front of the range, frozen during the night, exploded, bursting the range into pieces. The child was not scratched and the mother suffered only a few cuts.

Grand Island Launches Community Christmas Plan

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Grand Island's annual community Christmas undertaking was launched at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters with 31 churches, lodges and civic organizations represented. O. A. Abbott, Jr., was chosen chairman; \$1,200 will be raised by voluntary contributions.

Big Dividend Declared.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The stockholders of the Standard Oil company of California today authorized a stock dividend of 100 per cent and increased the capital stock from \$115,000,000 to \$230,000,000.

The WINNERS of the

"B" Picture Puzzle Contest

Will Be Announced Friday in

The Evening Bee

27 Injured When Train Is Derailed

11 Omahans Victims When Wash Passenger Derailed Near Imogene, Ia.—Five Cars Overturned.

No One Fatally Injured

By a Staff Correspondent.

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—No one was killed or fatally injured when Wash Passenger Train No. 14, bound for St. Louis from Omaha, was derailed six miles west of here at 7:45 Monday night. The train left Omaha at 5:55 p. m.

Twenty-seven passengers were injured, none of the injuries believed serious.

The train was composed of five cars. The engine held the track. The tender, baggage car, Pullman sleeper, mail car, combination smoking and dining car and day coach left the rails. The last three named coaches were overturned on their sides at an angle of about 45 degrees.

Wabash Train No. 3, due in Omaha from St. Louis at 11:45 p. m., was turned about and made the trip to St. Louis, carrying most of the injured. About a dozen preferred to remain here at a hotel for the night.

Tender Jumps Rails. The mail on No. 3 was removed at the station here, to be carried on to Omaha this morning on Wabash west-bound trains operating on emergency schedule over Burlington tracks.

The scene of the wreck is about three miles east of Imogene. At this point there is a trestle 40 feet high over a river. The trestle is about 200 feet long.

The train negotiated this trestle successfully, but just at the east end the tender jumped the rails. It is believed swinging motion of water in the tender caused the derailment of that car and the subsequent wreck of the others.

The engineer, W. J. Hughes, threw on the air brakes and succeeded in halting the rushing train within two train lengths from the trestle.

But the tender, baggage and mail cars, combination smoker and diner and the day coach had left the track, the last three overturning into the gully alongside the right of way.

Passengers Crawl to Safety. Every window on the right side of the overturned coaches was shattered. Most of the windows on the upper side remained intact, however, and the majority of the passengers crawled through the shattered upper windows to safety.

No one had to be extricated from the wreckage, according to railroad employees who were rushed to the scene on No. 3.

The train was going at a moderate rate of speed, it was said, the curve on which the wreck occurred being downgrade for eastbound traffic.

W. T. L. Putnam and Dr. J. E. Aldrich, Wabash surgeons from Shenandoah, Ia., were on the train. (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Zero Weather in Northwest

Cold Wave Causes Dried Drops as Far South as Texas.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Winter today made its first determined onslaught of the season, spreading a trail of zero temperatures through the northwest and plains states and causing decided drops in temperatures as far south as Texas in the southwest and central areas.

Hayre, Mont., with a temperature around 16 degrees below zero, was reported the coldest place in the country. Subzero temperature was reported throughout Montana, North Dakota and parts of Minnesota, with Harris, Mont., announcing 5 below; Williston, N. D., 3 below; Grand Forks, N. D., 4 below; and Fargo, N. D., 8 below.

The southern Rocky mountain states were warned by forecasters to prepare for drops in temperatures from 15 to 20 degrees, attended by slight surges of snow.

While practically all of Montana, Minnesota and North Dakota were experiencing sudden downward jumps in the thermometer, St. Paul, Minn., and immediate vicinity were enjoying a comparatively mild temperature.

Although the Mississippi valley states, the breath of winter was manifest in a biting wind that sent the mercury scurrying toward the zero mark. Weather forecasts indicated this wave would spread into the lower lake region and the Atlantic and east Gulf states, with the exception of the Florida peninsula, by tonight or Wednesday.

A continued drop was predicted for today and tomorrow for the southern states.

