

Final Session Of 69th Congress was Formally Opened at Noon Today

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TAX REDUCTION BIG QUESTION

Farm Relief, Radio Control, Muscle Shoals Are Other Major Problems Demanding Attention.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—With the crack of the gavel at noon today formally starting its final session, and a ten-day Christmas recess impending, the 69th Congress is confronted with the usual legislative congestion which piles up at each succeeding Congress approaches its constitutional expiration every second March 4th.

More than 12,000 bills already are on the Senate and House calendars where they were left without action when the last session ended in July, and an untold number have been planned during the recess. Most of the bills, of course, have only local or sectional significance, or are perennials introduced at the request of various organizations, but many are pressing for attention, and some embody vigorously contested issues which forecast lengthy debates.

Appropriation bills to supply funds for all agencies of the executive branch of the government must be enacted, and advocates of legislation touching upon radio control, prohibition, taxation, alien property, Muscle Shoals, branch banking, farm relief and rivers and harbors are clamoring for attention, together with several international problems. Among these, alien property, radio, and the McAdoo branch banking bills, the Lusitania Treaty with Turkey, and the treaty to outlaw the use of poisonous gas in warfare have been accorded places on tentative programs prepared by the Senate and House.

President Coolidge's annual message which will be sent to the Capitol by a special messenger, will not be delivered for reading in the Senate and House until tomorrow, to be followed Wednesday by the annual budget message. As soon as the latter has been read, Chairman Madden, of the appropriations committee, plans to place the Treasury post office supply bill before the House and press for action before the end of the week.

Wants Inquiry About Maine Election. Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The swearing in of Senator-elect Gould of Maine, was interrupted today by Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana, who asked an investigation of charges of a payment of \$10,000 by Gould to interests of officials of the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

Senator Walsh offered a resolution asking that the Senate elections committee go into the matter, but the resolution went over for a day on motion of Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the republican leader, and Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire.

The resolution was offered unexpectedly while Mr. Gould was standing before the dais of the Senate on the arm of Senator Hale, republican, of Maine, waiting to be sworn in. Mr. Gould was visibly embarrassed.

After the resolution was laid aside Mr. Gould took the oath and signed the roll.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 3 to 5 Points, But Very Soon Turned Easier.

New York, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 to 5 points on covering influenced by relatively steady Liverpool cables, but very soon turned easier. There were rumors that additional buying orders had been cancelled over the week-end, while there was considerable southern hedge selling and as prices worked off it seemed that some of Saturday's buyers were re-selling, and January sold off to 11.75, and May to 12.22 before the end of the first hour, or about 1 to 1 points net lower.

Another private crop report placed the indicated yield at 19,228,000, and the ginnings to December 1st at 15,080,000 bales. This was the second private estimate of over 10,000,000 and probably tended to increase confidence in a large figure from the department of agriculture on Wednesday.

Cotton futures opened steady: Dec. 12 1/2; Jan. 11 1/8; March 12 1/2; May 12 1/2; July 12 1/8.

With Our Advertisers. The Parks-Bell Co. has just received from New York a lot of coats that are especially priced from \$9.95 to \$22.50. Sizes 16 to 54. Christmas gift buying at this store is now in full swing. All sugar tickets must be cashed on or before January 1, 1927. Phones 138 and 608.

Today and Tuesday, Colleen Moore in "Ella Cinders" at the Concord Theatre, with Lloyd Hughes.

High class winter coats at very moderate prices at J. C. Penney Company's. Styles the latest and serviceable fabrics. Special price \$29.75.

Fisher's is ready with a great assortment of beautiful gifts for Christmas.

Every boy wants an Iver Johnson bicycle. Go to Ritchie Hardware Co. and get your boy one for Christmas. They will keep it till Christmas for you.

All kinds of fresh vegetables at the J. & H. Cash Store. Phone 587.

Give photographs for Christmas. See ad. of Boyd W. Cox Studio.

Big reductions in ladies coats and dresses at Ehrda's. See special lot of dresses at \$5.

If you have a man to buy a Christmas present for, you can get it at Hoover's from 50 cents to \$50.

The Parks-Bell Co. announces that their Beauty Shops will be moved December 9th into the Cori building, opposite Hotel Concord. The same operators will be in charge. Phone 891.

Install a Buck's circulating heater and make your home warm and cozy. See ad. of the Concord Furniture Co. Your old stove will be taken as part payment.

