

Move Made For Early Inaugural

Sentiment to Have New President and Congress Take Office Soon After First of Year Is Growing.

Bill Now Before Senate

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Washington, Jan. 2.—With administration and a congress marking time for four months, at great expense, until the new regime is inaugurated, there is increasing sentiment in favor of an earlier installation of a newly-elected president and of a new congress.

The judiciary committee of the senate now has before it the resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing that the president's term shall commence on the third Monday of January following an election, that the presidential electors shall cast their votes on the second Monday in December, that congress shall convene on the second Monday of January, and that the terms of senators and representatives shall begin on the first Monday of January.

The amendment empowers congress to change these dates in its discretion and provides that it shall take effect until after March 4, 1925.

If this proposed amendment should be adopted without change, the president elected in 1928 would take office two and a half instead of four months and the new congress would meet instead of 13 months after the election and the presidential vote would be canvassed by the incoming instead of the outgoing congress.

Former Effort Fails. In 1914, when the democrats were in control of congress, an effort to effect this change proved unsuccessful, but Senators Nelson (now chairman), Cummins, Shields, Ashurst and Fletcher, of the judiciary committee, submitted a minority report which forcefully assembles the arguments in its favor. It points out that modern transportation and the popular election of senators have removed the necessity for delay in inaugurating a new administration.

The reason given by this report for the adoption of the proposed amendment are: "First, Congress should, at the earliest practicable time, accept the principles of the majority of the people as expressed in the election of senators before a militia court is alternative, the notice states, adding that an attitude of neutrality inconsistent with the position of the locality is punishable. It declares persons who do not do their duty in preventing damage to government property will be dealt with severely in present and in estate.

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Man Turns in Alarm To Extinguish Blaze From New Year's Boozes

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 2.—Patrolman John Winner was standing post. Suddenly a man dashed past him and ran to the firebox at the corner. He opened the box and pulled the alarm. The patrolman inquired as to the location of the fire.

"It is inside of me, of course. I drank some of this Washington street booze and I'm burning up. I want the fire department to run a hose down my throat and extinguish the flames."

At the station the man said he was Joseph Marone, 21, of Wooster, O. He told the lieutenant that he had one drink and decided that the quickest way to get water was to call the fire department.

Seven Houses Are Burned by Troops Following Ambush

Homes and Contents of Citizens Near Middleton Destroyed at Orders of Military Governor.

Cork, Jan. 2.—Seven houses in nearby towns and their contents were burned by the military last night as the result of an ambush of the police near Middleton, it was announced today. The story was related in a statement issued today by military authorities.

"As a result of an ambush on the police at Middleton and near Glebehouse," it stated, "the military government decided that the houses in the vicinity should be destroyed, as inhabitants were bound to have known of the ambush."

"Houses of the following were destroyed between 3 and 6 p. m., January 1: John O'Shea, Pat McCarty and Edward Casey, Middleton; Samuel Cotter and Mr. Donovan, Ballydam, and Michael Dorgan and Mr. Ahern, Knockgriffin.

"A notice was handed each, stating why the houses were destroyed. Each resident was given an hour to remove his valuable contents. The houses were then destroyed. Nothing apart from the houses and the furniture was destroyed."

Firearms Forbidden. Any person knowing others to possess arms or ammunition must report immediately or render themselves liable to prosecution. Major General Strickland, announced today that it is also forbidden to assist rebels. The order is effective Tuesday.

The people are warned that they must not fail to report the rebels and their movements to the military government before a militia court is alternative, the notice states, adding that an attitude of neutrality inconsistent with the position of the locality is punishable. It declares persons who do not do their duty in preventing damage to government property will be dealt with severely in present and in estate.

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Congress Is Facing Busy Term

Formidable Program Mapped Out for 52 Remaining Days Before Adjournment On March 3.

Tariff Bill Up This Week

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress tomorrow will start its new year's work with a formidable program for the 52 working days remaining before the adjournment. The program, as usual, is on the senate side, house activity being concentrated on completion of the appropriation bills with the sundry civil budget under debate and the postoffice bill waiting.

Tariff revision is to be an important matter this week. Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee plans to return to the senate tomorrow after a year's absence, and with his committee, begin consideration of the emergency tariff bill passed last year.

