

CONGRESS OPENS IN EXTRA SESSION

A LONG AND DRAMATIC SESSION IS IN PROSPECT.

PEACE TREATY OF INTEREST

Its Consideration Promises to Develop Into One of Hardest Fought Contests in Congressional History—Republicans in Full Control.

Washington, D. C.—Attention of America and of the world is turned upon the new congress—the Sixty-sixth in American history—which has convened in extraordinary session, called by President Wilson from Paris.

The special session is expected to open a new and important chapter in American and world history, with its long program of action, including consideration of the peace treaty, the proposed treaty for the military protection of France and vital questions of domestic concern.

The opening day will be taken up with routine business, including organization of senate and house by the republicans, who supplant the democrats in control for the first time in eight years.

Cummins President Pro Tem.

President Wilson's message, cabled from Paris, was prepared for submission to the congress.

Organization by the republicans proposes election of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, as president pro tempore of the senate, and of Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, as speaker. The republicans have a majority of two in the senate and of about 40 in the house. House committees will be organized preparatory to beginning work immediately, but senate committee organization will be deferred.

Work of congress throughout the session will be entwined with preparations for the 1920 presidential campaign.

Congress expects to turn its attention immediately to the seven regular appropriation bills, including the large army and navy measures, which died in the republican filibusters last March. Passage of these bills will be followed by consideration of revenue, railroad shipping, woman suffrage, prohibition and other legislation.

Plan Many Inquiries.

The peace treaty is expected to be submitted next month by President Wilson in person. Ratification of the treaty, including the league of nations, promises to develop into one of the most dramatic and hard fought contests in congressional history. Addresses on peace subjects are expected to begin soon in the senate.

Numerous investigations are planned by the republicans, principally into administrative acts during the war. Many committees, it is expected, soon will be busy delving into the affairs of popular interest.

The opening day's program as outlined contemplated organization of both branches of the republicans. No hitch in the house program was in prospect, but senate democrats are considering objections to the republican organization plans with possible blocking of them for the day at least, because of cancellation by the republicans of "pairs" for absent members.

Few leaders expect the session opening to end before the regular December session, which, it is believed, will continue until the national party conventions and possibly be resumed immediately thereafter to continue until the late fall of 1920.

NICARAGUA PRESIDENT DEAD.

Executive's Political Exploits Made Him International Figure.

New York.—Gen. Joseph Santos Zelaya, president of the republic of Nicaragua for 16 turbulent years, died at his home here, after a long illness. Gen. Zelaya's political daring at home and abroad, his bold personality, his rapidly amassed fortune, his ambitious effort to set up the United States of Central America, of which he was to be head, all made him an international figure.

Bulgaria in Uproar.

London.—Sanguinary encounters have occurred at Sofia between the garrison and revolutionaries, who demanded the resignation of the government and the establishment of a soviet, according to a dispatch from Vienna. All Bulgaria is reported to be in an uproar. Ruzhchuk, Philippopolis and Varna are also said to have become affected after the revolutionary movement.

Italy Makes Concessions.

Paris.—Conferences on the Italian issue have not succeeded in reaching an accord. The Italians made a number of concessions, including recognition of France as a free city and the giving up of considerable portions of Istria, including the important silver district. The Italians, however, are unwilling to yield Zara or Sebenico on the Dalmatian coast. The Jugoslavians are not disposed to accept the Italian concessions as sufficient, and there are prospects of a further extended period of negotiations.

BRIG. GEN. S. D. BUTLER



Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, new commander of Camp Pontzenet at Brest, France, photographed at the camp. General Butler is known as the "Napoleon of the Marines." He served in China during the Boxer uprising, in the Nicaraguan campaign, the Haiti revolt, in the Philippines and at Vera Cruz. During the Haiti revolt he was military governor of the island.

REDS ARE DEFEATED

TEN THOUSAND BOLSHEVIK TROOPS ARE CAPTURED.

Siberians Also Seize Large Amount of War Material—Drive on Petrograd Planned.

Omsk, Siberia, May 13.—Ten thousand bolshevik war prisoners, 38 guns and 200 machine guns have been captured by Admiral Kolchak's Siberian army in the latest burst of fighting west of Ufa, the Omsk government announced.

In addition two armored trains, 50 locomotives and 200 river craft of various kind were seized.

The bolshevik forces are now being attacked along the Volga-Bugulman line.