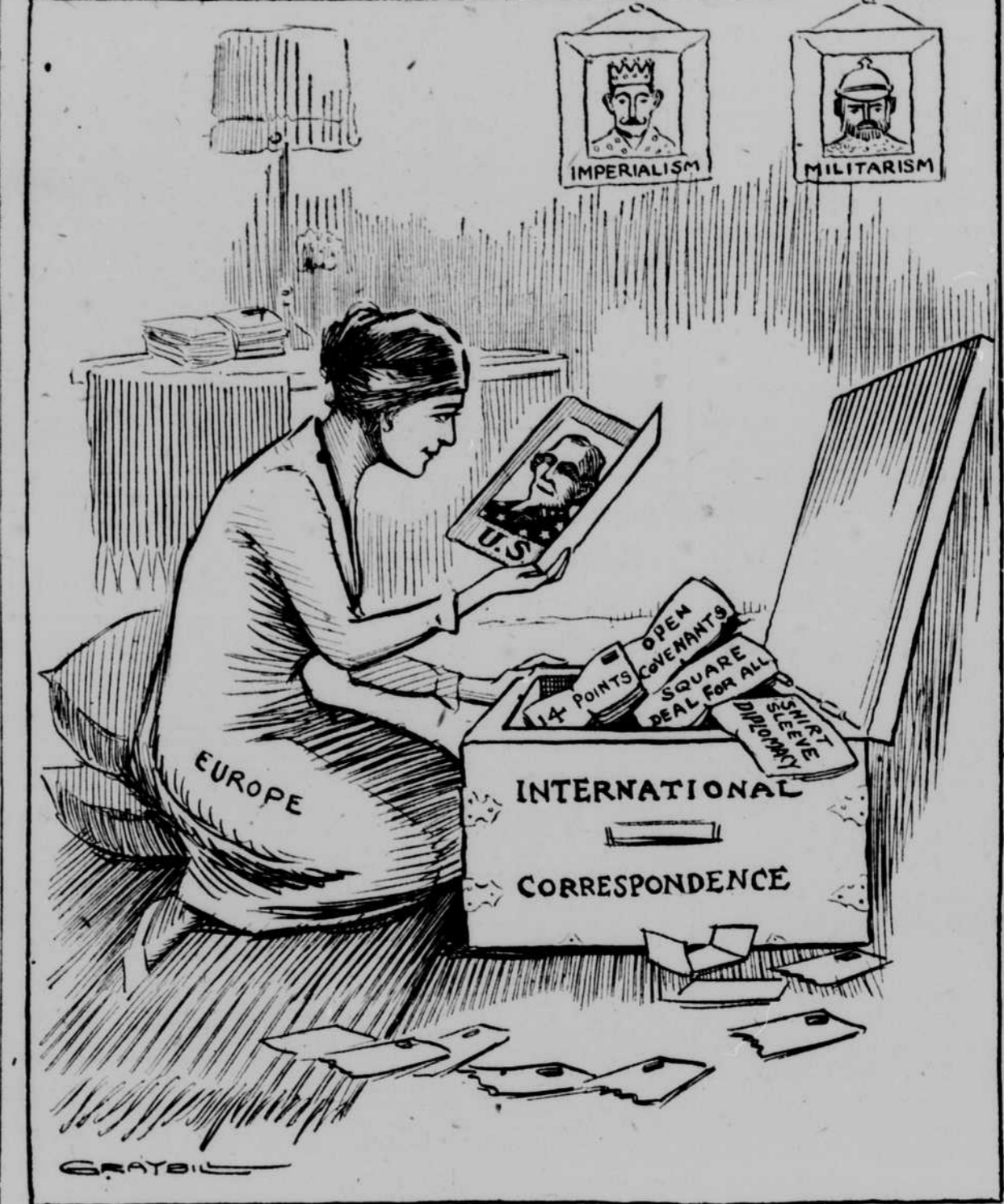
Fascisti Will Club Prisoners and Use Hospitals for Jails

Rome, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Criminals will be clubbed and sent to hospitals instead of being imprisoned, in the administration of justice under the fascist regime in the province of Alessandria, Dr. Raminbo Sala, the secretary, said in an address to malefactors summoned before him.

"Hereafter the fascist undertake the administration of justice adopting different laws from those of the judicial authorities," Dr. Sala said, "whoever is guilty will not be sent to prison but to the hospital—after being clubbed."

He after such lessons veteran offenders still exist, the next time the clubbing will be such as to send them not to the hospital but to the cemetery.

"On Rainy Days I Think of Thee"



War in Turkey Is Predicted if Parley Fails

Turks and English So Far Apart at Lausanne That Complete Break Is Predicted.

Lausanne, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Turkey and Europe apparently have drifted so far apart on the great issues of the near east conference that the pessimists have a fruitful field for unhappy prognostications of a complete collapse of the negotiations and the resumption of war in southeastern Europe.

Such a culmination of the conference discussions could easily be argued as a strong influence, but any such argument based on a reasonable hypothesis would leave out the fact that Europe needs peace and that Turkey has constantly proclaimed its need of capital to develop its immense resources.

The frenzied character of yesterday's proceedings, in which Russia came to the fore as the willing champion of Turkish autonomy, is indicative of conditions which provoked genuine despair on the part of the conference leaders.

