

# GO ON WHEN DAM BREAKS

## Congress to Convene This Noon

### Republican Insurgents Give Notice of Plan to Block Organization Until Demands Are Granted.

### House Deadlock Certain

Washington, Dec. 2.—The 68th congress will convene tomorrow at noon, but how soon it will be able to proceed to business appeared tonight to rest with the progressive bloc.

Republican insurgents in the house have given notice that they will block organization. Those in the senate have made no public announcement, but admittedly, they have the votes to tie things up if they elect to do so.

In view of this situation, republican leaders are entirely at sea as to when President Coolidge will be able to deliver his first annual message to congress.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, the republican leader, said tonight that at the outset of the session the house would begin voting on a speaker, and that if a deadlock ensued, an overnight adjournment would be taken.

In the senate, the program of the majority leaders is for the swearing in of newly elected senators and an adjournment until Tuesday out of respect to members who have died since last March 4. There seems to be little disposition on the part of the republican insurgents and democrats to upset this plan.

### Nelson Fights Plans.

Retracting the determination of the progressives to block organization of the house, Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, chairman of the bloc, declared today in a statement that "congress is attempting to organize under the same old guard and under the same old cry 'Hall, hall, the gang's all here.'"

The opening maneuvers of the old guard leaders," he said, "indicate promises of continued service to the railroad manipulators, grain gamblers, oil speculators and senators and congressmen, but none whatever to the citizen, who is unable to maintain a lobby to represent him here, a lobby which serves as the liaison between secret committees and the favored interests."

With the democrats expected to line up solidly for Representative Garrett of Tennessee for speaker, republican leaders, basing their estimation on the vote on their party conference yesterday, conceded that Speaker Gillett undoubtedly would fail to obtain a majority of the first ballot. With 214 of the 225 house republicans present at yesterday's conference, Gillett received 150 votes; Cooper of Wisconsin, a leader of the insurgents, 15; Madden, Illinois, 8, and Little, Kansas, 1.

### Deadlock is Certain.

Leaders of the insurgents say that they will swing from 15 to 20 republican votes away from Gillett, and since there are 207 democrats, this number would be sufficient to bring about a deadlock.

Representative Longworth, who was elected leader yesterday, said tonight there had been no conferences between the organization and progressive leaders and predicted that there would be no effort to compromise differences prior to the voting tomorrow.

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### Plan Conference Today.

Senate democrats will hold a conference tomorrow morning and their leaders say they will nominate Senator Pittman of Nevada as the party candidate for speaker pro tem. There can be no nomination in the senate, however, until there is a vote to proceed to the election of a president, as Senator Cummins of Iowa holds

## Eight-Year Mystery Is Solved

### Bones of Child Found in Pennsylvania Are Identified by Father as Those of Jimmy Glass.

### Search Was World Wide

By Universal Service.  
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 2.—The eight-year-old mystery of little Jimmy Glass' disappearance was finally and definitely cleared up today, when the bones found under a brush pile near Greeley by Otto Winkler were identified by Charles Glass, the boy's father.

Jimmy was wearing overalls and a pair of "coward" shoes on that spring morning in 1915, when he ran out of the house to play. And among the grim effects that had withstood the long sleep of the elements were two brass snap fasteners and a part of a shoe sole on which the word "Coward" was faintly discernible.

### Identified by Father.

Mr. Glass, who came from Jersey City, his home, after being notified of the find, considered the evidence complete. It was for him the windup of a ceaseless waiting and a ceaseless searching over all parts of the world. For since his son's disappearance, Mr. Glass has followed clues to South America and to Europe.

It is now assumed that the lad, who was then only 4, got lost in the woods and after wandering around for hours, succumbed to fright and exhaustion.

Otto Winkler, the farmer, was hunting near Greeley, when he made his tragic find. He kicked a hard object and looking down, found it to be the skull of a child. Searching a little further he found two tiny rotting shoes with the feet bones of a child in them. He immediately marked the spot and carried his news to Greeley.

### Search World Wide.

The citizens of that town, knowing that the Glass family were spending the spring in Greeley that year and that little Jimmy was the only child who had ever been reported missing in that region, immediately came to the conclusion that it was he. Word was sent to the father in Jersey City, and upon his arrival this morning, a large crowd from the town followed Winkler and Glass to the spot.

A further search resulted in the find of other bones of the skeleton. They were placed in a sack and turned over to the coroner. The father, visibly affected, went back to Greeley and made arrangements for the transportation of the bones to Jersey City, where they will be interred.

