

FINAL SESSION OF 66TH CONGRESS TO OPEN AT HIGH NOON

President Wilson's Annual Message Tuesday One of Outstanding Features

HARDING TO ATTEND CONVENING OF SENATE

Big Demonstration in Upper House in Honor of President-Elect Is Expected; Uncertainty as to Whether or Not President Wilson Will Appear in Person

Washington, Dec. 5.—The sixty-sixth Congress will convene at noon tomorrow for its third and final session, with outstanding events the attendance tomorrow at the Senate session of President-elect Harding and the presentation Tuesday of President Wilson's annual message.

Senator Harding was due to arrive in Washington shortly before midnight tonight from Bedford, Va., where he made an address today, and is expected to go to his office at the Capitol about 7 o'clock tomorrow morning and to go to the Senate chamber tomorrow for the Senate session.

Whether Senator Harding would make a brief address in response to the demonstration of welcome expected from his colleagues and spectators still was in doubt tonight and was dependent, Republican leaders said, on the turn of developments tomorrow.

Uncertain Feature. Another uncertain feature of the reconvening of Congress was whether or not President Wilson would deliver his message in person or send it to Congress Tuesday. Opinion generally was that the latter course would be followed. There was practically no information regarding the contents of the message, but the belief was prevalent that it would deal with America's international relations and pressing reconstruction problems including taxation.

The final session of the present Congress opens with only three months of allotted official life, ending just before the inauguration of President Harding on March 4, and with an extra session soon afterward in prospect. The program bill will constitute the principal task of this session. Secretary Houston, of the Treasury, will transmit to Congress tomorrow the annual budget of estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, said to aggregate between four and five billion dollars. These estimates will form the basis for the appropriation bills.

To Notify President. Except for the demonstration expected to attend the appearance of President-elect Harding in the Senate, the opening sessions promise to be brief and routine. The program called only for roll-calls in Senate and House, appointment of committees to notify each other and President Wilson of their convening and adjournment until Tuesday. The President will receive the notification committee in person and advise them regarding the delivery of his message Tuesday.

Actual work of both branches of Congress is to begin Tuesday. The usual opening avalanche of bills is expected tomorrow in the House and Tuesday in the Senate. Consideration of minor miscellaneous measures on the unfinished business calendar probably will be started Tuesday in the House and Wednesday in the Senate while debate on the Kenyon-Keadrick bill for Federal regulation of the meat industry.

Legislative Program. A tentative program of legislation in addition to the appropriation bills is expected to be determined this week by Republican leaders in conferences among themselves and with President-elect Harding, who will remain here over Tuesday for a brief, but busy period in conferences, legislative as well as political.

Republican leaders predict that Congress will be forced to work steadily to complete the appropriation bills by March 4. In addition to these bills other legislation likely to be taken up includes measures to repeal war legislation, for relief of farmers and probably a few other emergency bills. Committees, however, were prepared to work generally on matters to be considered at the extra session.

A full attendance of both Senate and House tomorrow is in prospect. Vice-President Marshall, Speaker Gillett and all floor leaders, together with most of the members of both branches, had arrived in Washington tonight.

BICKETT IN WASHINGTON FOR OPENING OF CONGRESS

(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 5.—Gov. Thomas Walter Bickett and Mrs. Bickett arrived in Washington tonight from Philadelphia where last night they were entertained by the North Carolina Society in the Quaker city.

The Governor will appear tomorrow before the joint agricultural committee hearing the troubles of the farmers if the delegation of Tar Heel Tobacco Growers turns up. He will also call on Secretary Baker tomorrow to talk over with him plans concerning the training camp for women at Asheville.

TENDENCY TOWARD HOLDING OF CROPS IN TWO CAROLINAS

Federal Reserve Board Reports Heavy Increase in Movement of Cotton

GENERAL REVIEW OF BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Period of Readjustment During November Marked by General Refusal of Consumers to Buy "Until Prices Come Down"; Low Grades of Tobacco in the Southeast

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Heavy increase in the movement of cotton was reported by the Federal Reserve Board in its review of business conditions for November although, the report said, a tendency developed in North Carolina and South Carolina toward a crop-holding movement.

