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### Review of the Tax Law, Passage of a Budget Bill, and Loan to Armenia—Is Opposed to Soldiers' Bonus Bill, While Favoring Aid for Disabled Veterans—Urges Independence of the Philippines—The House is Preparing For Prompt Action on the Immigration Bill—Effort is Being Made to Bring the Bill Before the House Thursday and Limit General Debate to Four Hours.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Both houses of congress were in brief session today to hear President Wilson's annual message. It was read by the clerk, Mr. Wilson having heeded the advice of his physician not to appear in person to present his recommendations. Galleries in both senate and house were crowded. Mr. Wilson confined himself almost wholly to his message refer to the hearing close of his administration and that was in the concluding paragraph. The proposals he presented, the president wrote, are "a series of recommendations as a confession of the faith in which I was bred and which it is my solemn purpose to stand by until my last fighting day."

First among the recommended steps Mr. Wilson placed enactment of a "workable budget system." He said he had vetoed the budget bill passed at the last session "reluctantly" and because of "a constitutional objection," but as it was later revised in the house, he believed it would, with other measures, furnish foundations for a national budget system.

Mr. Wilson cited figures as to the national debt and urged "rigid economy" in all branches of the government should cooperate.

"I cannot over-emphasize," he said, (Continued on Page Seven)

### Brief Telegrams

Russian gold totaling 200,000 pounds was received at London, presumably from Estonia.

Bar gold in London was quoted at 118 2/3 an ounce against 117 5/8 at last previous close.

American Smelting and Refining Co. announced reduction in the price of lead from 5-12 to 5 cents.

According to the Paris Matin, the next interallied conference will be held in France in about 20 days.

Soldiers have arrested Hugh O'Reilly, town clerk of Queenstown, on charge of forging sedition documents.

An earthquake occurred in the Tepelen district southwest of Avlona, Albania, rendering 15,000 persons homeless.

American dollar was quoted at 16 francs 79 1/2 centimes on the Paris Bourse. Prices were reported irregular.

Indianapolis federal grand jury began examining witnesses regarding alleged violation of the prohibition law in the state.

A huge demonstration in protest against 60 per cent. increase in the cost of food and clothing in the last month was held in Vienna.

Out of a total of 548 army officers in a recent firing test at Camp Benning, Ga., 235 were experts, 99 sharpshooters and 25 marksmen.

Drunkness continued to be principal cause of trial of enlisted men of the navy for desertion or overstays leave during the last fiscal year.

Motion picture films that glorify crime or make criminal careers or adventures fascinating or alluring will henceforth be barred in Pennsylvania.

Favorable report on the Johnson bill prohibiting importation of the United States for two years was ordered by the house immigration committee.

Great Britain and Japan were the only ones of the larger countries that took loss of goods from the United States in October than during the same month a year ago.

The injunction against the shipping board forbidding the sale of former German passenger liners was set aside by the District of Columbia court of appeals.

The second cut in two weeks in the price of bread was announced in Cleveland. Pound loaves are selling for 13 cents and one and one-half pound loaves at 15 cents.

Bar silver in London was 3-8 lower at 43 7/8 an ounce. New York domestic silver unchanged at 91 1/2 cents. Foreign silver declined 1 cent to 65 cents. Mexican dollars 52 cents.

Senator McCall McCormick will remain in Paris until Friday, going then to Geneva, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, and Warsaw and later to other capitals not yet definitely determined.

Ewing Loper of Missouri and Angus McLean of North Carolina were appointed assistant secretaries of the treasury to succeed L. J. Hunt and J. B. Condit and Albert Rathbone, resigned.

Fifteen passengers were injured when a train carrying to Cartierville, a suburb of Montreal, jumped the rails, fell on its side, slid down a deep grade, hit a pole and broke in two.

American Farm Bureau Federation at Indianapolis unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon congress to take immediate action for the relief of farm industry, threatened with bankruptcy.

