

Repeal of Wartime Laws Voted

House Unanimously Passes Volstead Resolution, Practically Identical With Bill Voted at Last Session.

Start for Peace Basis

Washington, Dec. 13.—Repeal of most of the wartime laws was voted today by the house, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours' debate.

The vote on adoption of the resolution was unanimous, 323 votes being cast in favor of it and none opposed. The house, before taking the final vote, accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever food control act among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

Sent to Senate.

The amendment, which covers all provisions of the food control act with the exception of the situation relating to rents in the District of Columbia, was offered by Representative Bland, republican, of Indiana. It was carried 179 to 137.

The resolution, which now goes to the senate, exempts from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the war finance corporation act and its amendments and measures dealing with the issuance of Liberty and Victory bonds.

The resolution declares "any act of congress that by its terms is in force only during the existence of a state of war and a limited time thereafter shall be construed and administered as if the present war terminated on the date when this resolution becomes effective."

Voted by Wilson.

The measure as adopted is practically identical with that passed by congress last before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

Republican leaders of the house asserted tonight that adoption of the resolution is one of the first steps taken by the republican majority to fulfill the campaign pledge to put the country on a peacetime basis.

Disposition of the Volstead resolution clears the way for consideration of the resolution offered by Representative Reavis, republican, of Nebraska, which would provide for a congressional survey of the government's administrative departments. A special rule limiting debate will be presented tomorrow by Chairman Campbell of the rules committee and action on the floor will follow a vote on the adoption of the rules.

Merchandise Store At Nickerson Robbed Of \$1,200 in Jewelry

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The Seidel and Anderson merchandise store at Nickerson was entered and robbed of about \$1,300 worth of goods early Sunday morning. Jewelry placed in its stock by the Western Associated Jewelry Co., of Omaha constituted the biggest share of the loss. Silverware, watches and fancy pen knives made up about \$1,200 of the haul, while the rest consisted of mittens and blankets.

The only trace of the strangers about the village was uncovered when a small girl testified that she had seen three men with bundles under their arms get out of a box car near town and head for the river. A posse of 30 searched the entire country, but no clues were found.

Cut Made in Wages Of Textile Workers

By The Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 13.—A reduction of about 2 1/2 per cent in the wages of approximately one-third of the 300,000 textile workers in New England was announced today. The notices were posted in Lawrence, Lowell, New Bedford and other centers of the industry in Maine and Rhode Island. For the most part they applied to mills making cotton goods, but in a few instances operations on worsteds were involved.

Other cotton manufacturers have indicated that they would fall into line, but whether the woolen and worsted mills will take similar action at this time is uncertain.

Burglars Rob Cigar and Music Stores in Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The Brunswick cigar store was entered through a broken window and about \$100 in money and valuables stolen. Attempts to open one cash register resulted in ruining an expensive cash drawer. The burglars were successful in opening the other one and took about \$30 in cash.

Thieves Forced their way into the Dudley Music store and took \$275 in change that had been left in the cash register.

"Building Trust" Lawyer Is Indicted in New York

New York, Dec. 13.—John T. Heitrick, lawyer, who became a central figure in the "building trust" when it was alleged that he had created the "code of practice" followed by contractors, has been indicted charged with violation of the state anti-trust law.

Buy One-Quarter Karat Diamond and Breakfast for 15c

New York, Dec. 13.—In an east side grocery, Harry Wohl, bookkeeper, purchased one-half pound of sausage and a one-quarter karat diamond—all for 15 cents.

Wohl, a bachelor, procured the sausage for his breakfast. While eating, his teeth came in contact with something hard. His spit flew and he vowed he never buy sausage again.

He picked up the offending particle, found it to be a perfectly cut diamond, then went back to the grocery.

"Watcha want?" asked the grocer. "Fifteen cents worth of sausage, please."

President Asks Aid for Hungry European Waifs

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today called upon his "fellow countrymen" to contribute funds to save 3,500,000 children who "are facing starvation in central Europe." The president announced that he would adopt 20 of these children as his temporary wards and said that \$10 contributed through the European relief council would save the life of a child.

"Three and a half million children are facing starvation in central Europe," said the president's statement. "It is estimated that each can be aided until the next harvest by money and service equivalent to \$10 per child. The countries involved can furnish two-thirds of this cost in the personnel and machinery for distribution, but for the other one-third they must look abroad, and they are looking to us."

Not Light Appeal.

"Since 1914 our people have given with unparalleled generosity, and they should not be lightly called upon for additional charities. But there is a life and death situation in central Europe, where orphans, destitute, famished children, pitiful consequences of the world war, must die unless aid is sent.

"Ten dollars contributed through the European relief council will save the life of one child. For concerted effort, there have been combined in this council eight well known organizations, namely: The American Relief association, American Red Cross, American Friends Service committee, Jewish Joint Distribution committee, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A."

