REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

Nonpartisan Analysis of Legislation by Congress.

PASSAGE OF TARIFF BILL.

Real Revision Downward - Currency Bill Held Up by Senate-Newlands Act Very Important-Abolition of the Commerce Court-Mexican Matters Presidential Addresses to Congress.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN. TASHINGTON, Nov. 20.-A tar iff law, the lowest since 1846 and in many respects approaching a free trade basis, is the most important achievement of the first session of the Sixty-third congress. Coming into complete legislative power for the first time in twenty years, the Democrats marked their ntrol of the government by fulfilling their promises on the main issue which divided the two great political parties for more than half a century.

It will take some time for the people

to understand what has really been done with the tariff and what effect the rates will have upon the prices they pay. Details of the tariff are somewhat pebulous to the average per son, and even those who have bear the subject debated day after day and bave studied the schedules for years somewhat hazy as to what has really been done, save that there has been a very great reduction—a real re-

The most marvelous thing about the new law is the ease with which it was passed. Its author, Oscar W. Under wood, took it into the Democratic cau cus, where differences were thrushed out and where Democrats were morally pledged to stand by the ways and means committee. Then the bill was only such changes as Underwood and his lieutenants thought necessary. A similar method was adopted in the senate, although Senator Simmons who was in charge of the bill, allowed more latitude to his lieutenants on the finance committee than was given members of the house

And so was passed the measure for which the session was called by Presi-Wilson. Ah, that name recalls something! It may be mentioned in passing that had it not been for the on hand of Woodrow Wilson the tariff would have seen stormy times There would have been no free sugar and free wool, and the rates generally would have been much higher. president set his stakes on free wool and free sugar, held them in the bill in spite of the efforts of many Democrat-ic senators, thus setting the scale upon which many other schedules were ad-

Currency Which Never Came

Naturally when the president found that it was not such a difficult thing to pass a tariff bill be felt sure that currency would run along just as smoothly. Somehow it has been different. It seems to have struck snags which at times were about to wreck the measure. The majority in the house were docile. They only had to know that the currency bill suited the administration and then gulp it down without asking questions. Oh, of course, there were a few inquisitive persons, fellows who thought they knew something about finance, and they showed a disposition to kick, but the majority was so great that their outerles and kicks caused only a slight and momentary disturbance.

In the senate it was different. The

Democratic majority is very small. Strange to say, there were three of the seven Democratic members of the banking and currency committee who never would-no, never, never, nevervote for the administration bill. One of them stood out till the last, while the other two gradually yielded to the personal influence of the president and the lure of the party call. But this did not happen in time to make the currency bill a law at the special

All this proved a surprise to Mr Wilson. When he called congress in session in April he made plans to spend the summer with his family in New Hampshire and a month of the fall at Panama. Just the other day the president told an inquirer that he thought he might go to Panama in 1915. He didn't sign the tariff act until Oct. 3. He may not sign the currency act until April 3. Woodrow Wilson has learned the ways of congress during the special session, and he knows be must have patience.

Newlands Act Very Important.

Although the special session of con gress dedicated itself to the tariff and President Wilson sentenced it to currency as well, it did also take up legislation. A law of farreaching impor tance is the Newlands act, which was passed, providing for mediation, conciliation and arbitration between the employers and the employed. For a long time there was the Erdman act, which was well enough in its way, but it did not have very much strength in averting or settling strikes. The Newlands act really amounts to something. Already it has averted the tleup of all the eastern railroads and not long since was responsible for stopping a strike on the Southern Pacific. A real board for the settlement of labor disputes has been created, and highly paid men

board. It takes a pretty strong force, whether of capital or labor, to resist an offer of mediation from a federal board and precipitate a strike which may cause a protructed committon of business, inconvenience the public and cause a loss of wages to thousands of mea. If the present session of congress, long as it has been, had done nothing but pass the Newlands act it would have performed a great service.

