



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.

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.

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

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.

On the northwest, the Rumanians are also falling back under General Von Falkenhayn's pressure. The Russians are continuing their attacks in the Carpathians, but the only advance reported to-day by Petrograd was at a point some distance from the 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.

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

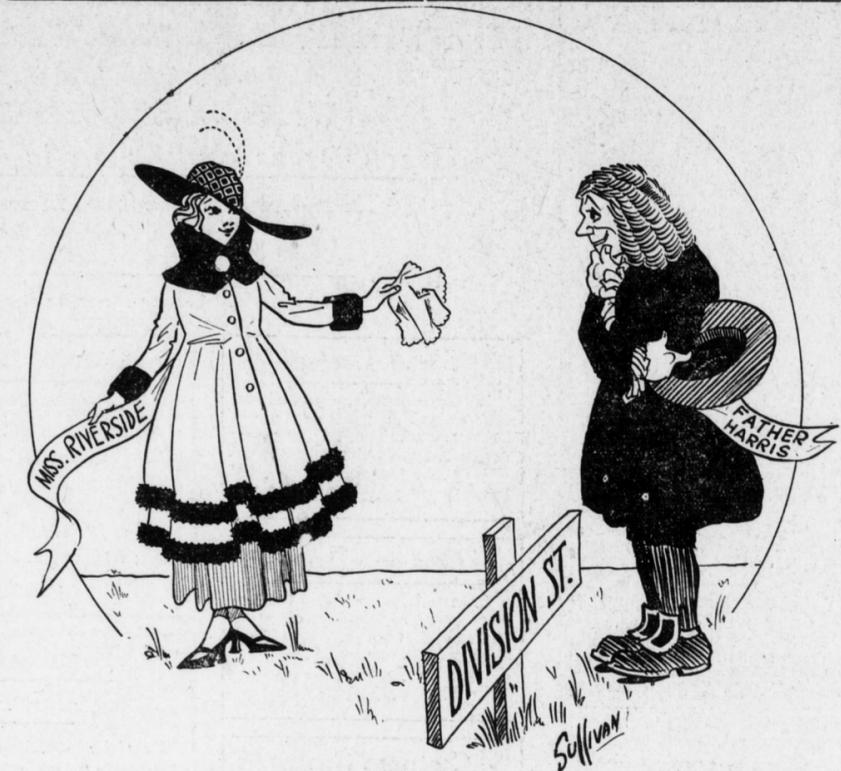
That Mrs. May Hirnisey, masquerading as a man, aided Lou Faust, in his series of robberies in other cities, is the clue which city police and detectives are working on as they are compiling their mass of evidence against Faust, now charged with committing a series of robberies in all parts of the State.

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.

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.

WILL JOHN HARRIS ACCEPT HER ADVANCES?



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?

MYSTERIOUS O. O. OVERHANGING IS UNDER ARREST 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.

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COALITION RULE IS AGAIN SAVED Decision of Asquith Urged by Lloyd-George Will Ensure Vigorous War

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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SCHWAB BUYS IN AMERICAN IRON & STEEL CO. PLANTS

Ironmaster Takes Over Lebanon and Reading Mills For \$5,500,000

Turn Out Large Quantities of Car Forgings and Railroad Materials

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 4.—The purchase by Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, of the controlling interests in the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company's Lebanon and Reading plants was confirmed Saturday. The news leaked out with the summoning to the First National Bank building of holders of the preferred and common stock, who were asked to sign options for the sale.

Two Young Murderers Die in Electric Chair Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 4.—Two convicted murderers were electrocuted in the penitentiary at Rockview to-day. They were Dominick Digisco, an 18-year-old youth of Schuylkill county, and Stanislaus Woceskoske, of Beaver county.

Seek to Reduce Cost of Living Test Last Days Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—With but one day more of the Chicago health department's attempt to demonstrate that good living is possible at a cost less than 40 cents a day, efforts were made to-day to reduce further the price of the final meals. For the first time during the two weeks' test oleomargarine was served instead of butter.

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