

CONFERRING WITH LEADERS OF REPUBLICAN PARTY IN AND OUT OF CONGRESS—CONJECTURE PLACES JOHN W. WEEKS AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, GIVES POST OFFICE PORTFOLIO TO WILL H. HAYS, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERALSHIP TO HARRY M. DOUGHERTY—THE PRESIDENT-ELECT EMPHASIZES THE FACT THAT NO FORMAL OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(By The A. P.)—The president-elect said tonight that he had conferred with the leaders of the Republican Party in and out of Congress. He said that he had conferred with John W. Weeks, secretary of the party, and with Will H. Hays, attorney general, and Harry M. Dougherty, secretary of the Navy. He said that he had also conferred with other prominent Republicans, including Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, and Senator Philander C. Knox. He said that he had not made any formal offers, but that he had discussed the possibility of appointing these men to various positions in his cabinet. He said that he was particularly interested in the possibility of appointing Weeks as secretary of the Navy, Hays as attorney general, and Dougherty as secretary of the Navy. He said that he would make a final decision on these appointments in the next few days.

HARDING SPEAKS IN SENATE IN RESPONSE TO AN OVATION

Washington, Dec. 6.—To put into practice his doctrine of consultation and to show his understanding of the public mind, President-elect Harding spent today at the Capitol taking stock of legislative problems that await the new session of Congress. He was accompanied by the members of his cabinet and by a number of his closest advisers. He was greeted by a large number of Senators and Representatives, and he responded to an ovation by speaking for some time. He said that he was pleased to see the support of the new administration and that he was confident that the country was in good hands. He said that he would continue to consult with the members of Congress and with the public in making his decisions.

WITHDRAW TROOPS BEFORE PEACE IN IRELAND—DE VALETTA

New York, Dec. 6.—England must withdraw its troops from Ireland before peace can be restored, according to a statement made today by the Irish minister for foreign affairs, Mr. De Valera. He said that the British government had failed to make any progress in negotiating a settlement of the Irish question. He said that the British government had insisted on the withdrawal of the Irish Volunteers from the British army, and that this was a condition that he could not accept. He said that he would continue to work for a peaceful settlement of the Irish question, but that he would not accept any conditions that would compromise the independence of Ireland.

TRIO HELD FOR MURDER OF HENRY T. PIERCE

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Peter D. Moss, Marie Phillips and Joseph A. Truesdell were arraigned before a magistrate here today and held without bail to await action by the coroner in connection with the killing of Henry T. Pierce, manufacturer's agent, who was beaten to death in his apartment here on Nov. 20. In a confession given by the police, it was alleged that Moss, Phillips and Truesdell were responsible for the slaying of Pierce. The coroner's inquest is expected to begin tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MEN WOUNDED IN SERVICE

Boston, Dec. 6.—A Christmas tree in every hospital where men wounded in service during the world war are confined is the object of a movement announced by the Massachusetts Red Cross. The American Legion today appointed a committee to carry out the plan. The committee will be in charge of the Christmas tree in every hospital where men wounded in service are confined. The committee will also be in charge of the Christmas tree in every hospital where men wounded in service are confined. The committee will also be in charge of the Christmas tree in every hospital where men wounded in service are confined.

SAFE BLOWERS MISSED PAYROLL; GOT ONLY \$10

Bridgewater, Conn., Dec. 6.—Burglars were just too late to get the pay roll of the City Lunch Company in Union Avenue, where they blew open the office safe during last night. The job yielded them just \$10. The pay roll of several thousand dollars had been taken out.

POISONOUS GASES FROM AUTOMOBILE ENGINES

Boston, Dec. 6.—Warning of the danger of death by poisonous gases from automobile engines is being given in a pamphlet issued by the Massachusetts Department of Health. The pamphlet is being distributed to all automobile owners in the state. It contains information on the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and on the steps that should be taken to prevent it.

Cabled Paragraphs

Arreement With D'Annunzio. Rome, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Epoca from Rome says an agreement with Gabriele D'Annunzio has virtually been concluded as a result of the visit of the president-elect to the island of Veglia and Abano. It is expected that Italy will recognize the regency of Quarnaro.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON AMENDMENTS

Geneva, Dec. 6 (By The A. P.)—The league assembly today decided to stick to a slow and sure policy in amending the covenant and to extend that policy to the interpretation of the relations between the council and the assembly with regard to their respective duties and jurisdiction under the covenant. The Canadian amendment eliminating Article X and the Argentine amendment declaring that the sovereign states shall be equal in the league were referred to their own choice remain outside, were referred to a special committee which will study all the proposed changes in the covenant and report to the next assembly.