Fifty persons, including two women, were rescued from the 60-foot fishing boat Elmar, which had struck the shoals off Long Beach, L. I., after 12 hours of futile attempts to pry the boat loose.

Appointment of a new chancellor of the exchequer to succeed Austin Chamberlain is being keenly discussed in London. Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of war, is said to be strongly supported.

Temporary injunctions issued by Superior Court Justice Cronsey of Brooklyn restraining all railroads operating in New York state from raising intrastate rates was defeated by the Erie railroad at Ocean.

Heavy rains and melting snow has caused a rise in the upper Hudson river to 13 feet above the high water mark. Rivers are under water and streets along the waterfront of Albany are under water.

The newspapers of Mexico City give much prominence to Argentina's withdrawal from the league assembly at Geneva. Eclesior praises Argentina's stand as one of "protection and defense for Mexico."

Sinn Fein documents dealing with purchases of arms and munitions on a great scale are reported to have been discovered during a raid at Seaford, in which two young and stylishly attired Irish girls were arrested.

It will take \$345,571,599.77 to run the city of Greater New York during the coming fiscal year. This amount, exceeds two-thirds of the total appropriated by congress to carry on the affairs of the entire nation in 1918.

A bomb explosion wrecked the front porch of the home of Miss M. J. O'Brien at Mount Kisco, N. Y., wealthy building contractor, who, aroused by the detonation, dashed out of his house and fired five shots after a fleeing automobile.

On a charge of manslaughter, Mrs. Victoria Freiberg was bound over to the superior court in Bridgeport. Mrs. Freiberg is being held for the death of Udoit Meunier, who died from a gunshot wound alleged to have been inflicted by her.

Arthur Henderson, who returned from Ireland after taking part in the investigations of the labor commission, said that after surveying the entire situation he believed the present moment offered exceptional opportunity for a settlement.

Western Union Telegraph Co. lost its fight for an injunction restraining the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. from removing its telegraph wires from the railroad's right of way, when the supreme court refused to review decision of lower courts.

### Disclosures Made by Deserter John Willers, Formerly Captain of Company F, 48th U. S. Infantry—Story of Intrigue.

New York, Dec. 7.—Sensational disclosures of his mission to this country as a spy for the German government were given in an alleged confession by John Willers, formerly captain in Company F, 48th United States infantry, alleged thief and deserter, after his arrest here tonight charged with absconding with \$5,000 of his company funds on Dec. 19, 1918. His regiment was then stationed at Camp Sevier, S. C.

His capture was accidental. He was crossing Fifth avenue at Forty-second street when he was seen by a patrolman, recognized him. Hannigan called a policeman and Willers was arrested. At a police station the prisoner was further identified by two other former lieutenants in Company F, Willers was taken to Governor's Island and placed in confinement.

Willers, the police said, recited in broad fashion his mission as a spy for the United States—one of 309 cadets trained in the acts of espionage to enlist in the American army.

On his arrival in the United States, Willers was taken to the city where he was held, he said, as a private. His military aptitude was his rapid promotion, and his knowledge of English and his ability to speak like an American enabled him to obtain a commission.

Willers said he had never been sent across the ocean and while in this country his instructions were to take no action without the approval of Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio, who was his pre-conviction manager, was one of the most active in this task, seeing various members of the senate and secretary in Mr. Harding's office while the president-elect was occupied with his own string of callers at the residence of Edward B. McLean, his host.

While being questioned at the police station, the police said Willers remarked that he would be surprised if they knew "the number of officials at Washington whom he had met and who were employed by Germany."

"Are they still there?" he was asked. "That I don't know," he said to have answered, "but there were many of them."

The 48th infantry was still at Camp Sevier when the armistice was signed. His usefulness as a spy at an end, Willers fled from the police, he decided to become a deserter and to take the funds of his company.

The deserter then went to Chicago, where, about a year ago, he married a woman, the name of whom he refused to disclose. From Chicago Willers roamed about the country, at various times trying unsuccessfully to get a passport to Germany.

