

BANDITS KILL 2; ROB AUTO

22 Millions for Iowa Soldier Bonus

6 BANDITS KILL 2 AND ROB AUTO OF \$12,000 CASH

Highwaymen Intercept Auto Carrying Money and Kill two Occupants.

BOLD HOLDUP AT NOON Occurred at Noon Today Near Union Station in Toledo.

(By The Associated Press.) Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Six bandits killed two railroad officials here at noon today after holding up an automobile and seizing \$12,000 belonging to the New York Central railroad.

Louis Schroeder and A. E. Long were killed in resisting the highwaymen. The bandits intercepted the automobile coming from the union depot with passenger fare receipts. Six outlaws in an automobile edged the railroad automobile into the curb and immediately poured a fusillade upon the railroad officials.

Schroeder and Long were drawing pistols when they were shot down. The bandits seized a satchel containing the money and fled away, exchanging shots with the taxi cab driver who gave pursuit.

REPEAL MOST SPECIAL WARTIME LAWS APPROVED SENATE

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The house resolution proposing the repeal of most of the special wartime laws, was approved today by the senate judiciary committee, under the committee's amendment that the operation of the food and fuel act be continued.

MAN SHOTS MOTHER, SISTER; 2 CHILDREN AND THEN HIMSELF

(By The Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Jan. 17.—Crazed by brooding over financial difficulties, and farm troubles, in which an estate worth probably \$75,000 was at stake, I. S. Bigham shot his mother, sister, and the latter's two adopted children last night and then ended his own life, according to information today from Florence, S. C.

AUTHORIZE SEIZURE CONVEYANCES FOUND CARRYING LIQUOR

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Seizure of automobiles or other conveyances in which liquor is being transported illegally is authorized whether or not the owners of the conveyances are found innocent of contravening the law, the supreme court held today in deciding a case from Georgia.

Predicts drop in raw Sugar Prices in 1921

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 23. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Raw sugar prices during 1921 may drop to 3 1/2 cents a pound, according to Fred L. Waldron, prominent businessman of Honolulu, who has just returned from the mainland.

U. S. HINTS THAT JAPS OUGHT TO BE OUT OF SIBERIA

(By The Associated Press.) Tokio, Jan. 16. (Delayed.)—The government officials have not as yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of Lieut. W. H. Langdon by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok.

Publicists expressed the belief, however, that the note not only asked reparation with the guarantee of the removal of the probability of similar instances in the future, but also again pointed out to Japan the advisability that the reduction, if not withdrawal, of its troops from a country where she possesses no sovereign right but which is literally dominated by her military powers.

This would open the old story of the question which Japan herself finds difficult in settling.

EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL, AS AMENDED, REACHES THE SENATE

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The house emergency tariff bill amendment by the finance committee, was presented to the senate today by Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee who promised "to make every effort to prepare for its early passage."

In the majority report of the finance committee, Senator Penrose did not make any argument in behalf of the bill nor the ten amendments to the committee. Senator Simmons of North Carolina, the Democratic member of the committee, said he would not file a report for debate on the measure, which is expected to be taken the latter part of this week.

ALGONA MAN STILL DENIES HE KILLED HIS WIFE SATURDAY

(By The Associated Press.) Algona, Iowa, Jan. 17.—L. T. Benjamin, arrested here in connection with the death of his wife Saturday night, stoutly denies he killed her. Mrs. Benjamin was found on the floor of the kitchen of the home. She had apparently been killed with a hammer or similar implement.

WINSTON CHURCHILL SECRETARY STATE FOR THE COLONIES

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 17.—Winston Churchill, it is reliably although unofficially stated, has accepted the post of secretary of state for the colonies in succession to Viscount Milner, who resigned the portfolio Jan. 7.

MAKING HOMES OF FERRIS WHEELS

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 17.—The carriages for passengers are being taken from the big ferris wheel here and sent to the devastated regions of France, where they will be used as bungalows to provide homes for homeless. They are just big enough to make a diminutive home containing one living room and a kitchen. The ferris wheel is being dismantled after having been one of the sights of Paris for many years.

