

## Minnesota Lawmakers Facing Busy Session Next Month

### BIG BATTLE OF WETS AND DRIES IS YET TO COME

U. S. Prohibition Commissioner Admits that Biggest Fight of All is Coming

### MURDER AND BRIBERY IN WET AND DRY WAR

Dishonest Dry Agents Called Big Obstacle to Proper Enforcement of Law

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### CHAPTER I

Washington, Dec. 13.—America still is unconverted to absolute prohibition.

Four years of legal prohibition have failed to dry up the American thirst.

Dry leaders here who are federal prohibition enforcement agents admit it privately.

Wet adherents proclaim it triumphantly and publicly.

Dries, however, profess to see steady progress toward the goal described by Royal T. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, as the "changed moral and psychological viewpoint."

Wets insist that the reaction against prohibition now is in full swing.

Both sides have vast arrays of statistics to support their contentions. They have analyzed the results of the last congressional elections to suit their differing viewpoint.

The Association against the Prohibition Amendment, the most powerful single wet organization, holds that the defeat of a number of dry congressmen, with the corresponding gain of wet lawmakers, and the decidedly wet pronouncements of voters in states where the issue was put to a vote, constitute a positive declaration for a return to the pre-prohibition days.

On the other hand the dries argue that their continued control of congress is sufficient evidence of the country's feelings.

Haynes, however, admits that the big fight still is ahead. Prohibition (Continued on Page 8.)

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY LEGION AUXILIARY

Election of officers and plans for Christmas work occupied the bulk of the session of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Ralph Gracie post held in the rooms of the Civic and Commerce association Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. B. Lyan was elected president for the ensuing year to succeed Mrs. T. C. Bailey. Miss Edith Glasgow was elected vice-president; Mrs. Earl Thurber, treasurer; and Mrs. J. Breunig, Mrs. A. P. White and Mrs. J. D. Winter to the executive committee. The secretary is to be appointed.

Plans for bringing Christmas pleasures to the ex-service men confined to Lake Julia and the Walker sanatoriums were discussed and the unit is to assist as much as possible, in addition to local welfare work. Following the business meeting, a lunch was served. The meeting, which had been postponed from a week ago Monday evening, was quite well attended.

### HOLDS PROPOSED MERGER DOES NOT VIOLATE LAW

Washington, Dec. 13.—"There seems to be no occasion for action at the present time," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declared in a statement on the proposed acquiring by Armour & Co. of the Morris & Co. packing interests.

"Contrary to what seems to be the general opinion," the statement said, "Mr. Armour did not present an application for the privilege of merging the two plants. He came to me with a frank statement that by buying the business of Morris & Co., he expected to be able to add largely to the volume of business of Armour & Co., and thus effect large economies in the administration of that business."

The secretary held that the proposal did not violate the packer control law which was regulatory in nature.

Boston, Dec. 13.—The British steamship, Manchester Spinner, is ashore on Long Island pounding in the heavy seas, according to an S. O. S. intercepted here early today.

### HEARING ON PIERCE BUTLER TO BE RESUMED TODAY

(By United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 13.—The senate subcommittee investigating the nomination of Pierce Butler to be associate justice of the United States supreme court, will resume its hearing late today. An effort will be made to conclude the taking of testimony so that a report can be made to the senate within a few days.

### GOVERNORS MAY ASK FOR BLANKET COMBINE RIGHT

Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Governors Opens Three-Day Conference Tomorrow

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 13 (United Press).—A movement to obtain blanket rights for states to elect "combinations" and enter into agreements for concerted action on certain industrial and economic problems probably will be got under way at the fourteenth annual conference of State governors and governors-elect meeting here for 3 days starting tomorrow, according to Miles C. Riley, secretary of the conference.

A Federal constitution now prohibits the commonwealths from entering into agreements "except by permission of Congress." Granting of this required permission sometimes delays imperative action by the states for an uncomfortable period, Riley said.