SENATOR HARDING MAY VISIT WHITE HOUSE TODAY

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Wilson and President-elect Harding did not meet today and there was no information that they would do so before the departure of Mr. Harding tomorrow for Madrid. It was stated at the White House today that the president-elect would visit the White House today. It was also stated that the president-elect would visit the White House today.

MINE OWNERS CONSIDER DEMANDS OF WORKERS

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Demands of the anthracite mine workers for additional wage increases were formally considered by the mine owners here today. When the joint committee of hard coal operators and miners examined their proposals, they were met with a request for wage increases of approximately 27 per cent. The operators did not make any reply to the eight demands of the miners. The operators did not make any reply to the eight demands of the miners.

TO INCREASE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBERSHIP

Washington, Dec. 6.—A measure proposing to increase the house of representatives membership from 435 to 450 as a result of the 1920 census, and to bring the number of senators to 100, were introduced today in the house, but with little prospect of action on them at this session. The measure proposing to increase the house of representatives membership from 435 to 450 as a result of the 1920 census, and to bring the number of senators to 100, were introduced today in the house, but with little prospect of action on them at this session.

GEN. NIVELLE DECORATED BY SECRETARY BAKER

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Baker decorated General Nivelle, of the French army today with the distinguished service medal by direction of the president. The decoration was presented to General Nivelle by the secretary of the war department. General Nivelle is a distinguished French general who served in the world war.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR WAKEFIELD MILLS CO.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 6.—Frank W. Walter of Philadelphia, Daniel Melver of Providence and Percy W. Hathaway of South Kingstown, R. I., were today appointed receivers of the Wakefield Mills company of South Kingstown, with bonds of \$10,000. The court took this action in an attempt to rescue the various interests and to start up the mill. Mr. Walter is a creditor for \$50,000 out of the \$90,000 owed by the company. The mills manufacture woolen goods.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF MEATS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

Washington, Dec. 6.—Wholesale prices of meats continued their downward trend last week, said a statement issued here tonight by the Institute of American Meat Packers. Fresh pork showed declines of from 10 to 20 per cent. The statement said although it was less marked than the packing centers than in the east. Billed hams and all smoked meats, the statement said, also showed declines, while the price of corn was approximately 15 per cent during the week.

PONZI'S LIABILITIES \$6,336,000, WITH ASSETS \$1,593,534

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NO CHANCE FOR ARMENIA IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

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KANSAS CITY STAR PLANT IN FLAMES

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—Fire broke out tonight in the building of the Kansas City Star. All available fire apparatus in the city was summoned to fight the blaze.

Unusual Tea at the House

Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, wife of the president-elect, was the guest of Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson yesterday. The two women had tea at the executive mansion late this afternoon. Mrs. Wilson met her guest in the front parlor and the two women had tea in the blue room, where tea was served. After Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Harding had chatted a while, they walked out into the garden, through the green and red rooms and the state dining room, over which Mrs. Harding will be called upon to preside after March 4. Mrs. Harding did not meet the president, who had retired to his study on the upper floor.

Kentucky Producers Talk of Banding Together to Store Crops for Better Prices.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 6.—Lowest prices in years were quoted at the opening of the Green River District tobacco market here today when 100,000 pounds of leaf were sold for an average of slightly less than five dollars a hundred pounds. Two-thirds of the growers here are expected to store their crop until prices commensurate with production costs could be obtained. This afternoon farmers and tobacco growers filed the circuit court room in the city to discuss the possibility of banding together to store their crops. The growers are expected to store their crops until prices commensurate with production costs could be obtained.

NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS TREE CROP OVER 1,500,000

Boston, Dec. 6.—(By The A. P.)—A Christmas tree crop of more than a million and a half of evergreen trees, destined to be decorated for the holidays in the forests and pastures of New England for the approaching holiday observance, is being harvested in the state. The crop is the largest ever harvested in the state. The trees are being harvested in the state. The trees are being harvested in the state.

Systematic savings for Christmas this year means that six Bridgeport banks will pay out \$665,000 on Dec. 15 to depositors who started accounts a year ago.

Major General P. C. Harris, adjutant general of the army, announced last night that the records were broken in November when 24,588 men enlisted. The records were broken in November when 24,588 men enlisted. The records were broken in November when 24,588 men enlisted.

Money appropriated by the city of Paris and French government is being used to build houses of wood outside of Paris as a means to relieve the critical congestion.

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WATERBURY TIGHTENS RESTRICTIONS ON JINETS

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 6.—The board of aldermen tonight adopted an amendment to the local jitney bus ordinance, adding Bank street to the list of traffic lanes barred to the buses. This was one of the steps urged by officials of the Connecticut company to check jitney competition with the trolley lines. Other restrictions also were requested by the board in a communication from President Lucius S. Storms of the Connecticut company. A committee was named to consider the letter submitted by President Storms.

Importation of diamonds into this country declined 40 per cent. since June. Prices of diamonds are expected to rise on account of high wages recently granted International Jewel Cutters' union.