Atolished the Commerce Court. Three general appropriation bills were passed during the special session. one of which falled in the short ses sion and another of which was vetoed by President Taft. The third was an urgent deficiency bill, which caused a great deal of discussion because of two important provisions which it contained. The commerce court, created by the railroad legislation of 1910, was abolished by a rider on the deficiency bill. This court was established in the face of bitter opposition. One of the judges was impeached, and on account of differences with the interstate com-merce commission it became very un popular. It goes out of existen the close of the present year. A bitter contest between the two houses of congress arose over the question as to whether the judges of the court should won, and the judges remain and will hereafter be circuit judges.

In the same deficiency bill was a much discussed provision which took deputy collectors of internal revenue from under the civil service. It was incorporated in the law, and bereafter these deputies can be appointed by the collectors. Charges of "spoils," raids upon the civil service, etc., were made, but they did not deter the maiority

The deficiency bill contained another provision which received practically unanimous support. It appropriated \$400,000 as a part of a fund of \$700,000 erect in Washington a monumental building to commemorate the services and sacrifices of women of the United States, north and south, who cared for the sick and wounded soldiers during the war. The balance of the sum. \$300,000, has been donated. The building will be the property of the United States, but occupied and cared for by the American Red Cross.

A Concession to Labor.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was vetoed by President Taft a few moments before his term expired be cause it contained a provision that of the sum of \$300,000 provided for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws "no part of the money shall be spent in the prosecution of any organization or individual for entering into any combination or agreement having in view the increasing of wages, shortening of hours or bettering the conditions of labor or for any act done in further ance thereof, not in itself unlawful."

This amendment was reinserted in the bill at the special session, but when approved by President Wilson be said the provision need not become operative as there were other funds available for the prohibited prosecutions if it was found necessary to be gin them.

Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The sundry civil bill also contained a paragraph which provided for and nationalized the Panama-Pacific expo-sition to be held at San Francisco in Unlike former exposition laws it fixes the number of commissioners at three instead of seven or more, lim its their pay to \$3,000 instead of \$5,000 and also places a limit upon the pay of employees and their expenses. This employment will not be simply "soft snaps" as in the past.

A subsequent act provided for the free importation of foreign exhibits for the exposition and the protection of their trademarks and designs. Another act antionalized a smaller exposition which is to be beld at San Diego. Cal., In 1915.

At the beginning of the special session an emergency deficiency bill was passed providing expenses for the ses-sion. It also made provision for the new department of labor, which up to that time had been without pay or quarters

Indian Commissions. The Indian appropriation bill was talked to death at the close of the last congress, and after considerable wrangling it was passed at the special ses Aside from the usual appropria tions, the most important features were provision for two commissions both consisting of members of the sen-ate and house. One is to investigate the management of the bureau of in-dian affairs in every detail. The other was directed to investigate irrigation conditions in Washington state and health conditions in New Mexico particularly in regard to the establish ment of a sanitarium for tuberculosis afflicted Indians.

Mexican Matters.

The situation in Mexico called forth desultory discussion from time to time, but the inclination was to leave the matter with the president. However, the deficiency bill contained an approprintion of \$100,000 and a special appropriated \$100,000 more to bring destitute Americans out of Mexico. Congress has been rendy at all times to make provision for emergencies in Mexico; but, while bills for increasing the army were introduced, they have

never been taken up. A new embassy was created by an act making the minister to Spain an ambassador.

Another act provided for representa-tion of the United States at the fourteenth international congress on al

coholism at Milan, Italy An act was passed providing for the increased number of midshipmen at the Naval academy until 1919, which allows two designations by each sena

tor and representative, ten at large to be appointed by the president. December Teachers'

Minor Acts of Legislation. Quite a number of minor acts of leg islation were passed, including bridge and land bills of local interest.

Recognition of the Gettysburg semicentennial was made in providing trans-portation for Union and Confederate veterans of the District of Columbia to that famous battlefield.

Tents were loaned to the Confederate veterana for their reunion at Brunswick, Ga.

The president was authorized to appoint delegates to the International Purity federation at Minneapolis. Minn, Provision was made for congressional representation at the unveiling of

the Jefferson monument at St. Louis and the Congress hall celebration at Philadelphia; also the opening of the exposition at Knoxville, Tenn.