London, May 13.—Several French and British warships are reported to have arrived off Helsingfors, near the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia, and all foreigners have been ordered to leave the city, said a dispatch from Stockholm.

Helsingfors was one of the sea defenses of Petrograd before Finland revolted against Russian rule.

Stockholm, May 13.—Entente forces are preparing military operations, with Helsingfors as a base, for an attack upon Petrograd, according to the Helsingfors dispatch to the Afton Tidningen. Fifty thousand troops are expected to take part in the operation, according to the dispatch, which says that French cruisers are now lying in the Gulf of Finland off Helsingfors.

ASK U. S. RAIL OWNERSHIP

Farmers' National Council to Urge Legislation in Congress as Part of Reconstruction Plan.

Washington, May 13.—Government ownership and operation of railroads, packing plants and the war emergency fleet will be advocated by the Farmers' National Council during the next session of congress as part of a "reconstruction program," which it will endeavor to have adopted, according to a statement given out by George P. Hampton, managing director of the organization. The council also will endeavor, Mr. Hampton said, to obtain the repeal of the espionage act and to retain legislation levying the highest rates on incomes and war profits, and will oppose all legislation designed "to give away any more of the country's natural resources."

FRANCE RECOGNIZES MEXICO

Minister Paul Presents Credentials to Poincare After Long Wait in Paris.

Paris, May 15.—Alberto J. Paul, the new Mexican minister to France, presented his credentials to President Poincare. Senator Paul's withdrawal from France was recently ordered by the Mexican government because, it was stated, of the long period he had been kept waiting in Paris without having opportunity to present his credentials.

BRITISH SINK RED GUNBOAT

Vessel Destroyed During Battle on the Dvina River—Allied Airmen Bomb Enemy.

Archangel, May 15.—One bolshevik gunboat is reported to have been sunk on the Dvina river Sunday during an engagement between the British river flotilla and land batteries and the enemy fleet. The allied flotilla, aided by airplanes, also conducted a brisk bombardment along the Vaga river.

Four Killed by Earthquake.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, May 15.—Four persons were killed in the earthquakes which shook the island of Fuerteventura several days ago. The bulk of the population of the island experienced the effects.

Wilson to Stay in Paris.

Paris, May 15.—President Wilson will remain in Paris until the peace treaty is signed, but has made it plain that the Germans must not protract their discussions beyond June 15, the Echo de Paris states.

U. S. WILL CUT WHEAT PRICE

Reduction Reaching From Producer to Baker Intimated by Director Barnes.

IMMEDIATE ACTION EXPECTED

Statement Follows Prolonged Conference With Representatives of Grain Industry, Including Millers, Jobbers and Bakers.

New York, May 16.—An immediate reduction in the price of wheat, reaching all down the line from the producer to the baker, is believed assured, according to a statement issued by Julius Barnes, wheat director, following a prolonged conference between Mr. Barnes and representatives of the grain industry, including grain handlers, millers, jobbers and bakers. The statement issued by Mr. Barnes says:

"There was a general agreement that in order that all the wheat producers of the country should secure equal benefits, the various trades could be bound by contracts to see that wheat trading should be only on the guaranteed price and, if a lower basis was justified with the development of world factors, as the season advanced, this lower basis should be made to reach the consumer by trade agreements with millers and manufacturing facilities, the wheat director making the readjusting basis effective by the payment of the difference as allowed under act of congress.

"In return for protection against a fall in price, after the guaranteed price had been made for wheat bought, the wheat director would require from the various trades contract obligations by which their trade practices and margins of profit would be subject to review and control by the wheat director.

"It was suggested, for instance, that the mills agree that their total gross operating profits between wheat bought and the finished products sold should not exceed an agreed basis per barrel of flour manufactured, thus assuring immediate reflection to the consumer of any reduced price of wheat supplied to the mills.

"The jobbers expressed a willingness also to contract that their handling margins should not exceed the price fixed on an agreed basis, thus making immediately effective a lower retail price of flour when made by the mills on a readjusted wheat basis.

"The bakers were willing to enter into a contract by which they would reflect at once in their products the lower price of flour made effective by the mills. In this way, down to the retail trade there is thought to be an assurance that a reduced price of wheat should be effective immediately all down the line."

WHAT THE "NC" STANDS FOR

Name of the American Seaplanes is Derived From Navy-Curtiss—Not Nancy Boats.

