



EXTRA SESSION BY JUNE IS FORECAST

Much Work Left for Congress to Do.

ARMED SHIP ISSUE IS FIRST

Adverse Impression Remains to Be Wiped Out.

ARMY IN NEED OF FUNDS

Progress Made by Senate Toward Revising Rules Strengthens Probability of Call—West Point May Be Closed.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—An extra session of Congress not later than June now is generally conceded among officials here to be assured.

Although President Wilson has not given any definite indication that he has finally abandoned his hope that an extra session might be avoided, there is an almost unanimous sentiment among Senators, Representatives and officials of the executive departments that one must be called.

MEMBERS SPECULATE ON DATE.

So certain are many members of Congress on this point that they are speculating only on the probable date of the session. The general expectation among them, said to be based on word passed out by officials close to the President, is that the end of May or some time in June will be selected for convening the new Congress.

ARMED SHIP ISSUE UPPERMOST.

After enumerating the important measures which had failed, the statement continued that "it would not cure the difficulty to call the 65th Congress in extraordinary session" unless the parliamentary barrier to action in the Senate were removed.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME PRESSING.

But, aside from the international crisis, the breaking down of the Administration's legislative programme is regarded by many officials as an imperative reason for an extra session.

There will be many laws in the Government's financial and defense schemes unless some emergency action is taken, because of failure of the big supply measures, particularly the Army and general deficiency bill.

2377 DIE OF PNEUMONIA

New York Swept for Nine Weeks by Epidemic in Virulent Form.

NEW YORK, March 6.—What is described by the Department of Health as a peculiarly virulent form of pneumonia, has caused 2377 deaths in this city in the last nine weeks, or 534 more than during the corresponding period a year ago, it was announced tonight.

VETERANS TO BACK WILSON

First Regiment ex-Members Will Take Action Tonight.

General Charles F. Beebe, president, last night called a special meeting of the First Regiment, Infantry, Oregon National Guard Veterans' Association, for tonight at 8 o'clock in the Board of Officers' room at the Armory.

BIDS FOR AIRSHIPS OPENED

Prices for Harbor Patrol Craft Vary From \$71,500 to \$47,000.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Bids for eight or more non-rigid dirigible airships for coast and harbor patrol work, opened today by the Navy, disclosed offers from five companies with prices for one airship ranging from \$71,500 to \$47,000, and deliveries in 120 days.

Five million dollars has been appropriated and the number of airships will be determined later.

SPY IN NATIONAL GUARD SENTENCED

MILITARY INFORMATION SENT TO GERMANY INTERCEPTED.

Member of Minnesota Infantry Is Convicted by Court-Martial and Gets 5-Year Term.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 6.—Officers of the First Minnesota Infantry returning to Fort Snelling today from the Mexican border announced that Paul L. Scharfenberg, of St. Paul, a private in Company L, First Minnesota Infantry, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., February 5, by a court-martial of regular Army officers sitting at San Antonio, for furnishing military information to Germany.

A letter addressed to relatives in Germany asserting that 10,000,000 Germans in this country were ready to rise up against the Government in the event of war with Germany was intercepted by British authorities and turned over to Washington officials, according to statements by the officers. Scharfenberg is a native of Germany.

Colonel Erle D. Luce, commanding the regiment, and Captain L. McClay, regimental adjutant, in confirming the story of Scharfenberg's activities, declared that he had predicted in his letter that President Wilson "soon would be put out of the way" and had stated that "the 100,000 troops on the border would not stand up if put against an efficient force."

ANNA GOULD'S SON CITED

Young de Castellane Courageous Under Fire in France.

PARIS, March 6.—Georges de Castellane, the second son of Count Boni de Castellane, has been cited in army orders. His mother was formerly Anna Gould, of New York, now Duchess of Talleyrand and of Sagan. The citation follows: "Georges de Castellane, of the French Dragoons, has given entire satisfaction in his mission as chief of dispatch bearers in a district often bombarded. He has given proof of courage and gallantry and went voluntarily to the aid of the wounded under a violent bombardment."

BILLION IN CASH IS READY

America Financially Prepared in Event of War.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Herbert Fleishacker, president of the Anglo-London & Paris National Bank, who returned here today after attending a meeting of the advisory council of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D. C., said the banks of the United States could take up a \$1,000,000,000 Government bond issue with just a few days' notice in the event of war.

He said the country was well prepared from a financial standpoint.

MOVIE INSPIRES HOLDUP

Jobless Man and Wife See Film Robbery and Do Likewise.

