CONGRESS RECONVENES, FACED BY PROBLEMS OF DIPLOMATIC GRAVITY

Cloud Caused by Ancona and Persia Incidents — Both Branches Ready to Debate Preparedness

$3,000,000 CUSTOM HOUSE

Representative Moore Offers Bill for Building Here—Sherwood Attacks Defense Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A cloud hung over the reassembling of Congress today following the holiday recess. Gravity of Senators and Representatives over the foreign situation, growing out of the Ancona and Persia incidents, was pronounced.

There was a brief session of the Senate, which adjourned out of respect to the memory of Supreme Court Justice Lamar. The House, however, plunged immediately into business, a feature of the day's proceedings being the introduction of a bill by Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, providing for the appropriation of $3,000,000 for the purchase of a site and the construction of a customs house in Philadelphia. The bill proposes that $1,000,000 be spent for the site and $2,000,000 for the building. "Such an appropriation for Philadelphia is warranted because it is now the second port of the United States," said Mr. Moore.

"Criminal foolishness" and "without sanity or excuse" were among the milder terms used in a discussion of the Administration's preparedness program by Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, Democrat, only surviving officer of the Civil War in Congress.

In a speech in the House he denounced the Administration's plans in bitterest terms. He asserted that the tax burdens proposed would mean national bankruptcy and swift ruin of the Democratic party.

Committee consideration and speeches on the open floor regarding international problems are assured in both branches of Congress. Various Senators, including Smith, of Georgia, and Borah, are reported planning addresses on diplomatic relations. That no curb is to be imposed on discussion of the country's foreign affairs is tacitly understood. Sharp attacks upon the Central Powers' submarine campaigns and the Allies' commercial interferences are believed certain.

Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today were numerous questions, including the resolutions of Senators Smith, of Georgia, and Lodge for investigation of the British orders-in-council and the Teutonic submarine policy and unneutral conspiracies in this country.

Growing opposition, both to the preparedness and revenue programs, was a marked feature of sentiment among Congressmen.

The Senate Naval Committee today considered Senator Tillman's bill for a $11,000,000 Federal armor plate plant, with 20,000 tons capacity.

URGES GOLD DOLLAR OF U. S. AS STANDARD FOR PAN-AMERICANS

Speaker at Scientific Congress Declares This Country Should Now Become Great Medium of Exchange

ECONOMY IS ADVOCATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Standardization of the monetary systems of South and Central American countries on the basis of a United States gold dollar was recommended today by Dr. S. N. D. North, of the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, at the second Pan-American Scientific Congress.

The United States, Doctor North said, from a debtor nation has become the bank of the world. The demoralization of international exchange, he said, is without precedent. The reorganization of the national banking system has made it possible for the American dollar, in connection with the strength of the United States as a producer of food and raw materials, to become the standard medium of exchange, particularly between the American continents.

An auxiliary cabinet, composed of university professors, was recommended by Prof. Herman G. James, of the University of Texas.

"Let the President, the Secretary of State and other Cabinet officers avail themselves of the advice and learning of the university professors in passing on questions of state," he advised.

"Problems of international law need peculiarly the expert opinion of a council. Would it not be right to intrust matters of the importance of such as go to the Attorney General for judgment to a body of savants such as university professors?"

Retrenchments in expenditures, public loans, advances to banks and increased taxation have been resorted to by South American countries to maintain or restore normal financial conditions since the beginning of the war, declared Prof. Chester Lloyd Jones, of the University of Wisconsin. All the republics now seem to have passed the crisis, he said.