Trepassey, N. F., May 15.—Don't call the American seaplanes "Nancy boats" any more if you want to keep in the good graces of navy aviators.

Everybody in the air service, especially the crews of the Atlantic flyers, objects emphatically to such effeminate nomenclature. There is nothing Nancyish about the big machines and the popular title is deemed a lubberly misnomer for these big he-man planes.

The official designation "NC" is derived from the full name Navy-Curtiss seaplanes, but if that's too large a mouthful, you may call them "Eney planes," as the pilots do, and no service man will object but you might as well call one of the trans-Atlantic flyers a "Nancy."

SENATOR CUMMINS ELECTED

Iowa Solon Chosen President Pro Tempore of Senate at G. O. P. Meet.

Washington, May 15.—Senator Cummins of Iowa, favored by the progressive group, was chosen unanimously for president pro tempore of the senate at the organization conference of Republican senators.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts was re-elected party leader and discussion of the controversy over committee chairmanships for Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Warren of Wyoming was postponed.

Forty Sub Chasers Reach U. S.

Charleston, S. C., May 15.—Forty American naval sub chasers with their mother ship and four ocean-going tugs arrived here from Europe by way of Bermuda.

Raid University; Seize Whisky.

Nashville, Tenn., May 16.—Police raided the medical laboratory at Vanderbilt university and seized two patrol wagon loads of whisky and other intoxicants. Four students were arrested.

Dutch Hold On to Ex-Kaiser.

The Hague, May 16.—The Dutch government denies that it has decided to surrender former Emperor William. The question at present, it contends, concerns only Germany and the entente.

E. MARVIN UNDERWOOD



E. Marvin Underwood, general solicitor of the Seaboard Air Line railway at Portsmouth, Va., who has resigned and will become solicitor of the United States railroad administration at Washington.

BIG MILK STRIKE ON

CHICAGO DRIVERS WALK OUT AND TIE UP HUGE SUPPLY.

Producers in Illinois, Indiana and Southern Wisconsin Ordered to Stop All Shipments.

Chicago, May 15.—Milk distribution in Chicago was paralyzed when the associated dealers and wagon drivers ended wage negotiations and a strike was declared at midnight.

Strike disorders were reported and Chief Garrity immediately ordered large reserves of police to suppress violence and disperse assembling strikers and others.

Telegrams were sent, Tuesday to milk producers in Illinois, Indiana and southern Wisconsin to stop shipping milk into Chicago at once. The order will divert 1,000,000 quarts of milk and cream from the Chicago market.

Nearly 1,000,000 quarts of milk in milk trains from the surrounding country, the dealers asserted, will remain in the cars and probably will spoil.

The strike came without warning to the public. The drivers voted on May 1 to strike if the dealers refused to increase their wages to \$5 a day, effective at midnight May 13.

According to the drivers their men reported for work at midnight and were told that the increase in wages would not go into effect.

"Our 2,800 drivers were locked out," W. A. Near, secretary of the drivers, declared.

The milk dealers' association named a committee to handle the strike.

According to statements of both drivers and dealers, the men were paid a minimum of \$2 a week for distributing on their milk routes.

The drivers stated that their demand is clear—they want \$5 a day, and say nothing about bonus or commissions in excess.

15,000,000 "V" BONDS SOLD

Large Number Purchased Victory Loan Notes—Over-Subscriptions to Total Billion.

Washington, May 13.—Over-subscriptions to the Victory loan will total at least \$1,000,000,000 treasury officials predicted. With none of the 12 federal reserve districts having yet submitted complete figures, the war loan organization was unable to give any definite idea of the amount of over-subscriptions and it is not likely that the official total will be known before May 16. Officials estimated that 15,000,000 Americans bought Victory notes.

DAVID TOD, MAGNATE, DIES

Multimillionaire Succumbs to Typhoid Pneumonia at Home in Youngstown, O.

Youngstown, O., May 15.—David Tod, aged forty-two, multimillionaire manufacturer, banker, politician and sportsman, died at his home here of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Tod was a candidate for governor of Ohio in 1914, running against former Gov. Frank B. Willis for the nomination. He was a former state senator from this district and had been prominent in local and state politics for many years.

Yanks Play Soccer Ball.

