# Calm in Congress Presages Storm, Observers State

## Two Houses Reconvene on Monday for Short Sessions —New Members Sworn Into Vacancies.

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republican conference. Likewise, it was said that he had not discussed the procedure with members of the insurgent bloc and consequently had formed no specific program of action. It was added, however, that as previously announced, the senator would continue his fight for what was characterized as progressive legislation.

When the gavels fell in the house and senate promptly at noon today there were the usual opening day crowds in the galleries. Mrs. Coolidge and a party of the friends occupied the president's row in the senate gallery.

**Three Vacant Seats.**

There were three vacant seats in the senate because of the passing from the stage of life of three of the most familiar faces in that body—Senators Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, Frank B. Brandegee of Connecticut and Lebaron B. Colt of Rhode Island.

Two of these seats later were filled by the swearing in of new members, William Butler, to succeed Senator Lodge, and Jesse H. Metcalf, to succeed Senator Colt. A thir dnew senator, Rice W. Means of Colorado, also took the oath of office administered by Senator Cummins as the president pro-tempore . Means succeeds Alva B. Adams of Colorado, who was defeated in the recent election.

After Senators Curtis of Kansas, the republican leader, and Robinson of Arkansas, the minority leader, had been named to the joint committee on notification of the president, the senate adopted resolutions on the death of Senators Lodge, Colt and Brandegee and then adjourned out of respect to their memories.

**Jones Is Party Whip.**

Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, was selected by Senator Curtis as party whip.

iWth the one exception, in the adoption of the Wilson memorial resolution, the house procedure was identical. Four new members were installed, the republican and democratic leaders, Longworth of Ohio and Garrett of Tennessee were named to the notification committee and resolutions of respect to the dead members—Representatives Green of Massachusetts, Little of Kansas and Mudd of Maryland, all republicans, adopted.

Adjournment then was taken out of respect to their memories.

On the roll calls there were 10 absentees in the senate and one in the house. One vacancy in the house, that caused by the death of Senator Brandegee, is yet to be filled, while the member appointed to the house failed to appear to take the oath of office. He is John C. Allen, republican, Illinois.

**Republicans Lead.**

As a result of elections to fill vacancies, the democrats made a net gain of one in the house, a democrat succeeding to the vacant seat in Maryland. A republican, however, took over one seat in the senate that had been held by a democrat.

With one vacant republican seat in the senate, the lineup there now is, republicans, 50; democrats, 42, and farmer-labor, 2.

When Representative Allen takes his seat the house lineup will be: Republicans, 224; democrats, 208; farmer-labor, 1; socialist, 1, and independent, 1.

This leaves the republican insurgents still holding the balance of power in each house.

The passing of old members makes necessary a realignment of a number of committees in both houses. The republican committee on committees met today and filled vacancies, but withheld its report pending its submission to a republican conference to be called for Wednesday. Senator Robinson was authorized by the democratic committee on committees to fill democratic vacancies.

The vacancies on house committees will be filled within the next week or so. The chairmanship of only one major house committee, that on merchant marine, is to be filed.

**Many New Chairmen.**

In the senate new chairmen must be named to half a dozen important committees, the principal ones being foreign relations, judiciary and immigration. Senator William E. Borah of Idaho will succeed Senator Lodge as head of foreign relations committee, while Senator Johnson of California will succeed Senator Colt as chairman of the immigration committee.

Senator Cummins of Iowa is in line for the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, but he may give way for this session to Senator Sterling of South Dakota who has had an active part in the presentation of reports from that committee, particularly those dealing with prohibition matters.

One feature of the opening of this session was the absence of the usual flood of bills and resolutions. There was no opportunity for their presentation in the senate. About 25 public bills and upwards of 20 private measures were proposed in the house.

Before congress met President Coolidge had more than a doze nrepublican senators as his guests at breakfast, but those attending said there was no discussion either of the legislative or political situation.

The executive will invite other groups of senators to be his guests from time to time. Those present today included Senator Curtis, the majority leader; Watson of Indiana, the assistant majority leader, and the chairman of all of the more important of the standing committees.

# Stockmen Win iu Rate Case Hearing

## Vexatious Rates on Mixed Shipments of Cattle, Sheep and Hogs Removed.

The Omaha Livestock exchange and Nebraska stock shippers were victorious Monday in a battle before the state railway commission at Lincoln to remove vexatious rates on mixed shipments of cattle, sheep and hogs.

