

## 67TH CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION

FIRST CONGRESS IN 10 YEARS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

## MONDELL RE-ELECTED LEADER

Kitchin Becomes Democratic Leader, by Virtue of His Nomination for the Speakership.

Washington.—The 67th congress assembled promptly at noon at the call of President Harding for its first session, expected now to continue until fall.

This congress is the first controlled by the republicans to meet under a republican administration in a decade. The senate previously had been organized at its special session, which began last March 4, but the house proceeded to its organization by re-electing Speaker Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, over Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, the democratic candidate. The vote was on strictly party lines and Mr. Gillett was elected.

Frank W. Mondell, Wyoming, was re-elected republican leader, while Representative Kitchin became the democratic leader by virtue of his nomination for the speakership.

Nearly all of the 435 members were present for the opening. The crowded house galleries broke into applause when Miss Alice Robertson, republican, of the second Oklahoma district, the only woman member of congress, came on the floor.

Senate galleries also were crowded, the overflow extending far outside of the doors. Seventy-eight senators answered the roll call after the president's proclamation calling the extra session had been read.

## GLOOMY VIEW OF TRADE SITUATION

THE BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS HAS ISSUED STATEMENT.

## DISAPPEARANCE OF OPTIMISM

Commercial Agent Dennis Says That the Business Depression in Great Britain Has Largely Increased.

Washington.—Financially and economically the situation throughout the world improved but little during the month of March, with few signs of better conditions to come, according to cables summaries for the month received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce from its trade commissioners and commercial attaches in foreign countries.

In Europe tight money, unemployment and unsatisfactory industrial and shipping conditions were in evidence while some declines in prices and slight revival of building activities were noted. In the east the situation was described as somewhat better, while in South America conditions were reported as practically unchanged from the previous month.

Commercial Attache Dennis reported that the business depression in Great Britain had increased owing to the prospective failure of an early settlement with Germany on the reparations question. Optimism that prevailed in the cotton textile industry has been dissipated, he declared, both by the increase in customs tariff of British India and a further decline in the price of silver.

American imports into France continue to show marked reductions, Commercial Attache Huntington at Paris informed the bureau.

## First Cabinet Meeting of Harding Administration



This photograph was made at the first cabinet meeting of the Harding administration. From left to right, back row: President Harding, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby, Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, and Secretary of Labor James J. Davis. Vice President Coolidge is seated at the far end of the table. Front row, left to right: Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of War John W. Weeks, Postmaster General Will H. Hays, Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, and Secretary of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover. The attendance of the vice president is an innovation.

## Pluck and Good Sense Win Again

Farmer and Business Man Show Faith in Country During Period of Readjustment.

## HAD THEIR FUN, NOW PAYING

Forget the Experiences of Last Few Years and Get to Work in Harmony With New Order of Things, Slogan Now.

Everybody was in the game and couldn't get out until their share of the music and the fireworks had been paid. But nobody expected. Like good sports, which is just a synonym for good Americans, they paid and went back to work.

Now the farmer is thinking. The farmer's story is about like this: "I lost money in 1920 due to high cost of seed, farm machinery, fertilizer, labor and everything else. When I was ready to sell my crops I found that the prices of the things I raised had gone down. But I knew it was coming. I had heard of the story told to me by some class in our recent trade survey. They represent the view point of the average American. No time wasted in vain regrets, but a frank admission that readjustment is a necessary evil, and on it everyone is due to lose. The pluck, nerve and good sense which have always been the predominant characteristics of the good sound American are more in evidence now than ever, and the man or woman, who right now is default in any one of them, is just naturally out of luck. That's all. The country is as sound as a nut—is not going to the dogs."

Record Savings Bank Deposits. If concrete figures are needed to convince any skeptic, your banker will tell you this: First, that the year 1919 was a banner for savings bank deposits, and in the history of this country the figures of 1919 have been beaten but once, and that—now get this—was in the year just past, the year everyone has been complaining about, 1920.

Second, that while the farmer now constitutes but one-half of the total population of this little old U. S., more than half, about 60 per cent of these savings deposits are in the names of the tillers of the soil.

If you meet any croakers, treat 'em rough. Tell them what you know about the situation and invite them to join with you in singing "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

in with his story: "It was some party while it lasted and now we have to settle. What we were lined for our little dissipation was just what we deserved and expected. It came a little sudden and caught us with a lot of raw material and contracts for supplies at the worse than war prices. The other fellow though was caught the same way. There is no use crying over spilled milk, so we went ahead and adjusted our costs to the new order of things, put our sales force through some intensive training and sent them out after business. The orders are not coming as easy as they did once, but we are getting them and expect to be on full time very soon. You can tell the world for us that everything is all right. We are not worrying about the future because we work, and the fellow who works and sweats is going to come through O. K."

