

CONGRESS MET TODAY PROMPTLY AT NOON

Day's Proceedings Promptly at Noon

GILLETT WAS ELECTED SPEAKER

er Claude Kitchin, Democratic Nominee. — Nearly All the 435 Members Present for the Opening.

Washington, April 11.—The 67th Congress assembled promptly at noon at the capitol. President Harding's first session expected now to meet probably until fall.

except for the reorganization of the House and usual flood of bills there, the meeting was somewhat perfunctory. The Congress marking time on the receipt tomorrow of President Harding's first message outlining views as to the many important business before the national lawmakers.

The Congress is the first controlled by Republicans to meet under a republican administration in a decade. The session previously had been organized in special session which began last week in the House proceeded to re-electing Frederick W. Gillett, of Massachusetts, speaker.

Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, was elected republican leader and Representative Kitchin became democratic leader by virtue of his nomination for speaker-ship. He succeeds the late Champ Clark.

Only all the 435 members were present for the opening. The crowded House galleries broke in applause when Miss Alice M. Robinson, republican, of the 2nd Oklahoma district, the only woman member of Congress, came on the floor. She carried a bunch of red roses.

Fully a thousand bills and resolutions of which were filled at the best of the session, were thrown into the hopper before the House got under way. There was no peace resolution in the air, this being held to await the views of President Harding.

Right at the top of the bills was the Andrew emergency tariff, vetoed by Mr. Wilson, but brought in under another name precisely in the old form for the stipulation making it effective in six months instead of 10 months. It will be called Wednesday.

THE COTTON MARKET.
More Favorable British Labor News Accompanied by Sharp Advance.
New York, April 11.—More favorable British labor news was accompanied by sharp advance in Liverpool, and the cotton market here opened at an advance of from 24 to 20 points on covering and Wall Street and Liverpool buying. There was some Southern and New Orleans selling on the day which carried May to 12:09 and July to 12:01, but offering were well covered at reactions of 10 to 15 points from the best.

Cotton futures opened firm; May 12:09; July 12:01; October 13:15; December 13:42; January 13:57.

American Legion to Sponsor a Big Mistletoe Show.
Mistletoe lovers of the city and country will be given a real treat at Central Graded School tomorrow night, for at that time "The Dixie Mistletoes of 1921" will be offered by twenty-five young people of Mooresville. The mistletoe was organized by the American Legion Post at Mooresville, and is to be shown here under the auspices of the local Legion Post.

ADJUSTMENT OF DISPUTE

Growing Out of the San Remo Oil Dispute is Suggested to United States.

Washington, April 11.—Adjustment of the dispute between the United States and Great Britain growing out of the San Remo oil agreement concerning Mesopotamia has been suggested informally to the United States. It was learned today officially.

The British proposal was in a memorandum reaching the State Department but was not made in such a manner as to place the necessity of a decision on this government until more definite representations are received.

It was proposed that the United States appoint a commissioner to confer with the British Petroleum Commission in the belief that such direct negotiations would lead to a more speedy adjustment than might be expected through the usual diplomatic exchanges.

CONVINCED THAT HARRIS' CONFESSION WAS A FAKE.
Harris Showed Plainly That He Knew Nothing of the Elwell Murder.
Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—Convinced that Roy Harris told the truth in repudiating his confession of complicity in the murder of Jos. B. Elwell in New York last June, former Governor Charles Whitman and Capt. Arthur Carey, of the New York police department, today notified District Attorney Moore and Police Chief Higgins that their interest in the prisoner had ceased.

"Harris showed plainly," said Mr. Whitman after his interview with Harris, "that he had not the slightest knowledge of the facts in the Elwell case, except what he had read in the newspapers."

HUN MARNE DEFEAT LAID TO PHILOSOPHY
Von Moltke Charged With Being at a Science Meeting as Battle Raged.
Berlin, April 9.—Did Field Marshal Moltke lose the battle of the Marne because he was a philosopher?

This question led to wild scenes in a meeting of the Stuttgart Philosophical Society, where, it was alleged, Moltke attended a philosophical session instead of remaining in France and transferring his headquarters to keep up with Gen. von Kluck.

In the midst of the unwarlike meeting, Moltke's widow, who was dressed in deep mourning, demanded the right to defend her husband. She declared that although he was interested in philosophy, he always fulfilled his military duties first.

