

## SEVERE RESPONSIBILITY FACES NEXT CONGRESS

### RECONSTRUCTION IS THE IMMEDIATE CRY, BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ARE REALIZING A NEED FOR INCOME TAX REFORM—HOUSING ANOTHER MEASURE

(By Col. Winfield Jones.)  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—The next session of Congress, which meets December 6th, and which will be the last and third session of the Sixty-sixth Congress, will last only until the inauguration of the new President, March 4, next, when the session will expire by limitation of law. Including the Christmas holidays, which nearly always last ten days, the next session will have less than 70 working days. It will readily be seen from this limited time that the December session will not be able to enact much legislation. It will do well to pass the fourteen big annual appropriation bills, and adjourn in time for the presidential inauguration.

There is another thing, besides lack of time, which will prevent much, if any, new legislation in the December session. As a new Congress and a new president will take the helm after March 4 there will be a general desire on the part of all congressmen to defer important legislation until the new president makes his desires known, and until the new members of Congress, of which there will be many, can participate in National legislation.

The first session of the Sixty-seventh Congress will be a special session called by the new president soon after his inauguration next March. This session will last a long time, and may even run into the regular December session of Congress, 1921. At this special session all the vast reconstruction problems of the new administration will have to be considered and solved, and it will take months to do that. The last session of Congress did not really have time to grapple with reconstruction problems and neither will the December session. Reconstruction will be effected in the special session of the new Congress. These problems are as gigantic and important as those which confronted the Federal Government at the beginning of the world war.

Though the December session will not have time to take up the problems of government, nevertheless there are two matters of legislation besides the appropriation bills, which that session will endeavor to put through. One of them is revision of the tax laws, and some sort of relief from the housing situation which has grown serious in nearly every urban community in the whole country.

An effort will be made in December to completely revise the income tax laws, but because of the lack of time in that session, it is doubtful if any new tax bill can be enacted into law. Both democratic and republican leaders are very anxious to have the tax laws, particularly the income tax, revised from top to bottom. Needless to say every citizen concurs in this desire, for the income tax, it cannot be denied, presses heavily on rich and poor alike. In the December session Secretary Houston will ask Congress to make the new law simpler than the present cumbersome statute. One of the most important recommendations of Mr. Houston will be that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue be authorized to make final determinations in any tax assessment. Under the present law a tax case can be opened time and time again until the tax payer never knows when he is through the litigation with the treasury. But a lowering of the whole income tax schedule is what is now desired by congressmen and citizens alike. There are also many imperfections in the present income tax law, as happens usually in all complex and new statutes, and these must be ironed out. In the revision, House and Senate leaders are said to plan to not only a general reduction in all schedules, but changes so that big incomes will bear a proportionally larger share of the tax. The "little fellow" will not have to pay as much as heretofore. This will indeed be popular legislation with the masses. The housing situation will also be

## LIND AND PATTI HAVE WORDY SPAT

Paris, Nov. 17.—A member of the French Academy of Music recently told the following anecdote concerning the only meeting between Jenny Lind and Adelina Patti. It is timely in connection with celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the "Swedish nightingale."

Patti, whose youth was just budding into womanhood, sang one evening in one of the leading saloons of the Champs Elysees. Among the audience was Jenny Lind, then rather an aged woman. After the applause that greeted the conclusion of Patti's singing had subsided, the Swedish singer approached Mme. Patti and congratulated her but not without making reserves as to a certain detail of omission and a slight criticism of certain notes.

"I feel that I may tell you this without offense," she added, "because, you see, I am Jenny Lind."

Dispensed by the reproach, Patti replied drily: "Oh, yes, I have heard of you; my grandmother spoke to me of you."

## WOMAN OVER 100 HAS YOUTH ELIXIR

Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Christina Hofer, of this city, the secret of the elixir of youth? That is the question that Binghamton physicians are asking, and which they are inclined to answer in the affirmative, as the result of their observation of Mrs. Hofer.

At the age of 103 years, Mrs. Hofer fell and broke her right arm. In view of her advanced age, her family and the attending doctors feared that the injury would result seriously, if not fatally. To their surprise, the broken limb of the 103-year-old woman healed and mended as though it had been the broken arm of a baby. She has regained the use of it entirely.

Mrs. Hofer is sound in both body and mind. She reads easily without glasses. She hears perfectly. She performs the usual household duties. She eats plain, simple food. While her hair is gray, it is by no means scant.

Mrs. Hofer will celebrate her 104th birthday on February 25 next. She is a native of Germany, but came to the United States when a girl.

## WILSON CABLES LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson has sent a message to Paul Hymans, the newly elected president of the League of Nations, at Geneva, extending his personal greetings to the Assembly and expressing "the hope and belief that their labors will be of immense value to the whole civilized world."