The commission's decision upheld the exchange and the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation in their contention that the new system of assessing rates which went into effect last August 24 under the Bock law was unfair, and ordered that the rates be assessed on a schedule fixed by the commission.

According to A. F. Stryker of the Omaha Livestock exchange, who prepared the complaint, the decision will save thousands of dollars monthly for Nebraska shippers and will remove a grievance which has been a constant source of irritation to shippers.

The rates objected to fixed the charges for carload shipments in which cattle and hogs or sheep were shipped in the same car, and greatly increased the rates on shipments of hogs or sheep in which were included on or two calves or beef cattle. The decision of the commission fixes the minimum weights for carload shipments in each of the different classes.

Stryker said Monday that claims amounting to thousands of dollars, growing out of misunderstandings concerning the previous rates, are on hle at the livestock exchange.

## Pershing Declines Proposal of Legion

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—Gen. John J. Pershing, retired commander in chief of the United States army, does not desire to be restored to active service, according to a letter written to National Commander James A. Drain of the American legion, which was made public here tonight. The legion had announced its intention to seek the passage of legislation necessary to obtain General Pershing's restoration to the active list of the United States army. He was retired September 12, when he reached the legal age for retirement.

General Pershing thanked the legion for the expression of confidence, but said he considered the course inadvisable, after "giving the matter the fullest consideration." He also stated that he had in mind plans that would keep him very much occupied.

## $69,381 Collecte din First Day of Lincoln Chest Drive

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—The community chest drive, under way in Lincoln today, reached a total of $69,381.88. On Tuesday solicitors will visit every home in the residential district. Tonight 1,000 volunteer workers gathered at the First Christian church and were given instructions for Tuesday's work.

## Mrs. Mary Acton Funeral Rites Held at Atlantic

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Mary Action, who died Saturday at her home in Ames. Death was caused by cancer. She was born and reared in Atlantic and was 41 years of age.

## Boyer Valley Fair to Be Held at Missouri Valley

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 1.—The annual Farmers Fair and Boyer Valley Poultry show will be held here jointly in the high school building the last three days of December.

## Atlantic Girl Weds Ohioan.

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—John Leigh Gordon of Marion, O., home town of the late President Harding, was united in marriage here Friday to Miss Alma A. Hansen, Atlantic girl. They will make their home at Marion, O., where the bridegroom is employed.

## Butter Makers Meet.

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—Buttermakers from practically every town in southwestern Iowa met in annual session at Exira Saturday. A school of instruction, under the tutelage of experts from the Iowa State college extension department, featured the gathering.

## Coast Guard Cutter Refloated

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—The United States coast guard cutter Arcata, went aground on Parker reef in the San Juan islands in a heavy fog Saturday, was floated today, a wireless message from the cutter Snohomish, which was standing by, stated.

## Dawes Leaves Bed.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, vice president-elect, left his bed yesterday for the first time since he was operated on for hernia two weeks ago. He walked a little and said he "feels better than ever before."

## Brock Mother Dies.

Mrs. Vera Bowen, 32, of Brock, Neb., died Sunday at a local hospital after being brought to Omaha 10 days ago. She is survived by her husband, Alcie; one son and one daughter. Funeral services will be held at Brock.

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## Kansas City Doctor Invents New Truss

### New Discovery Heals Rupture Without An Operation

Kansas City, Mo., (Special.)—A new discovery which, experts agree, has no equal for curative effects in all rupture cases, is the latest accomplishment of the well-known Hernia Specialist, Dr. Andrews, 150 H, Koch Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. The extraordinary success of this new method proves that it holds and heals a rupture. It weighs only a few ounces. Has no hard gouging pads, no elastic belt, no leg straps, no steel bands, and is as comfortable as a light garment. It has enabled hundreds of persons to throw away trusses and declare their rupture absolutely healed. Many of these had serious double ruptures, from which they had suffered for years. It is Dr. Andrews' ambition to have every ruptured person enjoy the quick relief, comfort and healing power of his discovery, and he will send it on free trial to any reader of The Omaha Bee who writes him. He wants one person in each neighborhood to whom he can refer. If you wish to be rid of rupture for good, without an operation, take advantage of the doctor's free offer. Write him today.

