



RAILROAD LAWS TO BE RUSHED AT SHORT SESSION

Congress Assembles at Noon With Crowded Program of Legislation Mapped Out

FLOOD OF BILLS IN LEADERS CONCENTRATE ON PASSAGE OF BIG SUPPLY MEASURES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Congress assembled promptly at noon today for the short session which will mark the closing of President Wilson's first term.

With a crowded program of legislation, foremost in which is the President's plan for railroad legislation, senators and representatives settled down to work as Speaker Clark and Vice-President Marshall brought down their gavels.

To-day's opening was marked by the usual flood of bills and resolutions, many of which are expected to die in committee with the Congress itself on March 4.

The energies of administration leaders were at once concentrated on the passage of the big supply bills necessary for the conduct of the government and under the limited program of general legislation.

Democrats Control House Speaker Clark declared the next House, on the basis of the last election, would show at least 216 Democrats without Scully, of New Jersey, and Beakes, of Michigan. He conceded 213 to the Republicans. These figures do not include the independent group of four, which, with two in doubt, make a total of 43.

"We have the control of the House"

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Postcard Mailed Here 44 Years on Way to Wrightsville, York Co.

York, Pa., Dec. 4.—A postcard sent by the Baltimore Coal Company from its Harrisburg office on August 23, 1872, to the Wrightsville Iron Company, was received by the local firm yesterday. It took the card forty-four years, three months and eight days to travel from Harrisburg to Wrightsville. The borough postmaster says that he has received no explanation of the long delay in the forwarding of the card. The card bore a 3-cent stamp.

Postmaster Frank C. Sites said this morning that he believed someone found the card after it had been mailed and probably as a joke mailed it recently, as nothing was said of the postmark date. He said that he was sure the post office department was not responsible for the delay, as the card would have been discovered when the local office was removed to temporary quarters.

Start Relabeling All Storage Eggs in Effort to Force Prices Down

Pittsburgh, Dec. 4.—The first definite efforts of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner to adopt measures tending to bring about a decrease in the retail price of eggs in Allegheny county began to-day when inspectors started relabeling all eggs which have been in storage longer than eight months, the limit prescribed by law.

The inspection will be made under instructions of State Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust, of Harrisburg.

Central Iron Not For Sale, Says Irons

Reports that the Bethlehem Steel Company is negotiating for the purchase of the Central Iron and Steel Company's plant were denied to-day. General Superintendent Robert H. Irons, of the Central Iron and Steel Company, said: "There is absolutely no truth in the report. This plant is not for sale."

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled to-night and Tuesday, probably occasional light rain; warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 48 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Tuesday, probably rain; warmer to-night; moderate south winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions Pressure has increased in the Atlantic States and from the Rocky Mountains westward to the Pacific coast since last report. It has decreased generally over the remainder of the country.

Temperatures are 2 to 26 degrees higher than on Saturday morning over the eastern half of the country and throughout the greater part of the Missouri Valley; elsewhere temperature changes have been irregular.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 42. Sun: Rises, 7:12 a. m.; sets, 4:30 p. m. Moon: Full moon, December 9, 7:44 a. m. River Stage: 4.7 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 43. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 38.

VON MACKENSEN AGAIN MARCHING ON BUCHAREST

Takes Gradistea Within 12 Miles of Capital After Being Halted

CLOSING ON ALL SIDES INVADERS ARE MOVING DOWN THROUGH MOUNTAIN PASSES; RUSS CONTINUE ATTACK

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's drive against Bucharest from the southwest and south is again in full swing. Its stoppage by the Russo-Rumanian offensive in this sector, reported yesterday, was evidently only temporary for Petrograd to-day announced occupation of Gradistea by the Teutonic forces. Gradistea is on the Giurgiu-Bucharest railway line, directly south of Bucharest, and its capture places Von Mackensen's advance within a scant twelve miles of the capital.

On the northwest, the Rumanians are also falling back under General Von Falkenhayn's pressure.

Russians are continuing their attacks in the Carpathians, but the only advance reported to-day by Petrograd was at a point some distance west of the main front.