Continuation during November of the period of readjustment, which, according to the board, was accompanied by a general refusal of consumers throughout the country to buy "until prices come down," showed no pronounced development in Virginia, North and South Carolina. In Virginia, while in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Eastern Tennessee, Southern Mississippi and Southern Louisiana favorable agricultural conditions continued, despite some shrinkage in yield.

The portion of the board's review dealing with the Southern states said that larger quantities than usual of low grades of tobacco were reported.

Low Tobacco Grades. More than usual of the low grades of tobacco was reported due to damage of various kinds. In Tennessee the color was bad and the quality rather low. Farmers generally were reported to be satisfied with the price, which had manifested itself in a tendency toward slower marketing.

Cotton picking had been completed in Florida, and nearly so in Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, but in Upper Georgia the boll weevil had increased 50 per cent. Coal production in Alabama was reported as having steadily increased despite the strike in that field. Plenty of coal for home use was reported in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina although, public utilities were reported in narrow margins.

Textile Shut-Downs. Further shut-downs and more extensive curtailments of working time in the textile industry were reported, cotton mills in New England operating from 30 to 40 per cent of capacity. Finishers of cotton fabrics billed 46,233,000 yards of white, dyed and printed fabrics during November compared with 58,870,000 yards in September.

In the Richmond district, the report stated, decreases occurred in the wholesale dry goods trade, wholesale groceries and wholesale shoes, while in furniture lines increases were reported. In the Atlanta district a decline was reported by the board in all four lines, sales of wholesale shoes dropping 36.4 per cent from October, and dry goods 38.8 per cent.

Lumber Mills Close. A number of lumber mills were reported closed up in the Atlanta district. The 143 mills belonging to the Southern Pine Association showed an output of 35.4 per cent below normal the last week of October, with shipments in excess of output.

Furniture factories in the Richmond district were reported to be receiving few orders and were either closed or running below normal.

Building activity showed general declines, the Richmond district reporting a decrease of 47.8 per cent compared with a year ago, and the Atlanta district about 60 per cent decrease.

Unemployment continued to increase in all industrial sections of the country, the Richmond district reporting a marked increase in unemployment of both skilled and unskilled labor. A number of cotton mills in North Carolina and South Carolina had reduced wages about 15 per cent.

MOUNTAINEERS USING BANKS FOR FIRST TIME

Epidemic of Robberies Brings Much Hidden Money to Hickory Banks

Hickory, Dec. 5.—As a result of reports of numerous holdups and the alleged murder and robbery of Glenn Lippard near Hickory, a well-known mountaineer and his wife came into Hickory and deposited in a local bank the sum of \$2,500. He had never used a bank before and asked a variety of questions, finally being convinced that any money he left with the bank would still be his. He was not entirely convinced, he at any rate remarked to the cashier that he himself would be safer without the money, and he and his wife went to work loosening the greenbacks from a score of small packages which were fastened to their clothes.

Other men have begun using the banks lately, but it is said that thousands of dollars are hidden away in the mountains sections by people who have not yet learned the importance of banking their money and using checks.

NOW HERE COMES THE GIRL HOD CARRIER



It has remained for the after-war building campaign to enroll women in the ranks of the hod carriers. The photo, made in an American manufacturing plant, shows women and girls loading brick on an electric conveyor.

U. S. Navy Best Fed Body Of Men In World, Says McGowan

Paymaster General of Navy Says Profit Was Realized On Surplus Sales

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Claim still made that the American Navy is the best fed body of men in the world, Samuel McGowan, paymaster general of the Navy, declared in his annual report, made public today.

In support of his statement, Rear Admiral McGowan cites the following order issued by Admiral Wilson, commander of the Atlantic Fleet:

"Due to general excellence of present Navy ration and living conditions on board ships of the fleet, training tables for athletic events are considered unnecessary and are therefore forbidden."

Surplus provisions left over after filling the war-time need, Admiral McGowan said, have been disposed of at reasonable prices. He added that new stocks of the current season's wheat were being obtained in sufficient quantities to meet the estimated requirements for the coming year.