HARMONY REIGNS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST WEEK

Boast Introduction Number Emergency Bills Besides Formalities of Opening.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS Ex-Governor Harding Asks Confirmation Re-appointments.

(By The Associated Press.) Des Moines, Iowa, January 17.—Early tomorrow afternoon, when Iowa legislators convene here for the second week of their biennial deliberations they will have behind them the record of a first week unusually crowded, a week that besides being filled with the usual amount of formalities attendant upon the opening of the general assembly and the transfer of the office of governor from one man to another, boasted also the introduction of a number of emergency bills designed to relieve certain situations in the state which threaten peril if not taken care of soon.

Harmony Reigns The first week of the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly was marked by an almost complete harmony. The customary fights over the election of house and senate officers were absent, and agreements of any significance during both chambers were accepted unanimously. Legislators, however, are already beginning to doubt that this harmony will be of long duration. While last Thursday's contest in the senate over the work of code revision was virtually the only disagreement of any significance during the week, a number of lawmakers are beginning to wonder if it is not a hint of possible future breaks over many subjects. This session, they point out, has a number of delicate problems to solve, all of them issues on which there seems to be a great variance of opinion. Whether these questions will be amicably settled upon further study and investigation, or whether they will blaze forth into vigorous disputes, is something which many senators and representatives are wondering.

Emergency Bill Monday saw the organization of both houses, and the introduction of Senator Holloegel's emergency bill allowing county treasurers to keep December auto tax collections, instead of draining county banks by remittances to Des Moines. The senate passed an emergency printing bill, and both houses adopted Representative Weaver's resolution reserving the first 270 bill numbers for code bills. The house voted a reduction from 56 to 50 in the number of committee clerks.

Ex-Governor W. L. Harding startled the assembly Tuesday by asking the senate for confirmation of his re-appointments of M. V. Henderson, Jr. of Hawkeye, as state superintendent of banking, B. F. Ketcham, of Farmington, to serve out the remainder of unexpired terms of George Messenger and H. M. Eicher, respectively. The senate delayed action on this matter until Thursday, when it confirmed the reappointment of Mr. Henderson, but not that of Mr. Ketcham. At Tuesday's session of the house, the code committee's joint resolution was passed, with February 21 fixed as the final date for the introduction of general bills.

House Pass Bill Regular introduction of bills in the house began Wednesday. The first measure received by the clerk was the Kime bill, proposing the establishment of a state industrial court of three judges who would serve six-year terms and be paid \$8,000 a year each. O'Donnell of Dubuque presented a bill

AGED MAN IN AUTO STRUCK BY TRAIN DIES IN HOSPITAL

(By The Associated Press.) Perry, Iowa, Jan. 17.—Capt. A. D. Haskins, aged 85 years, pioneer of Dallas county, died in a hospital here today from injuries received when his automobile was struck by an M. & St. L. train a mile north of the city.

MRS. CYRUS HALL MCCORMICK DIES IN A CHICAGO HOSPITAL

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the International Harvester company, died today at a hospital here after a brief illness. Complications believed to have ensued from an operation several years ago for gall-stones caused her removal to the hospital early in the year but her condition had been favorable until Saturday when Mr. McCormick, who was in New York on business, and a younger son, Gordon, a student at Princeton were summoned.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were married March 5, 1880. She was born in England and was brought to Chicago at an early age and was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Edward Stokely, the wife of one of the stockyard magnates of Chicago.

to repeal the present law exempting from taxation Liberty bonds owned by banks. The house also passed the Holloegel bill permitting auto tax collections to remain in county treasurers' hands until April 16, after amending it to provide remittance to the state immediately of 5 per cent of this fund for the support of the state automobile department and the state highway commission. The program for the inauguration of Governor Kendall, as worked out by a joint committee of senate and house was adopted in both chambers. Thursday morning's session of the house was purely perfunctory, and concerned with routine matters. The senate confirmed Governor Harding's reappointment of M. V. Henderson as banking superintendent and Senator Holloegel introduced a bill designed to give school corporations the same right to issue bonds as is now enjoyed by city and town governments. Holloegel regards this bill as an emergency measure, as so many Iowa schools are now verging on bankruptcy.