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Penna. Laws Prescribing Butter Fat Standards Upheld; Will Push Suits

Washington, Dec. 4.—Iowa and Pennsylvania laws prescribing butter fat standards for ice cream were upheld as constitutional to-day by the Supreme Court in test cases attacking their validity as arbitrary exercise of State "police powers," although designed to prevent adulteration of food products.

The decisions, the court was advised by the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, would affect the entire ice cream industry and legislation of other States, of which more than thirty have similar statutes.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania ice cream act establishing standards of fats for the product will affect hundreds of cases in this State. The test case, which was brought in Erie county and was appealed by a Buffalo firm, the State Superior and Supreme Courts upheld the act.

The dairy and food division will now proceed with prosecutions which have been brought in about a dozen counties.

Say Woman Dressed as Man to Aid in Thefts; Y. M. C. A., Headquarters

That Mrs. May Hirnisey, masquerading as a man, aided Lou Faust, in his series of robberies in other cities, is the clue which city police and detectives are working on as they are compiling their mass of evidence against Faust, now charged with committing a series of robberies in all parts of the State.

Police claim too, that Faust, by using a Y. M. C. A. card issued at association buildings and collecting a large amount of loot, would take it to his rooms and pack it for shipment to Mrs. Hirnisey.

Two Sunbury men and a prominent citizen of Reading were among the latest visitors at police headquarters last evening and this morning to identify some of their property.

Harrisburg Hospital Isn't Affected by State Report

"So far as I know the Harrisburg hospital will not be affected in any way by the report of the State Board of Charities, as I believe we are complying and have been complying with all that it requires of us," declared John Fox Weiss, secretary of the board of hospital managers to-day.

"It is true, perhaps, that our buildings are not as modern as they might be, but so far as equipment and conduct of the institution are concerned I don't really see how the board's report could affect us. We have done what we have been advised by the State board to do—for instance, the removal of the nurses' dormitory on the fourth floor, and we have made proper arrangements for caring for maternity cases. Whether it will be necessary for the board of managers to take any action in any way on the State board report I do not know, as it hasn't come to us officially as yet."

Insane Asylum Inmate Is Slain by Another

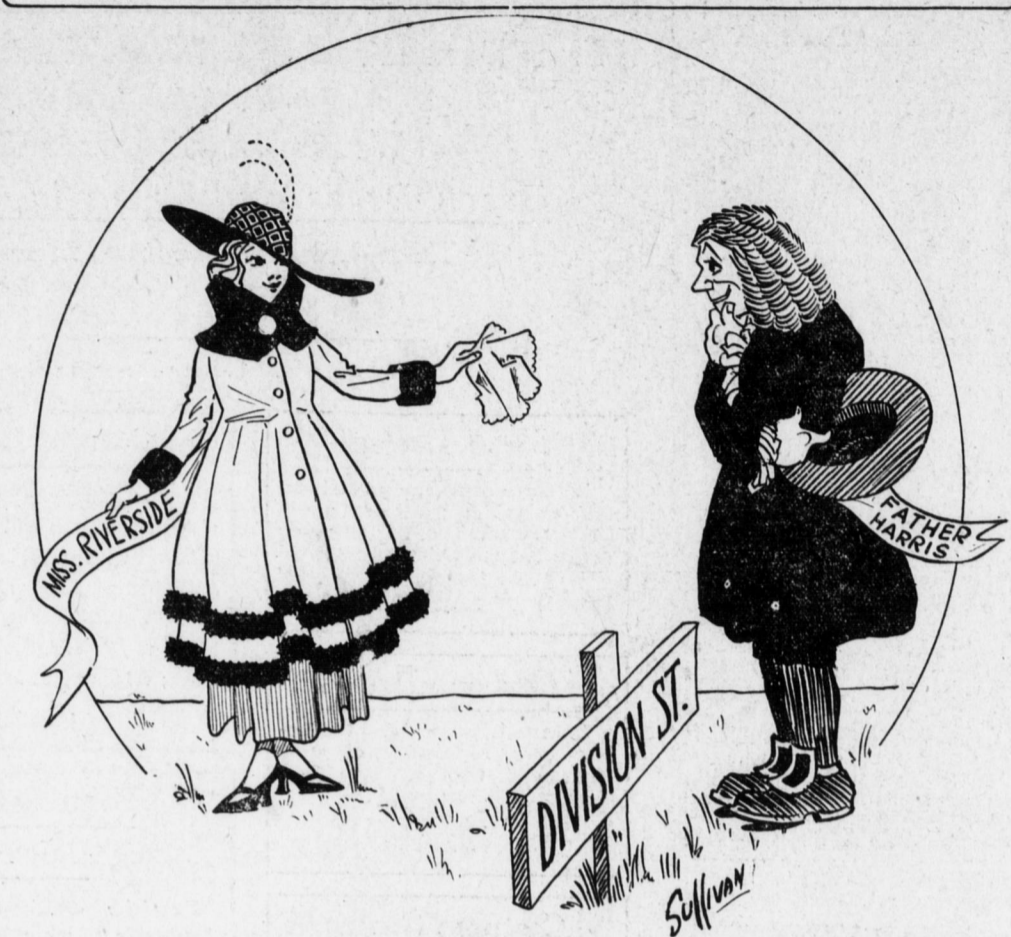
Attacked and severely beaten by a fellow inmate of the violent ward of the State Lunatic Hospital, William O. Shue, 50 years old, died from his injuries.

