

CONGRESS HASTEN TOWARD SESSION CLOSED

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CALLS SESSION VERY REMARKABLE AND HINTS AT LEGISLATION TO COME

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Adjournment of the first session of the sixty-fourth congress at 10 o'clock this morning without a hitch in the plans of senate and house leaders, was quickly followed by a general exodus of members hastening homeward for rest or the national political campaign.

While the closing saw the administration program mainly completed, some things wait to be continued at the winter session, notably the remainder of the president's program of railroad legislation which was partially enacted to prevent the threatened strike.

In a formal statement President Wilson, which constitutes a contribution of his own, gave notice that the remainder of the railroad program would be pressed at the new session. His statement was as follows:

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legislation as their dominant feature. Railroad presidents and managers, labor leaders, shippers, investors and students of government will be summoned to cooperate with the investigating committee, its work which is expected to result in the submission of important legislation affecting transportation problems of the country.

In addition to the railroads the subject next in importance which congress will consider will be conservation of national resources. Water power bills, which failed at this session, will be re-introduced.

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The remaining hours of congress were remarkably few. Only the presence of the president in his room near the senate chamber served to attract interest to what otherwise has been an uneventful ending of an eventful congress.

Informal conferences of a few administration senators and congressmen turned the afternoon into a series of thoughts of what had been achieved to contemplation of the future. No matter what happens in the November election, the democratic congress has three months more ahead of an ambitious program to complete.

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The department of agriculture's monthly forecast, issued today, estimates the wheat crop at 411,000,000 bushels, or 9,000,000 bushels less than is calculated to be necessary for domestic use. A carry-over of approximately 160,000,000 bushels of old wheat from last year's record-breaking crop, however, will make up the deficiency and leave something like 100,000,000 bushels available to supply the heavy demand of foreign nations for American wheat.

Spring wheat, paroled by hot and dry weather, showed a loss of 53,900,000 bushels since the August forecast of production of 464,900,000 bushels, smaller than forecast a month ago.

BID MADE FOR WOMEN'S VOTE BY PRESIDENT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 8.—Triumph for the woman suffrage cause "in a little while" was predicted by President Wilson here tonight in a speech before the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

"I have come here to fight with you the president declared. Immediately the four thousand women present stood and cheered. A few minutes later Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the association, with Mrs. Wilson, stirred and declared:

"We have waited long enough to get the vote. We want it now. I want it to come during your administration." Again the great audience of women stood and cheered, waving handkerchiefs.

The president's pledge of support to the suffrage question caused Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the organization, to say in a speech soon after that she would not speak on the method by which he would bring about woman suffrage, but said, "we shall not quarrel in the long run as to the method of it."

The women in their speeches also failed to mention the question of method. The president was warmly applauded, the meeting came to an end and with Mrs. Wilson he sat during several addresses. Pears expressed before the meeting that he might be "heckled" but that on his present trip he had come to "fight with somebody."

Mr. Wilson aroused the greatest enthusiasm when he said whenever he had come to Atlantic City previously he had come to fight against somebody, but that on his present trip he had come to "fight with somebody."

WAR THEATER SHIFTED TO EASTERN RUMANIA

[By Republican Associated Press Leased Wire] EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 8.—Thirty Mexicans, supposed to be Villistas, made a raid on the engineer camp of the American punitive expedition and escaped with a mule, according to members of the expeditionary force arriving here today from Mexico by way of Columbus, N. M.

The Rumanians continue their offensive in eastern Transylvania and also have occupied Orzova on the Danube. Advancing from Csik Szereda, in Transylvania, the Rumanians are driving westward and Vienna admits the withdrawal of Austrian forces before attacks against Hargitta.

The Russians on the northern end of their line near Riga have begun a new undertaking and have crossed the Dvina north of Dvinsk. Repeated efforts by the Germans to dislodge them failed, Petrograd declares.

Austro-Germans are fighting desperately to hold back the Russians advancing on Halicz. Petrograd says the Austro-German forces have fallen back to the western bank of the Gnila Lipa, while Vienna asserts that troops of the central powers are holding their own. Russian attacks against German positions on the Zlota Lipa, southeast of Brzezany failed with heavy losses, Berlin reports.

In the Somme front violent bombardment continues. The French report a further advance for their troops in Verdun and in the Berry-Entenre and Chalons sector both the Germans and French claim successes for their armies in the repulse of attacks.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BANGOR, Maine, Sept. 8.—Maine audiences from Lewiston to Bangor today heard Charles E. Hughes assail the administration for "surrendering to force in the enactment of the Adamson law."

