

LEGISLATURES' GREATEST ISSUE TO BE DRY FIGHT

Prohibition Will Overshadow Other Reform Measures in Central States Next Month.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—Prohibition will overshadow all other reform issues in the legislatures of the central states, which will get under way early next month. Every state not already dry will take action through the legislature.

Scores of reconstruction measures will be brought up for consideration, but most of these so far have reached only tentative form. Good roads, taxation, revision of election laws, and constitutional changes will be leading issues in many states.

The Ohio legislature, overwhelmingly "dry" will have up for adoption a state-wide prohibition amendment and legislation revamping the taxation laws to meet the big deficit resulting from the loss of liquor revenues.

In Michigan, bills will be introduced to strengthen the state prohibition law, to create a state budget commission to pass on appropriations, and to establish a central board to purchase supplies for state institutions.

Republicans Plan.

The republicans, who will have overwhelming majorities in both houses of the Indiana legislature, are expected to enact laws consolidating several small bureaus, and to establish separate departments of banking and insurance to be conducted under the governor's direction. Appointment of the attorney general and the state superintendent of public instruction by the governor also is proposed. The Kentucky legislature does not meet this year.

One of the principal contests at the Illinois session is expected to develop over the federal prohibition amendment. The senate is "dry" and both sides claim the house. Legislation for the calling of a constitutional convention, approved on November 5, and measures providing a comprehensive finance law to replace conflicting statutes also will be dealt with.

Both sides are already claiming victory in the coming fight over adoption of the federal prohibition amendment by the Wisconsin legislature. Measures prohibiting unfair tactics in marketing and preventing teaching of foreign languages in schools lower than high schools also will be acted upon.

Nonpartisans Active.

Statutory prohibition, woman suffrage and proposed tonnage taxes in Missouri are the vital issues before the Missouri legislature, which also will take up legislation to prevent future disastrous forest fires.

Besides suffrage and the prohibition issue, the North Dakota legislature, firmly controlled by the National Nonpartisan league, is expected to take up the measure favored by the league which in effect provides a new state constitution. If the league's bonding and state ownership amendments pass, legislation might be expected for bonding the state for the erection of terminal elevators, grain warehouses, flour mills, packing plants and other industries. Matters of local interest will hold sway in South Dakota.

The question of taxation will be paramount at the Montana session. A commission appointed two years ago will report on alleged inequalities in tax statutes. The mines are charged by some interests with not paying their share. The few legislators who had endorsement of the National Nonpartisan league will have little strength in the legislature.

Nebraska Drys Confident.

In Nebraska, prohibitionists claim sufficient members to ratify the federal prohibition amendment, and the "drys" in the Iowa legislature likewise claim a majority in both houses for the amendment. The Iowa legislature is expected to be confronted with measures intended to provide relief for returned soldiers and sailors.

Besides action on the federal prohibition amendment, the Missouri legislature will take up revision of the statutes and an important mortgage recording tax measure.

Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 7.—Action on the federal prohibition amendment and measures governing marketing and prohibiting the teaching of foreign languages in public and parochial schools below high schools are prominent among matters to come before the legislature. The republicans have a comfortable working majority in both houses. The republican platform includes a plank that any practicable methods for the marketing and distribution of products will be adopted. The purpose of legislation is to give the small country store keeper, retailer, farmer and working man a fair deal and to eliminate unfair competition. Another republican plank declares that no foreign language should be taught in public, common or grade schools.

Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—Measures to prevent recurrence of the recent disastrous forest fires in northern Minnesota, to abolish the nonpartisan legislature and return to the old party system, to levy taxes on iron ore, and bills for a new public domain, woman's suffrage and statutory prohibition probably will be among the more important questions acted upon at the Minnesota legislative session. The new legislature is nonpartisan officially, being elected on non-political tickets, but majorities in both houses in reality are republicans. The Nonpartisan league in its biggest fight for representation elected only about twelve senators and a like proportion of representatives, but claims to have pledged to insure the passage of several bills which the league will sponsor and make public later.

North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 7.—The bill favored by the National Nonpartisan league which, in effect, is a new constitution and which failed of passage two years ago, is expected to be revised at the coming session of the legislature in which the league will have 30 of the 42 senators and

Four Sons Who Helped Uncle Sam Win From Hun



Louis B.



James H.



George J.



William

Two soldiers and two sailors in the service are the quartet of sons of George W. Stipe, 122 South Twenty-seventh street, engineer in the Patterson block. Immediately upon the outbreak of the war each of the four enlisted.

Sergt. Louis B. Stipe, in an English training camp in heavy artillery, enlisted in the old Fourth embossed stationery.