When questioned by military authorities at Governor's Island, Willers declined to amplify his alleged confession to the police.

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Washington, Dec. 7.—(By The A. P.)—Congressional consideration of methods to aid in restoring normal business conditions appeared in the office tonight with the announcement that majority members of the ways and means committee would meet in conference tomorrow to discuss a legislative program with respect to commerce and industry.

The enormous number of bills dealing with farming and industry presented yesterday and today, together with an apparent desire to lead to some form of business generally, made it appear certain that congressional attention would be turned to business problems once the appropriation bills are out of the way. Leaders in the senate and house do not believe that actual enactment on any such legislation can be accomplished during the present brief session, but they are evidently agreed that the foundations should be laid through committee consideration for prompt action after March.

The ways and means committee will have before it a wide range of proposals, for bills already dropped in the senate and house hoppers include measures providing the way from far-reaching tax and tariff reforms and agricultural relief to aid or protection to limited groups of industries. Some of the measures submitted to the committee are: a revision of the tariff and agricultural relief to aid or protection to limited groups of industries. Some of the measures submitted to the committee are: a revision of the tariff and agricultural relief to aid or protection to limited groups of industries.

Objections of Senators Lodge and Glass today blocked considerable of the pending resolution. Director of the war finance corporation and the extension of more liberal credits to farmers by the reserve banking system. Senator Lodge said the time had not yet given for members to study the proposition and suggested that manufacturers of New England were having the same trouble as the farmers in obtaining needed credit.

Senator Gronna said tonight that as soon as the testimony taken in the hearings by his committee is received and placed in the hands of the senate he would press for consideration of the resolution.

The resolution now is on the senate calendar and will be called up at any time by unanimous consent, or by majority vote of the senate.

The senate agricultural committee today reported the resolution in the meantime will resume hearings tomorrow with a view on devising other remedial legislation for the producers. Tobacco men from Virginia are expected to be heard tomorrow.

### LEAGUE ASSEMBLY TO WAR AGAINST TYPHUS IN EAST

Geneva, Dec. 7.—(By The A. P.)—War against typhus in the Near East occupied the attention of the league assembly this morning in the conclusion of its 11th session. The debate was widespread in its scope, the representatives of all climes and races taking part.

Sir George E. Foster, of the Canadian delegation, made a ringing appeal to the world to stamp out the dread disease, which is gradually over Europe. Others who spoke represented India, Great Britain, Norway, Spain, France, Great Britain, Holland and Japan.

A large part of the 1250,000 requested to set the campaign in motion was pledged, and the committee which will be appointed to get the balance will probably regard it as a triumph for the assembly over the council which had twice appealed for these funds without success.

### REDUCING OVERTIME WORK ON NEW HAVEN ROAD

Hartford, Dec. 7.—A ten per cent. reduction in the payroll has been put into effect on the Hartford division of the New Haven road, the reduction to apply mainly to overtime work. This was said at the office of Sgt. C. A. Mitchell today. In connection with this reduction some employees have been released, but their number is being largely eliminated, both on the trains and in the railroad shops, it was said, and as overtime work was paid at the rate of one and one-half times the reduction in pay is considerable. Lighter services on the road has made it possible to eliminate overtime work. The decrease in the demand for railroad service, both passenger and freight, but especially the latter has brought about the plan to reduce the costs of operation as a matter of economy and business efficiency.

### GENERAL EDWARD SCHULZE RETIRES WITH \$1,250 PENSION

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 7.—The state board of control at its meeting this afternoon placed Brigadier General Edward Schulze, assistant adjutant general, N. Y., on the retired list, with a pension of \$1,250 a year.

Brigadier General Schulze is a native of Germany. He came to this country in early manhood and enlisted as a private in the First Regiment, C. N. G., in 1872. He was promoted by successive steps to first lieutenant, captain, major and colonel. By a special act of the general assembly, on his retirement from the command of the First Regiment, he was raised to the rank of brigadier general.

### CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMS DANZIG FREE CITY

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The constituent assembly of Danzig has proclaimed itself the parliament of the free city under the title of "Volksrat," with powers to enact legislation until 1923. A majority of the socialists, independent socialists and Poles voted against this decision and then left the hall, taking no further part in the proceedings.

Dr. Sahn, the former burgomaster, has been elected president of the senate and is thus the first president of the free city of Danzig.

### MILITARY SLACKERS DENIED CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

New York, Dec. 7.—More than twenty young men seeking final citizenship papers in the Bronx supreme court today, were denied the privilege by Justice Tierney because they had claimed exemption from military service during the war on the plea that they were aliens.

If you were not willing to fight for this country during the war, Justice Tierney told them, "You certainly are not entitled now to enjoy citizenship in it."

The youths hung their heads as they left the court room.

### LOOKS LIKE DEADLOCK ABOUT MINERS' WAGES

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—After another all-day session, the joint scale committee of the anthracite operators and mine workers adjourned today without taking any action on the demands of the hard coal miners for additional wage increases. While no official statement was issued regarding the discussion at today's conference it is understood that little progress was made and the negotiations showed signs of drifting into another deadlock.

### CITIES VOTE DRY IN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION

Boston, Dec. 7.—The vote on the liquor license question in 21 Massachusetts cities today showed a decided reversal from last year, when the majority voted in favor of license. With returns from Brockton, Taunton and New Bedford missing on the various referendums on the ballots only three cities voted license. They were Fall River, Holyoke, and Chicopee.

The question of granting licenses for the sale of beverages containing not more than 2.75 per cent. of alcohol, under an act accepted by the voters of Massachusetts on November election, nine cities voted in favor. They were Cambridge, Chicopee, Fall River, Pittsfield, Holyoke, Marlborough, Peabody, Salem and Springfield.

Other cities, Methuen, Springfield and Waltham, refused to endorse public boxing bouts under the new state commission. Fifteen cities voted to permit amateur sports on Sunday afternoon. Methuen, Newburyport and Waltham, voted against the proposition.

Mayor Charles S. Ashley, citizens' party, was elected in New Bedford for his 22nd term. Other mayors re-elected were James H. Kay, Fall River; John F. Cronin, Holyoke; and M. J. Fitzgerald in Taunton.

The republicans control three of the new city governments and the democrats one, while two democratic mayors and two republicans were elected.

### GREEKS IN CONSTANTINOPLE AT ODDS WITH ATHENS GOVT

Constantinople, Dec. 7.—The Greeks here are virtually in a state of war with the government of Athens. Officers loyal to Constantinople are being assailed in the beer-shops and maltreated in other places. Constantinople's portraits are being torn down and trampled on.

There have been boisterous demonstrations outside the Greek legation, thousands of persons protesting against the return of Constantinople to the throne of King Numerous demands for the dismissal of officers are applying to the French army for permission to enter the French service.

### CONSTANTINE NOT TO BE INVITED TO RETURN

Paris, Dec. 7.—The Athens government, according to the Temps, has decided not to send an official delegation to Ex-King Constantine inviting him to return to Greece, but will merely send a despatch informing him the result of the plebiscite, leaving to Constantinople the responsibility of initiating the matter of his return. The Greek government's position, adds the Temps, is due to the allies' last note.

### CLARA SMITH IN TOWN ACROSS MEXICAN BORDER

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 7.—Sheriff Orndorff of El Paso today sent the following telegram to Sheriff Cartet at Ardmore, Okla.:

"Have reliable information that Clara Smith is in a Mexican town near the border. It will cost some money to get her across. Can you send a man down here?"

The El Paso sheriff has not received a reply from the message.

### WILSON TO GET NOBEL PEACE PRIZE DECEMBER 10

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—(By The A. P.)—Announcement is made that the Nobel Peace Prize will be conferred on President Wilson of the United States on December 10.