The nominees ended the second day of his Maine campaign with a declaration that the American people would never give up government by law and reason, won at the cost of continuous fighting.

Mr. Hughes stood the strain of fast campaign well and tonight was feeling somewhat tired but, as he said, "never better."

He will leave tomorrow for Augusta and the last day of the campaign.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] JACKSON, Mich., Sept. 8.—Two persons were killed and 14 persons were injured, two fatally, late today in a head-on collision between two traction cars on the Michigan United Railways Company's line at River Junction, near here.

According to company officials, forgotten orders were responsible for the accident.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] AMARILLO, Texas, Sept. 8.—Charles Moore, 29, missing from the engineering corps of the United States army, was found here late today by a former acquaintance. Moore, who had forgotten his own name and previous places of residence, had been employed several weeks as a yard man not many blocks from his former home in this city.

RECORDED THAT TROOPS CLASH WITH MEXICANS

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This incursion, which took place last Wednesday on an isolated portion of the camp at Ojo Federico, is believed by the military authorities here to have been indirectly responsible for today's rumor of the clash between the Fifth cavalry and Sixteenth infantry regiments and a band of Villistas south of El Valle, Chihuahua. Otherwise the story of that fight must be called a pure hoax, the officers say.

Information received at the military headquarters in El Paso confirms the presence of Villa in the Santa Clara canyon.

Villa, on his northward march, told the natives that he intended to eat dinner at Parral on the Mexican independence day, September 16, but he later said he would take part in the celebration at Chihuahua City on the evening of the 15th, which is carnival night in Mexico. Such a story, if true, brought here today out of Mexico by a man well acquainted with the people. He also said he talked to a Mexican soldier who had been with Villa in an effort to secure the release of some commandeered mules. The Mexican said the bandit chief looked very thin and yellow and still used crutches when walking, although able to ride a horse.

A rumor current in Chihuahua City, travelers report, to the effect that General Juan Villa, who headed an expedition some months ago to hunt for the body of Villa, when Villa was supposed to be dead, was killed this week by his own men, who then deserted to the bandits.

All accounts of the natives agree that Villa, on his northward march, had only a few rounds of cartridges for each man. But now evidence is said to show that some caches of ammunition have been recovered by the bandits, as they are carrying full belts and bandoliers.

Another Mexican report, apparently reliable, has it that Carranza has withdrawn from the presidential race in favor of Obregon. This is taken as a step toward conciliation in the faction hostile to the constitutional government.

Children Starving DOUGLAS, Sept. 8.—Children are starving in the southern part of the Sahuaripa district of Sonora, 200 miles south of the border, according to an American mining man who arrived here today from a trip into the southern part of the Mexican state. Their elders are abandoning farms and ranches on the Pacific coast, and are congregating along the line of the Mexican Pacific railway, he said. Food can be more easily obtained there.

The American said that he had been told by a Mexican rancher he had gone 125 miles for food and been unable to buy it.

The few people who are remaining in their homes are living on herbs and cactus fruit. They are practically unclothed. A good corn crop is anticipated, but it will not mature sufficiently for use before the end of another month.

Exchange Shots EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 8.—Shots passed over the Rio Grande near Fabens, thirty miles south of El Paso, when Rangers J. B. Swift and Will Sans, Constable Robert Carr, of Fabens, and Deputy Sheriff Bates tried to retain a Mexican prisoner who had escaped from them, according to a report received at El Paso tonight. The Mexican, accused of horse stealing, succeeded in crossing the river under fire, although believed to be wounded. A number of shots were returned by the prisoner's partisans from the Mexican side at the time, but no Americans were hit.

GERMANS TAKE FORT BUCHAREST, Sept. 7.—(Via London) Sept. 8.—The capture of the fortress of Turtucaia, on the Danube, by German and Bulgarian troops is admitted in an official communication issued by the Rumanian war office today.

SECOND DAY OF STRIKE BRINGS LITTLE INTERRUPTION SERVICE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The second day of the strike of unionized employees of New York's subway, elevated and surface lines brought little interruption to service, but developed a contest which, it was said, may decide whether the city's carmen will be permitted to organize.

Theodore P. Shontz, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company and the New York Railways company, struck at the union by offering to take back all striking New York Railways company employees (surface car motormen and conductors) who quit the union by tomorrow. Strike breakers, he declared, would be put in the places of all these employees who do not accept his offer.