Keep your Christmas guests warm with A. B. Pounds' famous coal.

Written by Marie, Queen of Romania, her novel, "The Voice on the Mountain," is to be adapted to the screen by a British firm of film producers.

Partly cloudy, slightly colder on the coast tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness followed by rain in the extreme west; not so cold. Fresh north and northeast winds.

SOUTHERN TRAIN IN WRECK AT RUTHERFORDTON

One Negro Slightly Injured and Number of Other Passengers Shaken Up in Wreck.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—One negro was slightly injured and a number of other passengers shaken up when Southern railway passenger train No. 113 bound from Marion, N. C., to Hick Hill, S. C., was wrecked near the Seaboard Air Line depot here early today. The wreck apparently was the work of train wreckers, railroad men asserting that an investigation showed that at least ten spikes had been drawn from one rail and several others partly drawn.

The train was not running fast when it struck the loosened rail and the locomotive with Engineer George Hammersly in charge did not turn over.

The tender, the baggage car, and the negro coach were overturned. A stretch of track about 300 feet long was torn up. Will Wilson, a negro, received cuts about the face.

STANLY COUNTY MAN HAS SERIOUS INJURY

J. W. Hatley, Prominent Farmer, Knocked Down and Run Over by Car at Albemarle.

Albemarle, Dec. 4.—J. W. Hatley, a well known farmer, is in the Yadkin hospital here dangerously injured as the result of having been struck by an automobile on the main square of the city here this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hatley was crossing the square when the driver of a negro named Isaac Penberton, of Mt. Gilead, ran his Ford, which is said to have been minus brakes, against him. Hatley was knocked down and the wheels of the machine passed over his body before the colored man could bring it to a stop. The injured man was picked up and carried to a local physician's office where examination disclosed that his injuries were serious, if not fatal. Up to this time physicians have not been able to tell the full extent of the injuries, but Dr. M. Lentz stated that Mr. Hatley was bleeding at both ears and that indications are this his skull is fractured at the base. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail pending further developments. Mr. Hatley is a man of family, he is one of the county's best known farmers and is about sixty years old.

HELD FOR COURT ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE

Negro Student Said to Have Mailed Threatening Letter to J. D. Norwood.

Salisbury, Dec. 5.—On a charge of blackmail J. W. C. Hoard, a student at Livingston College, has been sent up to April term of Federal court by Judge W. L. Ray, U. S. Commissioner, under a \$500 bond. Hoard is charged with having sent a letter to J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, and former prominent banker of Salisbury, demanding \$2,000 to be sent to him at Livingston College. If the money was not forthcoming, according to the letter which was produced in court, Norwood's life was going to be in danger. The letter was delivered to the Norwood home in this city. Mr. Norwood not being at home, and was later turned over to the post-office department. Hoard waived examination and only government witnesses were heard.

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M'DERMOTT BEING TRIED FOR MURDER OF DON R. MELLETT

First Move Made by Defense Denied by Judge Edwin W. Diehl, Who is Presiding.

Defense Counsel Takes the Stand

Tells About Efforts to Interview Star Witnesses Called by the State in the Case.

Court Room, Canton, O., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Patrick Eugene McDermott, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher on July 17, went on trial for his life here today. Judge Edwin W. Diehl presided.

Immediately on opening of court E. L. Mills, Canton attorney, counsel for McDermott, took the witness stand and under examination by Homer C. Durand, his associate counsel, testified that his attempts to interview Steve Kascolek and Peggy Cavanaugh, the state's star witnesses, had been thwarted. He contended that McDermott had been denied his constitutional rights in this respect.

Prosecutor McClintock contended that the state supreme court had held that defendants in court can be barred from interviewing state witnesses.

A motion by the defense that it be permitted forthwith to interview Kascolek and Miss Cavanaugh was overruled. The court then proceeded with the selection of a jury.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Be Held at Louisville, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Five bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one bishop of the Northern Methodist Church will be present speakers at the first annual meeting of the general missionary council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held at Louisville, Ky., December 15-16, according to a statement here announced from mission board headquarters here today.

With the exception of Bishop W. N. Amisworth, who is in the Orient, a full attendance of the bishops of the Southern Methodist Church is expected. Those who will appear on the program are: Bishops W. B. Beauchamp, Sam R. Hay, W. F. McMurry, Warren A. Candler and A. Y. W. Darlington.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of Washington, D. C., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is expected to deliver the outstanding address on Wednesday morning, December 15th. His subject will be "Home Missions."