High Food Prices. Increase in the price of foodstuffs during the year was reflected in the cost of the Navy ration, which rose to an average of 70.5 cents, as compared with 55.7 cents in 1919 and a pre-war average of around 37 cents.

Admiral McGowan asserted that final figures showed that the Navy subsisted 1,200,000 troops en route to France and 1,900,000 returning troops. In connection with the war-time work of the subsistence branch, he said:

"Despite the scarcity of certain articles of food and the constant and persistent pressure from outside agencies in effect to relax the rigidly of the Navy's specifications, especially on meats, no such thing was done and the standard of subsistence was never lowered."

Admiral McGowan estimated that the Navy during the three years from the outbreak of the war to the first of last April spent more than \$4,193,000,000, or one and a third times as much as had been expended during the previous 123 years of the navy's history, during which time it was engaged in four wars.

Appropriations Cut. The cut in Naval appropriations for labor by the last Congress was declared by Admiral McGowan to have been "too great to reasonably expect anything like satisfactory service for the various bureaus of the Navy Department." It will be necessary despite efforts to simplify reports and less work, he announced, to go to Congress early in the session convening tomorrow to ask additional funds.

Progress in the sale of surplus vessels by the Navy was described by the paymaster general as satisfactory.

During the last fiscal year these sales amounted to more than five million dollars although most of the vessels sold were small craft.

Need-Cooling Plants. One of the chief recommendations made by Admiral McGowan is that the Navy coaling plants at New York and Boston be located on government owned property. The government has large investments of capital in coaling plants on rented ground at the two cities, he said, adding that "sound business and naval policy requires that the control of these plants be removed from commercial disposition by government purchase of the land."

Admiral McGowan's report revealed that the Navy Department made a profit on the sales of surplus materials. The paymaster general estimated the receipts from sale of surplus stocks during the fiscal year at \$7,132,000 and the cost of appraised value of the materials at \$66,530,000, making the net profit to the department more than three and a half million dollars.

CONGRESS OPENS WITH PROMISE OF NUMEROUS THRILLS

Arrival of Harding Today Adds to Spirit of Expectancy in Capital

WILSON MAY READ HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

After Tuesday Legislative Body Will Settle Down to Work and Plenty of Pressing Problems in Sight Demanding Action; Agricultural Situation Pressing

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(By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—In spite of repeated assurances to the contrary given by members of Congress within the past fortnight, the third session of the Sixty-Sixth Congress, formally convening tomorrow at noon, promises to furnish plenty of thrills to the country before it passes into history with the expiration of the Wilson administration.

There has been talk now for several days of President-elect Harding's being in one way, and another destined to be presented to the nation before it passes into history with the expiration of the Wilson administration. There has been talk now for several days of President-elect Harding's being in one way, and another destined to be presented to the nation before it passes into history with the expiration of the Wilson administration.

Washington On "Tip Toe." With the arrival in the city today of most of the members of the Senate and the House all Washington is on "tip toe," as it looks for the dramatic to break loose in the historic halls tomorrow and next day. President-elect Harding is scheduled to appear in the Senate tomorrow and at least answer the roll call.

While his senatorial advisers have been warning against it, Mr. Harding himself is represented as being anxious to deliver some thoughts to his colleagues and galleries that are certain to be packed.

Again on Tuesday another event, greater in some respects than the potential happening of the morning, may be chronicled as a part of the record of the short session. Woodrow Wilson, without wheel chair, crutch or cane, may walk into the hall of the House of Representatives, take his accustomed place at the reading clerk's desk, and deliver to a waiting world his final message on the affairs of this government.

It is not at all certain tonight that the President will decide to go to the capitol, but information from the White House is that he is anxious to do so despite the hope expressed by Dr. Grayson that he would not unnecessarily exercise himself.

After Tuesday Congress will really settle down to work and in the meantime members of committees will be busy engaged in shaping their respective programs for the session. The joint agricultural committee, called together to furnish legislation to relieve the agricultural situation, has been sitting several days and will resume its work early tomorrow morning with delegations of tobacco farmers from North Carolina and Virginia on hand to present their plight to the lawmakers.