These statements from the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer are not mere platitudes. They are the honest words of men who have seen the bottom of the stock market, the bottom of the grain market, the bottom of the wheat market. They are the words of men who have seen the bottom of the dollar. They are the words of men who have seen the bottom of the American dream.

## NO WORRIES NOW, WILSON PICKS UP

MAKES RAPID STRIDES TOWARD RECOVERY SINCE LEAVING WHITE HOUSE.

## STILL CENTER OF INTEREST

Physicians Held Out Hope That He May Again Be Able to Take Up Golf—Spends Much Time in His Spacious Garden.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.  
Washington.—Woodrow Wilson, former President of the United States, has been living for some little time in the residence to which he moved directly from the White House on the Harding inauguration day. Report from the former President's physicians, and from his friends, is that Mr. Wilson has made more rapid progress toward recovery of his strength in the month of March than he did from the time that he was stricken until the day that he dropped the cares of office.

It probably is something to get one's mind free. There are no worries, or presumably none, in the American home with its pleasant garden bricked in with walls covered with glistening English ivy. The Wilson home today is the center of a good deal of public interest. Visitors to the capital in large numbers walk by the house to see after what manner a former President is domiciled, and Washington residents themselves frequently make S street a Sunday afternoon thoroughfare.

Prior to this time no ex-President ever made his home in the city of his presidential labors. Some of them came here occasionally just as other visitors came to stay for a short time and then to go back to their homes. Mr. Taft probably has been a more frequent visitor to Washington since leaving the White House than any other man who ever held the office of President. He always held this town in high affection, and he has many strong personal friends here and more than occasionally a duty to perform which, taken together, often call him to the place where he lived so secretively.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Shelby.—Nine divorces were granted at the spring term of superior court and eight men were given road sentences.

Lumberton.—Provision for a complete revaluation of real estate in Robeson county for taxation was made by the board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here.

Charlotte.—Mecklenburg county property values were reduced 25 per cent as the result of a meeting of the board of appraisers and review and the Mecklenburg county commissioners.

Wadesboro.—Mrs. James Coppedge, the oldest resident of this city, and one of the finest Christian women in Anson county, is critically ill at her home here. She is 95 years of age.

Morganton.—A. C. Avery was elected mayor of Morganton by a majority of 255 over his opponent, John M. Pearson, the vote being 516 to 261.

Norwood.—Rev. J. W. Patton, D. D., of Greensboro, deputy grand lecturer of the grand lodge A. F. and A. M., of North Carolina, is spending two weeks here drilling Pee Dee lodge No. 150.

Lenoir.—J. Wilburn Suddreth died at his home about three miles west of Lenoir, being 53 years of age.

Mr. Suddreth was an ex-soldier of the Confederacy, and was a member of the 58th N. C. regiment.

High Point.—According to a story members of his family told High Point newspaper man Elmer Samuel McMillon, a primitive Baptist minister of this city was robbed of \$105 while a passenger on a Charlotte trolley car.

Winston-Salem.—Daniel C. Roper, of Washington, former United States commissioner of internal revenue, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the sixth luncheon of the members council of the chamber of commerce here at noon on April 22.

Mills of this section are reported as better than were experienced at the first of the year, yet not so promising as enjoyed six weeks ago, according to a summary of the work under way and orders on hand, say mill officials.

Burlington.—News has been received here of the suicide of James Story, at his home near the village of Gleason, a few miles from this city.

Monroe.—William Gerald, a mechanic at Iceman Knitting company, was instantly killed when a long section of pipe which he was carrying came in contact with a live wire.

A jury in Wake county superior court awarded J. W. Kimbrough, of Poylan Heights, \$15,900 as damages for injuries inflicted by a train of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad in 1915.

Wilson.—J. C. Lassiter, 30, vice president of the R. G. Lassiter contracting company, of Norfolk, Va., with branches in a number of Southern cities, died from a bullet wound, believed to have been accidentally self-inflicted.

Belmont.—In the triangle composed of the debating teams from the high schools of Bessemer, Mt. Holly and Belmont, none of the teams were successful in winning but the debate, and therefore this series of towns will not have any representation at Chapel Hill.

Durham.—The Charlotte high school won a unanimous decision over the Raleigh high school in this year of the annual triangular debate.

Durham.—Lora Ashburn, 13 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ashburn, of this city, was burned, perhaps fatally, when her clothing became ignited from flames which burst from a stove which she was lighting with kerosene oil. The fire practically destroyed the Long home on Walnut street.

Wilson.—The arrest of two couples here on the charge of violation of the Mann white slavery law resulted in one marriage, but the Bellamy law prevented the other proposed nuptial event.