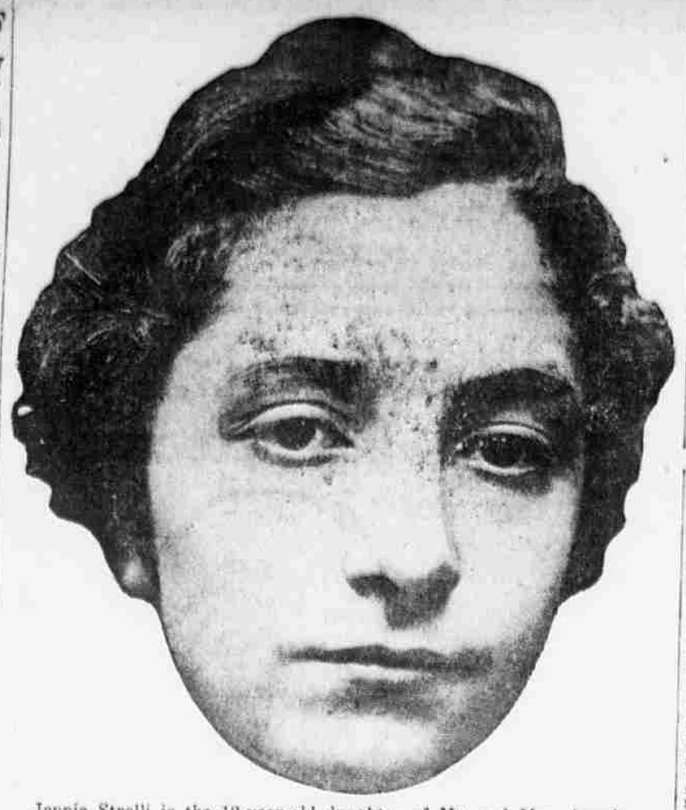
"The regulation of foreign trade probably is the greatest force in the upbuilding of a nation," said Prof. Alvin S. Johnson, of Cornell. "To help attain this end a judicious degree of protection should be given. This will make for national self-sufficiency."

David Kinley, of the University of Illinois, said investments by citizens of this country in South and Central America must not be made in such a way as to hint possible political domination.

The Women's Auxiliary resumed conferences today, Miss Mabel Boardman active head of the American Red Cross offering the services of that organization in forming like organizations in the Pan-American countries. She outlined in brief the record of the American organization on European battlefields.

Now is the psychological time for the women of the Americas to unite for the purpose of building up a "warless civilization," Miss C. E. Mason, of Tarrytown, N. Y., informed the conference. Women as well as men will be needed to bring the American countries closer together, she declared and suggested the formation of a number of social and civic organizations as the first step to be taken along these lines.

SISTER OF DEFECTIVE BABY



Jennie Strolli is the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Strolli, of 813 Fitzwater street, whose latest born may prove to be a case like that which recently caused a stir in Chicago. Jennie is quite normal in every respect.

DEFECTIVE BABY STILL LIVES; PARENTS PRAY FOR RECOVERY

Two-Day-Old Daughter of Angelo and Caroline Strolli Survives Operation at Jefferson Hospital

The 1 chance in 100 it has to live is still being fought for by the baby of Angelo and Caroline Strolli, 813 Fitzwater street, who got that chance when physicians at the Jefferson Hospital operated on her because she could not live unless the knife was used. The infant was perilously near death during the night, but had taken a slight turn for the better when daylight arrived.

The Strolli baby, a 2-day-old girl, was afflicted with meningocele, which, unless corrected, causes total paralysis and death. Meningocele causes a bulging out of a section of the spinal cord through an opening in the spinal column due to one of the vertebrae being missing.

It was the fourth child of the Strollis and they were praying for its recovery, for all the other children are physically fit and they felt as though, if this baby weathered the first storm, it, too, would grow up a normal child. But Dr. Simon Blaugrund told the parents that the only hope for the baby to live was through an operation, and an operation wasn't much of a hope, for he said that in only 99 of 100 such operations does the patient live. But he said that surgeons at the hospital were willing to take that 100 to 1 shot when there was no other hope, and they obtained permission of the parents to operate.

The father of the baby is a day laborer. When he learned of the physician's decision he and his wife got down on their knees in their home and prayed that its life might be saved. All last night long they prayed, and when dawn broke they were rewarded in the news that the child still lived.

FIRE WRECKS HOSIERY MILL; LOSS $80,000

Flames Driven by High Wind Destroy Factory Building at Clifton Heights

Flames driven by a high wind destroyed the mill of the Linenwear Hosiery Company at Clifton Heights last night. The damage, which was covered by insurance, amounted to approximately $80,000, and the mill will have to be rebuilt.

The fire was discovered by a watchman, who immediately gave the alarm. Single handed he fought the blaze for a while, throwing buckets of water on it until he was driven from the structure by the intense heat. Fire companies from Lansdown and Clifton Heights rushed to the scene, but could do virtually nothing, as the two-story building was a mass of flames.

Bill for Nation-wide Prohibition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Congressional fight for national prohibition was begun today when Representative Webb, of North Carolina, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced a resolution in the House proposing a constitutional amendment providing for nation-wide prohibition. Representative Webb will lead the fight for the prohibition measure both in the committee and in the House.