Agricultural-Situation Pressing. The agricultural situation is by far considered the most pressing problem on hand and Southern and Western Senators have alike served notice on Congress that their former constituents are to be given remedial legislation. The launching of the fight to this end will undoubtedly come in the Senate in the next day or two and Senator-elect Tom Hedlin of Alabama, who takes his seat tomorrow, is apt to lead the way.

HEARING IN SHEPARD CASE OCCURS TOMORROW

At Least Three of Defendants Expected to Attend; Application for Bail

Macon, Ga., Dec. 5.—Promised personal appearance in court of at least three of the defendants in the alleged poison conspiracy, which the State is attempting to show caused the death of Fred D. Shepard, of Houston county, on June 1, will take the State courthouse to its capacity on Tuesday morning, when hearing for bail takes place, in the belief of Sheriff J. R. Hicks. He said tonight, however, that he would be able to handle the situation without additional deputies.

John Hogson, son of Mrs. F. Eugene Elmer by a former marriage, arrived here this afternoon from Abbeville and was the only visitor during the day to Mrs. Elmer and to Mrs. Annie Cutts, with whom he formerly lived. It was he who was shot by John Turner, overseer on the Cutts plantation several months ago, and incidentally Turner is said to be one of the star witnesses for the state.

Eldridge Cutts, husband of Mrs. Cutts, and his brother, E. A. Cutts, prominent Savannah man, will arrive here tomorrow with several lawyers for conferences with their legal brethren, former Congressman C. L. Bartlett and E. L. Berner, relative to the next step in her behalf.

The state's case in opposition to the granting of bail for any of the defendants will be based on affidavits from witnesses and from Dr. John Eberhart, pathologist, and Dr. Edgar Everhart, chemist, of Atlanta. The defense also will have expert testimony to rebut the state's showing. It is learned.

PRESIDENT ELECT DELIVERS SPEECH AT HOME OF ELKS

Redeems Promise Made Boyhood Friend Before Nomination at Chicago

OVER 2,000 TAKE PART IN MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Harding Takes Friendship as Principal Theme of Memorial Oration at Bedford, Va., Speaking Along Religious Lines; Memory Is One of Greatest Gifts

Bedford, Va., Dec. 5.—President-elect Harding today redeemed a promise to his boyhood friend, Henry M. Stowe, now a blind resident of the Elks' National Home here, and practiced his own precepts of "memory's revelations in fellowships and friendships," which formed the basis of his oration when he delivered the address this afternoon at the annual memorial exercises at the National Home Lodge of Elks.

It was at the invitation of Mr. Stowe, formerly a business man of Marion, Ohio, that Senator Harding, then a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, agreed to deliver the annual memorial services which he has now practiced here, when he was nominated he repeated his promise to be carried out irrespective of the result of his campaign. So today he delivered the address, declaring in the presence of the friend of his youth that "it is not given to all men to inspire great shafts of granite or tablets of bronze, but it is the privilege of every living being to plant an ever-blooming friendship in some fellow breast and gather all the fruits it bears."

Great Crowd Attends. The oration was delivered in the open beneath the mild sun of an Indian summer day from the portico of the Elks National Home at which two thousand Elks and friends from all parts of Virginia gathered on the lawn to take part in the exercises of the order in memory of fourteen brothers who had died during the year. Senator Harding was introduced by Grand Exalted Ruler William M. Abbott, of San Francisco. Present were Past Grand Exalted Rulers and other prominent members of the order.

Senator Harding reached Bedford City this morning at 7 o'clock and left at 6 o'clock this afternoon for Washington, where he will remain for two days in conference with Senators and others before going to his home in Marion Tuesday night. After a late breakfast the party was taken on an automobile ride and thence to the national home for lunch. The President-elect missed church, Mr. Stowe responding to his query as to the location of a Baptist church with the regretful answer that there was none in Bedford City.

Memory Greatest Gift. "The greatest gift in God's master bestowal upon man is memory," said Senator Harding, in opening his memorial oration. "It is the repository of everything that life is worth while. It fashions character and inspires all hope. It takes all the impressions of human existence and by some alchemy of love remolds the dross and makes the golden cross of faith which is the rosary to every human prayer.

