

WILSON'S MESSAGE SHORTEST RECORDED

CONTENTS OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS MADE PUBLIC—MESSAGE IS BUT 2,000 WORDS IN LENGTH AND IS SHORTEST DOCUMENT OF ITS KIND ON RECORD—DEALS CHIEFLY WITH LEGISLATION OF LAST SESSION AND DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

(Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—President Wilson's message to the next congress is the shortest document of its kind on record. It contains but 2,000 words. Its contents were made public today for the first time.

It says that departmental reports will be laid before congress separately, and not together as in the past. It also emphasizes the uncompleted railroad legislation recommended at the last session of congress. It says that the railroad legislation is the most pressing problem which the next congress will have to face. It then goes on to discuss domestic problems.

TEST CASE NOT SELECTED YET

(Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 23.—Attorneys for the government and lawyers for the railroad are deadlocked over the selection of a case to carry to the supreme court to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law. The government's attorneys contend that the case of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf, decided here yesterday, is the case which should be carried up, while the railroad attorneys say that it does not involve all of the points at issue, and that a decision of the supreme court regarding it alone, would not be fair to the railroads.

The attorneys for the railroads further state that the most adequate case, one of scope broad enough to include every possible phase of the situation as created by the Adamson law, is the Santa Fe case, which was set for today, but was postponed until tomorrow. It is this case that the railroad attorneys would carry to the supreme court, no matter what the decision of the lower court.

Tonight the attorneys for both sides expressed the hope that an agreement as to which case will be carried to the higher court will be reached tomorrow.

ROADHOUSE MAN HAS TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Clad in night clothes, in his bare feet, after musing two miles across country over frozen ground, twenty below weather and in snow ankle deep, through the stumps of cleared patches of timber land, over the ice of a frozen river, and a journey of sixty miles, half of which was made in a stage, "Jimmy" Chisholm, with the soles and toes of both feet badly frozen, is resting tonight under the care of a physician and nurses at St. Joseph's hospital. That his injuries are no worse he owes to his own endurance and luck and the prompt action of the N. C. force at "Dad" Martin's.

Mr. Chisholm is the proprietor of the roadhouse which burned early Wednesday morning at Birch Lake, the burning of which was reported in The Citizen yesterday morning. The first report came from Richardson, Johns, the operator in charge there, having discovered that the roadhouse had been burned when he passed there on Wednesday. He made a search of the premises for Mr. Chisholm, but was not able to find him, nor was he able to go into the still burning ruins of the house. It was therefore feared that Mr. Chisholm had lost his life.

On Tuesday night Mr. Chisholm, being alone, banked his fire in a big tank stove with green birch wood and retired. During the evening he awoke, and being thirsty, he went to the kitchen for a drink of water. There was a small fire in the kitchen stove, so he picked up a magazine lying near, and after reading a while, dozed off into a night sleep. When he awakened he found the kitchen full of smoke and, opening the door, discovered the entire front part of the building a mass of flames, which immediately swept into the kitchen through the doorway, driving him out into the open. Rushing around the house to the window of his bedroom, he broke through the window in an effort to reach his clothing and valuables there. Here the flames again drove him back. Attempts to get through from the front and the other side of the house were equally unsuccessful.

Realizing his inability to save anything, clad in garments insufficient for even a summer night, he started at once on his journey for Dad Martin's the nearest place to his own. What time he started he does not know, but he arrived there at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, the soles and toes of his feet frozen to the bone and the flesh of his legs to up above his ankles heavily frosted. The N. C. force at Martin's at once proceeded to apply remedies to draw the frost, which were entirely successful.

Thursday morning R. D. Menzie, being at Martin's put Chisholm on a stage and brought him to Munson's where they were picked up by the auto and brought to town, arriving at 9 o'clock that evening.

Dr. Cassels, in attendance, states that with the proper care Mr. Chisholm will completely recover from the effects of the trip and exposure and that no operation will be necessary. He is resting easily this morning.

The roadhouse is a total loss, not a thing being saved, all the savings of years being swept away. No insurance whatever was carried. It is understood, however, that among his belongings which burned was a check made by the Alaska Road commission, given him for boarding the commission's men who worked in the vicinity of Birch Lake this summer. It is hoped that the commission will redeem this check and thus give the oldtimer a little much needed assistance.