### Following Jimmy's Disappearance

In 1915, it was thought for a time that he might have been captured by a band of gypsies. But this theory was abandoned after a child, who had been living with a gypsy band near Greeley was found to be someone else.

### Brick Factory Is Destroyed by Fire

York, Neb., Dec. 2.—Fire today broke out in the boiler room of the York Brick & Tile company of this city and completely destroyed the brick manufacturing plant. The fire was first discovered near the boiler room but when the fire department reached the scene, the fire, aided by a strong wind, had spread to the drying sheds and was beyond control. The buildings are a total loss but are covered by insurance.

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## Johnson Is Favorite in Dakota

### Republicans Assembling at Pierre for Proposal Meeting—Claims of Contenders Conflicting.

### State Issues Foremost

By Universal Service.  
Pierre, S. D., Dec. 2.—That Hiram Johnson will receive the majority proposal by the South Dakota republicans, when they assemble in their state proposal meeting here December 4, is the confident prediction of the backers of the California senator's campaign.

Although the Coolidge people make claims of victory also, a serene confidence seems to exist around the Johnson headquarters.

### Pierre, a Little Town of a Few Thousand

is already swelling its population with hundreds of proposal men, candidates and interested onlookers, arriving for the big day Tuesday. The main hotel lobby is a seething sea of political intrigue, while on every floor of the hotel dozens of conferences are being held in the candidatorial headquarters.

### National Issues Obscured.

The state situation in each party has obscured the national one and pushed it into the background. It is significant, perhaps, that one finds signs, "Senator Sterling's Headquarters," "Governor McNeister's Headquarters," but none whatsoever for any of the presidential aspirants. The work for them is being done in connection with the state campaigns of their respective advocates.

Governor McNeister, in addition to being himself a candidate for the republican majority proposal for the senatorial nomination, is the big man in the Hiram Johnson campaign, and the leaders figure that a vote for McNeister is a vote for Hiram, too.

### Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Marie Stratton, Omaha, Neb. .... 22  
H. J. Taylor, Columbus, Neb. .... 24  
Mildred Fox, Columbus, Neb. .... 24  
Edward Gray, Omaha, Neb. .... 24  
Helen Chamber, Schuyler, Neb. .... 24  
Rex Lindsay, Sioux City, Ia. .... 25  
Irene Hibel, Glenwood, Ia. .... 25  
Laura Boland, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Sophia Hoffman, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Dorothy Felt, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Johnny Chandler, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Laura Erezel, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
G. E. Chase, Lincoln, Neb. .... 25  
Doris Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb. .... 25  
Edward Hoffman, Fremont, Neb. .... 25  
H. P. Meier, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
J. H. Jones, St. Paul, Minn. .... 25  
Wilson Hotteroff, Norfolk, Neb. .... 25  
Iva Gray, Norfolk, Neb. .... 25  
Carl Stephens, Des Moines, Ia. .... 25  
Garnette Oliver, Inwood, Ia. .... 25  
J. H. McCall, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Raymond Saunders, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Raymond Moore, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
C. C. Sheward, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Maryne Hart, Omaha, Neb. .... 25  
Berlwyn Miller, Lincoln, Neb. .... 25  
Ada Steady, Lincoln, Neb. .... 25

## Chicago's Gold Coast and Rialto

were sent into raptures of gossip when it became known that Maj. Frederic McLaughlin, society leader and sportsman, on Thanksgiving eve had married Mrs. Irene Castle Treman, divorcee and dancer.

### The Couple Obtained a License

at the county clerk's office at 5:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and were married late in the evening in Maj. McLaughlin's bachelor apartment at 323 North Michigan avenue. They are on their way to the Pacific coast, where they will board a boat for a honeymoon in the Philippines, Japan, and China.

### When They Return in About Two Months

McLaughlin will take her place as head of the Michigan avenue apartment in which their romance had its beginning last spring.

The bride is well known in Chicago society. When she was here last year she was invited to many society affairs and was a frequent guest in the homes of the society leaders. At that time she is said to have attended several parties given by Major McLaughlin under the chaperonage of friends at whose home she was staying. It was thus, according to reports, that the dancer's romance with the Chicago sportsman had its beginning.

Major McLaughlin divorced his first wife in 1910. She was Helen Kenner Wylie, a Baltimore society girl whom he met during the "Streets of Paris" fete in the Coliseum during the winter of 1906. She was a guest at the home of Mrs. Walter W. Keith. They were married in Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons performing the ceremony and Clive Runnels acting as the best man.