Think in Terms of Children.

"At Christmas time, peculiarly the children's feast, we should think of this sad European problem in terms of children. The circles around money, Christmas trees will be incomplete unless, mingled with their own expectant children, they shall visualize some of the waifs of central Europe, stretching out their thin hands to pluck from the boughs of the trees, not toys, but bread, without which they must perish."

Executors of Neal Will Begin Action to Determine Bequests

Winston Salem, N. C., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Action was started in Forsyth superior court by Manley, Henderson & Womble, representing the executors of the last will and testament of the late John Neal, who was district manager of the Reynolds Tobacco company at Omaha, the purpose of which is to interpret the will. The beneficiaries are named as defendants and Mrs. Daniel McCoy, alias Mrs. John Neal, and son, Harry McCoy, alias John Neal, Jr., are argued as party defendants on account of claims which they are said to be making as alleged widow and son of Mr. Neal.

The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, which has qualified as executors under the will probated in Forsyth county, has completed its inventory of the estate, settled claims and filed a final executor report with the clerk, which report has been continued by the clerk pending the interpretation of the will as to distribution of stocks mentioned in the share of the McCoy's, if any is granted.

Bluffs Mail Robber One of Youngest U. S. Prisoners

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 13.—Orville Phillips, sentenced to serve 13 years for implication in the mail robbery at Council Bluffs, Ia., early in November, was received at the federal prison today.

Phillips, who gave his age as 15 years, is one of the youngest officials ever at the prison, officials said.

Wheat Embargo for Year. Plan of North Dakotan

Washington, Dec. 13.—An embargo for one year against the importation of wheat, wheat flour, barley, rye, oats, flax, wool, hogs, cattle and sheep is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Young, republican, North Dakota. He also introduced a bill establishing a permanent schedule of import duties upon these items after the one-year embargo.

Blockade Runner Killed.

Del Rio, Tex., Dec. 13.—One man was killed and two were wounded in a gun battle between officers and alleged blockade runners near Uvalde, Tex., last night.

Cork Quiet As Troops Are Regularly Guard Today Over Twisted and Blackened Ruins of City, Burned By Rioters.

By The Associated Press. London, Dec. 13.—British regulars stood guard today over twisted and blackened ruins left after the fires which Saturday night and yesterday swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland. Charges are made that police auxiliaries, maddened by the killing and wounding of comrades ambushed by Sinn Feiners on Saturday, looted the fire-demon on the city. Estimates of the loss run as high as \$15,000,000.

Sinn Fein Blames Police

Hours of terror were spent by the people of Cork during Saturday night, the wildest disorder prevailing throughout the city. It is said several lives were lost and dispatches declare two brothers named Delaney were called from their homes and shot, one of them fatally.

Two Districts Ruined.

Two districts of Cork were swept by the flames. In the business section, along St. Patrick's street, from Cork to Maylor, hardly a shop was left unscathed. This was the shopping center of Cork. South of St. Patrick's street the fire spread along Winthrop street and other narrow thoroughfares as far as Old George street. Thus an area of three blocks in this part of the town was reduced to debris.

It was not in this district, however, that the loss of the fire was centered.

The magnificent city hall of Cork, located on the southern end of the Farnell bridge that spans the River Lee, was also laid in ruins. In addition, the Carnegie library, to the west, was burned, and the Cork Exchange to the south, was partly destroyed. Reports say Albert quay, lying along the southern bank of the river, is a mass of desolation.

City is Again Quiet.

Dispatches reaching London today say that Cork was quiet and that orders had been given the regular soldiers to shoot looters on sight. Damaged premises had been plundered in some instances, it is said.

All dispatches received here indicate the disorders and fires had a direct connection with attack made upon the lorry carrying police auxiliaries. Some newspapers, however, are frankly skeptical of these reports and suggest the fires might have been caused by the explosion of stored explosives. Others indicate their belief the fires were a reply to the establishment of martial law in southwestern Ireland, and it is remarked that dispatches have not changed to the point that the fires were set by men bent on reprisals.

Monsignor Daniel Cohanlan, bishop of Cork, is said to have announced in his cathedral last evening his intention to excommunicate anyone participating in further ambushes of crown forces in this diocese.

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Congressman Reavis Named on Committee To Plan Inauguration

Washington, Dec. 13.—Under authorization of a resolution adopted by the house, Speaker Gillett appointed three members to a congressional committee which will arrange for the inauguration of President Harding. Those appointed are: Representative Cannon, republican, of Illinois; Reavis, republican, of Nebraska; and Rucker, democrat, of Missouri, and they immediately will hold conferences with the three already selected by the senate.

Kansas Town Shaken by Powder Plant Explosion

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 13.—About 1,000 kegs of powder blew up at the Atlas Powder company's plant, three miles south of here, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

Henry Alliet, an employe, was killed and Charles Lance, another workman, was probably fatally burned.