Consider Disarmament. The senate foreign relations committee will hold a special session tomorrow to consider international disarmament. It will take up the resolution of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, proposing a request on the president to initiate negotiations with Great Britain and Japan toward an agreement or a 50 per cent cut in naval building for a term of years.

Emergency immigration legislation is to be taken up tomorrow by the senate immigration committee, which will begin hearings on the house bill to prohibit virtually all immigration for 10 months. Representative Johnson, republican, Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee, is expected to be the first witness.

Final action on the bill to revive the war finance corporation, designed to aid agricultural interests, is expected this week. The bill is now before President Wilson and, if vetoed, an effort is planned to pass the matter over his disapproval.

Cardinal Gibbons' Condition Is Reported To Be Much Improved

Baltimore, Jan. 2.—Cardinal Gibbons' condition was so improved today that his physicians were encouraged and should, they say, will tomorrow consider the advisability of removing him to his home. He was visiting his friend, Robert T. Shriver at Union Mills when stricken.

The cardinal's physicians say he is not suffering from any organic trouble, but simply the weakening effects of his advanced age, 86 years. He has always been a remarkably healthy man, although not of robust build. His heart action has been weaker the past week, but even that was stronger today. There has been no recurrence of the alarming sinking spells for two days.

Colby Spends New Year Day in Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Jan. 2.—Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, arrived in Buenos Aires today. The Argentine coast guard cruiser Libertad, bearing Secretary Colby and party, entered port this morning, accompanied by a chartered steamer carrying a committee of welcome sent out by the American Society of the River Plate, and another steamer with representatives of the Argentine commission Nacional de Juventud and other official parties.

Arriving at the wharf, Mr. Colby was officially welcomed by the representatives of the president, the ministry of foreign affairs, United States Ambassador Stimson and a crowd of Americans and Argentines. He was escorted to his quarters in the Plaza hotel by a naval guard.

Dr. Savidge Marries Five Couples on New Year's Eve

Five young couples called at the home of Rev. Charles W. Savidge on New Year's eve and were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the "marrying parson." The couples were Olive Margaret Quitt of Lamar, Colo., and Ora E. Saunders of Lake View, Ia.; Martha Romey Winkler of Omaha and Leo Wolsknak of Mason City, Ia.; Lillian Byrum of Springfield, Ill., and Henry G. Brown of Omaha, Tex.; Myrtle A. Seal and Henry E. Olfman, both of Omaha, and Blanche Kay and Dr. Edwin H. Hollister, both of Ashland, Neb.

Lincoln Barbers Will Reduce Prices Today

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Beginning tomorrow many of the barber shops of Lincoln will return to a schedule of prices prevailing four years ago. Shaves will cost 20 cents and haircuts 35 cents. A few shops will return to the time-honored 25-cent haircut.

Judge Who Sentenced Three Lads to Joyless Christmas Loses Job

West Orange, N. J., Jan. 2.—Police Recorder John B. Lander, republican, who sentenced three mischievous boys to forego Christmas presents, then relented, lost his job.

Lander incurred the displeasure of West Orange residents by his sentence of the trio of boys. He directed their parents to send them to bed every night at 6 o'clock for a month and not to permit them to receive Christmas gifts. When petitioned to revoke the sentence, in that it was too severe, Lander announced his heart had softened and struck out that part referring to Christmas.

Former German Chancellor Dies Unexpectedly

Theobald Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Who Asked Trial In Place of Ex-Kaiser, Succumbs Suddenly.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German chancellor, died last night after a brief illness on his estate at Hohenfinow, near Berlin.

Under the most prominent activities of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg was his testimony last year as a witness before national assembly committees investigating responsibility for the war. His testimony brought out he had opposed submarine warfare and had issued warnings not to underestimate America's strength.

One of the most famous utterances during the war was concerning "a scrap of paper," as regarded the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium. This treaty was so characterized by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg during an interview with Sir Edward Goschen, British ambassador to Germany.

"I found the chancellor very much agitated," said Sir Edward afterwards. "His excellency at once began a harangue which lasted about 20 minutes. He said the step taken by the majority government was terrible a degree. Just for a word—neutrality—a word which in wartime had so often been disregarded—just for a scrap of paper—Great Britain was going to make war on a kindred nation, which desired nothing more than to be friends with her."

