

MANY ISSUES FACE SESSION OF CONGRESS

President Wilson Will Read His Message at Noon Tomorrow.

REVENUES AND DEFENSE CHIEF PROBLEMS

Democratic Majority in House Has Been Reduced to Twenty-four.

Washington, Dec. 4.—National Defense and the means of providing money to carry out the administration plans, admittedly, are the chief problems which the Sixty-fourth Congress will face when it assembles at noon Monday.

Democratic leaders who had hoped to make military preparedness a non-partisan question are not confident of success, notwithstanding the widespread endorsement given President Wilson's program by prominent members and organizations affiliated with minority parties. The chief stumbling block is the method of raising the enormous revenues which will be needed.

Certain republican leaders have indicated they are ready to make political capital of the democratic dilemma should the party in power find itself compelled to resort to a bond issue or any of the tariff measures hitherto condemned by them. With leaders of both parties looking toward the national campaign next fall the session promises to be of unusual interest.

Members Arriving

Washington is enlivened tonight with the first of the arriving members of the Sixty-fourth Congress, all of them aware of the huge legislative tasks ahead. The nation's law making bodies have not been in session for nine months, the longest legislative hiatus in the last two administrations, during which problems of supreme importance to the nation have arisen.

President Wilson will outline the salient needs of the country in a personally delivered address to Congress Tuesday. The address will be followed by the organized and actual legislative program initiated. In his opening address the President is not expected to present in detailed form all of the legislation the administration has in mind, but as Congress proceeds he plans to send messages on special subjects.

The President's first communication probably will concern chiefly the needs of the army and navy, giving attention to revelations and responsibilities growing out of the European war and what may be done to finance a plan of preparedness to assure continuing safety of the nation.

Majority Small

The new Congress is still Democratic, but not so overwhelmingly as it has been on previous occasions when President Wilson addressed it. In the Senate the party has a slightly increased majority, but political fortunes have reduced the almost unwieldy force in the House that came in on the democratic landslide when elected Mr. Wilson so that now the party will have only a majority over all of 24 votes. This is regarded as a narrow margin in a body composed of 435 members, requiring a party defection of only thirteen votes to defeat a measure.

The new House is officially classified will consist of 229 Democrats, 197 Republicans, 6 Progressives, 1 Independent, 1 vacancy and 1 Socialist. In the Senate there are 55 Democrats and 40 Republicans. Republican ranks in the House have been swollen by the return of many familiar political figures who were leaders in the long period of Republican supremacy. Among them are former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and William B. McKinley, former chairman of the Republican legislative committee, both of Illinois; Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, son-in-law of Col. Roosevelt; William A. Rodenberg, of Illinois; Ebenezer J. Hill, for years a Republican power on the Ways and Means committee; John Q. Tilson, both of Connecticut; George E. Foss, of Illinois, former chairman of the Naval committee; Cyrus A. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, former chairman of the Pension committee, remembered as towering above the heads of all other members; George W. Loud, of Michigan; Benjamin K. Focht, and Daniel F. Lefan, of Pennsylvania and many others. Prominent members of the Sixty-third House who do not re-appear at this session are Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama who now is a senator; A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania; Robert F. Brunsard, of Louisiana, who also went to the Senate; Charles L. Bartlett, of Georgia; Timothy T. Ansberry, Robert J. Buckley and Stanley J. Bowdler, of Ohio; Jeremiah Donovan, of Connecticut; H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois; Henry George, Jr., of Louisiana; Herman A. Metz, Frank E. Wilson, Henry M. Goldfogge, and Jefferson M. Levy, of New York; Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, who has led the fight for national prohibition; C. H. Burke and E. W. Martin, of South Dakota; Victor

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WHERE RUSSIA IS MASSING GREAT ARMY TO STRIKE AT THE BULGARS



This map shows the points where Russia is reported to be concentrating troops for an invasion of Bulgaria, either by the Danube—which is by treaty an international waterway—or by the Black Sea. The heavy circles mark the points of concentration at Rani and Ismail on the Danube in Bessarabia, and at Odessa, Russia's big Black Sea port. The lower Danube is wide and deep enough for a flotilla of large steamships. The expedition may strike at Ruschuk, Bulgaria's principal Danube port, or at Varna or Burgas, her Black Sea ports. Varna already has been bombarded by the Russians, but German submarines are reported operating there.