The detonation rocked Pittsburg and surrounding towns. Thousands of dollars worth of plate glass was shattered by the explosion.

Pioneer Californian Is Dead at San Francisco Home

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Maj. Alfred Morton, U. S. A., retired, civil war veteran, who came to California over the Isthmus of Panama in 1852, died here yesterday, aged 86. For a number of years he was associated with Sacramento Union. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Edward C. Morton of Chicago and Alfred W. Morton of San Francisco.

Lay Off Shop Men.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 13.—One hundred more employes of the Southern Pacific shops received notice of layoff effective Friday. Last week 250 men were affected by the company's retrenchment.

1,000 Hunters Fail to Bag Wolves That Have Killed Many Cattle

Girard, Ill., Dec. 13.—Nearly a thousand hunters participated in a hunt at Boston chapel, near here today, in an effort to exterminate a pack of wolves that recently have killed cattle and sheep valued at \$1,000.

The end of the hunt proved to be a bottle of wine between the hunters and the wolves, in which the wolves won out, the hunters bagging nothing but a lone jack rabbit.

Long-Term Bonds For War Notes Is Plan of Fordney

Congressional Leaders Fear U. S. Cannot Meet War Debt Maturing Within Next Three Years.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Concern of congressional leaders as to ability of treasury to meet the \$7,500,000,000 of war debts maturing within the next two and a half years was indicated by Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee today, both in the house and at the opening of hearings by his committee on revision of revenue legislation.

The ways and means committee chairman expressed doubt as to whether the estimate of a \$4,000,000,000 annual tax levy would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the government over the period of the next ten years, according to the Fordney report. As a solution, he advocated refunding into long-term bonds of the certificates now aggregating \$2,350,000,000 as well as of the first issue of war savings stamps and the Victory note issue.

Adoption of such a solution, Mr. Fordney declared, probably would enable a reduction of taxes below Secretary Houston's estimate of \$4,000,000,000. It also, he said, would permit a tax levy for several years, sufficient only to cover current fiscal needs of the government and interest on the public debt and sinking fund operations.

Tax Expert Disagrees.

The first witness before the committee at the tax revision hearing, however, disagreed with Mr. Fordney on the proposal. In reply to questions by Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, Thomas S. Adams, treasury tax expert and economist, said the program of the treasury appeared to provide sufficient revenues to take care of the maturing obligations except the savings stamps, which would be paid through the sale of other issues of such stamps as each yearly issue falls due.

He added, however, that the treasury estimate for taxation could stand no reduction if the program were to be carried through and maturing obligations met.

Politics entered into the discussions of the methods to be used in paying off the war debt when the committee reached the subject later in the day. Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, vigorously opposed the Fordney suggestion, saying it meant that the government was "breaking faith with the people which it had assured that it would take up the floating debt to make the treasury bonds retain their original level of market value."

Redemption Promised.

"When we passed those loan bills and tax measures, we told the people certain things," Mr. Garner continued. "We surely cannot go back on those assurances. It would be breaking faith with the people."

"Well," Mr. Fordney countered, "those things were the work of the democratic administration. That floating debt was the product of the democratic administration. But as much as we have to do, it has become an obligation of the republican party and I mean to do all I can to get rid of it without burdening our people with taxation."

"Discussion of actual tax revision questions by the committee developed an almost unanimous opinion among its members with respect to repeal of the excess profits tax. Dr. Adams, speaking for the treasury concurred on this point, but warned the committee congress should keep in mind difficulties attendant upon collection of a sales tax.

Drunk Man Drives Car Into Post as He Tries to Kill

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 13.—Crazed with drink, the police allege, Jesse Cunnell, 35, who lives in this city, deliberately drove his automobile, in which his wife, his 3-year-old son and another man were riding as passengers, head into a moving street car last evening. As a result of the crash, the baby lies unconscious at the hospital with concussion of the brain and Cunnell is held at the city jail.

According to statements made by Mrs. Cunnell, her husband had been threatening to kill her and the little boy. She said he drove the automobile toward the car tracks toward the approaching street car, yelling "I'm going to kill you." Mrs. Cunnell was not injured.

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Former Army Captain On Trial for Desertion

New York, Dec. 13.—Trial of John A. Willers, formerly captain of Company I, 48th United States infantry, on a charge of desertion was begun today before a general court-martial at Fort Jay. It was alleged that he deserted his command at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., soon after the armistice was signed.

At the time of his arrest here last Tuesday Willers was alleged to have confessed to being connected with the German spy system. Military officers who have investigated his record said that this phase of the case would not enter into the desertion trial. He also is charged with absconding with \$5,000 of his company's funds.

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Elihu Root Calls Upon Mr. Harding

Conference Is Regarded as One of Most Important Of Series.