San league were elected, five senators and 18 assemblymen. A commission appointed two years ago is to report on the alleged inequalities in the present tax statutes. The principal sources of revenue are mines and agriculture. Some interests have claimed that the mines do not pay their just share. Whether the basic planks of the Nonpartisan league will be presented in the form of bills is not known.

Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 7.—Economy probably will be the watchword of the Iowa legislature, which convenes here January 13, with republicans in overwhelming control. Ratification of the federal prohibition amendment will be accomplished early in the session, proponents of the measure say. Woman suffrage leaders do not plan to ask for legislative action on any state equal suffrage measures unless there are unforeseen developments. Numerous bills are expected to be represented looking to relief and aid for Iowans released from the army and navy.

Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 7.—Chief among the subjects to come before the legislature at its forthcoming session is the decennial revision of the statutes. A committee of the legislature was named by the governor early in November to prepare bills. Another important measure is the mortgage recording tax bill, proposed two years ago by Gov. Frederick Gardner. The bill provides a tax at time of recording of a mortgage in lieu of a general percentage tax on mortgages, which latter plan is declared to work badly. The federal prohibition amendment is expected to be approved.

Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7.—The Kansas legislature is expected to ratify the national prohibition amendment. Whether the state council of defense shall be perpetuated as a peace time organization also will be decided. Bills will be presented for an appropriation for geological survey of the state and to empower the state to build a state highway, independent of present regulations governing the assessment of the cost of highway construction. The state highway commission has mapped out a 6,500-mile system of state highway, but under the present road laws, such highways must be constructed by the counties through which they pass.

Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—Submission of a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition will be up for action at the Texas legislature session. Special interest attaches to this because of a recent court decision knocking out statutory prohibition adopted at the last legislature. Despite the court ruling all of the chief cities remained dry under a law forbidding traffic in intoxicants within 10 miles of an army camp. Fiscal and judicial reform is almost sure to be considered. Texas now has no budget system and an investigating committee of the last legislature has reported suggesting a comprehensive system of financing that has been approved by the democratic party in its last state convention.

Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 7.—The importance of the legislative session in Arkansas will depend largely upon the action of the voters in the special election December 14, for ratification or rejection of the proposed constitution submitted by the constitutional convention. Should the new constitution be endorsed, a general revamping of statutes would be necessary. The constitution, although limiting legislative sessions to 60 days, exempts the first session after its adoption. It is said a six months' session would be required to re-enact the laws. The new constitution would contain stringent prohibition safeguards and would extend full suffrage to women.

Montana.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 7.—The Montana legislature, overwhelmingly republican, will give chief attention to taxation. There are 43 senators and 96 members of the house. Twenty-one legislators who bore the endorsement of the National Nonpartisan

taxation laws to make up the deficit. From the liquor traffic the state alone will lose more than \$2,500,000. Political subdivisions losing the remainder. Laws to enforce the prohibition amendment also will be up for action.

Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 7.—Legislation dealing with expenditures of state institutions, amendments to the workmen's compensation law and legislation strengthening of the state prohibition law are among the more important matters to come before the Michigan legislature which convenes January 1. A budget bill and the creation of a state budget commission to pass upon future requests for appropriations probably will be the first business taken up.

Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Principal bills to be introduced at the coming session of the Indiana legislature will provide for the establishment of separate departments of banking and insurance to be conducted under direction of the governor; appointment of the state attorney general by the governor instead of being elective; a general reform of the tax laws; consolidation of the departments of the state geologist, forester and other minor bureaus under one commission; adoption of a constitutional amendment providing appointment of the state superintendent of public instruction by the governor, and adoption of a constitutional amendment providing for a budget system. Another proposed law would enable the governor to veto single items in appropriation bills. All these changes are recommended in the republican state platform.

Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—Measures dealing with the calling of the proposed constitutional convention to revise the basic law of the state, approved by popular vote November 5, the liquor issue and questions involving changes in state finance methods and election laws will command chief attention of the fifty-first general assembly which convenes January 8. The legislature will fix the time and place for holding the constitutional convention and provide funds. A fight is expected on the federal prohibition amendment. The senate will be comfortably "dry." Both sides are claiming the house, however, and only the official vote of the November election can determine the complexion of this body on the issue.

Turkish Forces Massacre Armenians by Thousands

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—Turkish forces massacred 10,000 Armenians while evacuating the towns of Baku, Olti and Ardahan, in the Caucasus, according to reports received by the Vorwaerts of Berlin.

In fighting in Baku more than 30,000 persons were killed. In some towns the entire Armenian population was exterminated. The Turks permitted Tartar troops to plunder the Armenians.

War Department Puts in Order for Pickles and Candy for Troops

Washington, Dec. 7.—Nine million pounds of candy for the army has just been ordered by the War department, and it was announced today that a considerable part of it would be rushed overseas in time to insure a plentiful supply for Christmas. Other special purchases for the expeditionary force include 565,000 gallons of pickles.