## SUPERIOR COURT CASES HANDLED

The following cases in the November term of civil court were disposed of by Judge E. H. Cranmer this morning:

The six cases of the Dixie Automotive Supply Co., vs. W. B. Williams were opened and judgment was given for the defendant.

James Hamilton vs. Robert Smith, plaintiff nonsuited.

Harris and Peterson vs. C. E. Edge, compromise judgment.

In re will of M. A. Hill, judgment proving will.

R. G. Lovegrove vs. Will Bullock, continued.

R. G. Lovegrove vs. Gaston Bullock, continued.

Wilburn S. Shackelford vs. L. D. Bullock, plaintiff nonsuited.

J. S. Peel vs. Hearn Brothers Co., continued.

G. A. Heidloff vs. W. J. Brock, appeal docketed and appeal dismissed.

Alexander Applewhite vs. Lena Applewhite, divorce granted.

## MAN IS ARRESTED IN MAIL LOOTING

### UNION PACIFIC EMPLOYEE CONFESSES TO PARTICIPATION

### LOSS EXCEEDS MILLION

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 17.—Merle Phillips was arrested in connection with the big mail robbery on the Burlington fast mail train Sunday. Detectives declare he has confessed, implicating two others for whom the police are searching.

Phillips, according to the police, admitted standing on guard while the two other bandits looted the car. None of the loot has been recovered.

Official statements of the loss differ widely. E. F. Bracken, general manager of the road, says there was no government gold or currency on the train, but San Francisco officials say there was. Estimates of the value of the loot run as high as \$1,200,000.

"There was no consignment of currency, gold or silver to or from the Treasury Department or anybody else," Mr. Bracken said. "The entire loss was in registered mail from the one car."

## GREEK PROCLAIMS FOR CONSTANTINE

Athens, Nov. 17.—"Constantine is our rightful king," former Premier Gounaris, leader of the successful party in the recent elections told newspaper correspondents this morning.

"We expect him back soon as the plebiscite shows the people want him."

Athens, Nov. 17.—Former Premier Rhallis has formed a new cabinet succeeding Venizelos government.

Athens, Nov. 17.—The Queen Mother, Olga of Greece, will probably assume the regency today, it was reported here.

Admiral Coundouriotis is at present regent.

## BANDITS ATTEMPT TRAIN ROBBERY

Denver, Nov. 17.—Bandits attempted to hold up and rob a Union Pacific passenger train near here.

They flagged the train but were driven off by the train crew after a gun battle.

Later the bandits derailed the train that followed.

## GREEKS ARE WEARY OF VENIZELOS RULE

Athens, Nov. 17.—Venizelos is said to attribute his defeat to the weariness of the people for politics and to his opponents charges that he was putting Greece into the hands of foreigners.

## HARDING'S VISIT MAY INCLUDE MEXICO

Brownsville, Nov. 17.—Harding is on his way to New Orleans to board a ship for Panama.

It is expected that he will decide today whether to accept an invitation to visit Mexico.

The ship may be ordered to stop at Vera Cruz.

## AMERICAN ARMY LEAVES SIBERIA

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The last of the American forces have left Siberia, Brigadier-General Graves stated today.

About two o'clock the afternoon session was resumed and the affairs of the convention continued.

Tonight at 8:30 the delegates will be the honor guests at a reception given by the Dorsey Pender Chapter, U. D. C., at the home of Mrs. W. D. Bryan.

## RALEIGH BAPTISTS BID FOR HOSPITAL

### GUARANTEE \$100,000 AND FINE SITE FOR THE INSTITUTION

### MEN ADMIT ROBBERY

(By Llewzam)  
Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Raleigh has sent an influential delegation of citizens to Asheville to attend the Baptist state convention now in session there and make a strong bid for the location in Raleigh of the proposed Baptist state hospital. One of the conditions for securing attention is the guarantee of \$100,000 by the city bidding and Raleigh has provided the committee with that in legal shape and the offer of a magnificent site for the institution also.

Among the advantages of the selection suggested is the close proximity to the Baptist College (Wake Forest) Medical School, the location of the Baptist state female college (Meredith) at Raleigh and other inducements. It is also stated that very nearly half the physicians practicing medicine in Raleigh are Baptists, and the leading surgeon who resides here, Dr. Hubert Royster, is among the number.

The much mooted "attack" on the promulgation of the tax amendment election, which we heard some time ago has practically died out and no one is looking for any trouble along that line when the board of state canvassers get to work on the 25th instant.