"Rural Credits" Beaten in House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Efforts to continue the joint congressional committee on Rural Credits in order to provide legislation to establish a personal credit system for farmers were defeated in the House today.

NEW JERSEY IGNORES NEVADA DIVORCE GIVEN MAN WHO REMARRIED

Vice Chancellor Calls It a "Typical Case of Fraudulent Marriage Annulment, Based Upon False Representation"

WIFE WINS SUPPORT

TRENTON, Jan. 4.—"This is a typical case of a fraudulent Nevada divorce, based upon a false representation of residence in that State, and the record indicates that virtually no effort is made in the Nevada courts to expose or repel these emigrants from other States who by fraud or perjury impose themselves on the State of Nevada as bona fide residents of that Commonwealth."

In this and other language of a scathing character Vice Chancellor Stevens, in an opinion filed in the Court of Chancery here today, ignores the Nevada divorce granted to George T. Lister, formerly of Hoboken, Hudson County, N. J., while his wife's bill for maintenance is allowed, and he is compelled to pay her $15 per week and meet a $500 fee for her solicitor.

The couple were married in Paterson, N. J., December 18, 1890, and it is stated in the wife's petition that they lived happily together until October, 1907, when Lister asked her to get a divorce. She alleges that she replied that this was foolish talk and that she would not consent to a divorce if he should offer her $1,000,000. After that time, the wife said, her husband treated her with indifference and cruelty and sometimes remained away from home for a week at a time. She adds that he would return once in a while for a few moments and would persist in having her get a divorce. She charges that on one occasion he offered to keep her for the remainder of her life if she would do what he wanted in the way of legal action and that if she did not he would cut her off without a cent. She also averred that he said that "there was another woman in the case," and that in January, 1908, he went away and never returned.

Divorce papers from Nevada were served on the woman and she was charged with extreme cruelty. She defended the action through lawyers in Nevada, but the Vice Chancellor asserts that there is evidence that her interests were not wisely if honestly taken care of. A decree was given to Lister, but the opinion of the Vice Chancellor holds that this Nevada divorce or attempted divorce was "a plain case of gross fraud on the laws of New Jersey as well as Nevada and that it must be regarded as null and void."

"It has become a common practice in the Eastern States among incompatible spouses," the Vice Chancellor remarked, "to arrange for a divorce without scandal, taking advantage of the laws of the Western States, which seem to foster the divorce industry for the benefit of their legal practitioners." The Vice Chancellor then describes the method of one going to a hotel to meet the specified time under the laws of the State, and adds that such a divorce trial is often a sham.

In the judgment of the Vice Chancellor, New Jersey will not recognize such a proceeding where one of her residents subject to her power is one of the spouses.

It is claimed that Lister went to Reno, Nev., and after a six months' residence there began his suit for an absolute divorce on the ground of cruelty. Two days after he obtained his decree Lister left Nevada, and on December 24, 1908, went through a marriage ceremony in Colorado with a woman on whose account he is alleged to have left his wife. It is said that up to a recent time that they lived in Chicago and that two children were born to them.

VARE DINNER TONIGHT TO SHOW HARMONY OR STRIFE IN DELEGATION

Line-up for Kiess or Rowland for Congressional Committee Post Expected to Be Revealed in Speeches

HOW PENROSE STANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In the action of the caucus of the Republican Congressmen from Pennsylvania this afternoon, and in the trend of the speechmaking at the dinner Representative Vare will give tonight to the members of the House from Pennsylvania, will be seen whether complete harmony exists in the Republican party in Pennsylvania, or whether the reported agreement of Senator Penrose and Mayor Smith means only armed neutrality.

The fight which will be decided in the caucus started as a bitter factional outburst, being the first open evidence that Vare and Governor Brumbaugh were opposed to Senator Penrose's domination of State politics in Pennsylvania. The Vare-Brumbaugh faction induced Representative Edgar R. Kiess, of Williamsport, to seek election as the Pennsylvania member of the Republican Congressional Committee. Representative Vare was most active in promoting this candidacy, which had the assistance of ex-Mayor Magee, of Pittsburgh, and Representative W. W. Griest, of Lancaster.

When Representative Vare gave a dinner to the House members from Pennsylvania last year, Senators Penrose and Oliver were not invited.