The ceremony will be held, as usual, in the Norwegian Storting, which awards the prize.

### ARGUMENTS ON DEPORTATION OF LUDWIG C. A. K. MARTENS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Hearings on the deportation warrant against Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian soviet representative in the United States, finally were concluded today with the presentation of oral and written arguments before Secretary Wilson; the secretary is expected to announce his decision within a few days.

### Thieves in Stamford Robbed the Palace Dress Shop in Atlantic Street

Stamford, Dec. 7.—A party of five thieves in Atlantic street of good value by Wolfe & Fishman, proprietors, at \$3,000, and from the safe which was jammed were taken cash and papers of value.

An amended injunction passed by the board of aldermen of Derby a week ago will go into effect today. It will keep the main street between Minerva and Olivia street.

### FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE JOHNSON BILL

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### SAND AND GRAVEL FIGURE IN "BUILDING TRUST" PROBS

New York, Dec. 7.—Evidence to show that the sand and gravel crushed stone trade in the metropolitan district is controlled by a trust, was reported today by the joint legislative committee investigating the "Building Trust." Most of those subpoenaed failed to appear, however, an incomplete testimony bearing out the allegations was all that could be obtained.

Henry Steers, head of a \$2,000,000 corporation in sand and gravel, testified that he had "very little information" in the mixture of these commodities and said they hoped to keep this market practically to themselves for many years.

Morimer D. Wandell, vice president of the New York Traprock Corporation, testified that concern was the only one on the Hudson river producing trap rock. He admitted having a crushment with all but two dealers of crushed stone in New York city by which they take their entire supply from his corporation. He said that crushed stone directly to builders in a year, he said. He denied, however, that this was because builders were refused sand and gravel by dealers controlling these products unless they also bought crushed stone from them.

Mr. Untermyer, counsel for the investigating committee, charged that the sand and gravel "trust" was exclusively handled by three concerns, but he was unable to get hold of many of the witnesses he had subpoenaed to bear out this allegation.

"All of the sand and gravel men have flown to Atlantic City," he observed. Name some of them, he said one was "ill," another "non est," a third "inaccesible," and a fourth "more so."

The additional grand jury today returned another indictment, with the charge and the name of the person indicted kept secret.

### PROHIBITION EXTENDS TO ALL AMERICAN SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Provisions of the prohibition act, extend to American ships, whether on the coast or in foreign waters, Commissioner Williams of internal revenue ruled today. The commission's ruling, based on an opinion by Acting Attorney General E. A. Tamm, was sent to all collectors of internal revenue and federal prohibition agents for their information and guidance.

The act's extension, general opinion was submitted to the secretary of the treasury Nov. 1 in response to a request from the secretary of July 19 as to whether the national prohibition act applied to intoxicating liquors on American ships outside of American waters as well as within the three-mile limit.

Mr. E. A. Tamm, in reply, said he thought there could be no doubt as to the law applying to vessels in American waters. "Under the law," he continued, "a vessel registered under the American flag and engaged in interstate commerce, or a portion of the territory of the United States and persons on board are governed by its laws."

It follows therefore, he declared, "that persons on board an American vessel, wherever that vessel may be, are governed by the laws of the United States, to which they would be subject if within the United States."

### TOBACCO WAREHOUSEMEN ARE TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 7.—The Warehousemen's Association of Eastern North Carolina announced today that its members had decided to close all their warehouses on Dec. 15 for an indefinite period because of the prevailing low prices for tobacco. This action will close virtually the entire tobacco market in the eastern part of the state.

### PONZI CLAIMS LIABILITIES DO NOT EXCEED \$3,000,000

Boston, Dec. 7.—Charles Ponzi, in a statement tonight, asserted that more than a million dollars in addition to the estimate of his assets announced by appraisers last night could be salvaged from the wreck of the 50 per cent. profit plan that has resulted in a five year prison sentence for himself and the loss of millions to investors in his scheme. Ponzi also urged his creditors not to choose a trustee when they meet tomorrow unless he has a chance to talk to them first. He announced that he would attach their claims to the assets of his creditors are being swindled out of hundreds of thousands of dollars which were not listed in my assets by the appraisers in their newspaper reports this morning," Ponzi's statement said.

