

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Prohibition Repeal Fails but "Beer by Christmas" Is Possible—President Hoover's Farewell Annual Message Deals With Economic Problems.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

SCARCELY had the short session of congress opened than Speaker Garner made good on his promise to put prohibition repeal up to the house.



Rep. Carl G. Bachmann

His resolution for such action had been reported adversely by the judiciary committee, but Rainey of Illinois, majority leader, moved suspension of the rules and consideration of the measure. The count for a second round 245 members for it and 121 against. After a squabble over the time to be allotted for debate each side was given 20 minutes and a vote was taken. The result was 272 votes for repeal and 144 against it. The speaker announced that the resolution had failed of adoption by six votes, whereupon the Republicans cheered and the Democrats sat silent.

Representative Carl G. Bachmann of West Virginia, the Republican whip, had promised Speaker Garner that he would deliver 100 Republican votes for the resolution, and he more than made good, with 103. But the speaker could not gather enough from his own side of the house to make up the necessary two-thirds majority. Lined up with the opposition were 82 lame ducks, of whom 11 were Democrats and 71 Republicans. As these men will not serve in the next congress they voted as they wished, regardless of the sentiment of the nation as expressed in the November election. Thirteen members of the house did not vote, some being absent.

Having lost in this attempt to carry out one campaign pledge, the Democratic leaders at once started in to redeem another pledge—the legalization of beer. They set up the slogan "Beer by Christmas" and the ways and means committee began hearings on various bills for this. Most important of these, because it will be the basis of the legislation finally considered, was the measure introduced by James W. Collier of Mississippi, chairman of the committee. It calls for modification of the Volstead act to permit beer of 2.75 per cent alcoholic content by weight, or slightly less than 3.5 per cent by volume, and "non-fermenting" wines.

As drawn the Collier bill would tax beer \$5 a barrel and wine 20 cents a gallon, or approximately 2 cents a pint bottle of beer and 5 cents a quart of wine. Brewers would be required to obtain permits, no permit to be issued for manufacture where the state laws prohibited it. Mr. Collier expects the revenue to total \$300,000,000 annually.

Failure of the repeal resolution, according to general opinion, means that the eighteenth amendment cannot be repealed by this congress, and that President Hoover will call the new congress into session soon after his inauguration on March 4. The senate might possibly adopt the Glass resolution, which is based on the Republican platform plank, but Speaker Garner said snappily, after the vote in the house: "No prohibition resolution will pass the house at this session which does not take prohibition out of the Constitution root, trunk, branch and leaves."

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S last annual message on the state of the Union, transmitted to congress on Wednesday, dealt mainly with the economic problems produced by the depression. He advised immediate governmental action along three lines, namely:



President Hoover

1. Reduction of all government expenditures, national, state and local, and adoption of revenue measures, including sales tax, to insure the unquestioned balancing of the federal budget.
2. Complete reorganization of the banking system through legislation at the present short session of congress.
3. Vigorous and wholehearted cooperation with other nations in the economic field by agreements in the world economic conference and the disarmament conference and by appropriate action in connection with the debt problem.

The President said his budget, which was introduced the following day, would propose expenditures aggregating \$320,000,000 less than the \$4,500,000,000 so far appropriated for the present fiscal year.

He promised a beginning within a few days on the reorganization of the administrative branch of the government, provided for in the economy act of the last session.

There was no mention in the message of prohibition reform or farm relief, and the only thing it said about the war debts was that the debtors' plans for suspension of the December

15 payments had been rejected but that the Executive would recommend to congress "methods to overcome temporary exchange difficulties" in connection with such payments.

Mr. Hoover prefaced his recommendations with a survey of the depression. He adduced statistics to show that the corner has been turned at last—in fact, was turned last August and that business has been improving ever since. This dawning of returning prosperity the President attributed to the "measures and policies" inaugurated under his administration, and said these emergency agencies should be continued only until the depression is passed and then liquidated.