Wilson.—Sheriff Howard and his force of deputies are continuing their warfare on illicit distilling in Wilson county. Within the past several days two large stills, one of 75-gallon capacity and the other a 50-gallon outfit, have been captured. Five gallons of "corn juice" were confiscated.

Hickory.—Federal and state prohibition officers operating out from Hickory confirm tales told by local fishermen that bookmakers use the waters of the big dams in this section for the purpose of moving to and from their moonshine plants.

Fayetteville.—With clear weather conditions favoring them, the four marine corps aviators making a test flight from Washington to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, left Pope Field, Camp Bragg, for the marine station at Paris Island, S. C.

## Bank Robber Gets One Year

Chicago.—James Casey, the 19-year-old bank cashier of Ottawa, Ill., whose theft of \$28,000 last November was followed by criticism of Judge Landis when the latter permitted the youthful culprit to return home, was sentenced to serve one year in the National Training School for Boys at Washington, D. C.

## Here to Present Status

New York.—Dr. Estaban, Giborgese, foreign minister of Venezuela, arrived here at the head of a special mission representing the Venezuelan government, which will present a statue of Simon Bolivar to the City of New York on April 15.

## Would Abolish Labor Board

Washington.—A bill to abolish the Railroad Labor board, now functioning under the transportation act, and place its duties under the Interstate Commerce Commission was introduced by Representative Tincher, Kansas.

## No Review of Haywood Case

Washington.—The supreme court refused to review the conviction of William D. Haywood and more than 75 other members of the I. W. O. on charges of having conspired to obstruct the war activities of the government.

## To Succeed Judge Fritchard

Washington.—Two North Carolinians will be considered by President Harding to succeed the late Judge Jeter Conley Fritchard, of Asheville. They are Judge W. E. Bryant, of Greensboro, and James J. Britt, of Asheville.

## Suffered From Cold

Nashville, Tenn.—This vicinity suffered a visitation of frost and ice during the night, the former being heavy and the damage widespread. The ice formed on shallow water.

## German Ex-Emperor Is Dead

Dorn, Holland.—Kaiser Emperor Augustus Victoria, of Germany, died here. By a strange coincidence, the end came just one year after the suffered his last serious attack of heart disease.

## Phone Connection With Cuba

New York.—The first submarine telephone cable to link the United States with Cuba was officially opened when President Harding talked from Washington to President Menocal in Havana.

## Earthquake Shocks felt

Washington.—An earthquake lasting an hour and estimated at about 1.5 miles from Washington probably in Central South America, as reported on the seismograph at George Washington university.

## Changing of Weather

Atlanta, Ga.—Very much necessary to the nation means in the direction of more winter weather and less of the summer type.

## Death of Judge Fritchard

Asheville, N. C.—Federal Judge Jeter Conley Fritchard, of the United States circuit court for the fourth district, died here following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia.

## Caruso Plays Safe

New York.—Denial of reports that Enrico Caruso had given his voice a trial to find whether it had been affected by his recent illness was made by Bruno Zirato, his secretary. Caruso will not risk any strain on his vocal chords for some time, Zirato added.

## Express Robbers Convicted

Macon, Ga.—Thirty-six of the 48 men tried during the last four weeks in Federal court here on charges of conspiracy to rob the American Railway company of goods valued at more than \$1,000,000 were found guilty and the other nine were acquitted.

## Burlington to Sell Cotton

Austin, Texas.—Albert H. Burleson, former postmaster general, will leave soon for Europe to sell unused Texas cotton, N. A. Wron, president of the National Bank of Austin, said.

## To Be No Obstruction

Washington.—National Chairman George White pledged the democratic party to refrain from "obstructing and harassing" the Harding administration.

## Capacity of Canal Is 14,250 Ships

San Francisco.—Under normal conditions the annual maximum capacity of the Panama canal is 14,250 ships.

## 21 Persons Were Killed

Rio de Janeiro.—Twenty-one persons were killed near here in a collision on the Central Brazil railway, 14 scores were injured.

## Heavy Snows in Virginia

Cumbersland, Md.—Five inches of snow in Howardsburg, W. Va., with temperature of 28. Snow has been flying all day. Other points in Virginia and West Virginia also report falls of snow and sleet.

## Fewer Divorces in New York

New York.—In Chicago there were 800 divorces granted in January and 1,000 in February. New York had only 175 in January and 307 in February. St. Louis had 372 divorces in January and 435 in February.

## James Landis to Retain

Washington.—Federal Judge Kenneth M. Landis, of Chicago, will resign within a few weeks. It was so far from expected here.