"The total liabilities named by the auditor is open for considerable reduction," he would not accept the appraisers' figures for my assets."

The appraisers estimated Ponzi's liabilities at \$4,396,000 including the 50 per cent. interest promised to investors and his own assets at \$1,393,834. In addition to these assets, Ponzi tonight declared that he could recover \$300,000 from commissions paid to his agents, between \$250,000 and \$300,000 from persons who when they had obtained one 50 per cent. profit, reinvested capital and interest for succeeding profits, and also \$200,000 from other credits.

"I went through my own records 1 am sure my total liabilities would not exceed \$3,000,000," Ponzi said.

### CUT OFF IMMEDIATE RELATIVES WITH \$2 EACH

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 7.—Michael J. Jordan, a real estate dealer with extensive holdings in this city, in Florida, St. Paul, Fairfield and other places, who died in Florida some days ago, by his will cut off immediate relatives with \$2 each. The estate is probably worth a quarter of a million dollars.

The relative who are to receive \$2 each are John J. Jordan, a brother, Catherine M. Foley, a sister of Huntington street, Hartford, Maurice Foley, a nephew, and Charles M. Foley, a niece, and Mary Foley, a niece. The will provides that the estate shall be in trust for his wife who is in an insane asylum, and is to receive one-third of the income. The remaining two-thirds of the income is to be divided one-half to Agnes C. Boyce of this city, and one-fourth each to her daughter, Hattie F. Murray, upon the death of Mrs. Jordan the estate is to be divided among the three women mentioned, one-half to Agnes Boyle and one-fourth to each of the others.

### MRS. MURIEL MACSWINEY BOUND FOR WASHINGTON

New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor of Cork, who died on hunger strike in an English prison, left late today for Washington, where she will appear before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

Among those who accompanied her were Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the port of New York, and her sister-in-law, Miss Mary MacSwiney, who arrived here with her last Saturday on the steamer Celtic.

Before leaving this city Mrs. MacSwiney called on Archbishop Hayes and handed with Eamonn De Valera, president of the Irish Republic at the railroad station she issued a statement expressing her appreciation of the reception accorded her here by Sinn Fein sympathizers. She expects to return to New York next week.

### REPEAL OF WAR TIME LAWS FAVORABLY REPORTED

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Volstead resolution to repeal war-time laws was favorably reported today by the house committee on ways and means, exempting the war finance corporation act from repeal in addition to the Lever food control, District of Columbia rent and trading with the enemy acts and those measures authorizing the issuance of Liberty and Victory bonds, all of which were specifically exempted in the resolution as introduced.

Mr. Volstead said he expected the resolution would be considered in the house before the end of the week.

### NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS TO CARRY FIREARMS

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 7.—An unprecedented number of business men and women of this city, as well as persons not in business, who live in isolated sections of the city, have made application to Police Chief Farrell to carry loaded revolvers for their protection since the burglary and hold-up epidemic began about Nov. 3. Since that date nearly 400 have applied for permission to carry firearms.

### CONCRETE FLOOR GAVE WAY; MAN KILLED IN NAUGATUCK

Naugatuck, Conn., Dec. 7.—One man was killed and eight injured here late today when a concrete floor gave way in a new Y. M. C. A. building being erected by the Church of Christ, a building of the Tidewater Construction company of New York, contractors for the building, were struck by falling concrete which fell at any time by unanimous consent, or by majority vote of the senate.

The senate agricultural committee today reported the resolution in the meantime will resume hearings tomorrow with a view on devising other remedial legislation for the producers. Tobacco men from Virginia are expected to be heard tomorrow.

