

'WAR' MEN INDICTED FOR WAR FRAGS

WELL KNOWN HORSES CAPPER FARM AID BILL; SENATE PLANS COMPROMISE DRAFT

Kansas Senator's Program for Relief of Agricultural and Livestock Industries Likely to Undergo Little Change If Treasury Secretary's Recommendations Are Followed in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The indorsement and support of the treasury department was given Saturday to the Capper agricultural credits bill, as against its principal rival, the Anderson-Lenroot credits measure, which recently was introduced into the senate and house with the backing of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and other government officials.

Secretary Mellon in testimony presented at closing hearings Saturday of the senate banking committee on farm credits legislation and in a letter sent to Senator McLean, of Connecticut, the committee chairman, came out in support of the Capper bill, with minor modifications and with an amendment to extend for nine months after next June 30 next, the farm loan powers of the war finance corporation.

Support was given the Anderson-Lenroot bill, on the other hand, by Secretaries Wallace and Hoover, also appearing before the committee behind closed doors. Secretary Wallace was understood to have urged the committee to report the Anderson-Lenroot bill on the ground that it was more nearly adequate to the needs of the farmer than the Capper bill. Mr. Hoover, whose testimony was said to have related more generally to the need of agricultural credit than to details of its extension, appeared to favor the Anderson-Lenroot measure, which would set up farm credits departments in the existing federal land banks with an authorized government-furnished capitalization of \$60,000,000.

FARM BLOC PLANNED IN LEGISLATURE BY FARMER-LABOR BODY

State Senator Taylor Heads Radical Element in Helena Conference.

(Tribune's Helena Bureau)
Helena, Dec. 30.—Efforts are being made by a group of farmer-labor legislators, headed by State Senator Charles E. Taylor, of Sheridan county, publisher of the Producers News, to organize a progressive farmer-labor bloc in the coming legislature, which, it is planned, will hold the balance of power and hopes to be able to put over a program of legislation of a more or less radical nature.

'RED' CHIEF PLEADS FOR RECOGNITION OF BOLSHEVIST RUSSIA

Tchitcherine Issues Statement to Associated Press at Lausanne.

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—M. Tchitcherine, the Russian soviet foreign minister, made an appeal for recognition of the federation Sunday in a statement to The Associated Press.

CAUCUSES TO START LEGISLATIVE GUNS

Both Democrats and Republicans to Meet in Helena Today.

Helena, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Caucuses Sunday will select states for the elective positions in both houses of the legislature which will convene Monday noon for its eighteenth session since Montana was a state.

HARDING PLANS TO MODERNIZE U. S. WARSHIPS

Asks Congress for Six Million to Improve Present War Vessels.

Remodeling Will Take Place of Building of New Craft in Future.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In order to keep on a par with the sea forces of the other great powers, President Harding asked congress Saturday for a special appropriation of \$6,500,000 as a beginning on a battleship modernization program.

STUDY THIS CLOSELY, GIRLS



This is the way the new Anti-Flirt society handles moshers, etc. It comes under the head of jiu jitsu, and members of the society are being taught the tricks.

RUNNERS FOUL DRY NAVY; RUM FLOODS GOTHAM

\$7,000,000 in Booze Is Landed as Prohibition Patrol Is Outwitted.

Mysterious Order Sends Federal Ship to Dock; Wet Craft Unload.

New York, Dec. 30.—With the sub-chaser Hansen, "federal dry navy" of the port of New York, engines disabled, the Narrows was left unguarded Saturday night long enough for 15 rum runners to slip into port with nearly seven million dollars worth of liquor for New Year's, the police department was advised.

FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR ALSO IS ACCUSED

Benedict Crowell, Assistant to Newton D. Baker During World Conflict and Six High Officials of Council of National Defense Named by Grand Jury for Cheating U. S. Out of Millions.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration, and six other high officials associated with the Council of National Defense were indicted here Saturday by the special grand jury involving war frauds, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war-time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are: William A. Stewart, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons and James A. Mears.

PRESIDENT OFFERS FREEDOM TO EIGHT I. W. W. CONVICTS

Will Be Released From Prison If They Will Leave U. S., Is Harding Decree.