Dr. W. G. Gram, general secretary of the board of missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will organize the body and explain the plan and purpose of the formation of the new council, which is in accordance with a ruling of the general conference of 1926 of the denomination. Upwards of 100 leaders of the church's missionary program are expected to attend.

FIRE BURNS INFANT TO DEATH IN ITS CRIB

Nine-Months-Old Child of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brown Meets Horrible Fate.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 4.—The nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brown, Union Cross, Yadkin county, was burned to death in its crib about 11 o'clock Friday morning, according to a message to The Sentinel today. The parents were out in the yard at the time killing fogs and had left the child in its crib, sitting in front of the fireplace. It appears that some coals from the fire rolled under the crib, igniting it. When discovered the room was filled with smoke. Investigation showed one of the infants hands had been burned off, while its face was burned almost to a crisp.

STRIKE IN HANKOW DID NOT MATERIALIZE

Situation Easier Owing to Efforts of Leaders to Effect Industrial Peace.

Peking, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Little news from Hankow was available here today, but belated dispatches from foreign sources there show the general strike did not materialize Saturday as planned. The situation was said to be easier largely owing to the efforts of Chinese leaders to effect industrial peace.

Foohow still is suffering from labor agitations. Practically all American firms in Swatow are tied up by strikes or threatened with them.

KING FERDINAND HAS OPERATION: CONDITION GOOD

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 6.—(AP)—King Ferdinand today underwent an operation shortly after the return of Queen Marie from her tour of the United States. His physicians announce that the operation was most successful.

PREDICTS GENERAL WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1928

Commissioner Grist Says History is Due to Repeat Itself and He Will Be Chosen.

SAYS HE IS THE LOGICAL MAN

Will Be Selected as a Compromise Candidate Between Smith and McAdoo, He Says.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—"History is due to repeat itself in 1928 and General John J. Pershing will be elected to the Presidency," predicted Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, here today.

Commissioner Grist predicted that General Pershing would ride to victory on the Democratic ticket after he had been nominated as a compromise candidate between Al Smith and W. G. McAdoo.

"Smith can't possibly carry the South, and McAdoo would probably lose the North," the state omcey summed up the situation. "Thus Pershing stands out as the logical man for the Democrats to select as a standard bearer."

He said that he regarded the General's recent flat refusal to consider the National Commandership of the American Legion as a direct indication that he did not want to placate any possible encumbrances between himself and the White House.

"Outside of General Sherman, look at the great United States Generals who have ascended to the Presidency. It's history that red-blooded Americans honor their military leaders with high office. General Pershing won't refuse the nomination, and nothing can stop his election," Mr. Grist stated.

He said that Pershing, himself, was saying nothing, but that his friends were going to launch the big drive at the proper time, and then the voters would flock to the bandwagon.

"Smith's strength is due largely to the fact that many people believe he has the inside track and are supporting him just to see or what looks like the popular side, but just wait until Pershing gets in the race and you'll see them coming over in droves," he emphasized.

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN YANGTZE PROVINCES

Situation There Remains Same Pending Action by Marshal Chang.

Shanghai, Dec. 6.—(AP)—No material change in the situation in the Yangtze provinces is expected pending possible action by Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, Manchurian dictator and head of the new alien movement against the Cantonese.

It is generally recognized that the southerners have a great task before them in consolidating their position in the territories acquired by their recent successes.

Reception For Cantonese Troops. Amoy, China, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A great reception is planned for the entry into Foochow of the Cantonese troops this week. Chinese mariners and local authorities are attempting to maintain order in the city. American and Japanese destroyers are standing by, but will not land any forces unless the situation becomes more critical.

50 KILLED IN SOUTH IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

284 Others Were Injured, According to Associated Press Survey.

Traffic accidents in the South last week left fifty persons dead and 284 injured, the heaviest toll in injuries in many weeks, it was shown in reports to the Associated Press today from eleven southern states.

An increase both in number of dead and injured over the previous week when 44 were killed, and 265 injured was shown.

Grade crossing fatalities decreased to three, two of them in Georgia. The drowning of six negroes in Florida when two boats capsized was not included in the traffic survey.

The commingling by states showed six dead and sixteen hurt in North Carolina.