Panama Exposition Ends; Big Carnival Celebrates Closing of Frisco Show

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The Panama-Pacific International exposition closed tonight. Hundreds of thousands of incandescent lights twinkled and trembled the farewell signal a few minutes before midnight and at twelve o'clock the lights went out for the last time. The exposition of 289 days' duration officially was at an end, though the farewell carnival continued in the morning hours.

With the extinguishing of the electric lights there was a flash in the sky of thousands of rockets, bombs and star shells. More than half a ton of powder was used to hurl them into the air, making a salvo which W. D. A. Ryan, the director of illumination, said, was the heaviest and most elaborate pyrotechnic display ever attempted.

Hundreds of Lights. Hundreds of searchlights which had pointed to the art of the sculptor and shone on the Tower of Jewels and the domes and minarets each night since February 20, when the exposition began, were also dimmed in the closing moments and for thirty seconds the 635 acres of exposition grounds were in total darkness. Then patrol lights here and there along the avenues and byways and in the courts began to glow so that the thousands of merry-makers could make their way about. All in all, the closing of the exposition was a grand affair. The carnival spirit prevailed, in keeping with the decree of President Charles C. Moore and the exposition directors, who said: "Let there be cheers instead of tears. The exposition has been a success."

In a financial way it is expected the exposition will show a profit of something like \$2,000,000, perhaps more. All in all, the closing of the exposition was a grand affair. The expense of preparing the site and the buildings for the opening date was said to be approximately \$50,000,000. There was not federal appropriation for the undertaking, although the various departments of the United States government made displays for which

BANK ROBBER CAPTURED IN DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4.—Hugo A. Eden, captured in Duluth and identified as one of the three bandits who on Monday held up the Camden Park State bank, broke down today and admitted that he had knowledge of the robbery, according to Captain John Galvin. Galvin said that Eden told the names of the three men who were implicated. James T. Peterson, teller in the bank, is aiding in the search of Duluth and Superior for the others who are said to have gone there. Three men in all were captured by the Duluth police, but Peterson could identify only Eden.

CASS COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICERS HAVE MEETING

Casselton, N. D., Dec. 4.—The annual convention of the Cass County School Officers' association came to a close in this city late this afternoon. The meeting, held in the high school auditorium, was the most successful in the history of the association. Prominent speakers were: Superintendent A. E. Robinson of this city, E. A. Greenwood, assistant dairy commissioner; J. W. Riley, superintendent of schools of Cass county; Dr. H. J. Rowe, president of the association; Hon. W. L. Stockwell of Fargo, Dr. W. E. Hootler of Fargo, and William McGuigan, secretary of the association.

FORD PEACE EXPEDITION ON THE WAY

Departure of Oscar II Delayed by Late Arrival of 15 Guests.

GOVERNOR HANNA AND SAM CLARK ABOARD

Chief Executive and Clark Will Visit All Belligerent Countries.

CLARK WITH HANNA. A telegram received here late Saturday afternoon by C. H. Crookard announces that Governor L. B. Hanna, his guest, S. H. Clark, and the entire Ford peace party sailed from New York at 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, on board the steamship, Oscar II., for The Hague. The entire party will there be joined by others who are interested in the bringing about of peace between the warring nations of Europe.

"I am sailing as a special news correspondent with the Ford peace expedition at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Have secured passports to all neutral countries with Ford party and additional passports to Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, England and Switzerland. Glad to note Governor Hanna is a member of the Ford peace party. In an interview with the governor, this morning, I learned that he will also visit the belligerent countries to study actual conditions in the war zone. We expect to travel together in the war zone. I have been assigned a stateroom adjoining the governor's quarters on the Oscar II. I will communicate with you enroute at my convenience."

New York, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford and more than 80 peace advocates sailed today on the Oscar II for Christiania, Norway. Just before the gang plank was pulled up a cable messenger rushed on the ship and it was reported that Mr. Ford had received from King Haakon of Norway a message stating that the Ford party would be cordially received in Norway.

The sailing of the Oscar II scheduled for 2 o'clock, was delayed for some time by the unexpected arrival of fifteen persons who had been invited by Ford but had not indicated they were sailing. The examination of the baggage and the tickets of the fifteen late arrivals, as well as the final clearing of the ship of all but persons who held tickets, took up considerable time.