# Slain Burglar's Death Reconciles Divorced Parents

## Meet at His Bier and Are Reconciled; Widow Breaks Down When They Appear.

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the gang. She took the officers to the address at Forty-fifth and Frederick streets, knowing that they would find nothing there which could possibly give a clue to the whereabouts of her companions.

**"Game" Was Apparent.**

"Her game was apparent from the first; but we hoped that we would somehow be able to find the weak spot in her armor. We may yet, but while we are trying to do it the bandits are making their escape."

Detectives need only small scraps of evidence to connect Mrs. Henderson with the criminal activities of her slain husband and his associates, but these scraps cannot be found.

She has been identified as the woman who lived with the gang at its rendezvous at Fifth and Grover streets. She has been identified as the woman who left that rendezvous with her child and two men, both wounded, on the morning after the shooting. She has been identified as the woman who bought bandages and oil for poultices at a drug store at Sixth and Pierce streets.

**Child Taken From Her.**

Even when her child, Virginia, 2, was taken from her Sunday night and taken to the Child Savings institute, she maintained her stony silence. She gave up the child after a long embrace, knowing that she will probably never see it again. If she is convicted even of such a minor charge as vagrancy she will probably be declared unfit to have custody of the child.

After their visit with Mrs. Henderson the parents went to Heafey & Heafey's mortuary, where they identified the body. They will have it returned to Kansas City, Kan., for burial.

Mr. Henderson told police he had two other sons, Claude and Elmer. The latter is now in jail in Missouri, awaiting trial on a larceny charge. Claude is free, but, according to Omaha police, is wanted in Missouri as a suspect in several cases of theft from railroad cars.

## Reprieve Denied to Convicted Slayers

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 1.—Governor McLeod late today issued a statement in which he refused the request of hundreds of citizens of Chesterfield county that he commute the sentences of Mortimer N. King and Frank Harrell, who are under sentence to be electrocuted here next Friday for the murder of Maj. Samuel H. McLeary.

## Federal Control of Campaigns Proposed

Washington, Dec. 1.—Conduct of future national political campaigns completely at the expense and under the control of the federal government, was proposed today by Senator Caraway of Arkansas, a democratic member of the special senate committee which investigated campaign expenditures during the recent campaign.

## Gasoline Advanced One Cent in Eastern States

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 1.—An advance of 1 cent a gallon in the price of gasoline wa sannounced tonight by the Atlantic Refining company, effective tomorrow in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The advance places the price of motor gasoline at 18 cents and 68-70 grade at 21 cents, exclusive of Pennsylvania tax of 2 cents.

## Cass School Masters' Club to Hold Meeting at Anita

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—The Cass County School Masters' club, a comparatively new organization, will hold its next regular meeting at Anita, Ia., January 24, 1925. The purpose of the organization is to pool ideas and strike fire with one another to be better prepared for service.

## Officer Named to Watch for Check Swindlers

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 1.—M. D. Myers of Missouri Valley, an insurance man and former sheriff of this county, has been appointed by Sheriff Milliman as deputy sheriff, with particular attention to check swindlers, who are operating rather freely in Harrison county.

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# STATE'S WITNESS LIST SHORTENING

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and separated. Later Beach recognized a description of the alleged slayer of Lillian McKenney in a newspaper as fitting the man with whom he had traveled for two or three days.

**Confirms Suspicions.**

Beach went to police headquarters to confirm his suspicions and still later, when he saw and recognized Hough upon the street, he pointed him out to a policeman, who took the fugitive into custody. Defense attorneys grilled Beach thoroughly in cross examination, but he did not alter any details of his story.

Mrs. Mabel Goehring of Oakland, Ia., was called to corroborate the story of her husband, George Goehring, who testified this morning that Hough visited their home on August 12, the day after Miss McKenney is believed to have been slain.

Arthur Goehring of Carson, Ia., who was working near Oakland on August 12, also told the jury that he saw and talked with Carl Hough on that day. He testified that Hough told him he had been on a wild party in Omaha, that he met a "rough bunch" who gave him poison liquor and stole all his money and two spare tires from his car.

**"I'm Married Now."**

"I'm a married man now," Hough told Arthur, according to the latter's testimony.

Frank Rupp, owner of a battery station at Oakland, swore that Hough came to his shop about 8 or 8:30 p. m. on August 12, appearing very nervous and excited. He told Rupp the same story about the trip to Omaha, the poison liquor and the robbery that the Goehrings heard from his lips.

