RESUMPTION. The Congressional Front resumes with this issue after a lapse of four months. There is a reason. Congress re-convenes on Jan. 3rd in regular session. There is promise of controversy and struggle. A report will be expected on the exact effect of the far reaching legislation passed in the special session. The coming of Litvinoff, Commissar of Foreign Affairs for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to secure recognition, the journey of western Governors to Washington in behalf of more immediate and positive farm relief, the present gold purchasing policy for raising price levels, the drive of Senator Thomas and his cohorts for mandatory inflation, the regulations for the manufacture and taxation of liquor, and the delay in securing action on both federal and non-federal public works all promise to make the fur fly and perhaps such precise information as comes to the author will enable you to better formulate your conclusions on such matters. Thomas Jefferson once said, "To inform the minds of the people and to follow their will is the chief duty of those placed at their head."

RUSSIA. There is a sharp difference of opinion on Russian recognition. This information may be of interest to all. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics consists of seven republics, operating under a constitution adopted in 1924. There is a Union Congress of Soviets consisting of 2300 delegates which meets once in two years to select a Central Executive Committee. The Committee has two chambers, the upper chamber having 135 members, the lower chamber 450 members. The committee selects a Presidium or Cabinet of 27 members. Each chamber selects 9 members and jointly select the other nine. This Cabinet is really called the Union Council of Commissaries and each department head is called a Commissar. Kalinin is the President of this Council and Litvinoff is the Commissar of Foreign Affairs. Russia's government is pyramid in form. It's people are identified by classes - workers, soldiers, peasants. Each class selects delegates to a village or city soviet. Soviet means council. Village and city soviets select delegates to county soviets. County soviets select delegates to provincial soviets. Provincial soviets select delegates to State soviets, there being 7 such state soviets. State soviets select delegates to the national Union Congress of Soviets.

RECOGNITION. Russia has been recognized by 24 nations. On Dec. 6, 1923 President Coolidge said, "Our country should be among the first to go to the moral and economic rescue of Russia provided compensation is made for the confiscated property of our citizens, that Russia recognizes her debts to the United States and that she abates the spirit of enmity toward our institutions." Before the war, Russia owed the United States nothing. Eighty per cent of her pre-war debt was owing to France and the balance to Great Britain. Twenty per cent of her war debt is owing to France, seventy per cent to Great Britain and eight per cent to the U.S.

RUSSIAN TRADE. Russian purchases from the United States during the last four years are as follows: 1929 - 81 million, 1930 - 111 million, 1931 - 103 million, 1932 - 12 million. United States purchases from Russian for the same period are as follows:
1929 - 21 million, 1930 - 22 million, 1931 - 12 million, 1932 - 9 million. Russia ranks first in the production of platinum, producing more than the rest of the world combined. She ranks next to Canada in the production of asbestos, first in the production of manganese, first in the production of furs, first in timber resources, second in timber exports and second in the production and consumption of oil. It is estimated that Russia has one-fourth of the world's oil supply. Her gold production is about fifty million dollars per year, and equals that of the United States. Russia's domestic paper money is not backed by gold. It's value is fixed by the fixing of wages, of commodity prices, and profits. Importing and exporting of paper money is prohibited and hence there is no foreign speculation in Russian paper money.

RUSSIAN DEBTS. When Litvinoff comes to confer on recognition, he will doubtless be confronted with a statement of the debt to the United States under the Kersensky and Czarist regime, a statement of the debts owing to private citizens of this country and a statement of a claim by citizens of this country against Russia for confiscation of property. The whole amount including interest has been estimated as in excess of 700 millions. Russia will doubtless file a counter claim based on Allied intervention in Russia after she signed the treaty of Brest Litovsk. This intervention in Russian was supposedly authorized by President Wilson in order to protect munitions and supplies in northern Russia and prevent them from falling in German hands. Prof. Shuman of the University of Chicago, one of the recognized authorities states that, "Allied intervention in Siberia 15 months after the Armistice was signed, at the invitation of the United States is illegal for which Russia might justly claim damages."

MISCELLANY. The hearing for approval of the NRA code for the Rolling Steel Door Industry required just nine minutes. The hearing on the Drive-It-Yourself code required 22 minutes and for the Washing And Ironing Machine Industry just 27 minutes. Do you want a buffalo, elk, or deer either as a pet or to eat? Address the Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture. They are receiving bids on 170 such animals. Those under 2 years of age are sold only for breeding, zoo, museum, or exhibition purposes. Animals over 2 years might be obtained for meat. Incidentally, unless the supply is exhausted, farmers by applying to the Department of Conservation, State of Illinois, can procure pheasants and quail. At last reports a quantity of pheasants were still available for distribution.