For several days Mr. Ford has maintained headquarters in a New York hotel summoning by invitation governors of states, leaders and workers in peace movement and students of universities to join the expedition. Of the governors invited, so far as announced, L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, William B. Egan of New York, H. C. Evans of Missouri, Frederick H. Holt, Detroit; T. A. Hostetter, Washington; the Rev. Jenken L. Jones, Chicago; the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit; Louis Maverick, Winnetka, Ill.; George F. Milton, Chattanooga; E. H. Woltnau, Williamstown, Mass.; Henry C. Morris, Chicago; Senator Helen R. Robinson, Denver; T. Monroe Smock, New Plymouth, Idaho; Charles D. Thompson, Chicago; Hendrick W. Van Loon, Ithaca, N. Y.; Arthur L. Weatherly, Lincoln, Neb.; the Rev. W. H. Wright, Little Rock, Ark., and Lars P. Nelson, New York.

Twenty-three members of the party are women. Students from Yale Vassar, Barnard, Dartmouth, Oberlin, Williams, Drake, Vanderbilt and Columbia, and the universities of Kansas, Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Michigan and Texas accompany the expedition. The peace delegates received large red celluloid buttons bearing a white star with rays and the words, "Out of the trenches by Christmas."

INJURE AMERICAN INTERESTS. London, Dec. 4.—American business men here, believing the Ford peace ship idea will injure Americans doing business in Europe, have seriously considered sending a petition to President Wilson asking him to prevent the sailing of the craft. Others, however, have advised strongly against such a course, on the ground that the Ford's plans should not be signified with such formal action.

One American who favored sending the petition said to The World

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AMERICAN SHIP ATTACKED IN MEDITERRANEAN

Wireless S. O. S. Signal from Unknown Vessel Received at Athens.

AMERICAN CRUISER IS NEAR SCENE OF ACTION

Washington Is Without Official Information Regarding the Recent Attack.

Athens, Dec. 4.—A wireless S. O. S. call reached Athens this morning from an unnamed American ship. The message stated that she was being attacked by an Austrian or German submarine south of the island of Crete.

MAY BE CAESAR. Washington, Dec. 4.—Word from the collier steamer, Caesar, received in Washington and given out today stated that she sailed yesterday from Port Said at the entrance of Suez canal, for Alexandria.

The state department late today had received no official information regarding the reported attack on an American ship in the Mediterranean. Officials thought there was little possibility that the collier, Caesar, was the ship referred to in news dispatches as attacked by a submarine, and suggested that it probably was one of a small fleet of merchant vessels plying in Grecian waters, flying the American flag, but owned entirely by Greek capital.

An attack on that ship, it was said, probably would not confront the United States with a serious international problem unless there were Americans aboard.

Cruiser Near Scene. It was said at the navy department that the cruiser, Des Moines, probably was nearer the scene of the reported attack than was the Caesar. Both reported today that they had lost their anchors and suffered some minor damage yesterday in a severe gale off Jafa. The Caesar was to proceed to the south, however, taking refugees to Alexandria, while the Des Moines was on her way to Cyprus under indefinite orders, which might take her to other Mediterranean islands.

Navy officials regard it as an impossibility that any American warship had been attacked either through an accident or other means. It was said by officials that an attack on one of the Greek owned vessels of American registry might present a rather difficult problem, but that it was highly improbable that the United States would feel justified in making it an international issue.

Further Arrests. The federal authorities intimated their intention to press other charges by the serving of a subpoena upon Robert Capelle, agent of the North German-Lloyd Steamship company, who was said by them to have been secreted on board the German bark, Otawa, interned off Sausalito, across the bay from San Francisco, since the beginning of the war.

Big Sum Disbursed. Search for Capelle was begun ten days ago, following testimony in the Hamburg-American case in New York, that \$750,000 was sent here for disbursement on the order of Capt. Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German embassy.

Wide Investigation. Washington, Dec. 4.—The developments which have followed the request for the withdrawal of Capt. Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papen, naval and military attaches of the German embassy, indicated today that the state department would adopt a wide investigation of more consular officials in the United States whose suspicious activities in some instances are looked upon with disfavor.

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Washington, Dec. 4.—The fight to commit the senate democrats to a cloture rule which began immediately after the ship purchase bill was filibustered to death in the senate at the last session, practically was abandoned by its champions at today's meeting of the democratic caucus. Although it was agreed that a non-partisan effort should be made during the session to correct abuses that have made filibustering a matter of endless practice.