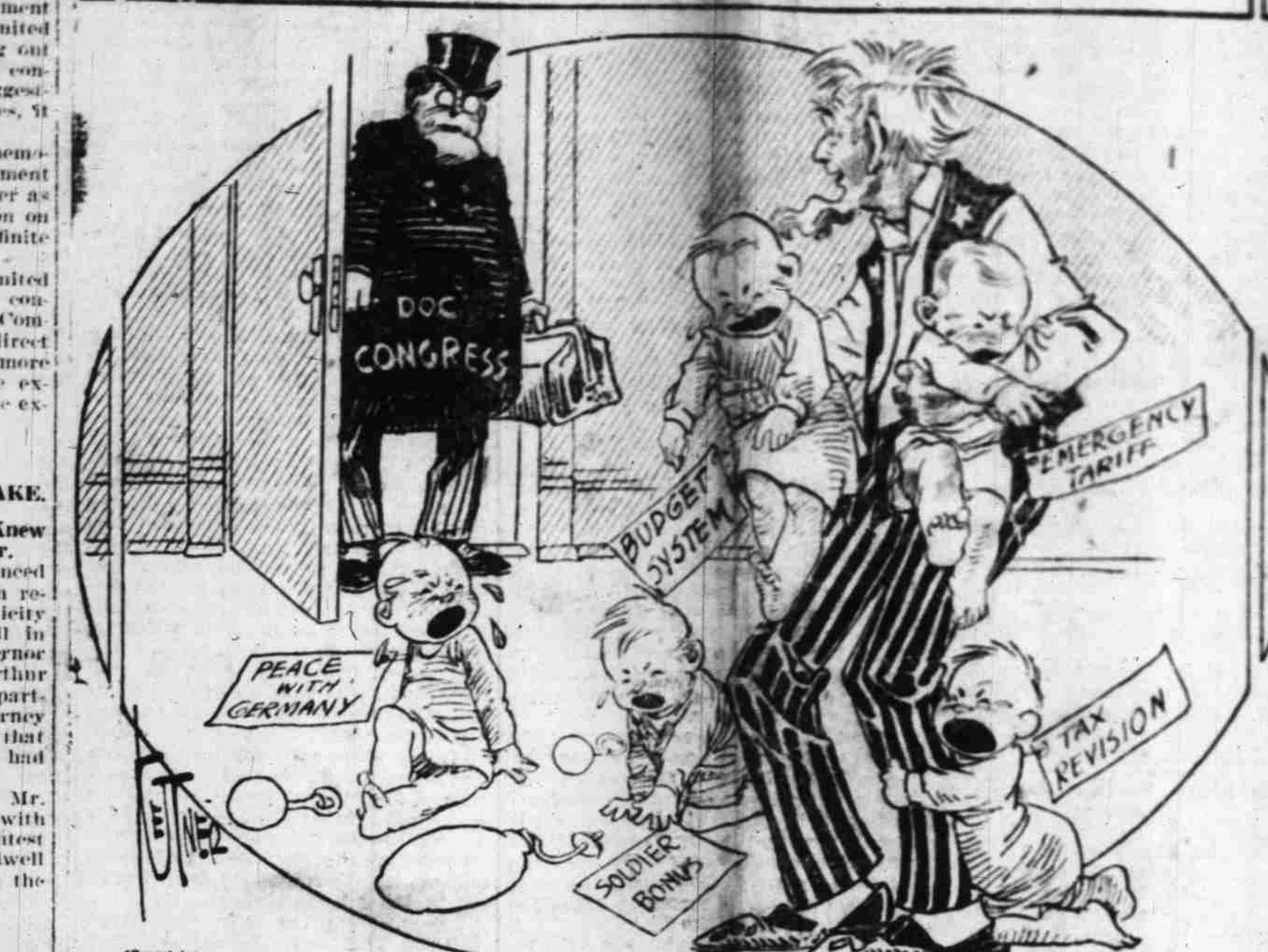
SNOW LAST NIGHT.
Fell in the Middle Atlantic States.
Southern New England and Upper Ohio Valley.
Washington, April 11.—Snows or light rains have fallen during the last 24 hours in the middle Atlantic States, southern New England and the upper Ohio valley, today's weather bureau chart shows. The temperature has been decidedly cold in Atlantic and east Gulf States and freezing temperatures were reported as far south as western North Carolina and light frost to the Atlantic coast.

Continued low temperatures were forecast for tonight in States east of the Mississippi river, and light frost is probable tonight as far south as the interior of northern Florida.

TURKS PRESSING GREEKS
In Southern Sector as Well as to the North in Region of Brusa.
Paris, April 11.—News from Asia Minor received in Paris during the last 24 hours indicates that the Turks are pressing the Greeks in the southern sector as well as to the north in the region of Brusa.

The losses of the Greek northern army are indicated by the condition of the three divisions which, according to the reports, lost an aggregate of 8,200 killed and wounded. The 10th division annihilated an entire regiment of the 7th division captured, and the 3rd division reduced to two battalions.