FOR several days the senate was technically in control of the Democrats because Walter Walker of Colorado, appointed by the governor, was temporarily seated. But Karl Schuyler, Republican, who defeated Walker in November and whose certificate was delayed by an error, was to take his seat soon so the Democrats made no effort to take advantage of the situation. Seventy-nine senators answered the first roll call and lots of them were lame ducks. Besides Walker two new members were sworn in. They were Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Democrat, and E. S. Grammer of Oregon, Republican. On Wednesday the senate heard a long speech from Huey "Kingfish" Long of Louisiana describing his importance.

GEN. KURT VON SCHLEICHER is, for the time being, the chancellor of Germany, and his ministers with one exception are the same men who served under Franz von Papen. The new cabinet member is Dr. Friedrich Syrup, president of the Federal Labor Exchange, who has been appointed minister of labor.

When the reichstag session opened the new chancellor attended armed with the power to dissolve it if his foes were too recalcitrant. The communists promptly offered their motion for a vote of non-confidence, but action on this was postponed by the strong vote of the Nazis. This was taken by some to mean that Von Schleicher and Hitler might form an alliance, but the real purpose of the Nazis was to gain time for the passage of their bill providing for a temporary successor to the presidency. Fearing President Paul von Hindenburg's health might compel him to resign, the Nazis were seeking to make it impossible for the chancellor to take his office and possibly appoint a regent to prepare for a monarchy.

COMMUNISTS who led some three thousand "hunger marchers" to Washington to demand a federal dole for the idle didn't accomplish much. For three days they were encamped in the outskirts, strictly guarded by hundreds of police armed with riot guns and tear gas bombs. Delegations were received by Vice President Curtis and Speaker Garner who said their petitions would be considered. They were permitted to parade, but the procession was stopped at the verge of the White House grounds by strong cordons of policemen and firemen. Then the fired marchers returned to their camp and prepared to leave the Capital for their homes. Their leaders were William Reynolds and Raymond Benjamin, both Communists.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT wound up his two weeks vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., and returned to New York well rested and invigorated. He has plenty to occupy his attention in his home state, for the special session of the legislature opened Friday with an important program.

Just before leaving Warm Springs Governor Roosevelt received a delegation from Augusta that invited him to attend the opening on January 12 of the Augusta National golf course that has been laid out by Bobby Jones.

PRESUMABLY because of the statements of Democratic leaders that no pending appointments of President Hoover would be confirmed by the senate this session, Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson of Chicago asked the President not to resubmit his nomination to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and Mr. Hoover consented with deep regret. President Hoover appointed Judge Wilkerson to the appellate bench early in the year. Twice the senate judiciary subcommittee reported favorably on the appointment after stormy hearings but it was blocked in the whole committee. Wilkerson was opposed vigorously by organized labor because of his injunction against railway shompen in the strike of 1922; and he was defended with equal vigor by leaders in the American Bar association.

LAWRENCE H. RUPP of Allentown, Pa., Democrat, who ran about 100,000 votes behind Senator James J. Davis in the Pennsylvania senatorial election, decided to contest the seating of Davis. A petition was prepared asking that Davis be ejected and Rupp seated, on the ground of wholesale irregularities and fraud. It asserted that 70,000 assisted votes were cast in Philadelphia alone.

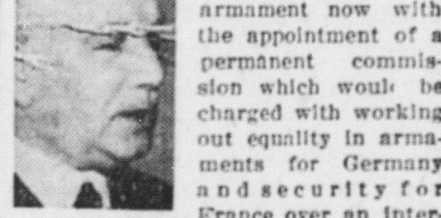
FARMERS to the number of two or three hundred gathered in Washington to urge congress to adopt some legislation for their relief, and they had assurances that their demands would receive consideration. Indeed, the prospect of legislative action for their benefit is excellent. At present attention is centered on President-Elect Roosevelt's pet plan of domestic allotments, and Chairman Jones of the house agriculture committee said he had nearly completed a bill embodying that idea.