Coblenz, May 14.—The world's longest soccer football game was played here on Saturday when the Sixth division won the army championship from the Fifth division in a three-hour struggle. A team from the Third division, headed by Lieut. Paul of Boston, won the tennis championship of the Third American army.

Ice Price Goes Up.

Chicago, May 16.—An increase in the price of ice ranging from 40 to 50 per cent was announced by Chicago dealers. The shortage in the natural ice crop last winter is held responsible for the new price.

Soviets Confiscate Castle.

Vienna, May 15.—The magnificent castle of Prince Tassilo, which contains art goods valued at many millions, has been confiscated and closed by the Hungarian soviet government. It will be converted into a sanatorium.

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THIS MAJESTIC STATE

Reports of Interesting Happenings Throughout Nebraska Condensed to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

Nebraska soldier and sailor delegates to the convention of the American Legion at St. Louis, expressed themselves as well pleased with the meeting, especially its refusal to receive delegates from the soldiers and sailors council, known as an I. W. W. organization, and the stand taken for deportation of conscientious objectors.

A representative of the recent legislature poured out his bitter feeling over the proposed referendum of the governor's code bill to friends at Lincoln the other day and said he was about mad enough to start a referendum on the new capitol bill.

People in all parts of Nebraska are sending petitions to Washington addressed to President Wilson, asking for a pardon for Louis Gibson of Ansley, who is serving a two years' sentence in a French prison for sleeping while on duty.

The War department at Washington announced that Lieutenant Clifford F. Phillips, before the war an attorney of Falls City, died in a hospital at Archangel, from wounds received on the Omea front in Russia.

Over 100 hall losses were reported to the state hall insurance board during a single day last week. About 75 per cent of these losses were from Phelps county, while the remainder came from Dawson and Butler.

J. W. Fagan, former handmaster at the Geneva Industrial School, who was sentenced to a year in prison for administering a drug to an inmate of the institution, has appealed the case to the state supreme court.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company has filed application with the Nebraska railway commission for an increase in rates in sixty-four of its 111 exchanges in the South Platte district.

Omaha has subscribed to Liberty Loan bonds and to all other war activities the sum of \$57,107,898, an average of about \$275 for each man, woman and child in the city.

The Gage county board of supervisors has awarded the contract for the Beatrice-Fairbury road paving. About twenty-nine miles of paving is included in the new district.

Memorial services in honor of Major A. D. Fetterman, who died while with the American Army of Occupation in Germany, were held at Hyannis.

Wilbur boasts of having about the fastest ball team in Nebraska, and is prepared to prove its contention to amateur teams in the state.

With the exception of one or two sections in the state winter wheat in Nebraska is in the pink of condition, according to crop experts.

The Scotia school district, which embraces about 50 sections of land, is planning a new school building to cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The Omaha Federal Land bank loaned \$11,000,000 this spring, breaking all previous records, according to President R. P. Hogan.

C. H. Roper of Lincoln was re-elected president of the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway, at the O. L. D. convention at Holdrege.

North Bend will pave eight blocks in the business section of town, the city council having voted to make the improvement.

A special election will be held at Sidney June 2 to vote \$40,000 worth of bonds to be used to erect a modern grade school building.

Eight or ten units of the Eighty-ninth division of the American army sailed from Brest, France, during the past week.

Supervisors of Cass and Otoe counties have contracted for 31 miles of federal aid road to be built in the two counties.

Two Omaha contractors decided a tie bid on a \$53,000 Fremont-Ceresco road building project by the toss of a coin.

In Lancaster county a petition for a \$3,000,000 road paving bond issue is being circulated exclusively among the farmers.

Members of the Farmers' Union of Keith county have pledged \$15,000 for the construction of an elevator at Ozallala.

Hamilton county farm land has advanced in price about \$25 per acre during the past six months.

A movement is on foot to build a Memorial building at Center in honor of Knox county's soldiers.

Platte Center, this state, is getting the reputation of being the most patriotic town in the United States, because of its splendid showing in furnishing men for the war; in the five Liberty Loan drives and other war activities.

The executive committee of the Nebraska State Teachers' association is already making plans for the state meeting of the association to be held in Omaha in November. They expect to expend more than \$4,000 on the program for the convention.

A movement is on foot to pave the Lincoln Highway from Fremont to the Douglas county line, a distance of about eight miles.

Evelyn Mulrone, 7 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mulrone, died from burns received while playing about a bonfire near the family home at Norfolk.

