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CONGRESS CONVENES IN SECOND PART OF SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION

Enormous War Bills Face National Lawmakers.

OVER \$13,500,000,000

Little Time for Other Than War Problems, Says Senator Martin and Representative Kitchin Approves Idea.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress is ready to take up again its part in the prosecution of the war.

The second session of the Sixty-fifth Congress began today at noon with brief routine business sessions marked by the receipt of appropriation estimates for next year's war and ordinary expenses aggregating the vast sum of \$13,500,000,000.

Tomorrow the Senate and House will meet in joint session at 12:30 p. m. to hear President Wilson deliver his annual address.

Guidance by the President in the work ahead is awaited by tacit agreement. Congressional leaders tonight admitted with profound interest by the world, virtually would outline the session's program.

Speculation as to the nature of the President's address centers largely upon the question whether he will recommend declaration of war by the United States against Germany's allies. General belief is that he will not, at least for the present and that Congress will follow his desires. Sentiment for such action is widespread, however, and individual members probably will introduce war resolutions. One or two Senators were prepared today to offer such resolutions, but were prevailed upon to withhold them.

A spirit of confidence apparently pervades Congress. Returning members exchanged views with declarations of increased determination to lend every aid in the vigorous conduct of the war. The leaders predicted that legislation would be confined largely to war measures, as the President is understood to desire. Senator Martin, Democratic leader in the Senate, said there would be little time for other than war problems, and Representative Kitchin, the House floor leader, announced after informal conferences with colleagues, that he was disposed to favor the plan. The understanding, however, is that the few weeks of the session, until after the holiday recess at least, will be open to general legislation.

The House judicial committee meets tomorrow and as consideration of national prohibition and woman suffrage measures was postponed at the last session on the basis of action at this session the disposition of many of the committeemen is to vote on them now, one way or the other.

A war time aspect was given to today's sessions by the presence of many uniformed men among spectators in the crowded galleries and of women busily plying knitting needles during the opening ceremonies.

Senate proceedings were unusually brief. After adoption of routine resolutions, the Senate adjourned out of respect to the late Senator Husting, of Wisconsin. The House remained in session until the joint committee appointed to notify President Wilson of the return of Congress reported and then passed the resolution for tomorrow's joint session.

The usual crop of bills, resolutions and petitions was received in the House, including a resolution by Representative Martin, Louisiana, proposing congressional investigation of the sugar shortage.

Fitzgerald to Resign.

Representative John J. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the important House appropriations committee, prominent Democratic leader and a member of Congress of eighteen years' service, announced late today his intention to resign, effective December 31, to resume the practice of law. His successor to head the appropriation committee probably will be Representative Swager Shirley, of Louisville, Ky., ranking Democratic committeeman.

Little business this week is planned by Senate and House leaders as the leaders and committee chairmen want an opportunity to confer and to discuss matters.

BIG CYPRESS MANUFACTURING CENTER OF THIS STATE

About 10 miles east of Manning the town of Gable was brought into such prominence by the location of the big plant of the Black River Cypress company a few years ago that the large postal business from the place attracted the attention of the government officials to such an extent that about a year ago the postal authorities established a postoffice at this place.

It is said the big plant of the company has a capacity of about 60,000 feet of manufactured lumber a day when running at full capacity and that between 400 and 500 men are employed in all departments at the mill, yards and in the woods.

Millions of feet of lumber are in stock. This great cypress manufacturing center of the state of South Carolina has not escaped the handicap of a scarcity of labor in its business which is being experienced in nearly all lines of industry in this state.

C. P. Gable, from whom the town acquired its name, is the head and efficient manager of this colossal enterprise. The company has a large reserve of timber from which to stock its mill for some years to come.

The place has all the appearances of a big sawmill town with its large boarding and company houses for the men employed in the manufacture of lumber. Various lines of mercantile businesses are carried on here and the place presents one of the busiest centers in this section of the state, and is rapidly growing into a larger commercial and residential town and new building operations are going rapidly forward to supply accommodations for the people locating here.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the friends who extended so much kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of my husband, Edgar C. Dickson. Especially do I wish to thank them for their beautiful floral offerings. Only those who have had similar experience can fully appreciate what such sympathy means to a sorrowing heart.

Sincerely,
Mamie Dickson.

CANAL COMMISSION IN SESSION IN COLUMBIA

Columbia, Dec. 4.—The canal commission met in the office of Attorney General Peoples this afternoon and considered several propositions looking towards the carrying out of the provisions of the act providing for the taking over of the property of the Columbia canal by the State.

The sinking fund commission met this afternoon and transacted a deal of routine business.

The board of trustees of the South Carolina Industrial School will meet at Florence on December 11, the Governor's office announced tonight.

ADMIRAL ROGERS DEAD

Constructed the Naval Station at Guantanamo.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Rear Admiral Charles Custer Rogers, U. S. N., retired, who constructed the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, 1904-06, died at a hospital here tonight. He was 61 years old, and a native of Virginia.

He served as executive officer of the Resolute in the Spanish-American war and received medals for conduct in actions off Santiago.