An attendant, J. S. Collins saw Frank McCann and Shue quarreling in what seemed to be a playful manner. When he noticed that the attack was an attempt to kill he endeavored to separate them but McCann had knocked Shue to the floor and jumped on his chest before they were finally parted.

UNVEIL MEMORIAL TO HENSEL Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 4.—A magnificent memorial window to the memory of W. U. Hensel was unveiled yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Hensel was trustee for many years. The window is the gift of his daughter, Mrs. John A. Nauman, satton.

A mass of petitions was filed in favor of the legislation.

WILL JOHN HARRIS ACCEPT HER ADVANCES?



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DON'T BURN UP YOUR WEEKLY ALLOWANCE, SAYS MRS. WOOD TO HARRISBURG HOUSEWIVES

Fuel Conservation Is One Big Means of Reducing High Cost of Living

CLEVER DEVICES TO SAVE COAL AND GAS

Even With Servant in House Supervision of Kitchen Operations Necessary

[By Mrs. Anna Hamilton Wood] THE servant problem is the excuse of a great many women for doing their own cooking. Dear Mrs. Housekeeper, why be ashamed of work which well done is really an art? To turn out a perfect pie is as great a feat and requires nearly as much practice as to play a musical selection. In announcing that you do it because you simply cannot find a reliable girl fools no one but yourself. You are there to save money. You know it and I know it and the other woman knows it so why not say so?

The superintendent of a factory, if he is worth his salt, keeps an eye on every department in spite of his foremen. So the capable housewife watches the small leaks in her kitchen expenses if she keeps help; studies how

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MYSTERIOUS O. O. OVERHANGING SIGNS ILLEGAL

Chicago Social Favorite Admits He Was With Rae Tanzer in N. Y. Escapades

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Strange tangles of mistaken identity were revealed to-day in the further examination of the man known here as Charles H. Wax, who, according to the police, admitted last night that he is "Oliver Osborne," the mysterious "O. O." whose escapades with Miss Rae Tanzer, a New York milliner, resulted in her filing suit in March, 1915, for \$250,000 against James W. Osborne, a former assistant district attorney.

Wax, who asserts he was graduated from Columbia University in 1907 and is a physician, was taken into custody by city detectives and United States post office inspectors at his apartment here yesterday. He is said by the police to have been known by more than a dozen aliases and to have swindled more than 200 young women in various parts of the country out

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SHOP EARLY FOR SELFISH REASONS

Not Only Salespeople, but You Will Be Benefited Is Tip

"Tell your readers to shop early, not only for the sake of the sales people in the stores," said a Harrisburg department store manager this morning, "but also for their own benefit."