Hough informed Rupp that he had been married for about six months, however, to a girl named McKenney from South Dakota, and that the automobile he was driving had been given to his wife by her parents. He added that his wife was visiting at his mother's home at that time.

Milton Purdy, proprietor of an Oakland oil station, was the last witness called today. He testified that Hough and Rupp came to his place about 9:30 on the evening of August 12, and that Hough told him, in substance, the same story about his marriage and experiences on the Omaha trip that other witnesses had related from the stand.

## Cass County Supervisors Inspect Insane Hospital

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—Cass county has 25 women and 24 men in the state insane hospital at Clarinda, according to a report made public by the Cass county board of supervisors, who recently made an annual inspection there.

Among the patients interviewed was John Hudspeth, former local attorney, who has been confined in the institution for 20 years.

Cass county also has 16 inmates at Glenwood, Ia., in the school for feeble-minded.

# Nebraska Stock Wins 3 Ribbons at Chicago Show

## Entries From This State Are Awarded Two Seconds and One Third in Various Hog Classes.

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Ontario, furnished the champion Southdown wether, a yearling.

Preliminary judging in the Hampshire yearling stalls netted first for the University of Kentucky, a second for the University of Wisconsin, and a third for Oklahoma A. and M. Fourth and fifth places went to the Michigan Agricultural college.

In Hampshire lambs, the first prize went to Thousand Springs farm, Kendall, Ida. Second, third and fifth went to the University of Kentucky and fourth to Purdue.

Highland Farms, Greensburg, Pa., won first honors in the stables of the Percheron stallions. Jerome, by Laet out of Roselle, marched off with the blue ribbon in the five years or over class. Tanin, owned by Bell Bros., Wooster, O., was second and Jobla, by the same owner, third. Maplegrove Napp, entered by J. O. Singmaster, Keota, Ia., was fourth, and Brom, the property of Clarence E. Peterson, Peterson, Ia., fifth.

First prize for four-year-old draft horses, geldings and mares went to Chief, the entry of the Manitoba Cartage and Warehouse company, Winnipeg.

L. J. Palas, Stolaf, Ia., placed first in competition for the best two red polled cows by one owner. J. W. Larabee, Earlville, Ill., was second.

# HAGER IS CHOSEN FAIR BOARD HEAD

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 1.—August Hager of Avoca has been elected president of the Pottawattamie county fair board. Joseph Turner is secretary and Gus Diedrich has been named to assist Mr. Turner.

Ways and means of liquidating the $10,000 indebtedness caused primarily by the storm that broke over the Avoca fair grounds the second day of the 1924 annual fair were discussed. No definite plans had been decided upon.

The $10,000 swimming pool, sponsored by the Avoca Legion post and which is located on the fair grounds, will become the property of the fair association when fully paid for. There is a balance of $2,500 due yet on the pool. The pool produced a revenue of $7,500 the past season.

## First Snowfall.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 30.—The first snow of the season fell here Friday night. This will provide some moisture for the winter wheat crop, which needs it.

# ACCUSED SLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A half hour before he was to be arraigned on a murder charge and ignorant that the case against him was to be dropped by the states attorney, James Karcasek, a policeman of Justice Park, a suburb, shot and killed himself today.

Karcasek was charged with the killing of Richard De Riuter last July at a picnic, and nothwithstanding he had a good defense in a plea of self-defense, he had worried since the killing until rather than go into court he blew off his head.

# Slayer Glad of Death Sentence

## Thanks Judge When Death in Chair Is Ordered as Punishment.

Mineola, N. Y., Dec. 1.—John J. Slattery, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Ernest L. Whitman, who was shot to death when the First National bank of Baltimore was robbed last April, was sentenced today to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing in the week of January 4.

"Thank you," said Slattery as Judge Smith pronounced the sentence.

# SIX GRANDSONS AS PALLBEARERS

Funeral services for Mrs. Ferdinand Smith, 84, musician who died Saturday, were to be held Monday at 2 p. m., at the Arthur Metz home, 3625 Dewey avenue. Mrs. Smith was the mother of Mrs. Arthur Metz and Arthur F. Smith of Omaha.