"One cannot fancy a life fit to live without memory's revelations in fellowships and friendships; without love and attachments; without encouragements and endearments; without inspirations and the consciousness of achievements."

Recites Experience. Reciting the experience of an insane man, who had his sanity restored by a surgical operation at the expense of his memory, the orator continued:

"We are met in memory today, in grateful, fraternal memory, in behalf of those who have taken the fork of the road to eternal peace. Ours is not a memorial of grief. Only happy memories are becoming to the departed, only helpful memories are worth while to the living. If the departed brethren could know of our memorial, if we could solve the great mystery of mysteries and know that they knew, we should still attain our memorial above the murmurings of sorrow. For them the Book of Life is closed. Sorrow has had its becoming expressions, but normal, natural interest is in the living. Indeed, we are met for the living, else this meeting would be in vain. We are met to remind ourselves that we are, so shall our memories endure. We come to a fresh conclusion today that in our daily lives we are making memorials and it is the privilege of every human being to leave such a memory as he would like to have recalled."

Influence of Example. The influence of example was illustrated by the Senator with two experiences of his own, in which by words of cheer to men who had become the victims of strong drink he had had the satisfaction of turning them away from the paths they were following into a successful life. Of the disappointments of public life, he said dispassionately:

"How often to bestow a garland. We do it in private life and leave a wound where praise would be more becoming. We do it in public life and withhold from aeridifying public men the one compensation that might atone."

CONTEST OVER OFFICE OF POSTMASTER AT LENOIR. Lenoir, Dec. 5.—E. F. Wakefield, chairman of the county Republican executive committee, has announced his candidacy for the office of postmaster at Lenoir. Mr. Wakefield's announcement comes as a bomb into the camp of other Republicans, who had lined up to support J. D. Matheson, the present assistant postmaster. Immediately following the November election, Mr. Matheson entered the field with a petition and his hundreds of signatures of both Republicans and Democrats. Mr. Wakefield is said to be asking for Republican endorsement, claiming that Mr. Matheson is the candidate of the Democrats.

MINERS FINISH TO FINISH WITH OPERATORS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—The United Mine Workers of America plan to carry on a struggle with the coal operators of Alabama and Mingo County, W. Va., "to a finish," said a statement issued here tonight by the union officials.

According to the statement, the union's international board has unanimously adopted a declaration, promising the Alabama and West Virginia miners "the full moral and financial assistance of the international union."

MOB PREPARES TO STORM JAIL ADMIN

First Attack in Effort to Get Negro Results in Death of Leader

Bristol, Va., Dec. 5.—A mob of 700 men from Appalachia, Va., armed with high-power rifles and dynamite, is preparing to storm the jail at Wise to get possession of the negro held there for the assault on Creed Robnett, according to a message received tonight by Deputy Sheriff I. M. Odell, in charge of deputies guarding the jail. A long distance telephone message from Norton to Bristol early in the night said such a message is being dispatched to the handful of men at the jail and that the mob was reported to be forming rapidly in the coal field section adjacent to Appalachia and Norton.

At midnight Odell said the officers were expecting an attack at any moment and that a sortie from the jail was planned to prevent the building from being dynamited. Other reports said that several automobiles loaded with men were seen to leave Appalachia and that an attack on the jail some time before daylight had been determined upon by leaders of the mob. This report, coming from a confidential source, said the attacking force was gathering rapidly by new arrivals from different parts of the coal fields. It was said leaders were planning an early attack to get possession of the negro before the arrival of troops from Roanoke. Prominent citizens, it is said, are trying to dissuade the mob leaders from an attempt to storm the jail.

A machine gun has been mounted in the jail and Sheriff Auburn Corder says the officers have been instructed to "shoot to kill." Intense feeling has been aroused in Appalachia over the assault on the aged merchant and the rupture of the mob at the Wise jail and crowds have thronged the streets all day.

