

NOTED MEN SOON TO QUIT CONGRESS

Leaders for Years Will Deliver Valedictories at Coming Short Session

"LAME DUCKS" NUMEROUS

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congressional vacations are over and national legislators will be here in force Monday for the opening of the short session, the last of the Sixty-sixth Congress. Many of them have been here for a week or two, getting settled in houses and hotels, attending committee meetings or cleaning up accumulated correspondence. The others will arrive within the next forty-eight hours.

Congress in review will present few changes Monday, but many after March 4 next. The short session will be devoted to all indications, for it will mark the passing of some of the big figures of American politics. Among those who will be noted in history for things done or left undone. And along with these will be noted changes in leadership, for the tremendous strain of the war Congress has broken many a man who came to Washington four years ago in the full prime of health.

President Foremost Example

President Wilson is, of course, the foremost example of American politics, did to leaders of Congress who were hit almost as hard. The physical collapse of members of the Senate and House has resulted or will result in almost a complete change of leadership. Senator Lodge alone of the four war leaders pulled through without a break. Even Senator Lodge is not in robust health, though this may be attributed to advancing age as much as to other causes. In the Senate there will be several absences. The late Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, was the first of the big leaders to go.

Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, and Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, are retiring, as is Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, of Illinois. Senator Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, is another figure whose return is doubtful. A power in foreign affairs, sometimes suggested for Democratic leadership, he, too, broke down recently and may be compelled, by the condition of his health to remain at home indefinitely.

In the House other changes are noted. Beginning with James R. Mann, of Illinois, whose breakdown during the war led to his confinement and absence for more than a year, continuing him the speakership of the House, the list might be lengthened by the addition of Majority Leader Mondell, Minority Leader Claude Kitchin, "Uncle Joe" Cannon and several others of less prominence.

Mann a Wounded Veteran

Representative Mann will never fully regain his health, though able to attend some of the sessions of the House. He is a wounded veteran of legislative battles. Kitchin collapsed following a stroke in the House last spring, suffering a stroke that laid him up for several months and even now compels him to exercise extreme caution in attending to his duties. He experienced a second attack this week while on a call at one of the government departments and probably will be unable to assume the leadership of the Democratic side of the House when the new Congress meets next spring, a position to which he would be entitled by reason of the retirement of Champ Clark.

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down, but broke two ribs, which at his age—eighty-four years—is almost as serious. His vitality seems unimpaired, however, and he gives promise of outliving many a younger colleague. Mondell is the gamest of them all. His misfortunes read like the chronicles of Job, except that he has thus far managed to escape bankruptcy and bolts. Mondell is always a hard worker, either in or out of Congress. When he finished his first term of leadership in the House, last June, his health was so impaired he was ordered by his physician to get out in the open air in Wyoming and stay out all summer. That was what he started to do, but fate interfered, and exhibited the interior walls of hospitals and home to him much of the time he expected to spend on the ranch.

Mondell's Hard Luck

First of all, he fell out of a hayloft and broke two ribs. That happened early in the summer, and was recorded in her one. Then in August he went down before a belated attack of influenza and again was confined. Hardly had he started on the road to recovery when along came an attack of laryngitis, which reduced his voice to a whisper and cut short his plans for campaign speeches. That disposed of accident number two was recorded into his desk and broke his leg while on an inspection trip at the Shoshone dam in Wyoming.

But even that is not all. Returning to Washington, he fell into the bathtub on the steps of his residence here several days ago and loosened the bone of his broken leg just as it had begun to knit. That laid him up again, but only for a day or two, and now he is out again, wondering what is going to happen next.

His gameness is demonstrated by the regularity with which he reports for work at the Capitol. He is at his desk early every morning, makes trips down town to the departments whenever necessary and attends to all the details of his office, looking after constituents and trying to hobble about on crutches. Mr. Mondell is accompanied wherever he goes by his daughter, Miss Dorothy Mondell, who assists him and acts as his guardian and aide. He expects to continue the leadership of the Republican side, though it is doubtful whether he will be able to perform all the duties of majority leader when Congress strikes its stride.

In a situation of this sort the House needs "Happy" Moore back in Congress, and there is many a wall over the fact that he went back to Philadelphia to preside over the destinies of that city rather than remain here. Were he here, he might be majority leader, in fact, if not in name, at least until Mondell recovers sufficiently to get into the game with his old-time strength. Mayor Moore, while in the House, was one of the most active members and was heard in debate perhaps as frequently as any one on either side.

But time brings changes and nobody knows it better than a member of Congress or an observer who watches the tides of politics come and go. Champ Clark heads the list of celebrities who retire at the end of three months' session. He will go down in the annals of politics as a man who came nearer the presidency, only to lose it, than perhaps any other man except Samuel J. Tilden or Aaron Burr. But he is a political cripple, commonly known as a lame duck, and if that list were to be compiled, it would fill another column.

"Boots" Husband Plans a New Start

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Today he took to City Hall pictures taken in these places. "To show Sue," he said, "I thought she'd like to see them. I have a little goldfish for her, too," he added, with something of a boy's enthusiasm. But the boy is only a fleeting vision. It's a man who looks directly in your eyes and says: "The papers said so much about Sue that isn't true. I guess she helped them say it because, you see, she didn't care. She thought it was all over for her, and you know she wasn't even going to give her right name—mine. I don't know what would have happened if I hadn't come when I did."