Need Republican Aid. It was declared to be the sense of the caucus that revision of the rules should not be a partisan question and that the whole subject would be referred to the rules committee, a resolution to take effect will be introduced at the opening of congress Monday, and the rules committee, of which Senator Overman is chairman, will endeavor to get the co-operation of the republican members in re passage of senate procedure.

MORE ARRESTS FOLLOW PROBE IN CONSPIRACY

German Military Attache at San Francisco Arrested by the Federal Officers.

STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS MIXED UP IN AFFAIR

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Beron Wilhelm von Brincken, who claimed immunity from arrest as military attache of the German consulate here last night, surrendered early tonight to federal authorities and was charged with attempting to stop commerce. He was released on bonds of \$10,000.

The arrest of von Brincken was in connection with the alleged conspiracy to block traffic and to destroy vessels carrying food, clothing and ammunition to the allied countries in the European war. The formal charges against von Brincken, associated Charles Crowley, a detective, and Lewis J. Smith, Crowley's alleged accomplice, in the handling of German plans for destruction purposes.

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BRITISH FORCES IN ASIA MINOR ARE RETREATING

Capture of Bagdad Now Out of Question With Present Army in Retreat.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WATCHING ROUMANIA

Neutral Balkan State Will Likely Reach Final Decision Early This Week.

London, Dec. 4.—The British, German and Turkish accounts of the recent fighting in Mesopotamia, while containing minor disparities respecting the casualties and character of the British retreat on the Tigris, clearly established the fact that without further reinforcement to equal the overpowering odds against which they have been struggling, the British forces under Townshend have little prospect of continuing the march to Bagdad, which city appeared a few weeks ago to be almost within their grasp.

Having advanced during October and November through to Irak, to the very environment of Bagdad, the British forces are now retiring upon Kut-el-Amara, eight miles southeast of Ctesiphon, the scene of the battle fought in the latter part of November, in which the British troops met their first serious setback.

The position, therefore, of General Townshend's force is much the same as in September, after the battle at Kut-el-Amara.

Quiet in Balkans. There have been no military events of any importance in the Balkans since the fall of Monastir, which was discounted in advance.

Recent reports make Rumania look unusually large on the Balkan horizon and that country is generally accredited with the intention of either joining the Allies or stretching her neutrality to the point of allowing passage of Russian troops.

There has been no confirmation of the report that Russian troops have already entered Rumanian territory.

Rumania May Fight. Rumania's declarations that after Monday she will commandeer all foreign ships anchored in Rumanian ports is regarded by some as proof that Rumania is to abandon her neutrality. But the British press and the public in general, which have grown skeptical of premature announcements of changes in the policy of the Balkan states, show little inclination to take a favorable issue for granted until it is granted beyond a possibility of doubt.

London, Dec. 4.—It is officially announced that only German-Austrian and Bulgarian officers have entered Monastir and no troops accompanied them, says a Reuter telegram. The flags of the three nations represented by the officers who entered the city were raised above the government house, the dispatch adds.

British Retreating. An official report given out by the Overseas News agency states that pursuit of the defeated British armies at Mesopotamia is still being carried on and that four of the British river vessels have been captured.

Capture Two Boats. A message from Copenhagen places a fresh success for the Turks in Mesopotamia, stating they have captured two additional gun boats with 12 centimeter guns.

A Turkish official statement received here Saturday via Berlin mentioned the capture of two British supply ships and two gun boats. Whether the above dispatch referred to these vessels already reported or to others is not clear.

Russian Loan Falls. The Overseas News agency asserts that it has received private advice that the Russian war loan has proved a total failure.

Although \$1,000,000,000 rubles were offered for subscription, says the news agency, "the report declares that during a preliminary period of four days and in two subscription days, the subscriptions of the majority of the banks and government officers amounted to \$100,000,000 rubles, despite the fact that every effort to induce subscription was taken.

For instance, it is declared employees were offered remuneration in the shape of a percentage on certificates sold.

According to report the government has threatened to transport to Siberia persons who offered loan securities below the price of the issue and, if necessary, to close the Petrograd exchange.

MUCH HAY CONSUMED. Wyndmere: While M. Paulson and Bill Reed burned over a slough on some land northwest of Wyndmere a gale which arose meanwhile fanned the flames to such an extent that a serious prairie fire resulted. About twelve stacks of hay were consumed. For a time buildings on Dr. Sherriff's farm were threatened, but valiant work saved them.