Union leaders tonight threatened to extend the strike to the lines of the Third Avenue Railroad company, the Second Avenue company and the Union Elevated company, unless the heads of these lines pledge themselves not to circulate individual contracts among their men similar to those binding the workers not to ask for wage increases for two years which brought on the Interborough strike and the sympathetic New York Railways strike. The Third Avenue line, it was said, flatly refused the demands.

James L. Quackenbush, general counsel for the Interborough, declared at an investigation held by the public service commission, that some legislation must be enacted even to amend the United States constitution, if necessary, to resuming a government of laws and not of men.

"It was not part of the business of President Roosevelt to interfere in the anthracite strike situation," he added. "Without intending to criticize or engage in political discussion it is my opinion that it was no part of the president's business or of his duties of his office to engage in the recent railroad situation."

Mr. Quackenbush told the commission it had no right to inquire into the individual contracts and that the question of wages alone was arbitrary.

Union officials asserted tonight that 3,000 elevated railway and subway employees were out, but made no claims that service was being crippled.

Mr. Mitchell, in a statement tonight declared that pending the inquiry into the strike, he was "determined that order shall be maintained in the city, the safety of the traveling public insured, and protection given to life and property."

Women Decide to Stay Out of All Political Fights

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 8.—The National American Woman Suffrage Association today re-affirmed its policy of non-partisanship in its address to the delegates to the party's annual convention at Atlantic City.

The resolution provoked a long and warm debate in which the details were supplemented by declarations that the resolution was non-partisan and that it was not aimed at President Wilson who had no nominee in support of the federal amendment.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president, was vehement in her denunciation of the resolution. The supporters of other speakers who said the passage of the resolution would hurt the suffrage cause all over the United States. She drew attention to the fact that President Wilson favors woman suffrage and voted for it in his own state.

After the resolution was defeated the convention adopted a resolution reaffirming its non-partisan attitude toward national political candidates. The resolution also stated that this policy did not preclude the right of any member of the association from working against the election of any candidate for whom she might have the right to vote, that the resolution introduced in the convention several days ago by President Carrie Chapman Catt that the immediate and principal aim of the association was the passage of the federal amendment and that all state work was only preparatory thereto was withdrawn. The subject will be introduced in another form, Mrs. Catt said, as the resolution because of the opposition has not apparently been misinterpreted.

The convention spent most of the afternoon in deciding on methods of carrying on its campaign for suffrage.

A campaign fund of \$18,800 was raised in thirty minutes. New York pledged \$225,000 and Pennsylvania \$125,000. A delegate from Massachusetts said to be a Mrs. Blackwell, gave \$10,000 and Mrs. Catt also contributed \$10,000. There were other individual gifts from \$2,000 down to \$10.

AMERICAN TRADE MANAGED BY STRICT BRITISH CENSORSHIP

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Extension of the British mail censorship from its original purpose of destroying all trade to or from Germany to the field providing data for Great Britain's fight for commercial supremacy is seen here in amendments made by David Lloyd George, the war secretary, before parliament just received said it had been called to the attention of the state department officials.

"It is the practice to communicate to other departments concerned any information of matters of public interest which may be obtained through the censorship for such use to be made of it as the particular department may consider advisable. The government is perfectly within its rights in using any notification which comes to it in this condition for any purpose and national purpose."

This statement apparently had been censored out of cable dispatches to the United States. When asked about the matter tonight, Secretary Lansing said it had been called to the attention of the state department officials, but declined to make any comment at this time.

It is understood, however, that the department will take a more serious view of Lloyd George's interpretation and will protest more vigorously than ever against interference with neutral mails on the high seas. Although the American government has con-

Commission Going About Work With Extreme Care

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 8.—Careful, painstaking labor over the complicated situation along the Mexican border marked today's American-Mexican joint commission conference.

Many schemes for cooperative military patrol, and for otherwise frustrating the outlaw element of northern Mexico were discussed. None of them seemed entirely satisfactory and when the commission adjourned tonight, to meet again Monday, it was intimated that a broader plan, incorporating adaptable features of several of those which have been presented thus far might be worked out.

American members did not hesitate to describe the plan being framed as a substitute for existing conditions on the border as its adoption meant the withdrawal of General Pershing's force from Mexico.

Two of the Mexican commissioners, Luis Cabrera and Alberto Paul, left for New York tonight to speed tomorrow attending to special missions with which they have been charged by General Carranza in addition to their work on the commission. Dr. John R. Mott of the American commission also went to New York.

The American commissioners are taking advantage of every opportunity to learn what the Carranza government has been doing and in prospect for the benefit of the war-torn republic.