The funeral will be in Winchester, Va., Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank my friends, one and all, who fought the flames that destroyed my two barns and contents on Sunday, Nov. 25, 1917.

Kind friends worked 'till late that night and saved some of my corn, for this, and all help rendered, my family and I are sincerely thankful.

E. D. Hodge,

Alcolu, S. C., Dec. 4, 1917.

Back from Islands

A Pacific Port, Dec. 4.—Thirty United States Senators and Representatives, composing a special congressional committee which investigated land questions of the Hawaiian Islands, returned today and left for Washington.

WILL GET NITRATE BY FIRST OF YEAR

In Short Time Department of Agriculture Will Be Able to Give Price.

BYRNES GETS INFORMATION

South Carolina's Youngest Congressman Looking After the Farmers' Interest.

Washington, Dec. 3.—According to information obtained from the Department of Agriculture today by Representative James F. Byrnes, of Aiken, the government expects to be ready to furnish nitrate of soda to farmers by the first of the coming year, but it will be a week or so more before an announcement can be made of the price at which the nitrate will be sold.

All of the South Carolina delegation are here for the opening of the session, except Representatives Ragsdale and Nicholls, who accompanied a congressional party to Hawaii after the special session adjourned. The schedule of this party puts it back in Washington December 10.

SENIOR SENATOR "PROUD OF NAVY"

Washington, Dec. 3.—"I am proud of the navy," declared Senator Tillman today, adding an expression of emphasis which convinced the listeners that the chairman of the Senate naval committee has returned to his work in Washington with a good supply of the old time "pep" for which he is so famous.

"The destroyers we have over there are doing great work," continued the Senator. "Josephus Daniels is making a fine Secretary of the Navy and confounding all his critics."

McLAURIN WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS FIRST OF YEAR

To the Anderson County Members of the Legislature, Grand Jury and others signing Petition.

Gentlemen:—Your request that I enter the campaign for Governor of South Carolina, is valued by me more than any compliment that I ever received. I think its true meaning lies in the fact that you feel the primary system in this state is not meeting the purpose for which it was devised by calling into public service the men best qualified. Its original purpose was to keep the white people united, not to divide them into two bitterly hostile factions, where the electorate is debauched by the use of money and the circulation of slanders.

The expense debars men of moderate means, and men of refinement shrink from entering a scramble where the methods of political blackguard and bully are at a premium. The instinct of the people often saves a democracy, and while your choice of me is open to doubt, the call itself is a wise step. I believe that the conservative thought of this state should control its policies, and that extreme men in both factions are unsafe leaders at this crisis.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." At my age I am not inclined to hunt new responsibilities, but I never wish to grow so old or become so selfish as to shirk them.

I entered public life with certain ideals. I have often fallen short of them. I am very human, but thank God my capacity for following the ideal increases with time.

The war will unsettle the political, social and industrial status:

First, We need to strengthen our primary system and unite our people to meet the situation at the close of the war.

Second, We need a more modern and business like State and County Government. There are too many officers duplicating work and piling up useless expense.

Third, We need the Warehouse system developed to where it will be prepared to store, grade and sell our cotton crop when normal conditions return. Its mission as a means merely to finance cotton has been accomplished.

I do not mind making the cam-

ESCAPED BALLOONS BROUGHT TO EARTH

Dragging 6,000 Feet of Steel Cable, Runaways Played Havoc with Property.

NONE OF OCCUPANTS HURT

Houses Unroofed, Telegraph and Telephone Wires Pulled Down in Their Flight.

Kansas City, Dec. 3.—Two United States observation balloons that were unleashed by accident and shot unguided into the air were brought to the ground early tonight. One, a huge bag of the French type, escaped from students at Fort Omaha, Neb., late yesterday and trailing 6,000 feet of steel tethering cable, traveled a spectacular course through Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and thence back into Nebraska, where it was captured. The other, apparently a smaller type, carried two army officers when its anchor line was broken by an airplane. The balloon was brought down by the men about thirty miles from Fort Sill, Okla., where it had broken away.

Officers Unhurt.

The flight of the Fort Sill fugitive while less spectacular than that of the Nebraska stray, caused the more apprehension among army officials and others because two officers were carried aloft with it. The officers, however, brought the gas bag to the ground in safety. Neither man was injured and the balloon was not damaged, reports say. The officers would not comment on their flight.

The airplane that crashed into the cable that controlled the Fort Sill balloon was slightly damaged, and fluttered one hundred feet to the ground. The pilot was not seriously injured.

GOVERNOR WANTS WHEATLESS AND MEATLESS DAYS

To the People of South Carolina: I desire to appeal to the people of South Carolina to lay down for themselves certain definite and specific days on which we will save flour, meat, sugar, and fats.

Our National Government has come to us asking for the performance of a specific duty. We are asked to save meat, flour, sugar, and fats.

I urge our people to adopt the following program:

To use no beef, pork, or mutton on Tuesdays. On a basis of 7 ounces per person, this will save about 700,000 pounds of beef, pork and mutton per week, or save enough meat to feed all of the South Carolina soldiers in the army.

To use no wheat on Wednesdays. This will save about two million dollars a year, and would supply our South Carolina soldiers in the army. America uses now one hundred million barrels of flour. This must be cut down to seventy-five million barrels.