When pressed to tell how he first heard of the tragedy that had enveloped them, he said, "I knew there was something wrong when I got to Baltimore and found ten of my letters to Sue returned to me. I felt awful. I thought Sue had got tired of waiting for me and had gone away. I don't read murder stories, or much of anything in the papers for that matter, and on my way to Philadelphia I just read headlines of a murder and the name, 'Treadway'—no details. I didn't see a picture either."

"I thought I'd die when I rang the bell at the house where Sue and I'd been living. The old gentleman opened the door, and when he saw me said: 'Boy, you've got lots of troubles,' and I said: 'I reckon I have. Where's Sue?' 'You know I gave her that name, and I kept thinking maybe she'd left me. Then the old man said: 'In jail!'"

Stunned by News

There are no theatrics about Ross Rogers—just a soft, easy voice with emotion suppressed and the constant toying with his hat. "I don't remember much that happened after that," he went on, "except I somehow got to a chair, and I heard the words 'murder' and 'City Hall.' I tried to get up and couldn't, and I tried to speak and couldn't. I don't know how long I sat there, but after a while I started for the door, and when the old gentleman asked me where I was going, I managed to say 'City Hall.' He went with me."

"I don't remember anything except I saw 'Boots.' The folks try hard not to censure her too much and they don't talk about it often, but the old gentleman especially thinks I'm wrong to stick." At the word his eyes lighted, and he said, "I guess we all got to do as our heart dictates."

"Sue was a good little housekeeper," said Rogers. "I reckon I taught her to cook most that she knows, but she learned quickly and got me good breakfasts at 3 o'clock in the morning." His eyes clouded and he twisted his hat. "That was another thing. When I left so early in the morning I used to come home awful tired at night, too tired to do things. Sue wanted to do. If only I had had a little more sympathy with her point of view, a little more sympathy and understanding, this terrible thing might never have happened."

Rogers fell to twisting his hat again, and moisture came to his eyes.

Peter D. Treadway's sister, who lives in Medina, O., where she and her husband, Walter H. Koons, are respected citizens, will not come to the aid of her brother, under arrest with Marie and Joseph "Archie" Moss for the murder of Henry T. Peirce, at 2007 Market street, two weeks ago.

Mrs. Koons lives at 244 North Broadway, Medina. She did not know her brother had been arrested until a reporter sought her today and told her Treadway had said she was his sister. "Though greatly shocked at the news that her brother was charged with murder," Mrs. Koons said she was not greatly surprised. "He has a rich uncle in Wichita, who says he has spent thousands of dollars trying to get him out of scrapes for automobile thefts and other offenses. For a number of years I had not heard from my brother directly. After the armistice he wrote to me. This was the only letter. I have received from him."

Under the circumstances neither my husband nor I would help him, even should he appeal to us."

Hunt for Smith Goes On

The search is being pressed for the fourth of those who entered Peirce's apartment the night he was killed. Marion A. Elliot, otherwise known as "Al" Smith, is believed to be in Ohio, where he was last reported.

Elliot has been employed in the past on Great Lake steamships as an officer. It is quite possible, the police say, that he may have slipped to one of the lake boats and got a berth on a steamship. He carried a union card, and would have found it easy to get work if he reached the lakes.

TWO HOLD-UPS IN DETROIT

Bandits Steal Pay Envelopes—Bank Depositor Shot

Detroit, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Two armed men shortly before noon today held up Paul Sundenberg, paymaster for the Thompson-Starrett Construction Co., and escaped with a valise containing \$12,000 in pay envelopes. Less than an hour later Charles McCabe, a depositor, was shot and seriously wounded when three men attempted to hold up the cashier of a bank, a mile away.

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NIVELLE'S LITTLE ERROR

General Thought He Recognized Elevator Man as Hero

Boston, Dec. 4.—Theodore Roosevelt Jennings is an elevator man in City Hall. After he had carried General Nivelle and his party up to the office of Mayor Peters yesterday he almost lost control of his car when the defendant of Verdun said to him: "Ah, mon brave enfant, I did not think to meet you here. I would hardly recognize you without your fez and your baggy trousers of the wartime. You fought valiantly for France." But Jennings hastened his denial: "These trousers are pretty baggy," he stammered. "But I been faithful to this here elevator throttle clear through the war, general, much as I wanted to get away from it. But they also served you stan's an' wait's, I reckon."

Then General Nivelle, who had taken Jennings for a Moroccan camel who fought under him at Verdun and on the Aisne line, recognized the confusion in faces and laughed more heartily than any one else in the party.

Sister of Cardinal Gibbons Dies

Baltimore, Dec. 4.—Miss Mary Gibbons, ninety-four years old, sister of Cardinal Gibbons, died Thursday morning at the home of her brother, John Gibbons, 2001 Canal street, New Orleans.

James Thornton Takes Wife

New York, Dec. 4.—James Thornton, famous as a comedian in vaudeville for almost two score years, was married yesterday for the second time. He and his first wife, the late Bonnie Thornton, have given many hearty laughs to theatre-goers. His bride was Mrs. Josephine Boyle. Thornton's first wife died last March. He gave his age as fifty-nine. His second wife gave her age as forty-six. She said it was her third marriage. She was born in France.

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