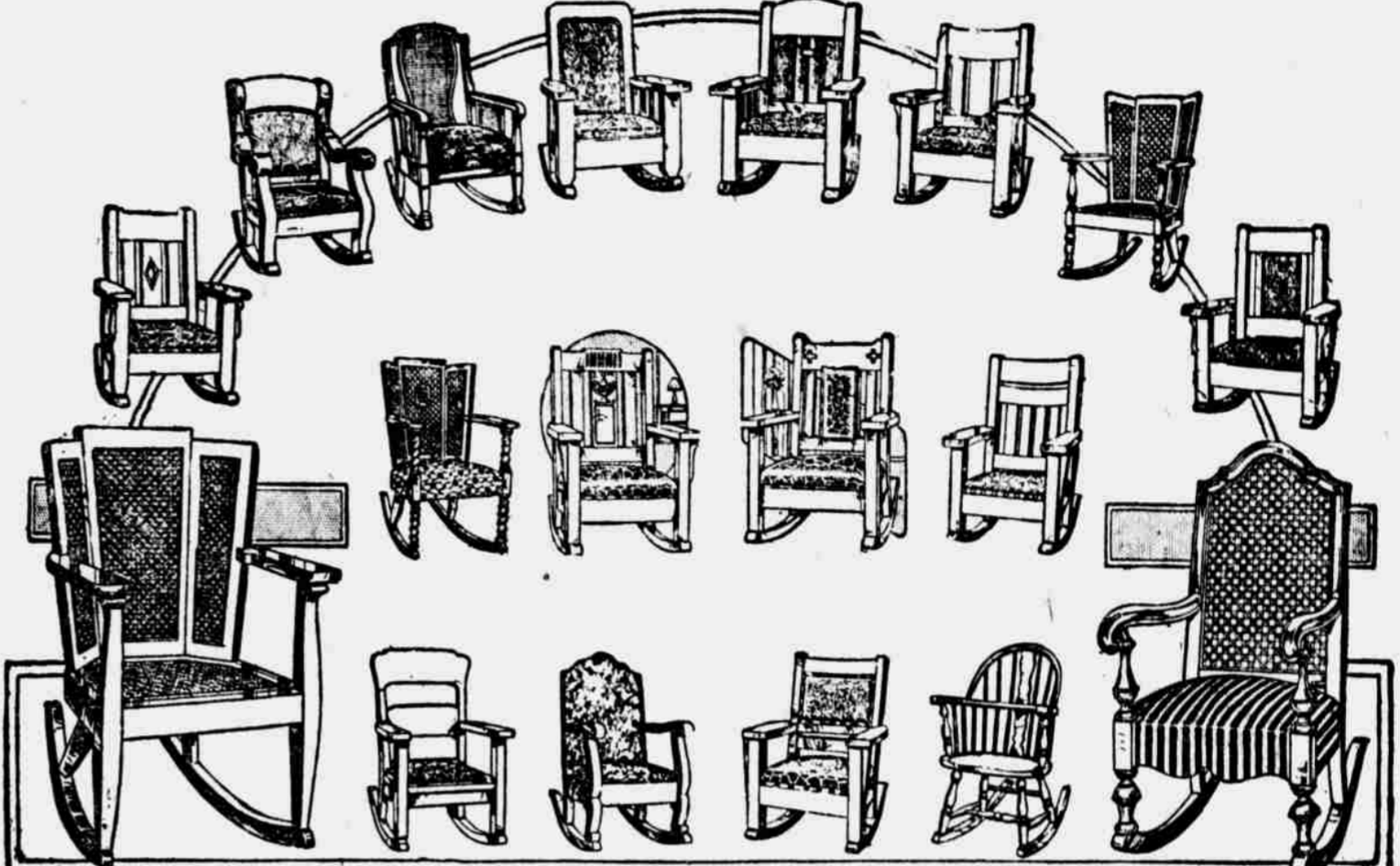
Disarming Army.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—The disarming of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army has begun in Hungary, according to a Berlin dispatch received here.

Many Men Idle in Berlin as Troops Return Home

London, Dec. 7.—Dr. James Grack, an American who has resided for a long time in Germany, is head of the department at Berlin which is finding work for idle men, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Express. Three thousand applicants for work registered daily with him, it is said, and 24,000 men are now unemployed there.

Less than a quarter of the Berlin troops have as yet returned from the front, and it is estimated there will be 70,000 idle when demobilization is completed. The dispatch to the Express was sent Thursday evening and deals lengthily with the labor situation, but does not mention any disorders such as were reported yesterday from Amsterdam.



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