Rev. William Kocheim, pastor of the St. Johannes Evangelical church, read the short services. Six grandsons who were pallbearers were, Franklin Smith, Gordon, Smith, Dr. Arthur Smith of Milford, Ia.; Albert Weiss of St. Louis, Dr. Herbert Davis, and Louis A. Metz. Burial was in the family lot at Forest Lawn cemetery.

The other children of Mrs. Smith who came to Omaha for the funeral were Mrs. Olga Knoor of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Bert Weiss of St. Louis, and Dr. F. J. Smith of Milford, Ia.

# Slayer of Wife Wants to Atone Crime in Chair

## Frank Bruner Reconciled to His Fate; Woman Still Protests Her Innocence.

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after that and had asked a friend to stop in to see how his wife was. He told how, unable to stay away longer, he returned home just in time to meet friends bringing his wife back from the doctor's office, where she had been rushed after collapsing in the back yard.

"I didn't feel then as though I had committed murder," Bruner said. "It seemed to me more as though I was suddenly free. I remember thinking that within a few months I could marry Ardesta and we could be happy.

"After I had a chance to think things over it began to seem worse. I worried a bit I guess. Every time that I met any friend on the street I imagined that he looked at me as though he knew of my guilt.

**Confessed Voluntarily.**

"Then when I was arrested. That first night was the longest I shall ever spend. The last night I spend in the death house before I go to the electric chair will not be as long as that one was.

"I didn't confess because the county attorney or the sheriff made me. I confessed because it just seemed so useless to keep on.

"Ardesta isn't to blame. She gave me the poison and told me how to use it. I might never have done it if it hadn't been for her. But she just wanted me to be free. She didn't think."

Bruner has made up his mind that only death in the electric chair will atone for his crime, and with this thought in mind he appears to be bearing his cross as history relates the Christian martyrs did theirs.

## Cotton Plan Successful.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Cotton co-operatives are successful, C. O. Moser, secretary of the American Cotton Growers' exchange, said at the opening session of the National Association of State Marketing Officials.

# CLIENT FAILS TO HEAR LAWYER

Deputy Sheriff Phillips and the county morals squad arrested George Kellogge, 2023 Pierce street, Saturday night as he was about to self a quantity of liquor to Ray Mann, a taxi-driver, according to Phillips.

"To whom does this liquor belong?" asked the city prosecutor in police court Monday morning.

"We deny possession of the liquor," declared Kellogge's attorney.

The defendant evidently did not hear his lawyer's statement.

"It belongs to me," he assured the court.

"Hundred dollars,' 'quoth hizzoner.

# SEAPLANE SPEED RECORD BROKEN

Argenteuil, France, Dec. 1.—The aiman, Paumier, using a new amphibious plane equipped with a 350-horsepower motor, yesterday broke the speed record for seaplanes for the distances of both 100 and 200 kilometers while carrying a load of 50 kilograms. His average speed for the shorter distance was slightly over 192 miles an hour and for the longer distance slightly under that figure.

The performance was the more remarkable in that the test was made over a 10 kilometer course and the machine was brand new.

# WOMAN KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

Chicago, Dec. 1.—One woman was killed, a child was probably fatally injured and more than a score of other passengers were injured today in a rear-end collision of two Pennsylvania railroad passengers trains at the Englewood station, near here.

One of the trains in the accident was a Columbus (O.) express. The other, it is believed, was a local.

The accident occurred as the Columbus train slowed down for the Englewood station, the other train plowing into its rear.

## Storm Damage Great.

Boston, Dec. 1.—New England was still piecing together its strands of communication, disrupted by a Sunday storm which felled telephone poles by the thousands, blocked roads with snowdrifts, blinded drivers of automobiles and broke wires. Permanent repairs will require weeks.

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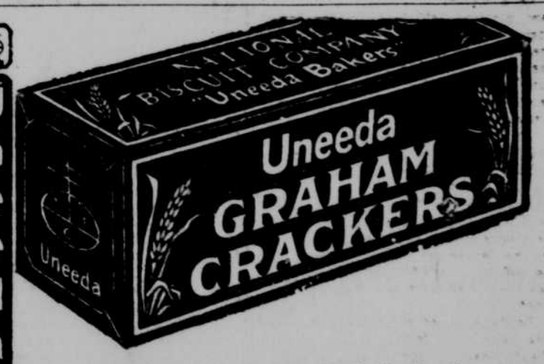


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