ROBISON EXAMINED AT LENGTH ABOUT NAVAL OIL LEASES

Called Back to Stand in the Fall-Doheny Case, He Was Asked Many Questions by Roberts.

ADMITS MISTAKE IN STATEMENT

Says He Did Discuss Oil Lease Contract With Doheny Before the Lease Was Made.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Navy testimony in defense of the oil leasing policy of 1922 was put on the dissecting table today by government counsel in the Fall-Doheny conspiracy trial.

The witness chair was occupied by Rear Admiral J. K. Robison, who spoke for the navy department in the negotiations which resulted in award of several oil contracts to Edward L. Doheny while Albert B. Fall was secretary of the interior. Owen J. Roberts, of government counsel, conducted the cross examination that brought the admiral under a pelting storm of questions about many vital features of his previous testimony.

"The witness conceded that he had made a mistake in saying in the Los Angeles civil trial for cancellation of the leases that he had not mentioned the matter to Doheny during talks they had in New York."

He also permitted Roberts to correct from the official record a statement he had made about what took place at a leading conference at the navy department, and identified a draft of a letter in which Fall had inserted "or otherwise" after a stipulation that the leases were to be awarded by competitive bidding.

Recalling Doheny's statement before the Senate oil committee that he expected to make \$100,000,000 out of the Elk Hill contract, Roberts pressed the admiral to estimate the value of the whole Elk Hills reserve. The witness replied that he valued the entire tract at half a million.

"You have testified that the Pan-American (Doheny) bid for the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii project, was \$245,000 lower than the next best bid," Roberts said, "and you knew that contract carried the preferential rights clause?"

"Then you valued the Elk Hills reserve at \$225,000?"

"No, there were other savings to the government under the Pearl Harbor contract."

"Well, how much did they amount to?"

"Perhaps as much again."

"Then in approving the Pearl Harbor bid you valued the oil in the Elk Hills reserve at about \$500,000?"

"That's just the figure. That's the figure I used in talking with Secretary Denby," said Robison.

"They got the contract on that basis?"

ELEVEN DEATHS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO STORM

Heaviest Snowfall and Coldest Weather of Season in Northeast.

New York, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Sunshine and rising temperatures came to the rescue of the northeastern states today after the heaviest snowfall and coldest weather of the season. Eleven deaths were caused, railroads and motor traffic was crippled, and coastwise and inland shipping hampered.

New York was fettered by a snowfall ranging from seven to fifteen inches, with a death toll of seven. New York state reported three deaths, all in Buffalo. There was one death in New Jersey.

High winds from the northern Atlantic lashed many coast sections during the snowstorm. At Bangor, Me., and at Malone, N. Y., the temperature dropped to twenty degrees below zero during the height of the storm.

Women Cause Problem For Smokers on Train.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Abolition of smoking cars may come about in favor of a car devoted to those who abhor nicotine, according to traffic managers of the Illinois Central railroad, who have been facing a new problem with the introduction of new cars on the electrified suburban lines.

Charging the murder of the minister were dismissed.

Mrs. Hall was reported to have spent a very quiet day at her home. Because of the nervous strain she had been under no celebration was held. Her callers were confined to relatives and the Rev. J. Mervin Pettit, Mr. Hall's successor as pastor of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Willie Stevens, whose hobby is fire apparatus, has not yet visited his friends at the New Brunswick fire house. A turkey dinner was prepared Friday night in the belief that he would be the guest of honor after his acquittal, but Stevens failed to appear and the firemen celebrated without him. Stevens spent most of his day before the trial in gossiping with the firemen and running errands for them.

Cleared, Home and Happy!



True happiness was spelled in the features of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall when she returned to her home in New Brunswick, N. J., after a jury had acquitted her and two brothers of the murder of Mrs. Eleanor Mills, her husband's sweetheart. Mrs. Hall is shown with her cousin, Arthur Candler.

Saxophone Music Is Bugling By Imps to Call Wicked to Hell, Says Preacher

(By International News Service) Cleveland, O., Dec. 6.—The lugubrious saxophone and the baleful slipshorn are bugles, blown by imps and calling the wicked to assemble in hell, according to the Rev. Homer L. Cox, prominent local minister.

Moral color-blindness and atrophy of the brain cells are caused directly by the vibrations of syncopeation causing the sufferer inevitably to become mentally intoxicated, he declares.