The governors tentative proposal is to interpret the wording of the law inversely so as to follow Congress to pass legislation allowing states to effect combinations on certain general types of problems, and (Continued on Page 8.)

### BONDS ARE SUGGESTED TO SPREAD ROAD COSTS

State Highway Commissioner Points Way to Let Each Year Pay Its Portion

Highway bond issues alone will allow the state to apportion to each year its proportionate cost of bridges, grading and other permanent road improvements, Charles M. Babcock, state highway commissioner, asserted in a recent address. Otherwise, he said, present highway users must pay the full cost of their own and future users' road improvements. Bonds authorized, he added, a fair share of the cost of lasting betterments. Many of which will serve for all time, may be justly passed on to future generations.

"Minnesota is using nearly half its current trunk construction funds to buy right-of-way and for grading, tiling and other permanent work—the permanent foundations of the highway system," said Mr. (Continued on Page 2)

### MIGHT RE-OPEN TAYLOR MURDER

Disclosures in Yesterday's Raid on Dope Ring May Give Needed Light

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—Investigation of the baffling Wm. Desmond Taylor murder case may be re-opened in connection with a raid on the headquarters of alleged nation-wide dope ring in New York yesterday, authorities said today.

Officers still attempting to solve the crime are persistent in their belief that Taylor, prominent moving picture director, was slain by persons from a dope ring because he sought to stop them from selling narcotics to prominent film stars.

The New York raid disclosed that the ring had ramifications in Hollywood, according to reports from New York police and federal officials here who said they confirmed the report, claiming they have the names of eight prominent movie stars who were among the dope purchasers.

### LOCAL MASONS TO VISIT WALKER LODGE TONIGHT

Between 20 and 30 members of the Bemidji lodge of A. F. & A. M. left late this afternoon on an extra freight over the M. & N. for Walker to attend a meeting of the lodge to night. This visit is in return for the recent visit of Walker here. The Walker lodge is conferring third degree work on a large class tonight.

### IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS ARE OPENED TODAY

Wickersham and Gompers are Listed as Star Witnesses in Daugherty Hearing

GOMPERS ADMITS THAT LABOR IS BEHIND MOVE

Judiciary Committee Charged With Stifling Evidence in "Secret Hearing"

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 13.—Hearing in the Daugherty impeachment proceedings was resumed today with former Attorney General Wickersham and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor scheduled as star witnesses.

Wickersham is the trump card of Representative Keller of Minnesota, author of the impeachment resolution, who charges that in the person of William J. Burns, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Daugherty knowingly and wilfully appointed an unfit man to hold a position of trust.

Wickersham's letter to former President Taft in 1912, denouncing Burns for alleged jury fixing in the Oregon Land Fraud case, was read before the House Judiciary committee yesterday. Today the former Attorney General asked to give personal testimony in the matter.

Gompers is called by Representative Keller to testify that he called the record in the Oregon jury case to Daugherty's attention in 1912 and urged him not to appoint Burns.

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 13.—Frank admission that the full power of the American Federation of Labor has been thrown into the attempt to impeach Attorney General Daugherty (Continued on Page 2)

### CLEMENCEAU SAILS FOR HOME ON LINER PARIS

(By United Press)  
New York, Dec. 13.—Georges Clemenceau left for home today on the liner Paris. Just before the ship sailed, Clemenceau was asked for a last message to the people of the United States.

"Not now," he said. "I shall give you my last word when I come back."

"When will that be?" he was asked.

"When I am dead," he said. "My ghost will come back to deliver my message."

Many of the people who met him when he first arrived here were there to say good-bye. Charles Dana Gibson, at whose home he stayed in New York, Bernard Baruch, Frank M. Polk, Col. Stephen Bonsal, Col. House and Dr. Le Clercq were on hand.