Fraudulent Voting Being Unearthed

(Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 23.—The federal attorney here has announced that he has unearthed a number of fraudulent voters since the presidential election. And he also states that cases against them are now in the process of preparation by his office.

The district attorney says that he has the affidavits of four men who voted fraudulently at the last election. One man avows that he voted thirty-seven times, and that there are other fraudulent voters who voted fully as many times as he did.

DISPATCH SAYS SULZER LEADS BY 13 VOTES

Beyond claiming that Charles A. Sulzer is leading the territorial contest of the vote for delegate by only thirteen votes, the Juneau Dispatch is making no claims for Wickersham, whom it supported for delegate at the recent election. But its report received last night by The Citizen is evidence of the fact that it still sticks by its first love. That is, it is still playing Delegate Wickersham to win the election, although it does not exactly come out and say so.

The message from the Dispatch came to Fairbanks upon request of The Citizen. It shows that Sulzer leads in the count in the First division by 477, while other reports show that he is leading there by 518 votes.

The wire received is as follows: Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 23, 1916. Citizen, Fairbanks.

First division practically complete. No election Yakutat precincts and only nine votes cast at Shikshin. Only remaining precincts are sealed and not obtainable. First division gives Sulzer majority four seven seven, and with Koyukuk figures added the Dispatch claims Sulzer now leading in territory by thirteen votes.

DISPATCH.

AUTOMOBILE TO GO TO NENANA THIS MORNING

This morning at 7 o'clock M. W. Lemon will attempt to drive a Ford automobile through to Nenana. This is the first car to attempt the run. However, Mr. Lemon is a driver of large experience, and feels sure that he will make the run in good shape and in good time. From the reports coming in, the trail is now in good condition, and the driver thinks that taking an automobile over the trail is entirely feasible. Mr. Lemon drove for the Sourdough Express company last winter.

This is the start, and it is only a question of time before there is a regular line of cars to the railroad town. Which will mean that Fairbanks and Nenana will be drawn closer together this winter than they were in the summer when navigation was open. So far the trails have been in such a condition that the automobile drivers did not attempt the run. But the last few cold days have had such a good result on them that Mr. Lemon thinks it possible to make the trip.

The trip today is in the nature of an experiment. Upon the return, if the results are satisfactory, a date for the next departure will be set and announced. However, the driver has to learn something of the things he will have to buck in making the trip. It may be that the venture will prove too expensive or difficult.

STRONG ORDERS THANKS GIVEN

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 23, 1916

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks:

Governor Strong has today issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November thirtieth, 1916, as a day of thanksgiving, pursuant to proclamation recently issued by the President of the United States and in accordance with the time honored custom.

SHORTHILL,
Secretary.

BIG BATTLE IS FOUGHT IN OLD MEXICO

(Associated Press.)

JUAREZ, Mexico, Nov. 23.—Reports received here tonight tell of the culmination of a big battle near the city of Chihuahua, in this state, between the forces of Pancho Villa, the bandit, and a contingent of Carranza troops. The battle ended with the retreat of the Villaistas, who are stated to have left a large number of dead and wounded on the field.

Villa had about 3,500 men. He attacked the city of Chihuahua four times yesterday, being driven back each time with losses. Finally the Carranzaists mustered up enough courage to follow him, and are now pursuing the disorganized band of bandits toward the south from Chihuahua. In their sally at the time of Villa's last attack upon the city, the Carranzaists captured a number of prisoners.

The forces of Villa were superior in number to the government troops. And he also has many sympathizers in Chihuahua. For this reason the commander of the Carranza troops was watching for trouble from within the city as well as from without. But seeing that no such trouble as was expected was maturing, he ordered the sally, with the result that the bandit forces of Villa were forced to flee for their lives.

The success of the government troops is attributed to the fact that they were armed with heavy artillery. The bandits had machine guns, but no heavy field guns such as had been placed on the defenses of Chihuahua by the Carranzaists.

TACOMA HAS A BIG FIRE

(Associated Press.)

TACOMA, Wn., Nov. 23.—Fire of unknown origin visited the Carstens jacking plant here tonight, resulting in the complete destruction of one building. The loss to the packing company is estimated at \$200,000, and there is no insurance. The police are looking up the matter, working on the theory that the fire was started by a disgruntled employee of the company.

CALIFORNIANS ARE FOR PEACE

(Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Over forty thousand signatures have been secured in California in favor of a nation-wide peace movement. An announcement to that effect was made tonight from the local headquarters of the American Neutral Conference Committee.