The secretary of agriculture was therized to make an exhibit at the corn exposition, Dallan, Tex. A number of bills relating to public

buildings were passed.

The Seaman's Bill.
A bill of more than ordinary importance because it makes many changes in the navigation laws was passed by the senate, but was not considered by the house. It is known as the sea-man's bill, although it makes provision for greater safety of passengers at sea. The bill in some form has been pending before congress for nineteen years and has been advocated by representa-tives of the seamen's union. It is expected to pass the house during the

portance which passed the senate and is still pending in the house makes it unlawful for any member of congress to serve on a committee or solicit funds for campaign purposes. That bill is the outcome of the investiga-tion made during the campaign of 1912, when many prominent witnesses were

The senate has agreed to take up and consider a bill providing for the construction and operation of railroads in Alaska on Monday, Dec. 8, but as no time has been fixed for a vote it is quite likely that the bill will be displaced by the currency bill.

On the senate calendar is a bill "re

lating to the exclusion of traffic from the streets and avenues of Washington during parades." It is the outgrowth of interference with the woman suf-frage parade on the 3d of March.

Very few bills have been taken up by the house save those mentioned, but the Hetch Hetchy bill was passed and is pending in the senate with an analysis of the senate with analysis of the senate with an analysis of the ment to consider and vote upon it dur-ing the first week of the regular ses-

A bill to create an additional judge in Pennsylvania has been doing the shuttlecock act between the houses on account of a provision to create anoth er circuit judge in West Virginia bavposes on the house calendar.

Lobby Investigation.

By far one of the most interesting investigations of the many that have taken place during the past two or three years was the senate lobby in-vestigation which followed a declaration by the president that a lobby was trying to defeat certain features of the tariff bill. About the same time the Mulhall disclosures were published, which reflected upon both senators and representatives, and the lobby investigation was turned into a Mulhall investigation, the house joining with an investigation of its own. A special committee of the senate has taken thousands of pages of testimony, and the end is not yet in sight. No report was ever made. The investigation was started primarily to get information upon which to base tariff action, but the tariff bill was out of the way before the investigators were near the end of their inquiry.

Presidential Addresses.

the matter of delivering presidential messages. The messages were deliv-ered in person by the president, who addressed congress in joint session in the bail of the house of representa-tives on three different occasions. This revives a custom which existed in the days of Washington and Adams, but has not been the practice since the days of the first two presidents. The first address related to the tariff, the next to currency and the third to conditions in Mexico. The president has announced that he will continue to communicate with congress in this way. Another innovation on the part of the president was in visiting the capitol building and seeing senators and representatives in his room, which heretofore has been used by a president when he went to the capital on special occasions.

· Accept Nicknames.

Quite a number of congressmen take the names which their friends in young er days gave them. No one believes any mother ever christened her boy Tom, Dick, Jack or Sam, yet a lot of men have adopted the shorter names later in their lives. One thing a map can do-he can fashion his name to suit himself.

him everywhere. He attained it by talking on alfaifa as a crop.

Examination

Notice of teachers' examination to be held in Prineville on December 17, 18, 19, 20, 1913,

Following are given the sources of questions for the teachers' exami-nation which will be held at each county seat on December 17, 18, 19

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or and the School,"
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and Har;
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hology.

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Theodore Ruff, a teamster, has been The special session was notable for the introduction of an innovation in the employ of the Cudaly Bros. company in Milwaukee for the last twenty-five years. He has missed only three days in that time.

Dr. Edwin F. Smith, plant pathologist in the department of agriculture Washington, recently declined a \$10,000 position with the Rockefeller Institute For Medical Research to retain one at \$4,000 with the government. He attracted attention by his investigations in the comparative study of plant diseases in their relation to man and beast.

John Purroy Mitchel, succeeding William Loeb, Jr., as collector of the port at New York, was acting mayor of the city following the shooting of Mayor Gaynor until the wounded official was able to resume office. He is a graduate of Columbia, where he won the philolexia oratorical contest in his senior year. From Columbia be went to the New York Law school, where he received his diploma.

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