The state budget commission is in session here. It is composed of the governor, Hon. R. A. Doughton of the house of representatives and Senators Helderless and Gray. Governor Doughton is the only member of either commission who returns to the 1921 legislature. Its duties are manifold and difficult. The commission takes estimates furnished by the departments, bureaus, divisions, officers' commissions, institutions and other agencies, and must have an itemized estimate furnished by the state auditor for the incoming general assembly. It, in short, gets an estimate of all the moneys which will be needed in next year's appropriations.

Of course it must have a statement of all sources of revenue, and it may get a fair idea of what taxes will be forthcoming for the next year. The state levied no property tax for state government the present year, and that was another very cute performance, politically. The report for next year will show well the state can maintain this course.

Robbers Did Wholesale Business.  
J. Clay Hagwood, Reuben S. Hagwood, and H. C. Hagwood, Raleigh men who were arrested in their homes in northwestern Raleigh by detectives in connection with robberies in Wake and Franklin counties, have been taken to Louisburg and imprisoned to await trial at the next term of Franklin county Superior court. After trial in Franklin county the Hagwoods will be brought back to Raleigh and tried for the robbery of Turner Bros. Store at McCullers, Norfolk Southern depot robbery at McCullers and shops in Raleigh. The three men have confessed to robbing ten stores and banks in various parts of Eastern Carolina.

In the Norfolk Southern shops here in the city the trio secured two large acetylene gas tanks which were used in blowing open door locks at Bunn. The list of robberies so far confessed to after damaging evidence presented by the detectives is as follows: J. H. Weathers' Store, Bpnn; J. M. White & Sons, hardware dealers, Bunn; Bank of Bunn, Bunn; two small stores, Bunn; Hagwood's Cross Roads Store, Franklin county; Turner Brothers, merchandise, McCullers; Norfolk Southern depot, McCullers; Norfolk Southern shops, Raleigh.

## D. A. R. CONVENES IN ANNUAL MEET

### MRS. W. O. SPENCER, THE STATE REGENT, OPENS CONVENTION

Facing a long program for the several sessions during the two days set apart for the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. W. O. Spencer, of Winston-Salem, state regent, sounded gavel just before ten o'clock this morning and declared the annual convention of the D. A. R. in session and quickly organized the same with prayer by Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., followed by songs by Mrs. Betram E. Brown and Mrs. John R. Pender and two addresses of welcome, one by Mayor H. D. Hardison and the other by the regent of the Miles Harvey Chapter, Mrs. W. O. Howard, the response being made by Mrs. E. B. Jones, of Winston-Salem, in the absence of Mrs. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro.

Standing the officers and delegates, and visitors, saluted the flag and all repeated the American's Creed, which being very appropriate and pretty is here given:

"I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people and for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and portion."

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support the constitution; to obey its laws, to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, vice-president general, then made an address, inspiring to the delegates and this was followed by greetings from kindred organizations.

The state regent, Mrs. W. O. Spencer, then made her annual address and this was following by reports of committees, and the singing of "America" by a quartette.

### IRWIN TABLET UNVEILED

Shortly after noon the delegates adjourned their morning session and went in a body to the court house where the unveiling ceremony of the Irwin tablet was preceded with in honor of the memory of Colonel Henry Irwin, of revolutionary fame.

In the absence of Dr. H. I. Clark, of Scotland Neck, Colonel John L. Bridges made the presentation speech, introducing in flattering and eloquent terms the speaker of the occasion, Dr. Charles G. Hill, of Baltimore, who gave a most complete and forceful epitome of the life and service of the revolutionary leader.

Major J. W. Cotton and Mr. S. S. Nash served in the absence of Mr. Hyman H. Phillips, who was detained in Raleigh, and the tablet was duly accepted.

Little Master Henry Clark Bridges, Jr., dressed becomingly in a soldier's uniform of khaki, pulled the cord which released the veil over the tablet and it was duly declared unveiled.

The following inscription is found upon the tablet:

Henry Irwin, lieutenant colonel of the Fifth North Carolina Regiment in the continental line, killed at Germantown, Pa., October 4th, 1777, and buried on the field of battle. Successful in business, prudent in affairs, prompt at the call of duty for service in peace, for sacrifice in war. Survived to republicanism. Erected 1920 by the North Carolina Historical Commission and Miles Harvey Chapter, N. S. D. A. R.

Following the unveiling the ladies returned to the Presbyterian Sunday school rooms where a delightful luncheon had been prepared by the ladies, the hosts being the business men of Tarboro.

## NAVAL OFFICER DEFIES ORDER OF GERMANS

### TIMES CRITICIZES OXFORD TEACHERS

### COMMANDER ELLISON, OF THE BROOKS, THREATENED WITH BOMBARDMENT BY COMMANDANT OF KIEL—NEARLY PRECIPITATED HOSTILITIES—RECALLED HOME

Washington, Nov. 17.—Commander Theodore G. Ellison, in charge of the destroyer Brooks, has been ordered home from European waters after nearly precipitating new hostilities between the United States and Germany.