Governor's Inaugural Address Governor Kendall delivered his inaugural address before a joint session of the assembly on Thursday afternoon in the house chamber, recommending the consolidation of twenty-eight departments, bureaus and commissions into four great divisions of state government and urging strict economy in expenditures of every sort. This was in direct contradiction to statements made by Governor Harding in his farewell message delivered to a joint session on Tuesday afternoon that the new administration would find with experience that things were being run just about as well as they can be run, and that if the present efficiency is to be maintained, economy will be virtually impossible.

The senate, reconvening after the inaugural ceremony Thursday, listened to an attack upon the resolution which seeks to enact the joint code committee's plan for revision work. A two-hour word fight ended in victory for those opposed to immediate adoption of the resolution, when a motion by Brookhart, of Washington, to postpone action until Wednesday, was adopted, 26 to 16.

Both Lieutenant-Governor Hammill, now presiding in the senate, and Speaker McFarlane of the house, are expected to have committee appointments completed when the assembly convenes early tomorrow afternoon.

SPECIAL SESSION CONGRESS TO BE CALLED APRIL 4

Congressman Fordney Brings This Information to Congress From Harding.

EARLY TAX REVISION Fordney Conferred With President Elect on This Matter.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Congress will be called into special session April 4, according to information given members of the house ways and means committee today by Chairman Fordney on his return from Marion, Ohio, where he has been conferring with President Elect Harding.

Mr. Fordney discussed with the president elect general tax and tariff questions which will be among the more important subjects to come before the special session of the new congress. The chairman, it is understood, told Mr. Harding the date of the session had direct bearing on the tax revision hearing which the committee is now considering and it was said that Mr. Harding informed him that April 4 had been decided upon.

Date Not Set. Marion, Ohio, Jan. 17.—No date has yet been set by President Elect Harding for calling the special session of congress, he said today, adding that the date may not be set until March 4. April 4 has been suggested as the opening date for the session, inasmuch as the house ways and means committee is expected to be ready to report out a tariff bill by that time.

WEALTHY BUSINESS MAN ARRESTED FOR DALLAS ROBBERY

(By The Associated Press.) Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—Albert Rowan, son of C. T. Rowan, wealthy Dallas business man and property owner, was arrested today charged with robbing the Jackson street sub post office here Friday. Police have been searching for young Rowan following the confession of W. S. Scribner, alleged robber, in which Rowan is designated as the master mind who planned the robbery.

PROHIBITION OFFICER GOES ON TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

(By The Associated Press.) Springfield, Ill., Jan. 17.—S. Glen Young, federal prohibition enforcement officer was scheduled to go to trial in federal court here today on a murder charge in connection with the shooting of Luka Vukovich at Madison, Nov. 6, last.

Vukovich was killed by Young when the latter, accompanied by Walter Cowgill, a Granite City policeman, entered the Vukovich home in search of illicit liquor. Eight bullets were fired into Vukovich's body. Young admits he fired the shots, but asserts Vukovich attacked him, and that he fired in self-defense. Vukovich, a laborer, was 45 years old.

A coroner's jury exonerated the federal officer, but state's attorney Street conducted an investigation, which resulted in the return of the murder indictment.

LIEUT. LANGDON'S WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE, SAYS REPORT

(By The Associated Press.) Manila, Philippines, Jan. 17.—The Russian wife of naval Lieut. Warren H. Langdon, killed at Vladivostok by a Japanese sentry, ended her life upon learning of her husband's death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok.

Sentry Testifies. Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The Japanese sentry who shot Lieut. W. H. Langdon, chief engineer of the U. S. Cruiser, Albany, at Vladivostok, gave his version of the shooting before a Japanese court of inquiry, his version coinciding with that of the dead officer's ante-mortem statements, it is said in a dispatch received by the navy department from Admiral Gleaves, at Manila. The sentry was recommended for court martial.

