

HOLIDAYS BAR REAL BUSINESS

Congress Will Not Attempt Any Important Legislation Before the Recess.

PROGRESSIVES UNABLE TO LAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The first week of the thirty-fourth congress brought practically harmonious organization in both houses and revealed a determination on the part of administration leaders to attempt no serious legislative business until the holiday recess is over.

President Wilson's address Tuesday, with its suggestion for national preparedness, denunciation of external conspirators against neutrality of the government, and warning of the necessity for increased revenues, stood out as the most important event of the week.

Owing to the difficulty of reorganizing the house committees because of the greatly increased minority, congress could not get down to actual business. Minority Leader Mann does not expect to have his committee assignments ready until Tuesday, and little can be done before Saturday, when congress plans to adjourn until January for the Christmas holidays.

Early in the week a fight that might have embarrassed holiday recess plans seemed imminent when it was proposed that an effort be made to re-enact the emergency war tax law with amendments before adjournment.

War Tax Differences. Immediately it was disclosed that this would be impossible, and administration leaders were confronted with the danger that the war tax law would lapse on December 31 and a long period would follow in which no emergency revenue could be collected.

Progressives Lose Out. Republicans of the senate will confer tomorrow over committee designations recommended by the steering committee. It was reported last night that progressive republicans would protest against the defeat of Senator Kenyon of Iowa, for a place on the foreign relations committee, but this does not seem likely now.

"I do not think there will be any trouble about that," said Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the progressive republican leaders.

"Of course, we are disappointed that Senator Kenyon did not get on the foreign relations committee, but all in all the progressive republicans fared very well. Senator Kenyon goes to the important commerce committee, Senator Feinsteder on Interstate Commerce committee, Senators Norris and Grosvenor on bank and currency, and Senator Works on judiciary. That seems to be to be satisfactory."

AUSTRIA IS TOLD WHAT IT MUST DO IN ANCONA CASE

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manders of its submarines in accordance with the law of nations and the principles of humanity. The government of the United States is unwilling to believe the latter alternative and to credit the Austro-Hungarian government with an intention to permit its submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children. It prefers to believe that the commander of the submarine committed this outrage without authority and contrary to the general or special instructions which he had received.

Might Cause a Break. "As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States cannot be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial royal government denounce the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefensible act; that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished; and that reparation be made for the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured by the attack of the vessel."

"The government of the United States expects that the Austro-Hungarian government, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its demands promptly; and it rests its expectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhumane and barbarous, which is abhorrent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of innocent American citizens."

"LANING."

Thestrup Rounds Up Three Holdup Men All by Himself

Officer Thestrup of the Omaha police department, "alone and single handed," rounded up three strongarm men yesterday, whom he caught in the act of robbing Robert Applegate of Union, Neb., near Sixteenth and Burt streets.

The three fellows fled when they beheld the officer, who called for them to stop. When they increased their speed he drew his revolver and opened fire, hitting a hole through the shoulder of Fred Powell, one of the trio, who fell to the pavement. The other two escaped and Powell was first taken to the station and then to St. Joseph hospital.

Thestrup was not satisfied with results, however, and started out to do a little shooting on his own hook, with the result that he arrested the other two in a room at 81 North Sixteenth street. The last arrested gave their names as George Johnston and John Scott. Thestrup was complimented for his good work by his superior officers.

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PRINCESS MARIE JOSE OF BELGIUM, the nine-year-old daughter of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, who is now in England, does not let the war depress her spirits. The picture shows her with her pet bull on the voyage to Great Britain.



PRINCESS MARIE JOSE OF BELGIUM.

EXPECT VIENNA TO TAKE ACTION SOON

U. S. Officials Believe Austria Will Soon Make Clear Course in Ancona Case.

BARON ZWEDINEK EXPLAINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—There were no developments today to alleviate the serious situation that threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

Officials continued studiously reticent, but word that the American note, on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with loss of American lives, had reached the Vienna foreign office yesterday, led to a feeling that the question would resolve itself one way or the other without much delay.

Wants Prompt Action.

The communication is understood to ask disavowal of the act of the Austrian submarine, which sank the liner, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation for the American lives lost, and it has been clearly indicated that the United States expects that these things be done promptly. There will be no lengthy discussion of the principles involved, it is said, such as was conducted with Germany after the Lusitania tragedy.