"But I will not introduce it until after conferring in detail with leaders of the organized farm groups," Jones said, referring principally to Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau Federation, and L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange, both of whom have voiced approval of the domestic allotment plan, and to John A. Simpson, head of the Farmers' National Union.

Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee was promoting a three-way measure designed to give the farm board the optional right to employ the equalization fee, export debenture or allotment plan in order to increase the prices of farm products.

Lem Harris, secretary of the farmers' relief conference, said the farmers demanded that all evictions of farmers be stopped and that immediate cash relief be given to all poor farmers.

STRUGGLING bravely to prevent the utter failure of the disarmament conference in Geneva, Norman H. Davis sought support for the latest American plan in the five-power preliminary parley. This scheme calls for limited disarmament now with the appointment of a permanent commission which would be charged with working out equality in armaments for Germany and security for France over an interval of several years.



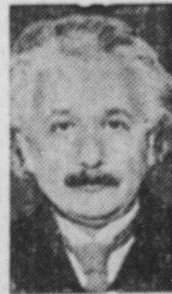
Baron Von Neurath

It was rather to the liking of Great Britain, but Germany did not seem inclined to accept it, and France was still insistent on security first. In Berlin political leaders said their country never could agree to the plan, which they said was a plot against effective disarmament and merely postpones any decision for three years without any guarantee that a solution of the problem can then be found.

German Foreign Minister Von Neurath, reappointed in the Von Schleicher cabinet, was present in Geneva and took part in the five-power conference, and Mr. Davis was still hopeful that he could be brought into line if the French were not too stubborn.

WHEN the special assembly of the League of Nations met in Geneva to take up the Manchuria question the headline writers said that Japan was being put on trial. This was true, but it was no less true that the league itself was on trial, and that body was warned that its very existence might depend on the wisdom of its decision. Such warning came especially from eight small powers which insist on the acceptance of the first eight chapters of the Lyton report, the condemnation of Japan and the nonrecognition of Manchukuo. Their spokesman was Joseph Connolly of the Irish Free State.

PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN, the world's leading mathematician, had a new experience the other day, and he didn't like it. Planning to come to the United States for further work at Wilson observatory in California, after which he is to become head of the school of mathematics in the new Institute of Advanced Study, he was summoned before the American consul in Berlin and subjected to a passport examination as to his mental, moral and political fitness to enter our fair land. The professor objected excitedly and refused to answer some of the questions, but the consul decided he had passed the examination and was admissible. The whole rather ridiculous affair was caused by the fact that objection to the savant's admission had been filed in Washington by the Woman's Patriot corporation—whatever that may be. The complaint asserted that Professor Einstein should be barred "because of his affiliation with certain organizations claimed to be connected with the Communist International."



Prof. Einstein

PRIME MINISTER MACDONALD and Premier Herriot met in Paris and agreed that Great Britain and France would pay the war debt installments due the United States on December 15, but would give warning that this would be the last payment until America consents to a sweeping revision of the debt agreements. Both these powers, it is understood, wish to end the matter by paying a comparatively small lump sum in final settlement.

Ultra Evening Modes Play Up Capes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THIS is a season when capes are high fashion. With all due respect to the handsome fur, cloth and velvet capes which distinguish current daytime modes, the real time and place to behold capes and near-capes and all their relations at the height of their glory is during the evening hours when formal array in all its splendor goes on dress parade. For it has been decreed that these graceful shoulder wraps shall play a role de luxe at theater, dance and dinner functions this winter.

Now that designers have turned to cape effects as a means of adding a brilliant and gorgeous note to the formal costume, the theme becomes one of fascinating and varied interpretation. One of the happiest gestures in connection with this movement is the cape which is made of the same material as that which fashions the gowns which it tops.