### For a Few Months the Major and His Bride

lived in apparent happiness at the Onwentsia club, but soon she went away. In December, 1910, Major McLaughlin charged she had deserted him and obtained a decree.

## Niobrara Rabbits Steal Chickens, Climb Trees and Chase Dogs Home

### Trapper Crossed Pet Bobcat With Bunnies in Hope of Producing New Fur—Hybrid Becomes Great Pest in Ranch Country

### O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 2—His Experiments

in the hybridizing of wild animals, although successful, having proved most disastrous through the creation of new pests, Patrick Parnell, a ranchman, near Pelican Point, on the Niobrara river, has decided to quit interfering with nature.

### Mr. Parnell Gained some Notoriety

in scientific circles several years ago by his success in crossing the jack-rabbit, or American hare, with the Niobrara bobcat. This experiment suggested itself to Mr. Parnell one spring when the children discovered a litter of extremely young jack-rabbits in a meadow along the river and brought them home and placed them with the newly arrived family of their pet bobcat. The little fellows behaved about the same size as her own children, the mother bobcat readily accepted them in the family circle and the kittens and bunnies grew up together.

The idea of crossing them in the hopes of developing a new fur, suggested itself to Mr. Parnell, who traps for the market in the winter, when he saw that the young animals retained their friendliness toward each other as they approached maturity.

### The result of the hybridization was

an omnivorous animal, with the fecundity of the rabbit, weight about 20 pounds, with the feet, claws, jaws and teeth of the bobcat, but with the legs, body, ears and general appearance of the jackrabbit to the casual observer.

The fur proved not to be commercially desirable and the animals were not acceptable as pets, for they preyed alike on the green stuff in the chicken and the occupants of the garden coop. So Parnell eventually took them up the river and turned them out well away from the home ranch. Since that time the hybrids have increased rapidly, as the coyotes which keep the jackrabbit from increasing unduly by feeding upon them will have nothing to do with one which bites and claws when cornered. The farm dog generally beats it yelping for home when he sees a rabbit climb a tree. As gardening and chicken raising no more are profitable along the river since Mr. Parnell invented his new animal and turned it loose there was talk of prosecuting him for damages, until he finally agreed to do no more biological experimenting. The Pelican Point Community club is arranging for several hunts this fall and winter and also has ordered a number of traps, in hope of exterminating the pests before spring comes.

## 3 Italian Villages Are Destroyed

### Bodies of Victims Tangled Among Fallen Trees; Homeless Counted by Thousands.

### Bergamo Valley Is Waste

Bergamo, Dec. 2.—Six hundred dead, three villages destroyed and 60 square miles made desolate. This was the toll of the flood from Gleno lake, when the great dike guarding it collapsed, releasing the water, which carried all before it. It swept over the hills and down into the valleys for a distance of 15 miles to Lake Iseo, which checked the momentum of the vast stream.

### Bergamo valley today is nothing

but a barren waste of mud and water—a veritable lake in which it is dangerous to venture, for in some places it is over a man's head. In this soggy mass, the bodies of the victims lie tangled among fallen trees, telegraph poles, buildings and bridges. The homeless are counted in the thousands, most of whom are mourning for lost relatives, or searching for their bodies.

Relief parties from Milan and Brescia are on the scene while all available troops have been mustered to aid the shelterless. The bishop of Bergamo received a telegraphic donation from the pope for the purpose of undertaking immediate extensive relief.

### There is great fear among the survivors

of other dams breaking, especially as today is the Feast of St. Bibiana, on which according to popular superstition, if it rains it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

The three villages almost completely destroyed were Dezzo, Corna and Buggio. Of the 500 inhabitants of Dezzo, only three survived.

### Conspiracy Charged Against Oil Concern

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—A damage suit for \$87,000 against the Mutual Oil company of Kansas City and its officers was filed in the district court by the Hotchkiss Oil company. The damages sought are for an alleged conspiracy whereby it is charged the defendant company obtained control of the Hotchkiss company's tanks and filling stations and converted them to its own use, forcing the latter company to suspend operations.

### According to the petition, the Mutual

made an oral order to the Hotchkiss company in which it agreed to supply the necessary gasoline to expand the business of the latter. The Hotchkiss company would agree to purchase all gasoline and oil from the defendants.

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### Flames Ravage Town of Weyerts

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 2.—While the auditorium and Sunday school room of the Christian church here was crowded at 11 this morning, flames broke out, threatening to consume the structure.

### The entire congregation turned out

to fight the blaze and the volunteer fire department, hampered by frozen hose lines, concentrated on saving the minister's residence near by. Several persons narrowly escaped injury when a tall chimney fell. Services were held in a theater building tonight.