"Syncopeated music violates the three essential elements of music—rhythm, melody and harmony," the minister declares. "The syncopeator begins his tone on an unaccented part of the measure and carries it through the accented part of the succeeding measure."

"With such instruments as the saxophone and the slide trombone the off-tone is produced which augments the spirit of abandon, until the vibrations produce atrophy of the brain cells. This is followed by mental intoxication and often moral color-blindness."

"This music necessitates a nervous, jerky movement which invites immoral variations. The dance is an effort to interpret the music. When the music is vicious the dance cannot be otherwise."

The report outlines the "Coastal Highway," a heretofore little advertised route, entering the state at Weldon and passing into South Carolina over route 202 from Chadbourn. This route leads through Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville.

The "Cortobelt Highway" from Washington to Jacksonville strikes through North Carolina by way of Greensboro and Charlotte.

The "Woodpecker Route" gives options of going either by Durham, Greensboro and Charlotte or by way of Chapel Hill, Aberdeen and Rockingham into South Carolina.

The "All Weather" strikes the Piedmont section of North Carolina and into Spartanburg, S. C., then down through Athens, Ga., and into Lake City, Fla.

The other two routes are not designated by names, but one leads from Hargetts town, Md., through the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, through the mountains of North Carolina, touching at Asheville, and then into Georgia by way of Atlanta. For eastern traffic it is at the top of the way. The last route is directed by way of Richmond, Raleigh and Columbia, and thence south by optional routes.

Independent of the Price of Cotton. Albemarle, N. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Brood sows, poultry flocks and the dairy cow has made T. H. Almond, of Albemarle route 6, in Stanly county, independent of the price of cotton, according to O. H. Phillips, county agricultural agent. Some years ago, says Mr. Phillips, Mr. Almond found that he realized greater dividends from his farm in the long run by planting pastures, building houses for livestock and going in for other things besides the fleecy staple.

Minnesota creameries are producing powdered sweet buttermilk. The product is used in the manufacture of bread, pancake flour, ice cream, candy and sausage.

When the doors were finally broken down, the aged Hassan was still sashing and stabbing the inert body of his young wife.

As the intruders entered, Hassan stopped his butchery just long enough to seize a pistol and kill four who attempted to interfere.

Mrs. Alice Meaks, who owns and operates a 300-acre farm near La Grange, Ind., employs her divorced husband as a farm hand.

NEW SERIES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th We Open Our 77th Series of Building and Loan Running Shares, worth \$100 at maturity, will cost you only 25c a week. Building and Loan is the ideal way for wage earners to save money, or to get the funds to pay for their homes. There is no better investment than prepaid shares of our stock, which are tax exempt. If you are not familiar with the Building and Loan we will be pleased to explain it to you. Concord Perpetual Building and Loan Association OFFICES AT CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK H. I. WOODHOUSE Secretary and Treasurer P. B. FETZER Asst. Secretary AND YOU, HAVE BUT 17 DAYS LEFT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

GERMANY WILL ASK CESSATION OF THE MILITARY CONTROL

This Question More Important Than Reduction of Army of Occupation, the Germans Think.

LEAGUE COUNCIL TO HEAR REQUEST

The Germans Also Oppose League Inquiry Into the German Armaments, It is Pointed Out.

Geneva, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Germany will make a determined effort before her delegates leave to secure a definite agreement upon an early date for cessation of the inter-allied military control.

The declaration was made today by the Associated Press today by a member of the German delegation at the end of the first meeting of the 43rd session of the league of nations council.

Bitterness among German people over inter-allied control is steadily growing, the spokesman continued, and the question is even more important that reduction of the army of occupation.

Moreover, Germany will insist on modification of the project to invest the league with the right to investigate German armaments which it is expected will be substituted for inter-allied control.

The council, after disposing of routine matters, adjourned until afternoon.

Foreign Minister Stresemann, of Germany did not insist, as was expected, on immediate discussion of the plan for investigation of German armaments by the league, and thus created the impression that he hoped to secure concessions in the private conversations. Failing there, he undoubtedly will push the matter publicly in the council.

ROUTES TO THE SOUTH

Six Routes From the North to Florida Through North Carolina.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Six routes from the North to Florida through North Carolina are described in detail by the latest bi-weekly road condition report issued by the Carolina Motor club.

The routes are shown with optional roads and complete information regarding detours, of which there appear twenty of major importance of the six routes between Washington and Jacksonville.

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