Sir Edward replied that he understood the chancellor's inability to comprehend the British action, but that Great Britain attached importance to the "scrap of paper" because it bore the signature, as well as that of Germany.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg was chancellor of Germany from July 4, 1909, to July 14, 1917. He was succeeded by Dr. George Michaelis, an appointee of the former kaiser, and by Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg was forced out of office through efforts of the militarists, headed by Hindenburg and Ludendorff, largely because of his "scrap paper" statement and his admission that German invasion of Belgium was unjust. The former chancellor, on several occasions, issued statements blaming the militarists for the war, while previously he had declared England was responsible.

Opponent of Socialism. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg received prominent attention in June, 1919, when he invited the allies to enter negotiations. All of his covertures were rejected.

He was born in 1856, and was educated at the Porta gymnasium and at the universities of Strassburg, Leipzig and Berlin. Entering the Prussian administrative service in 1882, he rose to the post of president of the province of Brandenburg in 1899. In 1905 he was appointed Prussian minister of the interior, and two years later became imperial secretary of the interior and vice president of the Prussian ministry of state. He succeeded Prince von Belpow when he became imperial chancellor in 1909.

Woman Passenger Killed When Plane Crashes Down. Ontario, Cal., Jan. 2.—Miss Esther Gamble, 20, of Ontario was fatally injured when an airplane in which she was a passenger fell into an orange grove near here. She died while being carried to a hospital.

Mayor Mack of Red Cloud Is Stricken by Apoplexy. Red Cloud, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Ed A. Mack is very ill as the result of a stroke. Some improvement has been noted in his condition. Because of the interest and solicitude of the citizens, physicians' bulletins are being posted downtown giving the news from his bedside. Mr. A. Mack has been a business man of Red Cloud for nearly 20 years. He is an undertaker by profession.

Funeral Services Today For Brayton's Oldest Man. Brayton, Ia., Jan. 2.—Funeral services will be held Monday for John H. Jenkins, 89, former postmaster and merchant of Brayton. At his death Mr. Jenkins was Audubon's oldest settler. He also is the last of the older generation of Jenkins in this community. He was a native of Kentucky and served four years in the Union army.

Aged Man Arrested. J. E. Vance, 70, 1804 Farnam street, was arrested by Detectives Falming and Danburn, charged with illegal possession of liquor.

The Two Extremes

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The average imperfect mortal doesn't like the extremes in that direction—



And he doesn't like the extremes in the other direction—



But he doesn't like the no man's land midway between.

Opposition by Penrose May Kill Tariff Measure

No Action in Senate Expected On Bill to Establish High Duties on Agricultural Products.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 2.—Opposition by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania to the passage of the emergency agricultural tariff bill at this session, is expected to mean that but little further effort will be made to put the house bill through the senate.

It is considered likely that the finance committee may report the bill to the senate with few important amendments. After reaching that stage the bill is likely to be left on the senate calendar with no attempt being made to force a vote.

When it became evident that the temporary measure would be reported to the senate before Christmas following its passage in the house, its sponsors practically abandoned any hope of favorable action.

It is realized that with many democrats lined up against it, the emergency measure would prompt action under senate rules. In view of this situation, it has been agreed that the only possibility of an action in advance of general revision of the tariff lay in the proposed re-enactment of the Payne-Aldrich bill as amended at the beginning of the special session in March.

The course followed with the emergency agricultural tariff bill is likely to be much the same as in the cases of the tariff bills passed by the house last spring. The pressure was reported favorably from the senate finance committee, but are still on the senate calendar with no serious attempt ever having been made to force a vote upon them.

Senator Penrose is credited with being chiefly responsible for sidetracking all piecemeal tariff legislation, his position being that general tariff legislation should be awaited before anything is done along this line.

Relatives of Avoca Woman Contest Probating of Will

Avoca, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Heirs of Margaret Ann King, who gave her entire estate to the Church of the Latter Day Saints, are seeking to prevent the probating of the will. The probating of the will is of unsound mind at the time the instrument was executed. The proceeds of the estate, according to the terms of the will, are to be used for the benefit of an old people's home at Lamoni, Ia.