### England's Political Hostesses



Here are the wives of six important members of the new British government who will preside over the important dinner to be given in London during the current season. Upper row, left to right, Viscountess Curzon, wife of the foreign secretary; Mrs. L. C. Amery, wife of the first lord of the admiralty; and Lady Lloyd-Graeme, wife of the president of the Board of Trade. Below, left to right, the Duchess of Sutherland, wife of the secretary of the air ministry; the Duchess of Devonshire, wife of the colonial secretary, and the Marchioness of Crew, wife of the new ambassador to France.

### FIFTY CHICAGO FAMILIES FORCED FROM APARTMENT BY EARLY MORNING FIRE

(By United Press)  
Chicago, Dec. 13.—Fifty families scantily clad were forced to flee from their homes in zero weather early today when fire destroyed a four-story apartment here. One woman, Mrs. Hulda Smith, was reported missing.

The fire was discovered by a taxi-cab driver, who entered the building and pounded at the apartment doors. Clad in night clothing, many tenants fled to the street, swept by biting winds in temperature near zero.

Alice Carlson, 10, who was left in the building, was rescued by firemen. The damage was estimated at \$75,000.

### J. L. LEWIS IS SUMMONED BEFORE COAL COMMISSION

(By United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 13.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has been summoned to appear before the Federal Fact Finding Coal Commission here tomorrow.

The call to Lewis followed several days of examination by the commission of prominent operators from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

The commission summoned the operators and Lewis in an effort to bring about an agreement to avert a possible coal strike next year.

### HIGHWAY TOLLS WOULD BE BIG IN MINNESOTA

Former Minnesotan Applies Toll Rates of Southern State to Minnesota

Minnesota could collect more than \$5,000,000 a month by applying on its 7,000 miles of trunk highways the road and bridge tolls collected on a road in a certain southern state, a former resident of Minnesota writes in the state trunk highway bulletin.

"With a few friends, I recently made an automobile trip to a town 30 miles away to see a football game and we paid \$2.10 in road and bridge tolls," the letter reads. Out of curiosity, I figured what the same rate of 3 1/2 cents a mile would mean on the average of 710 vehicles using the so-called Babcock roads back home. The totals of \$174,950 a day or \$63,491,750 a year may afford something to think about and tolls here may partly explain why this state with more than \$100,000,000 for roads is starting to pull itself out of the mud and abolish the tolls."

The bulletin adds an example of how Minnesota car owners are not obliged to take generally antiquated toll schedules to figure big savings on better roads. Nearly 850,000 cars and trucks owned in the state and averaging 5,000 miles each, it (Continued on Page 8.)

### State Legislature To Face A Mass of Bills At Meeting January 2

### EDUCATION OF ALIENS URGED BY SEC. DAVIS

Secretary of Labor Declares Government Must Give Big Problem Attention

### CALLS CITIZENSHIP OF FEDERAL CONCERN

Would Have Aliens Enrolling Pay Fees to Provide for Necessary Education

Washington, Dec. 13.—Enrollment and education of America's seven million aliens that they may be made ready for citizenship was proposed by Secretary of Labor Davis in his annual report just made public. The secretary declared that the government must come to know the alien must be made acquainted with the principles and aims of government in the United States. Setting forth the problem of the alien within our gates, the Secretary said:

"One of the problems before the American people is the proper care and education of the approximately 7,000,000 of naturalizable aliens in the United States—potential citizens. This is one of the tasks to be accomplished by the Bureau of naturalization. I will not say that these standards are too low, though when we consider the great privilege we confer when granting citizenship they are none too high. If the present standards were strictly required, our difficulties, so far as they arise from foreign-born citizens, would be pretty well eliminated. The problem of eradicating the false doctrines of radicalism in America would be no nearer solution if we made citizens of every alien forthwith; the solution lies in enlightening the foreign born, alien and citizen, in the privileges and duties, rights and responsibilities which attach to citizenship, and the nature and methods of government of a republic, with emphasis upon the natural changes which may be brought about through evolution by means of the ballot."

"To put across such a program there must be method—a systematic and automatic means of bringing the alien into contact with the Government in a friendly spirit of cooperation." (Continued on Page 8.)