So long as no actual break occurs, there is hope that time will bring conciliatory views. The worst is anticipated, however, as shown by the appearance here of a suggestion that a general war could be launched against Turkey by the league of nations. Such a move, it is suggested, might take the form of a crusade through the issuance of an appeal for the help of all nations.

Sugar Beet Speculation Begun in Platte Valley

Scottsbluff, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Gambling on the bonus payment for this year's sugar beet crop has commenced in the North Platte valley, with speculators offering farmers from 50 to 75 cents a ton on their October 15 payments next year. Under the sliding scale contract sugar beet growers this fall received \$5 a ton for their beets, but will share in the profits of the sugar. Sugar company officials estimate this will mean an additional payment of \$1.50 to \$2 a ton. It is for this payment the farmers are selling at a low price now.

Lincoln Man Makes Second Attempt to Commit Suicide

Lincoln, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Arthur L. Schultz, 39, made his second ineffectual attempt in a week to commit suicide today when he drank a quantity of carbolic acid in his room. He will live. The following note was found in his room:

"Bury me at Crete, Neb. My time has come. God is calling me. Good-bye, Lulu."

Police say domestic trouble is the cause.

500 Attend Elks Memorial Services at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The annual memorial exercises of the Elks were held in the new home of the lodge yesterday afternoon. About 500 members of the order and friends were in attendance. The address was given by Rev. J. Franklin Haas of Beatrice.

Dividends Are Resumed.

New York, Dec. 5.—The Kennecott Copper corporation today declared its first dividend since December, 1920, voting a quarterly payment of 75 cents. The last dividend was 60 cents.

Day's Activities in Washington

The nomination of Pierce Butler to be an associate justice of the supreme court was returned to the senate by President Harding.

Clemenceau called on President Harding and visited the Lincoln Memorial, Washington monument and the zoo, but delivered no public addresses.

The Interstate Commerce commission approved plans for the reorganization of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas under receivership.

Decline of the nation's birth rate and an increase in its death rate during the present year compared with 1921 was predicted by the census bureau.

Delegates to the Central American conference devoted the first business session to discussion of procedure and approved subject to final adoption, rules similar to those of the Washington arms conference.

The Harding administration, during its tenure, it was stated at the White House, will firmly oppose the acceptance by the United States of any mandates.

Secretary Fall, in his annual report, said additional funds were needed to permit the interior department to expand its program for the reclamation of arid lands.

Continuation of the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger was opposed at the Interstate Commerce commission hearing by Van Bernard, representing the California Producers and Shippers' association.

President Harding broke a precedent by permitting the second day of a new congressional session to pass without delivering his message, but it was said he planned to address congress later in the week.

Favorable report of a resolution to amend the constitution to permit direct election of the president, his inauguration in January, and the convening of each new congress two months after the biennial elections was made by the senate agricultural committee.

President Harding and his cabinet discussed the immigration situation at length and it was indicated the executive might discuss the question from the standpoint of restriction in his forthcoming annual message to congress.

Vacuum Oil Co. Declares Dividend of 300 Per Cent

New York, Dec. 5.—Directors of the Vacuum Oil company today declared a 300 per cent stock dividend, transferring \$45,000,000 from the surplus to the capital stock.

Combination Tank and Boat Shown Government Officers

New York, Dec. 5.—A heavily-armed gun mount, equipped to travel as an ordinary motor truck, a caterpillar crawling tank and a boat were demonstrated before army and navy officers and mechanical engineers.

Carrying a 75-millimeter gun and driven by its inventor, Walter Christie, the gun mount moved, on its ordinary solid rubber-tired wheels at the rate of 30 miles an hour. On its caterpillar belts it climbed the side of a steep hill on the New Jersey shore, then took a two-mile cruise on the Hudson.

Trio Confess They Planned Murder for Three Weeks

Suspects Held for Wolf Slaying Tell Officials How They Lay in Wait for Victim.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—For three weeks, Frank Stewart, George Warren and Francis South planned the murder of Charles Wolf, according to confessions made to county and city officials, and which were made public this afternoon. For three nights previous to the brutal attack that led to the death of the teamster, they lay in wait for him, but did not have the nerve to rob him, according to their statements made to the officers. On the Wednesday night of last week when they made up their minds to hold Wolf up, they thought that he had \$500 in his possession.

It was the weakness of the trio for the game of "Galloping Dominoes" that fixed police suspicion on the three men. A bloody \$20 bill which Warren is alleged to have had changed in a business house here was obtained and the police then found other pieces of testimony that led to the arrest of the three men. Stewart, the officers say, was the first to make a confession, and was followed by Warren. On the Wednesday night in question the men went to the Vonstern barn, and all three of them, it is alleged, slugged the man with an iron bar. He retaliated and the men kept slugging him, one with the iron bar. Stewart says that before the last blow, Wolf called out "Don't hit me Jim," and fell with a thud to the floor.