Citizens of Newman Grove are arranging for a reception for returned soldiers of the district. The affair will take place June 5, the day having been set aside as a holiday so everyone may attend.

John Stevens of Beaver will head the state A. O. U. W. for another year, having been re-elected grand master warden at the election held in Lincoln. An attempt to move headquarters from Grand Island to Lincoln lost by a small margin.

Unable to gain satisfactory promises of a branch Burlington line from Benkelman, Dunly county, to Champion, farmers of the district are planning to raise the money and build the road themselves. It is estimated that the project would cost about \$500,000.

Letters for Nebraska soldiers landing in New York should be mailed to Nebraska Headquarters, New York City, and should carry the man's rank, name of his company, full name of the organization as well as the division, according to word received by Governor McKelvie.

Jefferson county gets twenty miles of federal state road, entering from the east near Harbine, extending west through Jansen to Fairbury. This road calls for an expenditure of approximately \$40,000, work to begin prior to June 15 this year.

At the request of Nebraska members of congress, Secretary of War Baker has taken an interest in the case of Louis Gibson of Custer county, who was sent to prison in France for sleeping on post after several days' fatiguing duty.

Plans for the consolidation of the Blue Springs and Wymore school districts are being discussed by the school boards of the two towns. A building to cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be erected, if the scheme goes through.

Five thousand dollars' damage was done at Lexington as the result of a terrific hail storm that swept over the district. After the storm the ground was covered with four inches of hail stones.

The Dodge county branch of the American Legion has launched an attack on ten wealthy Fremonters, nearly all retired farmers, for failure to subscribe to the Victory loan.

The 341st machine gun battalion made up almost exclusively of Nebraskans will be one of the last units of the 89th division to sail from Brest according to Washington advices.

Dr. R. P. Hammon, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Kearney, died at Pasadena, Cal. He was widely known and admired throughout the southern part of Nebraska.

United States Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, has been asked to join ex-President Taft, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and others, in a speaking tour for the league of nations.

Business and homes throughout Buffalo county have established the old time. The movement was started by the farm bureau and endorsed by the county supervisors.

This state is represented in the trans-Atlantic seaplane flight undertaken by Uncle Sam, by Lloyd R. Moore, of Grand Island, boatswain in N-C-3.

A syndicate has been formed and plans already made for constructing a \$1,750,000 building at Omaha to house the Douglas County Medical association.

An oil company is starting in to drill a prospect hole in the vicinity of Potter. Hopes that oil will eventually be found in the district are very good.

Six hundred delegates of Eastern Star chapters in Nebraska, representing 32,485 lodge members, attended the annual convention at Lincoln.

A special election is to be held in Douglas county next month to vote on a \$3,000,000 bond issue to pave the county roads.

Crete is planning to pave the Lincoln-Crete-Dorchester road—now the O. L. D.—east of Crete to meet the proposed paving from Lincoln.

For the past two or three weeks there has been a persistent rumor in western Nebraska that oil has been found in the Banner county oil well.

Plans are being made to give Nebraska soldiers of the 89th division public receptions at Omaha and Lincoln.

Appropriations made by the last legislature will amount to \$15,714,440.82, according to figures given out by State Auditor Marsh.

Alliance Eagles have plans nearly completed for their new home. The new structure will be one of the finest of the kind in the state.

Paving will soon commence in Crete, preliminaries having been finished for district No. One.

A farm of 260 acres, six miles southeast of Minden, sold the other day for a consideration of \$32,150, \$115 an acre.

Winter wheat in Nebraska is expected to yield on an average of 20.2 bushels to the acre.

Reports from Washington indicate that Nebraska will get one-third of its army truck allotment for good roads work within the next thirty days. The one-third allotment will mean 100 trucks for the Nebraska good roads program.

Figures compiled by the state agricultural department shows that Nebraska had 1,639,000 horses on farms of the state the first of 1919, despite the fact that thousands were taken during the past four years for war purposes.

A new dormitory to cost about \$50,000 is to be built at Kimball to house rural pupils of the county while attending high school.

The state serum plant at the University Farm, near Lincoln, is now ready to distribute anti-hog cholera serum. It will be sold to farmers at cost.

A new potash company, with a capital stock of \$4,000,000, has been organized in Lincoln under the name of the American Potash company. The new company has two plants in the western part of the state.