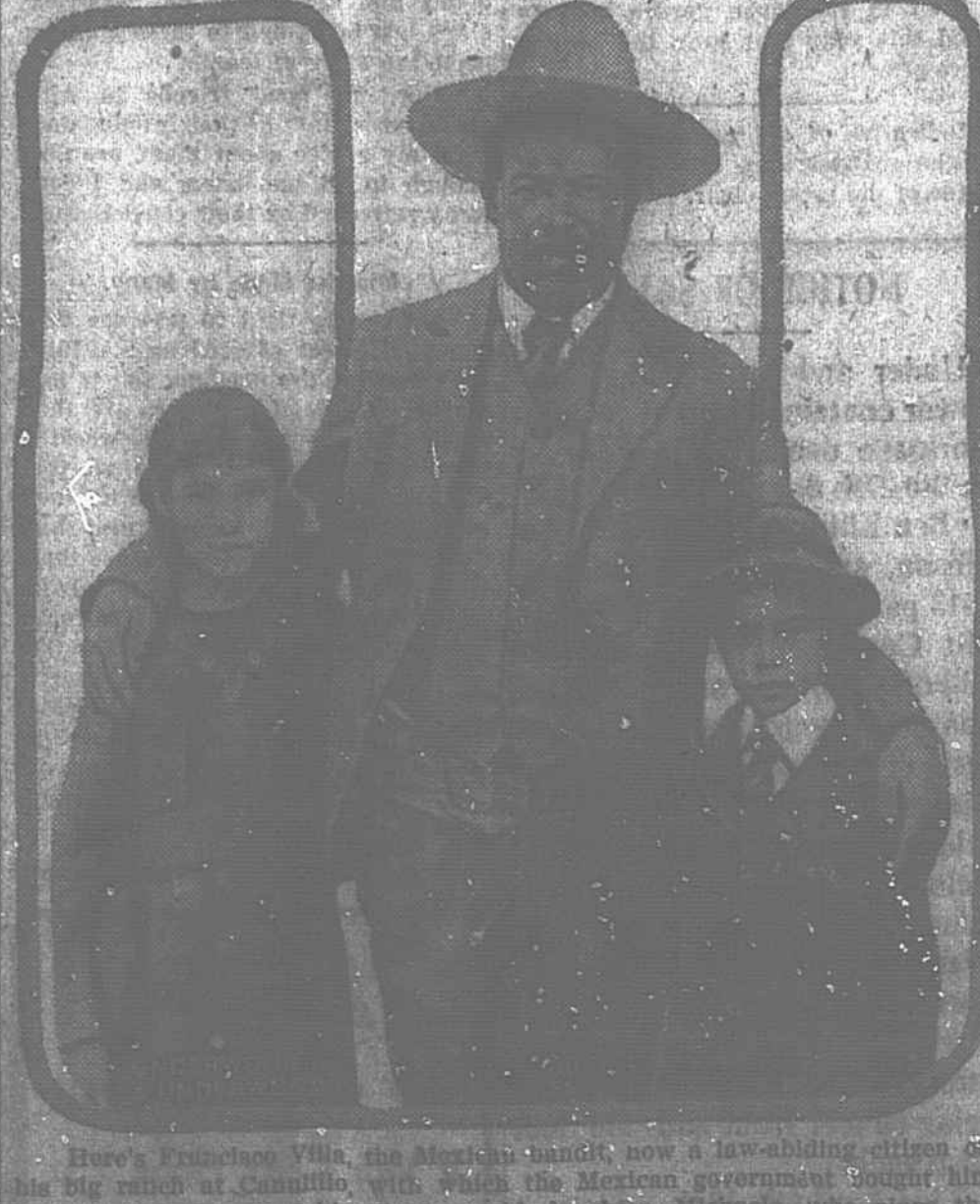
## Wakes And Flowers, Denies He Is Dead

Geneva.—A case of a man's heart ceasing to beat 14 hours and then resuming work is reported from Berne, where a pastor of that city, Reverend Rudenbacher, after being officially declared dead, suddenly awoke.

Reverend Mr. Rudenbacher, aged 82, and suffering from heart trouble of long standing, had been unconscious since his physicians issued a death certificate, and arrangements were made for the funeral. The pastor awoke after 14 hours, surprised to find his bedroom filled with flowers, friends and relatives relations and friends. He said wearily, "My cat has not yet come."

The funeral has been postponed indefinitely and the doctors say he may live for years.

## Here's Villa, Retired Bandit



Here's Francisco Villa, an Alamo bandit, now a law-abiding citizen of his big ranch at Chihuahua, with which the Mexican government bought him out. The children are his nine-year-old daughter, Juvenila, who plays the piano, and his seven-year-old son, Augustin, who is a wonderful musician.