News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

Washington

An appropriation of $1,000,000 to be used in co-operation with the states to destroy weevils during the next fiscal year has been asked of congress at Washington by the Department of Agriculture.

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Three Democratic senators at Washington announced that the population of Lenoir, N. C., is 27,891, of which 15,000 are white and 1,340 negro. The 1910 figures showed 49,936 whites and 291 negroes.

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President-elect Harding called at the White House at Washington. Senator Harding did not see the President. He drove to the north entrance and left his card.

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The move to have the senate at Washington adopt a resolution providing for the revival of the "solemn ceremony of escorting former senators to their final resting place" was started by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

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Dissolution of the combination formed by the Bridge & Tank Building company and its affiliated rail, road and bridge building companies was ordered by the United States Supreme court at Washington.

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President-elect Harding at Washington said that he had "asked other senators during the campaign to co-operate with all appropriation bills as rapidly as possible in order to get the beginning of any legislation out of the way after the decks cleared for a special session of congress."

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Standing at his desk where he served for six years, President-elect Warren G. Harding shook farewell to the United States senate at Washington, and in a brief speech, choked with emotion, expressed the hope that he might have the co-operation of his colleagues in the four years beginning March 4 next.

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A Washington dispatch says the extension of the daylight saving law during the war debt over a period of 60 years is advocated by Senator Hardwick of Georgia.

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President-elect Harding will break all precedents by handing his cabinet slate in February and giving each of its members immediately to work in Washington, according to information obtained at Washington.

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All hope for relief from the burden of federal taxation went glimmering with the announcement at Washington that reductions for all branches of the government totaled only $23,000,000.

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A Washington special says all records for flying between Chicago and New York were shattered by the mail service. J. T. Christensen made the distance of 742 miles in 6 hours and 21 minutes, actual flying time.

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State department officers at Washington said that President Wilson would not personally to naming a successor to Lansing but left it to him to attempt to settle the trouble between the American and Japanese governments.

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Authority to conduct its investigation into campaign expenditures until 60 next March 4 was voted by the senate at Washington by the committee headed by Senator Kenyon of Iowa.

Domestic

Four bandits robbed the Western Brothers' pawnshop at Chicago of $25,000 in diamonds.

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Lumber prices took another tumble when Milwaukee dealers reduced the yard car ranging from 7 to 11 per cent. The reductions made the top price now number 25 per cent.

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The Hamburg-American Line steamship Cincinnati, bound to Italian ports with 1,000 refugees on board from English Isle for this purpose.

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An Atlanta dispatch says the platform of the Democratic party of Georgia will be ready to favor of the return of former President Wilson to the presidency.

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The cabinet at Budapest, headed by Count Stephen Bethlen, premier, has resigned. The ministry was formed on July 20 last.

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Rumors are current at Athens, according to a foreign office dispatch, that Constantine intends to return to take command of the army.

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The first group of Ellis Fein prisoners to be interned under the provisions of the alien act of 1918 arrived at Philadelphia for Hartsfield, County Down, Ireland, where they will be held.

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Auxiliary protection of the battleship fleet and armored air squadrons of the Atlantic fleet was ordered by Admiral Hilary P. Jones.

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Seeking interest upon Revolutionary bonds held by the late son, Lord Lansdowne, has renewed his request of nearly 20 years ago that congress decide whether there is or is not a better solution for the problem. "Lucky dog, Lansdowne."

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Old Stages in New York

A hundred years ago four stages a day made their way between New York and Philadelphia. The fare was from $6 to $10.

CONGRESS HEARS WILSON MESSAGE

President Urges That Our Democracy Prove Its Purity and Power to Prevail.

WORLD'S HOPE RESTS IN US

America Must Make and Enforce Laws That Are Unquestionably Just, and Stand for Right and Justice as Toward Individual Nations.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson's message to congress was read in both houses by the clerks, Mr. Wilson having decided not to deliver it in person.

Gentlemen of congress:

When I addressed myself to performing the duty laid upon me by the election by the people over the President to you an annual report of the state of the Union, I found my thought dominated by an immediate question. Abraham Lincoln had come to have faith that right makes might and that faith led me to dare to do our duty as we understand it." a sentence of mortal menace it embodies in a form of utter simplicity and purity the essential faith of the nation, the faith in which it was conceived, and the faith in which it has grown to glory and power.

With that faith and the birth of a nation founded upon it came the hope to the world that a new order could prevail throughout the affairs of mankind, an order in which right and right would take precedence of force. Fifty years and I believe I may say I express the wish and purpose of every thoughtful American when I say that this sentence marks for us in the present time the part we should play alike in the arrangement of our domestic affairs and in our exercise of influence upon the affairs of the world. By the faith by this faith we alone, can the world be lifted out of its present confusion and distress. It was this faith which prevailed over the wicked force and fraud by which we were overwhelmed. We must remember that the beginning of the end of the war came when the German people found themselves face to face with the conscience of the world and realized that right was everywhere arrayed against them and that their government was attempting to impose upon them the will of others. It is true to say that this was the faith which won the war and it is true this is the faith with which our gallant boys went into the field of battle upon the seas to make sure of victory.

This is the standard to which we summary came into the world. Democracy is an ascendant force. It is not to be overthrown by force of arms or by the subtler forces that destroy individual initiative and the human energy that thrives upon it. It is incompatible with the existence of the power of any single group to dominate the government's financial affairs and industrial operations. It is the natural friend of labor and of all honest business. It is the natural opponent of every kind of privilege and every kind of unfair competition. It is the champion of the right of the weak to live as against the power of the strong. It is the champion of the right of the strong to live as against the power of the weak