When the fabric happens to be sumptuous gold and silver lame as it is in the case of the magnificent costume pictured to the right in the picture then the ensemble takes on a glamorous beauty such as befits an occasion of ultra-formality. The detail which is most impressive in connection with the cape of self-fabric is the preciousness of the fur which almost without exception borders it. Sable is the chosen fur for the caped costume as here portrayed. Another fur in high favor for trimming the matched-to-the-dress cape is blue fox of the most costly kind.

The dress with a matching cape need not always be of so extravagant nature in order to qualify as an exponent of the most successful in the

style realm, for some of the most enchanting models are made of simple white crepe, their detachable capes of self-material being bordered with perhaps white marabou, or white lapin or, if your budget permits, snowy ermine. Speaking of ermine the black velvet gown with its black velvet cape which is banded with white ermine is making history this season.

Not only are evening gowns caped but wraps of formal nature also are taking unto themselves adorable little capes which add to their lure in that they are detachable and can be worn at will with any gown or topping the coat as illustrated to the left in the picture. Here we see a Russian ermine caped wrap trimmed with Russian sable. Wouldn't the little shoulder cape be stunning worn with a brown or black velvet frock? Thus these detachable capes serve a many-fold purpose, which is a true lesson in economy, eh?

In regard to the pretty cape shown in the inset, we thought you might be interested, for it is something very new. It is of white velvet and is referred to as the angel-wing evening cape, having two wings fastened on a fitted neckband. It is trimmed with silver fox. The frock which milady wears with this cunning cape is of white crepe. Long black velvet evening gloves complete the ensemble.

WINTER COSTUMES MUST FIT SNUGLY

It is careful attention to the small points of style that make today's clothes smart.

The fitting of dresses and coats is attaining the importance it had in the Victorian era.

It is becoming more and more of an art, and any woman buying new clothes will do well to see that they are properly fitted, for the diaphragm-hugging silhouette is an established fashion.

Good corseting is important, with the fitting of dresses and coats becoming tighter and tighter, smoother and smoother, regardless of the wearer's figure.

Designers Bring Black Back as Afternoon Color

The French designers are apparently pleased with the return of black—as a fashionable afternoon color. After all, it is their old favorite; they know it better than any bright color and are more aware of its possibilities and limitations than any other.

This year they have shown their favoritism for black by producing some of the best of their designs in black materials of all types.

Many Scarfs Are Needed for New Color Contrasts

You can't have too many scarfs this year. For instance, a wool one, a snooty affair of soft chiton velvet, a hand-knitted trick that uses a thousand different colors, or an ascot of silk. Any other kind will be accepted by grateful scarf collectors as necessary color contrasts for suits, coats, and frocks.

Crystals With Evening Gowns Favored by Paris

All well-known French designers feature the lavish use of bracelets, Vionnet especially sponsors bracelets with evening gowns. They usually are of crystal in various transparent colors, harmonizing or contrasting the gown.

SILK CORDUROY

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



All silk velvet corduroy is worn for street by smart Parisiennes. Mirande uses collar and cuffs of otter with brown corduroy. Note with what intrigue the stripes are manipulated. This ingenious handling of stripes is characteristic of many of the season's models. Suzanne Lenglen wore a white silk-ribbed velvet frock at a Paris night club gathering recently.

Clanking Belts of Metal Featured This Season

Many belts this season are of metal combined with scraps of fabric or ribbon—noisy, clanking affairs of copper, chromium, silver, and gold that do all sorts of dress parade tricks for the best street and sports clothes. Rhinestone belts that match shoulder straps are glittering on a lot of new evening gowns.

WAR ON EARWIGS

The earwig, the pest which destroys gardens, damages trees and invades homes, is rapidly being exterminated in the vicinity of Portland, Ore., as the warfare, financed by the city, county and Oregon State college, was waged with the tachnid fly, a natural enemy of the earwig, imported from Europe. Thousands of the flies were raised in cages and pits, some even in individual glass phials to protect them from parasites, and released to destroy the earwigs.

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