FOOTBALL BOYS RESUME PLAY

(Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Nov. 23.—Notwithstanding the fact that they are considerably incensed by the fact that the faculty of Washington University will not allow William Grimm, the left tackle of the team, to play during further games this season, the members of the football team of the university have decided to resume practicing and training. They took a vote on the question at practice time tonight, after they had listened to a talk from Grimm, who advised them to play the Thanksgiving game without him. The game with California on that day will therefore be played here.

Grimm was disqualified from playing on the grounds that a member of the faculty had caught him cheating during examinations.

MARSHAL SELLS MINING TOOLS

Yesterday Deputy United States Marshal J. C. Wood went to the creeks to hold a public sale of mining machinery on Fairbanks creek. The sale was held on an execution arising from the case of Page vs. Swanbeck. The machinery sold consists of boilers and other appurtenances of placer mining. The property belonged to John Swanbeck.

High Living Cost Hits Sing Sing

(Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Inmates of Sing Sing and other prisons in this state are being made to feel the effects of the high cost of living. For they have been compelled to change diet on that account, poor substitutions for various foods having been made by order of the governor.

Corn bread and brown bread have been substituted in the prisons for white bread. Likewise turnips and beets are being substituted for potatoes. It is claimed that the high cost of bread and potatoes is the cause for the change.

FULLY \$25,000 CHANGED HANDS IN FAIRBANKS

There is no doubt that Fairbanks, in proportion to her size, her population and the amount of money that the town would be able to dig up if it had to, bet more money on the recent national and delegate election than did Wall street. For a conservative estimate places the amount of money bet here at \$25,000. And Wall street only bet \$20,000,000, according to all of the information available.

Several thousand dollars changed hands in local business houses yesterday as the result of the Associated Press message received by The Citizen stating that Charles Evans Hughes had conceded the election of President Wilson and had wired the President his congratulations.

Like some of the Wall street wage holders, however, some of those who are holding local bets are holding off for the official report of the election. Having heard that The Citizen had received word of Hughes' concession, a prominent business man telephoned The Citizen office night before last asking if the information was correct. He was told that it was true, and thereupon stated that he guessed that was his cue to turn over about \$6,000 to the winners of election bets. Another stated yesterday morning that he had about \$4,000 to pay out.

Several thousand dollars have already been bet on the delegate election also. Some of the money was placed at big odds on Wickersham before part of the returns were in, but there were very few people who wanted to take a chance on his being defeated before that time. Since the returns received indicate that the race will be a close one, however, many of the sports have started in to bet, with the result that a good many bets at even money have been made.

CRISIS PAST; TROUBLE OVER

(Associated Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 23.—One of the American members of the joint American-Mexican commission which has been holding sessions here for the past several weeks relative to affairs between the United States and Mexico, announced tonight that the commissioners believe that the crisis in the deliberations is now past. He predicts that a satisfactory conclusion in the deliberations will be reached within the next two weeks. An adjournment for that length of time has been taken in order to give the Mexican members of the commission sufficient time to confer with the Carranza government of Mexico relative to what has been accomplished.

OLDTIMER GOES TO LIVENGOOD

J. Colvin, an oldtimer in the country, leaves today for Olnes, where he will take a team across to Brooks for C. H. Laboyteaux. For several years Mr. Colvin worked for E. M. Keys when the latter was operating in the Chatanika district. Recently he has been prospecting, hunting and trapping in the Tolovana country.

Sir—A great many things cannot be imported now. How do we live without them?—ABC. The same way our parents and grandparents did.—Ed.

TRANSCONTINENTAL FREIGHT RATES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION

(Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—That a number of steamship lines are waiting to begin a regular freight and passenger service between points in the United States on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, was the statement made today by Charles Kimmich, of Charleston, South Carolina, a steamship company official, before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is now holding sessions here. He said that the service will be started just as soon as possible after the commission announces the permanent adjustment of the transcontinental rate made for railroads. He asked that the railroad rate be raised, and also that, if it is raised, it be not lowered again. This he asked in view of the fact that, as a general thing, steamships cannot compete with railroad trains in the matter of making time, but can carry freight much more cheaply on their own time. He therefore asked that the transcontinental rate which the railroads charge be not lowered, but raised higher, if possible.