Stewart, it is alleged, became frightened and ran to the back door. Warren and South reproached him for being a coward. "You're yellow," it is reported South said to him. After rifling Wolf's clothing as he lay prostrate on the barn floor, the men drove south of town, according to officers, where they emptied his pocketbook of \$65 and threw it into a hedge fence along the Cornhusker highway where it was found yesterday by the police. Feeling against the men who are being held for the most brutal crime in the history of the county, is running high. They are being closely guarded day and night. County Attorney Vasey may file complaints against them tomorrow.

Lloyd George Makes First Speech in New Parliament

London, Dec. 5.—David Lloyd George made his first speech in the new parliament today, speaking from the same seat whence, 11 years ago, he was accustomed to inveigh against the government of the day.

Today he explained that he was not here to criticize, but only to make suggestions. He proceeded to support the amendment to the address, calling attention to the gravely un satisfactory state of agriculture and inviting the government to open an inquiry with a view to finding remedies.

He also spoke on the unemployment question, which he treated as a temporary matter, that would to a large extent pass away with the world's recovery from the effects of war.

Allotment for War Victims' Attendants Is Increased

Washington, Dec. 5.—Armed, legless and blind veterans of the world war would receive \$50 a month to hire attendants, instead of \$20 as heretofore, under a senate bill passed by the house and sent to the president.

Norris Plan Opposed by President

Senate Progressive Bloc Gets Into Action, Headed by Nebraskaan, Urging Change in Constitution.

Will Be Test of Power

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 5.—Moves in the senate today for a constitutional amendment providing for direct election of president and vice president and for convening a new congress immediately after election are vigorously opposed by President Harding.

The president thinks that the constitution does not need the constant tinkering that it has been undergoing. He always has been of the opinion, and has had no occasion to change his mind.

One of the greatest inspirations of the fathers, in the opinion of Mr. Harding, was the provision that a congress should not convene until the second following year. That provision gives opportunity for sober reflection on public questions which is beneficial to sound legislation.

No Advantage Seen.

The president has observed that the American people are prone to be swayed by ephemeral whims which would be likely to be translated into legislation if congress were to meet immediately after election. He sees no advantage in the proposal, particularly as the executive has power to call a new congress into extraordinary session within six months after the election.

The senate agricultural committee, dominated largely by progressives, voted to recommend to the senate a resolution, sponsored by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment embodying the following changes:

Changes Urged.

Inauguration of the president and vice president on the third Monday in January following their election.

Convening of the newly-elected congress on the first Monday in January following the election.

Abolishment of the electoral college and the election of the president and the vice president by direct vote of the people each state, however, to cast same number of electoral votes in the canvass as at present.

Discuss Ashurst Plan.

While the agricultural committee was taking this action, a subcommittee of the more conservative Judiciary committee, made up of the ablest lawyers in the senate, was listening to arguments in behalf of the Ashurst resolution, which provides for the inauguration of the president and vice president and the convening of newly-elected congress on the same dates as designated in the Norris resolution.

The Ashurst resolution, however, contains no provision for abolishing the electoral college and direct election of president.

Arguments favoring the Ashurst resolution were presented by William Lowell Putnam of Boston, chairman of a committee of the American Bar Association, Lewis Cook of Washington, a member of the same committee; Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, and Edgar Wallace, representing the American Federation of Labor.

Although the subcommittee took no action, it was plain that its members were impressed with the arguments in favor of the measure.

Lawyers Favor Law.

'Spokesmen for the American Bar association, supporting the Ashurst resolution, declared it was desirable to have the will of the people as expressed at the polls translated into action as soon as possible after the election. They pointed out that the so-called short session of congress following the election, usually proved a stalemate and produced little or no legislation. The framers of the constitution in fixing the date for the convening of the newly elected congress, they argued, were guided largely by the slowness of transportation and communication in their day rather than by a desire to create a "cooling off period" between the election and the assembling of the new congress.

Indiana Yellow Corn Is Awarded 48 of 50 Prizes

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Indiana farmers won 48 of the 50 places in the yellow corn contest at the International grain and hay show today. Iowa and Ohio received one place each in this class which was for region three, or the north half of the corn belt. More than 200 10-ear entries competed.

Canada came to the front again by winning the grand sweepstakes for the best rye grown this year.

Butler Nomination Returned.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The nomination of Pierce Butler of Minnesota to be an associate justice of the supreme court, which failed of confirmation at the special session of congress, was returned to the senate today by President Harding.

The Weather

Forecast.

Wednesday, Fair and somewhat warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

Highest Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Chicago, Davenport, Des Moines, Dodge City, Lander.