According to the story told here, the Brooks was ordered to Reval, in the Baltic, in company with the cruiser Pittsburgh and the destroyer Frederick, all under command of Admiral Huse. She passed through the Kiel Canal a day ahead of her sister ships, but was aground. Hurrying back through the canal, the destroyer dropped anchor in the harbor of Kiel to await instructions.

The spectacle of an American destroyer right under his nose apparently enraged the commandant of that port. Reminding the Brooks that Germany and the United States are still technically at war, the Germans sent word to her commander that permission to anchor had not been given and that he had better proceed to sea.

Ellison retorted that he had been ordered into Kiel by his admiral, that he had hoisted a signal requesting an anchorage and having received no response had settled down and intended to stay.

Next came a threat from the forts that if the Brooks did not leave at once they would open fire. Ellison's reply was immediate and eloquent. He piled his deck full of ammunition and told the Germans to go ahead and he would take care of himself. Nothing happened and next day the Brooks joined the squadron and proceeded to Reval. It is not clear here whether Ellison is to be reprimanded or complimented.

## CHAMPION COLT IS SOLD FOR \$50,000

New York, Nov. 17.—Peter Uolo, the world's champion trotting colt, has been sold to the Walnut Hill Farm for about fifty thousand dollars, it is reported today.

## REVOKE PERMIT ON UNION CABLES

Washington, Nov. 17.—Veiled threats are contained in a formal statement from the State Department that permits for landing Western Union cables in the United States will be revoked unless the company continues to accord the American government the same privileges as other governments in handling cable messages.

## BOLSHEVIK BREAK UKRAINE LINES

Warsaw, Nov. 17.—Bolshevik cavalry have swept through the Ukrainian lines and the Ukrainians are fleeing in all directions a defeated army, evacuating Kiev and all other towns they held.

Bryan.

The following officers, delegates and alternates are attending the convention:

Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, vice-president of the general national committee; Mrs. W. O. Spencer, of Winston-Salem, state regent; Mrs. Dorian Blair, of Greensboro, state historian; Mrs. W. E. White, of Charlotte, state registrar; Mrs. J. M. Mullikan, of Greensboro, state corresponding secretary; Mrs. Houston B. Hiatt, of High Point, regent of Alexander Martin Chapter; Miss Irida T. Rodman, of Washington, regent of Maj. Reading Blout Chapter; Mrs. E. B. Jones, of Winston-Salem, regent of Gen. Joseph Belmont Chapter; Mrs. W. O. Niabett, of Charlotte, regent of Liberty Hall Chapter; Mrs. Benjamin D. Heath, of Charlotte, regent of Liberty Hall Chapter; Mesdames Cornelia A. Norris and Lula Hall Briggs, of Raleigh, delegates of Caswell Nash Chapter, Mesdames Frank P. Hall and George W. Ragen, delegates of William Gaston Chapter; Miss Mabel Bell and Mrs. A. L. Monroe, of Monroe, delegates of John Foster Chapter; Miss Kate E. Jones, of Winston-Salem, delegate of Gen. Joseph Winston Chapter; Mrs. E. G. Muse, of Durham, delegate of General Dorce Chapter; Mrs. Charles E. Stevenson, of Salisbury, delegate of Elizabeth Maxwell Steel Chapter; Mrs. W. G. Penry, of Lexington, delegate of Gen. William Davidson Chapter; Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, of Waynesville, delegate of Dorcas Bell Love Chapter; Mrs. H. A. Neeces and Mrs. George W. Sadtler, of High Point, delegate and alternate of Alexander Martin Chapter and Mrs. Adaline C. Robinson, of Greensboro, alternate of Guilford Battle Chapter.

## ROCHESTER CO. DOES AWAY WITH CASH

### ROCHESTER, NOV. 17.—A large business house having headquarters in this city has undertaken to conduct its affairs entirely without the use of money. Instead of currency, it intends to use checks, trade acceptances and travel checks to make payments of every kind, including its payroll. As the concern deals with more than 800 individual customers the result of the experiment will be watched with interest.

### VILLA NOW FARMER, WITH 1,500 OTHERS

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 17.—Francisco Villa, the erstwhile Mexican bandit, is reported to be at the head of a big colonization scheme in lower California, who, with fifteen hundred men, is farming with modern machinery.

It is believed he has settled in Chihuahua on land given him by the Mexican government.

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London, Nov. 17.—By reason of the tempest stirred up as the result of overtures by Oxford professors to German and Austrian educators to join them in burying the hatchet and return to previous amicable relations, the text of the appeal is attracting widespread interest.

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