The Emergency Call



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DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF DOWDS GET IN COURT

Mrs. W. C. Dowd Asks Court to Make Inoperative Deed Signed by Her For Husband.
Charlotte, April 9.—Two complaints have been filed by Mrs. Ellen G. Dowd with the clerk of the Mecklenburg Superior court, one against W. C. Dowd and the News Publishing company, asking that the court make inoperative a deed signed by Mrs. Dowd conveying the property at the corner of Church and Fourth streets to the News Publishing company, the other against W. C. Dowd in which the plaintiff asks the court to make provisions to secure her necessary subsistence. The complaints were signed by Tillett and Guthrie, attorneys for the plaintiff.

In the complaint against Mr. Dowd and the News Publishing company, the plaintiff alleges: "While the plaintiff was in the office of the defendant, in the Charlotte News building her husband informed her he wanted her to sign a paper; that he informed her when she asked the nature of the paper that he would tell her later; that it was not necessary for her to know then, urged her to sign the instrument and go before W. M. Bell, notary public, in the adjoining office and acknowledge the instrument; that without reading the instrument and without knowing its contents she did sign the instrument and went before Mr. Bell. The notary inquired whether she signed it freely and voluntarily and that she replied that she did not, but at her husband's request; that the same day the defendant informed her that the instrument conveyed the real estate to the News Publishing company and she expressed surprise and dissatisfaction that he had secured her signature. That the defendant was the owner of practically all of the stock of the News Publishing company; that he was president and general manager and managed it exclusively as his individual property; that the recitals in the certificate of the privy examination are erroneous and untrue.

Allegation is made that the instrument had no legal effect to convey her rights, but that it is a cloud upon her contingent right of dower; that the defendants are claiming that by reason of her signature to the instrument she conveyed all interest in the property.

As a result of these allegations, the plaintiff asks that the court adjudge the deed as inoperative to convey or transfer any rights which the plaintiff may have in the property.

In the other complaint of Ellen G. Dowd against W. C. Dowd the plaintiff alleges that the defendant separated himself from her and failed to provide her any subsistence whatever; that the defendant is a man of large means and enjoys a large income and that as his wife she is entitled to have secured from his property necessary subsistence according to this means and condition in life and asks that the court take such steps as are necessary to ascertain what property he has and his income and make the necessary provision for her subsistence.

Asked as to the charges filed with Clerk of the Court C. C. Moore by Mrs. W. C. Dowd against W. C. Dowd and the News Publishing company, Mr. Dowd expressed the opinion that the proceeding had not reached a state which justified newspaper publication except for the gratification of gossips and scandal mongers.

Mr. Dowd stated further that while it is embarrassing and humiliating to keep silent under the publication of charges that he knows to be absolute charges, he said, he prefers to pursue this course at the present time and asks the public to withhold its judgment until the true facts are brought out in open court.

13 Children in Six Years.
Putnam, Conn., April 10.—Three sets of twins, one set of triplets, and recent arrivals in the form of quadruplets, all but one of whom are living, is the anti-race suicide record achieved by Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Lecroix, in their six years of married life. Medical men believe the record to be unparalleled in the history of civilized life.

From cask to cask is a natural jump, according to the revenue sleuths who found two coffins full of bourbon.

O'CALLAGHAN MAY BE DEPORTED ANY TIME AFTER JUNE 30

He is Given Sixty Days in Which to Leave the Country by Secretary Da. Washington, April 11.—Under orders issued today by Secretary Davis, based on a report by J. O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, who arrived in this country as a stow-away last January and was deported only after June 30th should he not leave the country before that time, the Irish official was given to the United States to testify before the commission of the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland in given sixty days to leave the country, holding that he was not entitled to asylum as a political refugee. This decision, it was disclosed today, was handed down on April 10.

In a formal statement dealing with O'Callaghan's case, Secretary Davis said he accepted the ruling of his predecessor that O'Callaghan was a stow-away and as such was entitled to a reasonable time in which to re-ship for foreign parts.

"SHOOT TO KILL LOOTERS OF MAIL" ORDER OF HAYS
Postoffice Will Offer Reward for Bandits Dead or Alive.
Washington, D.C.
Postmaster General Hays has declared war on mail looters. He called all postal employees engaged in handling valuable mail will be armed and will shoot to kill.

Announcement of a fighting policy came yesterday after Mr. Hays had conferred with service inspectors on the subject of last week's sensational robbery in Chicago, when four men got away with registered mail whose value may top \$50,000.

The opinion has been expressed by postal inspectors that this theft was maneuvered by former employees of the department.

This consideration may be partially accountable for a scheme of reward conference. He will send out the following order at once:

"To any postal employe or other person who brings in a mail robber the Postoffice Department will pay a reward of not exceeding \$5,000. All essential postal employes will be fully armed and every man is expected to uphold the honor of the service."