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—When Clarence Curtis lost his "job" a few months ago, he and Mrs. Curtis went to a moving picture show, where they saw a film depicting a holdup. The result, police say, Mrs. Curtis confessed here today, was that she and her husband engaged in a three weeks' career of similar robberies. She and her husband are under arrest on a charge of having held up a taxicab driver last night.

GERARD TALKED OF AS WAR SECRETARY

Friends Think Baker May Resign.

MOVE IS APPROVED IN PARIS

Americans Abroad Strong in Support of Ambassador.

SHIP CHANGES ITS COURSE

Infanta Isabel Warned by Schooler of Peril From Commerce Raider—Captain Acts but Minimizes Danger.

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ABOARD STEAMSHIP INFANTA ISABEL, March 4, via Cape Race, N. F., March 6.—(Special.)—In the event of war between the United States and Germany, ex-Ambassador James W. Gerard's friends are prepared to work for his appointment as Secretary of War in President Wilson's Cabinet.

They believe that Secretary Baker will keep his promise and resign if war comes and they consider Mr. Gerard well equipped as an adviser to the President in Baker's post.

Project Broached in Paris.

At the time of the ex-Ambassador's stay in Paris, it was suggested by many American residents there that he succeed Secretary Baker in the event of war. While Mr. Gerard declines to discuss these plans further than to say he depends on his conference with President Wilson to determine his future status as a public official, it is known that he would accept the post of Secretary of War should the incumbent resign and the President offer him the appointment.

When the possibility of Mr. Gerard's appointment was discussed in limited American circles in Paris, as well as among the French people and officials, it met with instant approval. There are several reasons for the former Ambassador's popularity in France. In the first place, his independence in dealing with the German authorities has aroused intense admiration, and in the second place his championship of energetic measures by the American Government to prepare for war against Germany has won him a lasting place in the hearts of American residents in Europe.

Emphasis Put on Facts.

It is pointed out by his friends that ever since the break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany all of Mr. Gerard's dispatches to Washington have emphasized the following facts:

That Germany expects war with the United States and is ready for it. That the United States must prepare immediately with all her energy to meet the situation.

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TRANSPORT DIX, FOR MANILA, IN DANGER

DISTRESS CALL 350 MILES OFF CAPE FLATTERY REPORTED.

Coast Guard Cutter Snohomish Is on Way to Rescue After Steering Gear Is Damaged.

TACOMA, Wash., March 6.—Telephone advices to the Ledger from Port Angeles report the United States transport Dix, which left Seattle Saturday for Manila, in distress, 350 miles southwest of Cape Flattery, and in need of assistance.

The United States Coast Guard cutter Snohomish was made ready with all possible speed and left Port Angeles at 10:40 tonight to go to the assistance of the Dix. The message from the Dix contained no details as to the nature of the mishap.

The Dix sailed from Seattle Saturday afternoon with 500 horses and a cargo of supplies for the United States Quartermaster's department in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 6.—Although the United States Quartermaster's Department here is not permitted to give out any information regarding Government vessels, it is understood that the United States transport Dix, which left Seattle Saturday for Manila, experienced an accident to her steering gear and that she is returning under her own steam to Seattle. She is expected to arrive here tomorrow night or Thursday morning.

The cargo of the Dix consists of forage and 500 head of horses. She carries a crew of 150.

WIVES CAPTURE LUNCHEON

Women Invade La Grande Conference, Singing Popular Melodies.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Seventy-five women, wives of leading business and professional men, who every Tuesday dine in some local grill or hotel to discuss matters of current interest, swarmed in upon the dining-room of the Foley Hotel today noon and took charge of most of the program.

Catchy songs and parodies were sung by the women when the dumfounded men marched into the hotel, and harpoons and good-natured jibes were flung mercilessly at the men.

The coup had been carefully planned and was faultlessly executed.

STORM SWEEPS NEBRASKA

Snow Reaches Depth of Three Feet and Trains Are Abandoned.

OMAHA, March 6.—A blizzard is prevailing tonight over Northwestern, Western and Central Nebraska, according to reports received here.

Snow has reached a depth of three feet on the Alliance division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. West of Haigler, Neb., to Akron, Colo., a blinding storm has caused abandonment of train service, it is reported. The storm began Tuesday morning and is traveling south and east.

Belgian Woman Set Free.

MADRID, via Paris, March 6.—The newspapers here announce that King Alfonso has received a dispatch from Emperor William saying that Mile. Douerlin, a Belgian woman, who had been condemned to death and in whose case King Alfonso was particularly interested, had been freed.

PETITIONS DEMAND SEN. LANE RESIGN

Residents Rush to Get Their Names Down.

NEWSPAPERS ASKED TO ASSIST

Recall Not Applicable, so Plan of Redemption Proposed.