It was authoritatively stated this evening that no permanent transcontinental rate will be made by the Interstate Commerce commission for some time. The next hearings of the commission will be held at Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

TEUTONS IN WALLACHIA CONTINUING ADVANCE

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Official dispatches received here from both Petrograd and Bucharest contain the admission that the Russo-Romanian troops fighting in Southern Roumania are now totally cut off from communication and that the advance of the Teuton forces has not been stopped. An attempt has been made by other Roumanian troops to cut through the cordon of Austro-Germans which surrounds the hard pressed Roumanian army, but it was unsuccessful. The heaviest fighting of the day was reported as having taken place at a point west of Craiova.

Except in Macedonia little fighting is reporting from any of the other war zones. North of Monastir, in Serbian Macedonia, however, the Teutons are said to be stubbornly contesting the triumphant advance of the Serbians and the French. They received reinforcements today, but regardless of that fact, the forces of the Entente Allies are pressing forward. They took the towns of Dobromir and Paralevo today.

WINTER WORK IN FULL BLAST REPORTS RIGGS

That winter work on the Alaska government railroad in the vicinity of Nenana is now going on full blast, is the report of Commissioner Thos. Riggs, Jr., in charge of the railroad work in the interior, who arrived here yesterday afternoon from Nenana for a few days' business visit. Mr. Riggs expresses himself as being very well pleased with the work which has been accomplished to date. He seems to be particularly gratified with having been able to get the commission's power plant at Nenana in operation, so that the town now is electric lighted instead of being in darkness as before, with the exception of coal oil lamps and candles.

Mr. Riggs reports that the railroad for about half a mile south of Nenana is now practically completed. And through the half mile and for some distance further out the pile-driver is engaged in putting in piles for bridges. On the north side of the Tanana river opposite Nenana the steam shovel is working, making a cut in the bluff. The dirt and rock taken out is being moved about a thousand feet and put into a fill.

Mr. Riggs will remain in Fairbanks but two or three days, at the most, for he expects to be back at his headquarters at Nenana in time for Thanksgiving. His time here will be spent in attending to the accumulated business in the local office of the commission.

W. B. Raeburn, the chief packmaster of the commission, made the trip to Fairbanks with Mr. Riggs.

FIRE CAUSES SHIP TO SINK

(Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 23.—Official announcement was made tonight of the sinking of the Russian dreadnaught Imperatritsa Maria in the harbor of Archangel. An internal explosion, caused by a fire in the magazine hold of the ship, is assigned as the cause. The official announcement of the sinking of the ship says that 200 members of the crew are missing.

KOYUKUK GIVES PLURALITY TO THE DELEGATE

The Koyukuk returns are in. They came last night in a message to Chief Deputy Marshal Joseph H. Miller from Deputy Marshal C. L. Vawter, of Tanana. The message stated that the returns, which are from all the precincts, were brought overland by special messenger.

The only returns given in the message to Deputy Marshal Miller were those for Wickersham. Wickersham carried the Koyukuk. That is, he received sixty-one votes, while Sulzer received forty-three. Thirty-three votes were cast for Lena Morrow Lewis, the Socialist candidate.

The returns from Woodchopper, a small precinct on the upper Yukon river, were bulletined by the signal corps office yesterday. Woodchopper went for Sulzer by a vote of seven to one. Therefore the vote for this division, as figured by The Citizen, stands 1,641 for Sulzer and 1,633 for Wickersham, Sulzer having a plurality of nine votes.

Taken together with the reported vote from the other divisions, the vote reported yesterday cuts down Sulzer's lead in the territory to sixty two votes. It is stated that approximately 250 votes in the Third division are to be heard from. The Marshall City vote in the Second has not been reported, nor has the vote from the small precincts to the north of Nome. In this division there are a few more small precincts to be heard from, notably three small precincts in the Kuskokwim, Jack Wade on the upper Yukon river, Russian Mission on the lower Yukon, and the nine votes from the Kantishna country. The election is therefore anybody's yet.

The Citizen has wired for a complete report from all other divisions for publication tomorrow. A new report, however, unless the vote of more unreported precincts has been received, is not expected to materially effect the table herewith published, which is as follows:

FIRST2,409.....	1,891
SECOND611.....	827
THIRD1,671.....	1,920
FOURTH1,642.....	1,633

TOTAL6,333.....6,271
Sulzer's territorial plurality, sixty-two votes.