\$50,000 DAMAGES ASKED AGAINST VIRGINIA LEAGUE
Alleged Illegal Expulsion From League Cited as Ground for Action.
Richmond, Va., April 11.—Damages to the extent of \$50,000 are asked from seven clubs of the Virginia League of professional baseball clubs in legal proceedings initiated today in the circuit court of Richmond by Ben W. Cannon, former owner of the Richmond club.

Alleged illegal expulsion from the league at the meeting held in Norfolk on November 6, 1920, is cited as the ground for the action, the notice of judgment averring that Mr. Cannon received an order that he or the Richmond club would be tried on that night and had no opportunity to prepare his defense. This is alleged to be a violation of the league's constitution.

DEATH OF PROMINENT NEGRO OF RALEIGH.
James H. Young, Aged 62, Dies at His Home There.
Raleigh, April 11.—Col. James H. Young, 62, for years one of the most prominent negroes in the State, died at his home here today after an illness of several months.

Col. Young was deputy revenue collector in the eastern North Carolina district for many years, and served one term in the lower house of the State Legislature. During the Spanish-American war Young was Captain of the Third N. C. Regiment, composed of negro troops.

THE FORMER EMPRESS

OF GREAT BRITAIN
Death Occurred at Dooten, Holland, at 6 O'clock This Morning.—Her Husband Was at the Bedside.

ONE YEAR AFTER HER ILLNESS BEGAN
The Death Came as a Shock, as Last Week Her Condition Seemed to Be Much Less Serious.

Dooten, Holland, April 11.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria, of Germany, died here at 6 o'clock this morning. By a strange coincidence the end came just one year after she suffered the first serious attack of later illness.

Former Emperor William and Princess Alice were at the bedside when the former Empress died.

The death came as a shock to dwellers in Dooten, as last week the patient's condition seemed less serious. Last night the patient was only semi-conscious. She was kept from suffering by frequent hypnotic injections, but her breathing appeared more difficult hourly.

At the day broke her breathing became still more difficult and the presence of the doctor was called for.

It was then evident that the end was near and Dr. Henseler, warlord former Emperor William and Princess Alice of her approach.

The ex-Empress became unconscious and her breathing became feebly faint at 6 o'clock, when life left the frail body.

The ex-Empress stood at the bedside with her head on a death-couch to her mother and remained at the bedside for some time afterward.

EA Crown Prince Notified.
Wieringen, Holland, April 11.—The Crown Prince Frederick William was informed here today of the death of his mother. He prepared immediately to go to Dooten, awaiting the arrival of the Dutch authorities to accompany him thither.

Funeral to Be Attended Only by Members of Family.
London, April 11.—Funeral services for the late Empress Augusta Victoria will be held at the House of Dooten tomorrow and will be attended only by members of her family, says an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily News.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW TRINITY BUILDING
Large Force of Men Employed and Building Will Be Finished by September.
Trinity College, Durham, April 11.—Ground has been broken for the foundation of the new Trinity memorial building, which will be the first unit of a co-ordinate college for women planned here. Already the company which has erected offices and storehouses on the site. A large force of men have been employed and every indication points to the completion of the building in time for the opening of college next September.

As the first unit of a co-ordinate college for women planned for Trinity, the building, in addition to furnishing dormitory accommodations for 140 young women students, will have facilities for a complete college plant. The most of the first floor will be given up to class rooms. Dr. W. H. Wamsphaker said yesterday afternoon that it was planned to inaugurate classes in these rooms next year.

FIFTEEN WHITE MEN ARE PLACED ON TRIAL
Charged With Attempt to Lynch James Coleman a Negro.
South Boston, Va., April 6.—Fifteen white men, charged with mob disorders in the town of Houston following the murder of Wm. Coleman on the night of March 19, an attempt having been made to lynch James Coleman, negro, suspected of the killing, were placed on trial today in circuit court of Halifax county.

After Coleman was arrested and landed in jail a mob attacked the prison in an effort to get him. It was reported that hundreds of shots were fired into the building. Coleman said he dodged the bullets by running from one cell to another. He declared he was at a dance at the time of the murder and added that he could prove an alibi.

With Our Advertisers.
The Concord Steam Bakery has an interesting announcement in this paper today. He says to read it.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. sells the Sellers Kitchen cabinet. In a new ad. today this company tells you why it is wise to buy a Sellers. See new ad. today.

Fisher's has a change of ad. in this paper. He says to read it.

This is a call which of the Park-Hell Co. and many beautiful patterns have been received. See new ad. in this paper.

55 Years Old, Has Whooping Cough.
Stratford Daily.
Mrs. H. J. Brown, of Shiloh township, is suffering with an attack of whooping cough. Mrs. Brown is about 55 years old and it is considered very unusual for one of this age to have whooping cough.

The Vassar girls who have abandoned modern styles say it's not so much for propaganda as propriety.