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Train Wrecked Near Beatrice

Posses Searching for Bandits Believed to Have Placed Big Rail on Track.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A posse, organized by the Gage county sheriff, is scouring the southern part of the state in search of men who were partly successful in wrecking a Union Pacific passenger train a mile and a half south of Beatrice at 6:30 tonight.

A 30-foot steel rail was placed across the track at a place difficult to see. Engineer George Nicely of Beatrice saw the obstruction in time to check the speed of the train, but the force of the impact threw the locomotive from the track. It remained upright and no one was injured.

Authorities are of the opinion that the obstruction was placed by bandits who hoped to wreck the train in order to loot the mail and express cars. The train runs between Manhattan, Kan., and Lincoln, Neb.

Governor Miller of New York Takes Oath

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A governor was proclaimed in New York state today. Shortly after noon the signal of the 11,000,000 Empire state residents that Nathan L. Miller of Syracuse had taken the oath as the 47th chief executive of the state and had assumed the duties of his office.

Governor Miller, in his inaugural address, promised economy in public administration, declared that "party considerations are not to be ignored," and intimated that he was not an ardent advocate of "welfare" legislation.

Alfred E. Smith, the retiring governor, introduced his successor in a graceful speech, and shared with the new governor the applause of the audience.

Avoca Man Is Honored by Japanese Governor

Avoca, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Garret Van Houte, former Avoca telephone man and at present an officer on the steamer Pawlet of the Pacific Steamship Co. is receiving a silver loving cup from the governor of a province in Japan for his efforts in rescuing the crew of the shipwrecked schooner Tumano Maru.

Companions of Van Houte also will be similarly honored. The silver cups are being sent to the offices of the Pacific Steamship Co. in Portland, Ore. Van Houte is first mate of the Pawlet, which plies between America and the Orient.

Plans Complete For Reopening Commerce High

Classes Will Be Resumed January 10—Recitation Periods From 8:15 A. M. to 5:19 P. M. Planned.

J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of public schools, announced yesterday that the High School of Commerce will not be opened for classes until Monday morning, January 10, on account of the fire which destroyed part of this institution Saturday night.

The superintendent conferred yesterday with members of the buildings and grounds committee of the school board and Principal D. E. Porter of the High School of Commerce. It was decided to arrange a temporary schedule for this school, the classes to be held between 8:15 a. m. and 5:19 p. m., pupils to study at home and recite at the school.

Preparations were being made to receive 329 new pupils this week, but the fire has disarranged those plans. Some of the equipment for the new annex was placed in the building Saturday, only a few hours before the fire.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education tonight the members will discuss the High School of Commerce situation. Plans are nearly ready for a new technical and commercial high school on a site already acquired at Thirty-third and Burt streets. The latest estimate on this school is \$2,000,000. The bond issue has been authorized by the voters, but the bonds have not been sold. At the last meeting of the school board President W. E. Reed stated that he believed the board would seek a market for the bonds about March 1, that the building program may proceed during the early spring.

Prisoners Confess 7 Bold Robberies

New York, Jan. 2.—Three men arrested here confessed, police said, to a systematic plan of operation by which they carried out successfully seven robberies in New York city during the past three months. The prisoners, Joseph Cohen, 28; Morris Bernstein, 28, and Louis Henig, 29, were held under \$50,000 bail each.

Each man was assigned special duties in each robbery, police declared they told them. Bernstein acted as advance agent, selecting suitable places to rob, and assisting Cohen in gathering the loot. Cohen used the revolver with victims which were intimidated, and Henig acted as watchman at the door of the places robbed.

Argument in Bowling Alley

Lee Saunders, 116 North Eleventh street, and Lonnie Osborne, two negroes employed at the Omaha bowling alley, engaged in an altercation during which Saunders was cut with a knife by Osborne. Detectives Franel and Heller were sent to quiet the trouble and Osborne, the officers said, attempted to assault them with the knife. Osborne was placed in jail charged with cutting with intent to wound.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair and warmer Monday.