### INDICTMENTS IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7.—The federal grand jury which has been investigating alleged irregularities in the thirty-first congressional primary election last May today completed its work by returning down town indictments against 40 persons, including Charles Anderson, a member of the Pittsburgh city council and a republican leader in the first ward. The entire registration list of the first district of the second ward also is included in the report of the jury, while others indicted are men who for years have conspicuous figures in the city. The indictments against "The Strip" East went the jury returned indictments against P. J. Sullivan, a city magistrate and an unsuccessful candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the district of the city.

"The indictments against the city officials, who, with the persons indicted today, will bring the total to 41."

### SOVIET PARTY ATTACKS LLOYD GEORGE GOVERNMENT

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The socialist party, in a resolution adopted last night by the executive council, and made public today, attacked the Lloyd George government for its attitude toward Ireland and calls upon the government of the United States "to use its efforts toward preventing a continuation of the existing situation now being created upon the Irish people and to recognize the Irish republic."

Another resolution, dealing with the present war, the socialist party did not adopt and agree to the twenty-one terms laid down by the Moscow soviet, says: "We conclude to the Russian comrades the right to formulate their own internal policies without interference from any other section of the working-class movement of the world. What we do concede to them is clarity for ourselves."

### CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS NOT TO RECOGNIZE UNION

New York, Dec. 7.—The Clothing Manufacturers' Association of New York tonight announced through William Bandier, its president, that it is no longer possible to recognize the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America as representing and acting in the interests of the workers in the New York clothing market.

This announcement was made in view of existing conditions, and the union's rejection last night of the wage and working agreement submitted to it by the manufacturers' organization, it was stated.

The manufacturers declare they now will attempt in every way possible to procure business and give employment to their workers on a basis "which will ensure good wages and make competition with other markets possible."

### JURY OUT IN THE CASE OF GEORGE S. BACKE

New York, Dec. 7.—The case of George S. Backe, millionaire banker, tried on a charge of defaming himself in testimony before the legislative committee investigating the "Building Trust" went to the jury at 9 o'clock this afternoon.

The jurors spent the day listening to counsel for both sides up and receiving a long charge from the court. The summing-up was marked by tart remarks by opposing legal talent.

### STARVATION IS THREATENING 300,000,000 IN NORTH CHINA

New York, Dec. 7.—At least 300,000,000 people will die of starvation in North China this winter unless help in unprecedented quantities reaches the stricken areas, according to world herald here today, by the Christian Relief Society of Peking, correspondent.

Pointing out that only a month ago the estimates placed the number of persons affected from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000, the correspondent said that further surveys in isolated districts show at least 50,000,000 directly involved.

"The people are now dying by thousands, and we are just in the beginning of the winter," he added.

### DRIVE AND FIRE PLAN OPPOSED TO THE HIRE

New York, Dec. 7.—The American Society of Mechanical Engineers was told at tonight's session of its 47th annual convention, which opened today, that the iron and steel industry has concluded on "the hire, drive and fire plan."

Fred J. Miller, retiring president, made this assertion in an address which preceded induction into office of Edwin B. Cunningham, Cleveland, his successor.

"The engineer," Mr. Miller said, "must increase the effectiveness of labor not by driving or oppressing but by the application of brains in industrial organization and management of men as well as materials."

"If the conditions of employment are so that the worker will die of starvation, or if the conditions are such that the channels of communication between employer and worker are kept free and open, agitators and trouble makers will seldom if ever make headway."

"Warning that America's fuel supply is failing, and that there is a huge and unnecessary waste was given by engineers and scientists at the opening session of the convention here today."

Nearly 2,000 engineers, educators, economists and civic leaders, about 2,500 of them delegates, are attending the convention, which is being held in the city of the country is represented, as well as leading colleges, universities and technical schools.

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Pointing out that only a month ago the estimates placed the number of persons affected from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000, the correspondent said that further surveys in isolated districts show at least 50,000,000 directly involved.

"The people are now dying by thousands, and we are just in the beginning of the winter," he added.