More Than A Thousand Bills Likely to be in Hopper After First Week

EXPECT CONTEST FOR CONTROL OF SENATE

Four Women to Occupy Seats in House for the First Time in History

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—The Minnesota legislature will face a mass of bills when it convenes January 2.

With unofficial committee busy framing house bills, and a number of legislators putting together pet measures, they probably will be more than a thousand bills in the hopper by the end of the first week of the session.

When the house convenes, W. I. Nolan, Minneapolis, speaker of the last two legislatures, will be reelected speaker by about 80 votes. His supporters claim. It will be the second time in the history of the state that one man has served as speaker in three successive legislatures.

Nonpartisans are expected to put up a candidate. It may be C. M. Iverson, of Grant county, A. B. Cole or Nels T. Moen, of Fergus Falls. Louis C. Spooner of Bigstone county is another possibility. Oscar Swanson of Nicollet, may be a candidate and there is a report abroad that L. J. Barnes, Duluth, would not be disappointed if someone should nominate him.

After election of a speaker, the house will organize and the handing out of legislative jobs will begin. A young army of jobseekers will be on the job as the speaker's gavel falls.

In the senate side of the capital, Lieut. Gov. Louis L. Collins, will convene the upper house and a fight will begin between the administration and new members for control of the senate organization.

With 21 Nonpartisan league and labor votes in the senate, and 19 other members who have Nonpartisan (Continued on Page 8.)

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. OMICH TUESDAY

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church for Mrs. P. J. Omich, 75 years of age, who passed away after an extended illness, Sunday night at her home, 109 Irving avenue south. Rev. L. P. Warfield, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Omich had been ill for the past three months but the last few days before her death found her condition very serious. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. G. E. Carlson and Mrs. W. N. Weber of this city, and Mrs. Grace Young of Portland, Ore. Two sisters also survive, one living in Michigan and the other in Denver. Colo. Dean Rogers of Minneapolis, a grandson, was in Bemidji for the funeral. Mr. Omich preceded his wife in death a few years ago.

With the passing of Mrs. Omich, Bemidji loses another pioneer resident, she and her husband having settled here in the early days. She has a large number of friends in this vicinity who with her family mourn her death. A large number of friends gathered at the church Tuesday to pay their last respects and as an expression of sympathy for the family. The floral offerings were beautiful.

### BELIEVE THAT WILSON MAY RE-ENTER POLITICS

New York, Dec. 13.—New political activity by Woodrow Wilson was held here today when it was announced the law partnership between the former president and Bainbridge Colby, former secretary of state, will be terminated December 31st.

"As the result of a steady gain in his (Wilson's) health during the last few months, he is turning his energies once more to subjects which have long invited him, the importance of which cannot be estimated," an announcement by Colby said.

This statement, combined with the fact that Wilson's health has rapidly improved of late and the interest he manifested in the democratic victory is regarded as highly significant by political leaders.

### LAUSANNE MEET MIGHT BREAK UP

Curzon Notifies Turks That Kemalists Must Recede From Opposition

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—Marquis Curzon, in behalf of the allies, today notified the Turks that the Near East conference here will be abandoned unless the Kemalists recede from their opposition to allied demands for the protection of Christian minorities in Turkish territories.

Marquis Curzon said the Turks would only be to blame if the conference breaks up on the minority question. The Turks must decide quickly, the English foreign secretary said, whether to join the League of Nations or refuse its assistance in the Near East settlement.

In threatening abandonment of the conference, Curzon asserted he did so with the full agreement of France and Italy. Ambassador Childs had previously declared in behalf of America that Christians in the Near East must be protected as well as the interests of the United States. It is understood that the conference will suspend immediately if the Turks do not change their attitude.

Lethbridge, Alberta.—The government herd of antelope at Foremost, has increased from 50 animals in 1918 to 130 at the present time.

### Seasonable Woes