CHICAGO'S TENTH GRAND OPERA SEASON CLOSING JAN. 22

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—Chicago's tenth season of grand opera will close here on Jan. 22 and according to critics will be long remembered.

Executive director Edward M. Johnson of the Chicago Opera association has prepared the following program for the final week. It began yesterday afternoon with a special performance of "Otello," when Charles Marshall, who made his American premier in this opera earlier in the season again was heard. Mary Garden will be heard this evening in "Faust." On Tuesday Dorothy Francis will sing the principal part in the Wagnerian opera "The Valkyrie" while on Wednesday evening "Norma" will be played with Rosa Raisa in the name part.

The first performance of the season here of "Salome" featuring Mary Garden and Lucien Muratore, will be staged Thursday evening while Friday will see the initial performance here this season of Thomas' "Mignon." The season will close on Saturday with an afternoon performance of "Aphrodite" with Miss Garden in the leading role while on Saturday evening Mme. Rosina Storchio will take the leading part in "Madame Butterfly."

WILL REPRESENT U. S. IMMIGRATION COMMISSION

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Roland B. Mahoney, solicitor of the department of labor, was appointed by President Wilson as the American representative on the international commission on immigration to meet at Geneva, Switzerland, on a date which is to be fixed by the international labor officials of the League of Nations.

GREAT SCARCITY HOUSES EXISTS GREAT BRITAIN

London, Jan. 17.—It is estimated that London is short of 150,000 houses and Premier Lloyd George, speaking in the house of commons, has placed the total house shortage for the whole of the United Kingdom at roughly 1,000,000. A house for rent notice board in London quickly attracts a crowd. Housing is a department of the ministry of health and, by legislative act, local authorities are required to submit housing schemes. Thousands of schemes have been submitted, but progress has been very slow.

BILL IS DRAWN TO GIVE IOWA SOLDIERS BONUS

Would Float a Bond Issue of Twenty-Two Millions for Iowa's Ex-Soldiers.

BY VOTE OF PEOPLE Basis Proposed is 50 Cents per day During Service.

(By The Associated Press.) Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 17.—The treasurer of the state of Iowa will be empowered to float a bond issue of \$22,000,000 over a period of twenty years for the purpose of providing bonuses to Iowa's ex-service men, if a bill just drawn by the legislative committee of the state department of the American Legion is adopted by the Thirty-Ninth general assembly. The legislative committee has just announced the details of this bill.

The bill makes provision for the submitting of the question, in accordance with the state law governing bond issues, to the people of the state at the next general election, which does not come until November, 1922. If this question, then, is passed by the people, the sale of the bonds will immediately create a fund from which the bonuses will be paid. A one mill tax will be levied, according to the provision of the bill, until the principal of the bond issue is paid off.

The actual work of the payment of the bonuses will be carried on by a commission, to be composed of a few high legion officers. It will be the duty of this commission to examine the facts of the case of each ex-service man, determining whether he is entitled, by the provisions of the bill, to a bonus; and if so, how large a one.

Take in Women Too. Bonuses will be given to no man who served for less than sixty days; and to no man who held a rank higher than that of a captain in the army or a senior lieutenant in the navy. A man, to receive the bonus, must have started his military service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918. His bonus will be paid on the basis of fifty cents a day for every day of his service, providing that that amount does not exceed the sum of \$350, which is the maximum amount which may be paid to any one man. Each man entitled to the bonus will receive a certificate from the bonus commission. It is provided that this certificate can not be transferred for less than par. Upon presenting this certificate, a man will be given the amount of his bonus. Under the provisions of the bill women who served in the war are also entitled to bonuses.

In case a man has died since leaving the service, provision is made for the granting of the amount he would have been entitled to under the bill to his legal heirs.

AUTHER PLEADS NOT GUILTY; GOES BACK TO JAIL CELL

(By The Associated Press.) Madison, Wis., Jan. 17.—Pierre P. Auther, who two weeks ago eloped with the wife of Philip Franzen, of Madison, was arraigned in the superior court here this morning, charged with grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty. A preliminary hearing was set for Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Auther was unable to furnish \$1,000 bail and went back to jail.