It required small effort on the part of a reporter to find reasons for this bit of advice. Inquiry at the big stores reveals a peculiar situation regarding holiday goods. Germany has sent no toys, nor will she send any for at least another year or two. Some of the big

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COALITION RULE IS AGAIN SAVED

Decision of Asquith Urged by Lloyd-George Will Ensure Vigorous War

London, Dec. 4.—The decision of Premier Asquith, on the advice of the War Secretary, David Lloyd George, which is supported by other members of the ministry, to reconstruct the cabinet is believed to have saved the

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BIG INCREASE IN ALL SCHWAB AND C. I. & S. PLANTS

Ten Per Cent. Raise Announced by Officials of Bethlehem and Central Iron and Steel Company, Effective December 16

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR NEARLY 40,000 EMPLOYEES IN PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND

7,000 Affected at Steelton; 1,200 in South Harrisburg; Third Increase in Year at Neighboring Borough's Big Mill

Ten per cent. increases, effective December 16, in the Steelton, Bethlehem and Maryland plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company and in the Central Iron and Steel Company plant, this city, were announced this morning.

About 7,000 men are affected at Steelton and 1,200 in the Central Iron and Steel employ.

The Schwab increase affects more than 20,000 men at Bethlehem and about 7,000 at the Sparrows Point plant.

Officials of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Steelton to-day stated that the following announcement of the increase had been received from President E. G. Grace, of the Bethlehem Company:

The Order Effective as of December 16, 1916, an increase approximating ten per cent. will be made in all hour, day and turn rates of its employees at the Bethlehem, Steelton and Maryland plants. Proper adjustments will also be made in certain tonnage and piecework positions. It is gratifying to the company to be able to again recognize the loyal and efficient service of its employees.

Notices were posted to-day at the Central Iron and Steel Company's plant, South Harrisburg, that a ten per cent. increase in wages had been granted, effective Saturday, December 16 and will include all employees. Officials of the company also extended to the employees with this increase, their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CARRANZA REOCCUPIES CHIHUAHUA

Washington, Dec. 4.—Official reports to the State Department announcing the reoccupation of Chihuahua City by Carranza forces Sunday night say no resistance was encountered and that Villa and his bandits left no indications of their whereabouts.

DAMAGE VERDICT AFFIRMED

Washington, Dec. 4.—A damage verdict of \$145,830 against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, secured by the Sonman Shaft Coal Company of Cambria County, Pa., of which Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, Pa., is treasurer, and a principal stockholder, for failure or refusal to furnish cars for shipping coal was affirmed to-day by the Supreme Court.

DR. VAN DYKE RESIGNS

The Hague, Dec. 4, via London 6.23 P. M.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to The Netherlands, has resigned.

NEW RECORD AT C. I. & S.

During November at the Open Hearth Department of the Central Iron and Steel Company's plant, 10,912 gross tons of ingots were rolled. This is a new record. The previous record was 10,469 gross tons in October. William Brown is superintendent of this department. The record was made with four small 50-ton furnaces.

CHARGES BOMBS PLACED HERE

New York, Dec. 4.—The steamships blown up in the Russian harbor of Archangel several weeks ago with the loss of millions of dollars in munition and other war supplies were destroyed by bombs placed in the cargoes of the ships at their piers of the Bush Terminal Company in this city, it was charged to-day at police headquarters by the commercial agent here of the Imperial Russian embassy.

STAMM, PRESIDENT; HOUTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

Harrisburg.—School directors at their reorganization meeting this afternoon unanimously re-elected A. Carson Stamm president of the board, and Adam D. Houtz, vice-president, to succeed Henry M. Bretz.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Clinton Bramble, Govans, Md., and Edith Sobina Rincker, Carlisle. Melvin Walborn Sheets, Halifax, and Mary Esther Feldt, Millersburg. Charles Bassler Eby and Tressie Rebecca Douglas, Dauphin.

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