A copy of the Ancona note, which will be given out for publication in morning papers of Monday, today was handed to Baron Zwedinek, charge of the Austrian embassy here, by Secretary Lansing, and it is understood the two discussed the situation briefly and informally. It was said the talk merely was incidental, the charge having called at the state department to explain how he came to write a letter to the Austro-Hungarian consul-general at New York early in the war, suggesting that passports of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian reservists in this country. The letter was published today and a photographic copy was delivered to Secretary Lansing, by a New York newspaper.

Baron Zwedinek explained that when he wrote the letter he was a subordinate official of the embassy, then in charge of Dr. Constantia Dumba, since recalled. It could not be ascertained whether the explanation was satisfactory.

It was apparent tonight that officials who have read the note to Austria viewed the situation as serious, the opinion prevailing as strongly as ever that diplomatic relations were in danger of being broken off unless Vienna complied immediately with the American demands.

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Tells Omaha Lawyers that Trust Companies "Scab" on Attorneys

That the trust companies, especially those in small communities, usurp the function of an attorney-at-law, and unjustly so, was the assertion made by ex-State Senator W. V. Hoagland of North Platte before the Douglas County Bar association last night at the meeting in the Paxton.

Senator Hoagland also took several shots at the trust companies for attempting to put through a law permitting anyone to practice in the probate courts, thus giving them additional opportunities to take the bread and butter out of the mouths of poor, hard-working attorneys-at-law.

He made the point that practitioners unlearned in the many snares and pitfalls of the law would do more harm to their clients than good, and, in the end, transactions faulty through technicalities overlooked, would mean added expense and annoyance to their clients.

Dutch Government Will Not Encourage Ford's Peace Party

THE HAGUE, (via London), Dec. 12.—Neither encouragement, recognition nor support in any shape or form will be offered to the Ford peace party by the Netherlands government, according to information from official sources given to a correspondent of the Associated Press. Government officials, it was indicated, naturally noted the party's departure and also received a notification thereof from the leader, but no reply was forwarded. No opposition will, however, be placed in the way of the party's landing in Holland, but should the activities of its members become embarrassing while here, they will in all probability be requested to transfer their headquarters to other than Dutch territory. Private pacifists, of whom there are many in this country, probably will welcome the Ford party as an addition to their ranks.

The impression prevails that the general public and the press are inclined to regard the efforts of the Ford party as futile as the opinion is widely prevalent here that peace will not be achieved by the efforts of pacifists, but as a result of hard-fought battles in which one antagonist succumb.

STOCKHOLM (via London), Dec. 12.—Henry Ford's peace mission is regarded by the Swedish press as a novelty which will have no chance to intervene in the cause of peace. No acknowledgment of the mission, it is stated, will be made by the Swedish authorities, and the American mission has taken no notice of it.

CHRISTIANIA (via London), Dec. 12.—A wireless message received from the Ford peace party on board the steamer Oscar II, requests that hotel accommodations for 35 persons be arranged. The American minister, Albert G. Schmedeman, and Consul General Haldebrandt will receive Henry Ford as a private citizen.

The Oscar II is due here on December 14.

LOOKING AT COMICS ON ICE. YOUNG BOY IS DROWNED

MAISON CITY, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—While skating at the public section of a Sunday newspaper, Henry Thomas, aged 12 years, stepped into an air hole on Clearlake and was drowned. His body was recovered with grappling hooks.

DEATH RECORD

Joseph Prohaska, YORK, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Joseph Prohaska at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Prohaska, with his wife, went to Texas about a month ago in the hope of benefiting his failing health. He was 61 years old. He came to York county in the year 1892 and settled on a farm near Charleston, where he made his home until about the first of October, when he moved to York. The body will be brought to York and buried in Council cemetery near Charleston.

BRITONS HAVE DAY MORE OF FREEDOM

Derby Extends Time for Voluntary Enlistment Owing to Tremendous Rush of Men.

UNDER 20 PER CENT HOLD OUT

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The enrollment of volunteers under Lord Derby's plan for immediate and future military service could not be completed today on account of the numbers crowding the enlistment offices throughout the kingdom at the eleventh hour. Therefore, the war office announced the extension of the time until midnight Sunday with a possible further extension to midnight Wednesday.

Recruiting will continue Sunday and if the numbers of the last two days are kept up the total enlistment for the last three days probably will equal the total for any preceding three weeks.

Duty of Free Men. The process of enlistment was attended by picturesque and enthusiastic gatherings. Bands and orators, both official and voluntary, from military and civil life, had been busy. The keynote of the speeches had been that Britons should show the world that free men are able and willing to defend their country without compulsion.