Marion, O., Dec. 13.—Advice on the plan for an association of nations was sought by President-elect Harding today from Elihu Root, former secretary of state and more recently a conferee with leading European statesmen in the formation of a world court under the Versailles league covenant.

The conference, regarded as one of the most important to be held by Mr. Harding in his "meeting of minds" here, is understood to have been concerned chiefly with the question of how far the machinery of the present league may be used in building a world peace concert acceptable to the United States.

Through the league fight, Mr. Root advocated acceptance of the Versailles covenant with reservations.

In asking Mr. Root's advice, Mr. Harding is understood to have sought in particular for information about the practical working of the league as observed by the former secretary of state during his visits to Europe. Questions on the same subject were put by Mr. Harding yesterday to Herbert Hoover, who recommended that the league machinery with changes be used to meet the proposed association of nations.

Two Sisters Die From Burns Received When Fire Destroys Home

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Harry Lamasky, 28, and her sister, Miss Anna Kaska, 25, are dead as the result of burns suffered Sunday morning in a fire that destroyed the Lamasky farm house, about five miles south of Brighton, Ia.

Mr. Lamasky also was seriously burned but will recover. Mrs. George Hook of Pleasant Plain, mother of the two women, is at the point of death, having collapsed when informed of the tragedy.

Mrs. Lamasky started the kitchen fire with kerosene, and the oil blazed up. Enveloped in flames, she rushed up stairs, where Lamasky and their three children were sleeping. Lamasky, not being able to save his wife, rushed out of the house with the children, but returned to make another attempt to save Mrs. Lamasky. In the meantime the flames communicated to the house and spread so quickly that they trapped Miss Kaska in the burning house. She managed to escape, but was so severely burned that she died later in the Fairfield hospital.

Attack Police Barracks.

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 13.—Armed Sinn Feiners last night attacked the police barracks at Camtough, south of Armagh. Military forces were hurried up from Newry and a fight ensued in which it is known one civilian was killed. Several other deaths are reported to have occurred.

New Low Record Price Is Made for Refined Sugar

New York, Dec. 13.—New low record prices were established for refined sugar here today.

The Federal Sugar Refining company reduced its list price another 1/2 cent to the basis of 8 1/2 cents per pound for fine granulated.

Other refiners, who had maintained their list prices of 9 cents, reduced their quotations to 8 1/2 cents.

House Passes Bill to Limit Immigration for One Year

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Johnson immigration bill, as amended to prohibit all immigration for a period of one year, was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate, where it defeat is predicted by senate leaders.

Raid Police Station.

Ballindree, County Longford, Ireland, Dec. 13.—The police barracks here was attacked this morning. A wall was blown in after a five-hour battle, but the police held the building. One constable was killed and three severely wounded.

Supreme Court Upholds Edict in Wyoming Case

Washington, Dec. 13.—Injunctions obtained by the Midland Carbon company and the Occidental Oil and Gas company restraining Wyoming authorities from imposing heavy penalties under an act passed in 1919 relating to conservation of natural gas were upheld today by the supreme court. The complainant companies alleged the act was directed at them alone and was so drawn as to make it impossible for them to operate.

Woman Tells of Unfortunate Girl's Visit to Her Office; Dr. Fields, Charged With Crime, Will Offer Alibi.

The visit of 19-year-old Ruth Ayer, Hayes Center, Neb. girl, to the office of Dr. Nettie Gerish in the Peters Trust building about noon, Tuesday, August 3, was described by Dr. Gerish yesterday afternoon in District Judge Troup's court room. She was the first witness for the state against Dr. Leslie S. Fields, who is charged with performing an operation from which Miss Ayer died.

"She was a pretty girl with auburn-tinted brown hair, light eyes and very fair complexion and in size a little above the medium," said Dr. Gerish. "She wore a white dress in trouble. I examined her and found such to be the case. She did not state to me the name of the author of her trouble."

Dr. Gerish declined to do anything for the girl. Dr. Fields in the court room yesterday said his wife, Matt Gering, one of his attorneys, in his opening statement to the jury, said that Dr. Fields will have as his defense an alibi to the effect that he was out with his wife, buying groceries at 7:30 in the evening of August 3, when the fatal operation is alleged to have been performed.

Selection of the jury required about four hours. The state challenged five prospective jurors and the defense only one. When the jury had been impaneled, all witnesses in the case were excluded from the court room with the exception of Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Minnie Deyo, 2704 North Sixty-fourth street, at whose home the operation is alleged to have been performed. Mrs. Deyo also is under indictment.

Four of the jurors in the case are men without any children. The other eight have from one to six children each.

County Attorney Shotwell in his opening statement to the jury, painted a picture of the romance of pretty Ruth Ayer and Francis W. Alexander in Hayes Center and of the girl's trip alone to Omaha.

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