Pink Teddy Ends Three Year Chase

Omaha Girl Starts New Year In Jail Facing Charge of Forgery—Love of Silk Linerie Gives Tip.

Many Bad Checks Passed

A passion for pink lingerie of the most expensive sort led to the arrest on New Year's eve of Ethel Harden, 25, at the home of her parents at Bloomfield, Neb., on a charge of forgery.

The arrest was made by Sheriff J. H. C. Rainbolt, while Miss Harden, who worked as a saleswoman at the Associated Western Jewelers, 1914 Farnam street, and roomed at 4032 Izard street, was home on a holiday vacation. Miss Harden, it is alleged, is wanted for a series of forgeries involving the passing of bad checks amounting in the aggregate to a large sum of money on numerous stores in Omaha, Fremont, Lincoln and other Nebraska cities. Officers say they traced the passes out by the woman have been passed at intervals since 1917.

Detectives Give Up. Numerous efforts have been made by private detective agencies of Lincoln and Omaha to run her down during the three years of her alleged criminal activities. Her identity was not established until yesterday when she was betrayed by a beautiful pink silk teddy bear, which she had presented to a friend, the daughter of a Brock, Neb., banker, according to the story that has thus far been unraveled.

Miss Davidson, who is the daughter of a druggist, formerly of Brock and now of Bloomfield, attended college at Fremont, where she graduated from the pharmaceutical school. She had as her intimate friend while at the Fremont college, Katie Davidson, an expert check counterfeiter in the ham family. Miss Davidson, it is alleged, had the privilege of checking on the account of a member of her family. She wrote a peculiar back hand.

Omaha Firms Lose.

A check for \$4 one day came into the Gresham bank bearing the signature of Will Davidson by K. D. The check had been cashed by the Burgess-Nash company. The check was at once found to be a forgery. Numerous checks for varying amounts, cashed by Omaha concerns turned up, which bore forged signatures, all in back hand.

Miss Davidson married, becoming Mrs. Francis Barbee. The checks still continued to come in, her married name being used by the unknown forger. The banks in Otoe and Nemaha counties are to receive forged checks. These were cashed in Omaha, Lincoln and Fremont. They were for amounts ranging from \$25 to \$80, the names of Mamie Reeve and Nellie Lare of Brock and Mary Ritter of Talmage being used to cash the checks bore the name of Elsie Hardin.

It was this check that gave a clue to Sheriff C. D. Davis of Nemaha county. He investigated and found that Miss Ethel Harden had presented to a banker's daughter at Brock an expert check counterfeiter in the ham family. Following the clue he

Senator-Elect to Urge Bill Making Liberty Bonds Legal Tender

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—In a copyrighted statement published in the Atlanta Constitution, Thomas E. Watson, United States senator-elect from his state, announced that at the extra session of the 67th congress he will introduce a bill to make Liberty bonds and other government war paper legal tender.

Mr. Watson, according to the announcement, declares that such action would have an electrifying effect upon American business life and that upon enactment of the legislation "all apprehension of a panic would as quickly disappear."

The announcement declares for ending the war with Germany by a resolution and favors establishment of prewar trade relations with Russia and with Germany.

Woman Tries to End Life After "Little Family Rumpus"

With a bullet lodged in her chest, Mrs. Joseph F. Bredin, 3215 Charles street, lies in a serious condition at the Methodist hospital following an attempt to end her life at her home after a quarrel with her husband at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

According to the police report, Mrs. Bredin had been quarreling all night with her husband. She took a revolver from a dresser drawer and went into a bedroom where she fired a bullet into her chest. The doctor, according to the Paxton office, could not talk of the affair after the shooting. "Just a little family 'rumpus' and we don't want any notoriety," Bredin told newspaper men.

Cat Disconnects Gas Tube; Man and Wife Asphyxiated

New York, Jan. 2.—Gas which escaped when a rubber tube was disconnected from a feed pipe in the floor by a cat, caused the death of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Weber in their Brooklyn apartment.

The dead cat, its paws resting on the tube, lay under the gas stove.

Rainbolt Home Robbed. Robbers forced an entrance through a rear window at the home of C. S. Rainbolt, 614 Florence boulevard, Saturday and escaped with a traveling bag valued at \$30 and a suit of clothes.