To use no hog meat on Thursdays. This will save about 700,000 pounds, or enough bacon and ham to feed our South Carolina soldiers in the army.

To use no cake or sweet desserts on at least two days in each week. We can use poultry, fish and vegetables. We can have them in abundance if we raise them.

We should save fats by broiling, boiling and baking instead of frying. No family is asked to stint, but to save and avoid extravagance and waste. Elaborate meals should not be permitted.

Use no beef, pork, or mutton Tuesdays, no wheat on Wednesdays, and no hog meat on Thursdays.

The saving of food is a war measure.

If our army is to be fed we must meet the very reasonable demands of the Food Administration.

The sacrifice asked at our tables is a small one compared to the price our soldiers stand ready to pay in blood! Remember the women and children of France have not tasted sugar during the past seven months, and in many towns and provinces meat is allowed only twice a week. President Wilson and Mr. Hoover urge these requests upon our people as voluntary acts. I am confident that South Carolinians, red-blooded and patriotic, realizing that American freedom, liberty, justice, and honor are at stake, will respond to this call and will do our part to win the war.

RICHARD I. MANNING,
Governor.

ALLEGED FRAUD IN HATS

Indictments Charge Conspiracy to Defraud Government.

New York, Dec. 4.—Conspiracy to defraud the United States Government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars on contracts for more than 1,000,000 service hats is charged in an indictment returned today against William B. Thom, John J. Slattery, Joseph Ives and Edward Slattery, connected with the corporation of Thom & Bailey, the Peekskill Hat Manufacturing Company, and the firm of H. D. Parmelee & Cove.

The hats, under the contracts were to contain certain materials, but the product turned out by the manufacturers, it is alleged, was not up to the specifications. The hats were for the army.

The indictments followed an investigation by the local grand jury and Department of Justice made during the last three or four weeks.

ARMISTICE IS SPREADING

From Division to Division and Corps to Corps.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—(Via London.)—The following official communication was issued today:

"During the last few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, from division to division, and from corps to corps. In the Pripet region the Russian army concluded an official armistice with the opposing command of the allied (Teutonic) troops.

"A Russian deputation crossed our lines yesterday in order to prepare the way with the plenipotentiaries of the allied (Teutonic) armies for an armistice on the whole of the Russian front.

"In the Italian theater and in Albania there is nothing new to report."

CONGRESS MUCH IN FAVOR OF WAR ON AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

Practically Every Member Comments Favorably Upon Request Made by President.

SOME WOULD GO FURTHER

Would Include Turkey and Bulgaria When the War Declaration Is Framed.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Approval of President Wilson's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary was voiced by practically every member of Congress who commented upon it. Many of those who approved it regretted only that it did not recommend also declarations of war on Turkey and Bulgaria. Many pronounced the address the greatest State paper ever prepared by the President, and declared it sounded the keynote for the winning of the war.

"It was the greatest the President has ever delivered," declared Chairman Chamberlain, Democrat, of the Senate military affairs committee.

Representative Cannon declared it a great message, and thought the President might have some diplomatic reason for not including Turkey and Bulgaria.

Stone Approves.

Chairman Stone, of the Senate foreign relations committee, did not hear the address, being at the War Department on business, but announced his approval.

Senator Smoot, Republican, said he thought the President's discussion of relations with Germany was "too idealistic," but added, "from the recommendation of a state of war against Austria-Hungary to the end it was an American message."

"It was the ablest message Mr. Wilson has ever delivered," said Senator Underwood, Democrat. "It sounded the key note upon which we must win this war."

Would Go Further.

"I do not share the President's distinction between Austria and Turkey and Bulgaria," said Representative Longworth, Republican. "I think we ought to declare war against all three."

Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Kitchin said they would not discuss the message until they had time to read it carefully.

The recommendation for a declaration of war against Austria," said Democratic Leader Martin, of the Senate, "is in sympathy with the wishes of a great majority of the American people as well as in Congress."

Senator La Follette declined to comment.

"Any comment of mine will be given on the floor of the Senate," he said.

Word reached some of the Democratic leaders today that when the war resolution comes up in the Senate an effort will be made to amend it to include Turkey and Bulgaria.

Vice President's Attitude.

Vice President Marshall made this comment:

"I have slowly gravitated to the conclusion that whatever power assists our enemy is against us, and that fact justifies extreme measures upon our part. I am willing to follow our commander-in-chief when he says 'forward,' and if, for reasons which he may not safely make public, he bids us stand still I am willing to stand so long as it may be possible to do so."

Senator Harding, Republican, was enthusiastic in his praise of the address, saying:

"It is the greatest state paper we have had."

"It is a great paper," said Senator Simmons, Democrat. "War upon Austria is generally approved, and I favor immediate action."

Senator Gronna, Republican, who voted against the German war declaration, declined to comment, as did Senator Hardwick, Democrat, who opposed the draft law.

SAYS REDUCE BREAD PRICE

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate reduction in bread prices wherever possible has been recommended to bakers throughout the country by the war emergency council of the baking industry. Bakers will go under government license December 10.