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MENTIONED FOR SECRETARY OF LABOR IN HARDING CABINET

Representative John J. Nolan, of California, who according to persistent rumors, is in the lead for appointment as secretary of labor during the Harding regime, is expected to be mentioned for the position. He is a member of the iron molders union and since his election, through the support of labor, has developed into one of the strongest figures in Congress.

Two former governors of New York state are members of a non-partisan citizens' committee in Albany which will tender Gov. Alfred E. Smith a farewell dinner on Dec. 20. They are Martin J. Glynn and John A. Dix.

Four armed and masked bandits riding in an automobile committed five robberies in suburbs of Paterson, N. J., at Oakland, Midland Park and Fairview. The loot included \$1,200 in cash, \$1,000 in jewelry and \$600 in certified checks. It was announced in Chicago by members of the national socialist committee that the first official act of Meyer Lugg, socialist-elect of New York, in the next congress will be the presentation of a petition signed by 1,000,000 citizens asking for Debs' release.

Brief Telegrams

Finland will in all probability be admitted to the league of nations. It is estimated that the total coal output for Alberta this year will be 6,500,000 tons. Newfoundland government is taking active steps to develop the bituminous coal fields. Travelers arriving at Vancouver, B. C., from the Yukon report wandering herds of caribou are appearing. Charles Barge of New York was appointed acting commissioner to Poland of the American Red Cross. The Brazilian government has recognized the government of President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico.

Unable to Walk Without the Aid of a Cane—Informs Congressional Committee That He Will "Communicate With" Congress Today—Message Will Be Read to House and Senate Sitting in Separate Session—Senator Lodge Was Spokesman For Committee—Opinion is Divided as to Physical Condition of Mr. Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(By The A. P.)—President-elect Wilson changed his plans only a few minutes ago. He will not address congress personally tomorrow, but will send a message in written form. It will be read to house and senate sitting in separate sessions as was done with the president's message last December and as was the custom until Mr. Wilson began the habit of addressing congress personally. The president did not make known his intention to a joint committee of the senate and house which called today at the White House to formally notify him that congress was in session, but members of the delegation felt him with the impression that he would not appear before congress. Senator Lodge's statement to the committee was that he would "communicate with" congress tomorrow. Mr. Wilson received his congressional visitors in the blue room Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader in the senate, was the spokesman, and he said that the president-elect had not yet decided whether to appear before congress for the first time since the league of nations covenant and the peace treaty were defeated in the senate. The president did not shake hands with his visitors. They were ushered into the blue room by White House attendants and then Mr. Wilson appeared from an adjoining room. He wore a blue sack suit and used a cane. On entering the door he smiled and pointed to his cane, said "You see, gentlemen, I cannot yet dispense with my third leg." The committee was at the White House only a few minutes and the president remained standing at the door of the room during the interview. Some of the visitors said that in walking he had evidence of his illness, and that he kept his left hand up across his chest. Senator Lodge, the White House leader, said that the president-elect was in good health, but that he was unable to walk without the aid of a cane. He said that the president-elect was in good health, but that he was unable to walk without the aid of a cane.

LACK OF HELP IN OUR CONSULAR SERVICE ABROAD

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ALL APPROPRIATION BILLS MUST BE PASSED BY DECEMBER 31

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FEATURES OF OPENING DAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address in the senate by President-elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum. Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the 66th congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$4,000,000,000 and introduction in the house of an unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow afternoon when receiving the customary hitting the first day to formal convocation. The principal business of today's sessions was to arrange for the reconvening of President Wilson's opening message. A joint committee called upon the president-elect at the White House and the house yesterday to receive the customary hitting the first day to formal convocation. The principal business of today's sessions was to arrange for the reconvening of President Wilson's opening message.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF BAND OF AUTOMOBILE THIEVES

Detroit, Dec. 6.—Two men and a woman, alleged to have been members of a band of automobile thieves, who were charged with the slaying of a man in Michigan, were today found guilty by a jury in federal court here. The man, named William J. Hall, was sentenced to two years in Leavenworth and Belle Warner was sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction. The woman, named Mary E. Hall, was sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction. The man, named William J. Hall, was sentenced to two years in Leavenworth and Belle Warner was sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction.

ALLEGED NAVY DESERTER IS HELD FOR HOMICIDE

New York, Dec. 6.—John Reidy of Milwaukee, alleged navy deserter, who is said to have confessed to killing Leeds Vaughn Waters, wealthy chairman, in a hotel room here November 14, last, was today arraigned with Roland Neak and held without bail for hearing next Wednesday on charges of homicide. Reidy, Charles Bremer and Edward Kohn, who were arraigned and held without bail, shared with Reidy and Neak the West 12nd street entrance to Central Park.

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