Washington, Dec. 30.—After the calling of the senate's three days' recess through withdrawal by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, of his amendment proposing a world's economic conference, the senate Saturday passed the bill which authorized the president to grant clemency to eight I. W. W. convicts.

HIGH TARIFF FAILS TO REDUCE IMPORTS, GOVERNMENT SHOWS

Figures on Canadian Trade In- dicate Exchange Is Not Lessened.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Assertions that the new tariff law had caused no cessation in the flow of imports into the United States were emphasized Saturday by officials upon receipt here of the first definite figures touching American imports since the law went into operation September 22.

ASSASSIN TO DIE FOR KILLING OF POLISH PRESIDENT

Warsaw, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Niewodowski was sentenced to death Saturday for the assassination of President Narutowicz. The trial began Saturday morning, just two weeks after the assassination.

Polish law inflicts capital punishment only when the country is under martial law, and the court which tried Niewodowski, an artist, 33 years old, resorted to a statute which governed the Germans when they were in occupation of Poland, namely, that the death sentence might be given as the punishment for political murders. The German law never has been formally revoked.

Days Happenings in Washington Briefly Reported

The house and senate adjourned over New Year's until Wednesday.

Suspense at Mer Rouge as Citizens Await Day of Reckoning by State

Membership of Morehouse Klan Dwindles as Probe Borders on Expose of Secret Organi- zations; Old Charge Faces McKoin.

Bastrop, La., Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Morsehouse settled down Saturday night to await the coming of Friday, when the state will lay its cards on the table in the Morehouse kidnapping and murder case.

BROTHER SEEKS REVENGE.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Efforts are being made by H. H. Thom, of Bessemer, Ala., brother of Dr. K. P. Thom, who is alleged to have been killed by Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., at Gallion, La., in 1916, to enlist the aid of Governor Parker, of Louisiana, in having an indictment returned against McKoin, charging him with this murder.

SUPREME COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION IN DRY SHIP RULING?

Government Challenges Right of High Tribunal to Act on Foreign Appeals.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Challenging the jurisdiction of the supreme court to consider the appeals brought by foreign steamship companies from the prohibition ruling of Judge Hand at New York, and insisting that the authority of congress extends to control over intoxicating liquors on American ships on the high seas, the federal government Saturday filed with the court two briefs which will be used as the basis for its oral arguments next week, when the appeals are reached.

BONAR LAW DESIGNS REPARATIONS PLAN TO SATISFY FRANCE

Two Countries, Facing Open Break, May Get Together at Paris Parley.

London, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Since the adjournment of the allied premiers' meeting here on December 11, in order to avoid an open breach between Great Britain and France on the subject of reparations, there has been a flood of rumors and reports concerning the solution of the deadlock that Prime Minister Bonar Law is likely to propose when the allied representatives resume their discussions in Paris.

Secretary Fall May Resign; Refuses to Answer Rumor

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Fall of the department of the interior returned Saturday night from Vir- ginia, where he spent the Christmas holidays with his daughter, but de- clined to make any statement with reference to various published reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet.

Three Killed as Car in Collision Plunges Over 65-Foot Bluff

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—Two men and a woman were killed and two men hurt when a municipal bus collided with an automobile here Saturday night, plunged over a guard rail and fell over a bluff to the right of way of the Great Northern railway, 65 feet below.

WOULD TRANSFER HOOVER.

Duluth, Dec. 30.—Following reports that Secretary Fall would resign, Congressman Larson, of Duluth, Minn., has sent a letter to President Harding urging that Herbert Hoover be chosen to succeed him and Julius H. Barnes named for Hoover's position, according to a copy of the letter received from Mr. Larson and to be published Sunday by the Duluth News-Tribune.

AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN TO QUIT; COMING HOME

Tokio, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Charles B. Warren, United States ambassador to Japan, will sail for America on the Presi- dent Cleveland January 25 and after necessary conferences with President Harding and Secretary Hughes, will present his resignation, he announced Saturday.

DIES AT FOOTBALL GAME

Stanford, Stanford University, Dec. 30.—Charles H. Bentley, vice president of the California Packing corporation and prominent resident of San Francisco, died of apoplexy while attending the football game here Saturday between Stanford and Pittsburg.