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Lodgepole, Neb., Dec. 2.—The village of Weyerts was almost wiped off the map by a fire early this morning. The store building and its entire stock, the residence and the community dance hall, all owned by H. G. Willingham, were destroyed. The loss is partly covered by insurance. A masquerade dance was held in the hall Saturday evening and about 3 o'clock Sunday morning the dance hall was in flames and the fire spread to the store and dwelling house. An alarm was given and several of the farmers responded, but were unable to check the flames.

### Niece Is Sole Heir

The will of W. H. Ware, pioneer Council Bluffs lawyer, who died last week, was filed for probate Saturday. It names his niece, Iris Mae Malone, as sole beneficiary and appoints her executrix of the estate without bond.

### Runaway Brothers Nabbed

Wilbur J. Buhn, 18, and his brother, Otto, were arrested Saturday in Council Bluffs because the lights of their automobile were not burning. At the station police found they were runaways from Miles, Ia. Police said they admitted that they left home in their father's car after a quarrel with him.

### Miss Minnie Alwain Dies.

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 2.—Miss Minnie Alwain, 42, died at the home of her brother, Henry Furrow, eight miles northeast of Table Rock. Funeral services were held at the home of her brother by Rev. E. P. Doosher of Elk Creek. Burial was in the Humboldt cemetery.

## Knowledge From God, Says Rev. Van Winkle

We can never know unless someone from God comes to teach us, said Rev. George Van Winkle in his sermon Sunday morning at Olivet Baptist church.

### The learned Nicodemus said to the young Prophet of Nazareth:

"We know that Thou art a teacher come from God." Mr. Van Winkle said, "Jesus himself declared that He had come from God and would return to God, and that He had come that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Even the Roman soldiers sent out to take Him and bring Him to the rulers, came back without Him and the only excuse for their failure was that never man spoke like this man. The common people heard Him gladly, for He spoke with authority and not like the other teachers of His day.

### This great teacher gathered a few

young men together and taught them and they have preserved His words. Jesus gave as His authority, God, who had sent Him, and declared, "If any man heareth these words of Mine and doeth them he shall be like a man who built his house on the rock."

### The invitation stands today, and is given to all men. Come, learn of Me. Come into the school of the Great Teacher. He teaches how to live without worry or anxiety. He teaches how to live without jealousy and hatred. When the nations come into His school and as at His feet and learn of Him they will learn war no more."

### Offer of One-Fourth of Bank Tax Refused

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—The tender of banks of the state of one-fourth of their assessed tax will not be accepted by the state board of assessment, according to announcement of State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith, on behalf of the members of the board. He said the board is prepared to resist the proffer of the banks to pay taxes this year under the intangible law instead of the law, which he said had prevailed in the state for a quarter of a century, with the exception of 1922. The bankers insist, it was said, that their property can be assessed only as intangible. The board maintains it is tangible. Commissioner Smith has notified county treasurers not to accept the tender by the banks of one-quarter of the regular tax rate.

### School Children Deposit Total of \$130,093 in Banks

Deposits in the Council Bluffs public schools savings bank last week totaled \$1,159, according to Theodore Saam, superintendent. Reports were received from only 15 of the 17 schools in the district, but out of an enrollment of 6,065, 4,821 students, or 79 per cent, were depositors during the week.

### Since the inauguration of the system

in January, 1921, deposits total \$120,093.02, the report shows.

### The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., December 2, 1923.

Temperature.	
Highest, 31; lowest, 19; mean, 25; normal, 31.	
Total since January 1, '23.	
Relative Humidity, Percentage.	
7 a. m., 42; noon, 62; 7 p. m., 48.	
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.	
Total since January 1, 1923.	
Hourly Temperatures.	
8 a. m. .... 29	11 a. m. .... 23
9 a. m. .... 28	12 m. .... 23
10 a. m. .... 28	1 p. m. .... 23
11 a. m. .... 28	2 p. m. .... 23
12 noon .... 28	3 p. m. .... 23
1 p. m. .... 28	4 p. m. .... 23
2 p. m. .... 28	5 p. m. .... 23
3 p. m. .... 28	6 p. m. .... 23
4 p. m. .... 28	7 p. m. .... 23
5 p. m. .... 28	8 p. m. .... 23
6 p. m. .... 28	9 p. m. .... 23
7 p. m. .... 28	10 p. m. .... 23
8 p. m. .... 28	11 p. m. .... 23
9 p. m. .... 28	12 noon .... 23