Reports over the long distance telephone from both places say a determined effort will be made tonight to lynch the negro and avenge the death of Tate Blondell, chauffeur, who was killed when the first volley was fired about 2 o'clock this morning. The officers said Blondell, who appeared to be the leader of the mob, was killed outright while leading a charge on the front door of the jail. Sheriff Corder says members of the mob fired first and that their fire was returned by the deputies from the doors and windows of the jail.

At 1:15 o'clock deputy sheriff Odell said no signs of the attacking party had been seen and that the officers had taken precautions against surprise attacks. The officer said he thought the attack would not be made if the mob's supply of liquor failed to hold out. The situation at this hour remained unchanged.

GOVERNOR DAVIS ORDERS TROOPS TO GUARD JAIL

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Governor Davis tonight ordered a detachment of twenty-five members of the National Guard from Roanoke and twenty-five members of the National Guard from Lynchburg, forming a company of fifty men, to leave Roanoke on a special train at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for the scene of the disorder at Wise, Va. The detachment will be under command of Major Alexander. The governor declared tonight that he will not countenance mob violence, that courts and not a mob will try William Crawford Robnett, a merchant, near Appalachia.

GREEKS VOTE TO BACK CONSTANTINE

Whole Situation in Hands of Deposed King With Any Solution Possible

Athens, Greece, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The plebiscite held today has shown an overwhelming majority in favor of the return of former King Constantine to the Greek throne.

The plebiscite to determine the wishes of the Greek people regarding the return of former King Constantine to the Greek throne began, according to plan, throughout Greece this morning.

In face of the expressed opposition of the allied governments the question was put squarely before the Greek people and the indications prior to the balloting were that the Greeks would return Constantine who is now in Switzerland.

In the harbor of Piraeus, the port of Athens, important units of the French and British navies are anchored, ready for any emergency, while five additional British warships are stationed not far distant.

In political circles it was said today the whole situation lay in the hands of Constantine with any solution possible. The Venetolates were forecasting that Constantine would receive a heavy complimentary vote in the plebiscite but that he would abdicate in favor of his son, Prince George, Duke of Sparta. The Venetolite organ Patris has demanded Constantine's definite abdication, while other newspaper comment takes a mournful note, to the effect that the recent allied note means revision of the treaty of Sevres with the loss to Greece of Smyrna and Thrace.

While the plebiscite proceeded, the white haired and wrinkled Premier Kallis suffering from the loss of sleep, struggled in the foreign office to formulate a note in answer to the allied communication with interruptions from every source, due to his slogan: "This is a democratic government; I receive all callers at all times."

A joint Franco-British note was received by the government last night, reminding it that under the agreement of 1917, by which Greece's finances were put under French and British control, the Greek authorities can print no new money.

Athens is bedecked with the American and allied flags, and the populace shows no resentment over the allied note telling of the measures to be taken against Greece should the return of Constantine be voted at the polls.

NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO DIES IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 5.—John C. Daney, one of the wealthiest negroes in the Middle Atlantic states and former collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C., died here today. During President Roosevelt's administration he served as registrar of deeds of the District of Columbia. He was born in Tarboro, N. C.

OKLAHOMA NEGRO HANGED FOR ATTACK ON WOMAN

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 5.—An unidentified negro charged with an assault this afternoon upon a white woman, 67 years old, was hanged from the Hughes county jail at Holdenville tonight by a mob of about fifty men and hanged to a telephone post. The negro's body was then riddled with bullets.

DISASTROUS SUNDAY FIRE BURNS ELKINS WAREHOUSE

Winston-Salem, Dec. 5.—A fire that threatened to destroy the entire business district at Elkins, North Carolina, broke out at 11:30 o'clock today, and completely destroyed Elkins' warehouse and the S. W. Y. C. Supply Company's building on Main street. The Southern Railway station caught several times, but was saved. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 with \$25,000 insurance.

BEVERLY HUNTING DECKS

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Ralph H. Conroyman, of the United States Navy, was drowned Saturday day night while out duck hunting on the Appomattox river in a canoe. E. W. Schallert, son of a prominent family of Petersburg, was rescued by a river strapper after he had clung to the canoe for twenty minutes.