After the enrollment is completed the war office will be obliged to segregate those engaged in government work and "indispensable" to the industries. A large proportion of those enrolled may also be barred by the medical officers because the examinations of the last two days have been for the most part superficial, and in many instances dispensed with altogether, the medical officers being unable to keep up with the enrollments.

Number of Recruits.

There is no information at present regarding the number of recruits, but the trade union leaders tonight confidently declared that the Derby campaign was a success. The last census gave the number of men in England, Scotland and Wales between the ages of 18 and 49 years as 5,100,000, nearly half of whom were single. The general understanding has been that about 5,000,000 entered the army before Lord Derby's recruiting campaign began and it is believed that between 90 and 95 per cent of the remainder have presented themselves for attestation.

From this total must be deducted three classes—the physically unfit, those engaged in essential work, and those engaged in other necessary callings, such as railroading, mining, shipping and farming, whose numbers cannot be approximated except by the officials.

HALF BILLION NAVY BUILDING PROGRAM

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In the lower grades, arrival at command rank late in life and a fleeting passage through command and flag grades, combined with absolute lack of professional incentive throughout all grades." Officers now hold the grade of captain for an average of two years, he says, and are rear admirals for only six months before retirement for age overtakes them. About 1,000 officers, he states, must pass through the grades of captain and rear admiral in the next forty years under the present plan.

Turning to the problem of finding adequate auxiliary ships for the navy in war time, the secretary says he has not included any vessels in his building program except those which must be used constantly for the navy, in peace or war. On a war basis, he adds, the navy would need 600 auxiliary ships, or a tonnage of 175,000,000 tons, to carry fuel and supplies, and 60 other auxiliary work. About 80,000 tons for this work could be drawn from the present merchant marine, he says, but some method must be found to supply the rest.

Auxiliary Craft in Commerce.

"The solution for the government," the report continues, "is to construct, from time to time, a sufficient and suitable auxiliary fleet, proportioned to the needs of the navy, and to have such auxiliaries operated in commerce during peace times in such a way as will preserve them and train the essential naval reserve of men, and while doing this relieve the government of the burden of cost of maintenance through the income or earnings of the vessels employed in commerce. Such a policy would give to the navy, without cost for its operation during peace, a perfect auxiliary. Of course, these ships should be built upon navy plans and manned by American citizens trained under navy regulations, which would make them efficient in time of war."

In recommending again the construction of a government armor-plate factory and also urging that a projectile factory be added to the navy's equipment, and that every navy yard be equipped for construction as well as repair work, Secretary Daniels again lays stress on his theory that the government should be able to build any part of the equipment for the navy from battleships to seaplane motors in order that true competition of private bidders for government contracts may be obtained, together with an actual knowledge of what the cost of construction should be.

General Recommendations.

Includes the following recommendations: 1. An increase of 11,500 men in the enlisted personnel of the navy and marine corps; an adequate increase of officers to be provided by enlarging the force of midshipmen at the Naval academy to the full capacity of the institution, by admitting to junior grades and for engineering duty only graduates of technical schools, and by opening to civilian aviators the navy aviation corps.

2. Extension of the government reserve act for the purpose of forming reserves of power boats, aviators and radio operators and to increase the desirability of the reserve service to honorably discharged enlisted men of the regular navy. A detailed plan in this connection will be presented to congress at a later date. The personnel of the present naval auxiliary service should be placed in the naval reserve, the report says, and the light house and coast service men and equipment also should be placed under navy jurisdiction and training for use in event of war.

3. Increased naval militia appropriations to include the construction of suitable vessels for the Illinois and Minnesota detachments and supplying aeroplanes for

naval militia use in training.

4. Construction of an adequate research laboratory for the use of navy engineering and scientific bureaus, and the board of civilian scientists recently created under Thomas A. Edison as chairman. The report states that \$5,000,000 for this purpose was the amount suggested by the civilian board members, but Secretary Daniels makes no specific recommendation, although he includes a preliminary figure in his estimates for the first year's expenditure.

5. Expenditure of \$1,000,000 to re-entice the battleship North Dakota, the scout cruiser Salem and the destroyers Henley and Mayrant.

6. Construction of a drydock at the Norfolk yard to accommodate the largest battleship.

7. Further legislation for adequate oil land reserves for the navy.

8. Legislation to make the service more attractive, including extended powers to grant discharge by purchase and various change in rankings.

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