MOVEMENT IS STATEWIDE

Local German Paper Lauds Filibustering 12 as "True-Blue Americans Against One-Man Power." Unpatriotic Move Indorsed.

FRIENDS OF SENATOR CUMMINS ASK FOR EXPLANATION.

The following message was telegraphed last night to Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, one of the 12 filibustering Senators who defeated the armed neutrality bill, by George C. Howard, a former Iowa, who was manager of Senator Cummins' campaign here last May, when he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States:

"Your many friends in Oregon have been awaiting some statement of your position which will relieve them from their distress and embarrassment. In attempting to explain it we are presuming that you consider that the best interests of the country demand a special session of Congress. There must be some good explanation. May we not hope soon to have it?" (Signed)

"GEORGE C. HOWARD."

Other members of the Cummins campaign committee with whom Mr. Howard discussed the telegram indorsed it heartily. Indeed, the only objection made against it was that it was not strong enough.

If Senator Henry Lane does not resign, it will not be for want of prompting. Because of the doubtful legality of such action it seems unlikely that an effort will be made to recall him. The Federal Constitution prescribes the length of the terms of the United States Senators, and it is the general opinion of lawyers that the state recall laws therefore do not apply.

But Senator Lane is being plentifully reminded that he can meet the situation to the satisfaction of his constituents in Oregon by resigning. Many (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

EX-MILLIONAIRE IS POORHOUSE INMATE

JAMES W. PAIGE, INVENTOR OF TYPESETTER, IS PAUPER.

Device of Illinois Indigent Classed in Encyclopedia as "Most Remarkable Mechanism."

CHICAGO, March 6.—James W. Paige, inventor of "one of the most remarkable pieces of mechanism ever put together," is in the poorhouse at Oak Forest, Ill. Twenty-five years ago he was owner of the Paige compositor plant here, for the making of typesetting machines. Upward of \$2,000,000 was invested in the plant. Paige was reputed to be worth \$1,500,000 at the time. Mark Twain was one of the investors.

In the panic of 1893 Mr. Paige lost his money. His great invention, although a mechanical marvel, proved impractical in the state to which it had been brought, and needed further development, which never came. Mark Twain, who lost a large sum by the smash, went on a lecture tour around the world to pay his debts. Mr. Paige "disappeared."

Paige's name was written into the Encyclopedia Britannica, and of his work it said: "One of the most remarkable pieces of mechanism ever put together."

PARDON IS SLAVERS' HOPE

Rehearing of Diggs-Caminetti Case Denied by Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Supreme Court today refused to reopen or reconsider its recent decision in the Diggs-Caminetti white slave cases and denied the application of F. Drew Caminetti, of Sacramento, for rehearing of its decree affirming his conviction.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—President Wilson will be asked to pardon F. Drew Caminetti, son of Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner-General of Immigration, and Maury I. Diggs, whose appeals for a rehearing were denied today by the United States Supreme Court.

Commissions Await Many.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 6.—A War Department telegram addressed to regular Army officers stationed in this district, received today, directed every regiment to designate at once at least 60 enlisted men for commissions in a temporary military force to be organized with those interested.

Modified Plan Adopted.

He suggested that the Commissioners should meet them and pass upon the proposals as to their relative importance, and outline a definite plan of work, based upon the amount of money available for expenditure and upon the amount of work to be done, as well as upon the relative importance of such work.

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HIGHWAY BOARD TO SEE ALL PROJECTS

State Partitioned for Commissioners.

ALL PLEAS TO BE CONSIDERED

Greatest Good for Greatest Number to Govern.

E. J. CANTINE IS DROPPED

No Haste to Be Made in Appointment of Engineer, as Highest Qualifications Will Be Required. Good Feeling Desired.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The policy of the new State Highway Commission will be to get close to the hearts of the people.

This was definitely decided upon at a meeting of the Commission today, when all three members—S. Benson, Portland; W. L. Thomason, Pendleton, and E. J. Adams, Eugene—met officially for the first time, named Mr. Benson chairman, and in a session of several hours went over the situation generally.

The policy of the Commission toward the public as adopted by an action today was probably the most important move of the meeting.

Personal Inspection Proposed.

"The closer we can get to the people, the happier and better satisfied they will be," asserted Commissioner Adams, in outlining a programme for dealing with the public. He suggested that whenever any section of the state desires help on highway work, or an allotment of highway funds, the Commission itself should visit the section, examine the project, hold a hearing, and go into the proposals at length with those interested.

He suggested that the Commissioners should meet them and pass upon the proposals as to their relative importance, and outline a definite plan of work, based upon the amount of money available for expenditure and upon the amount of work to be done, as well as upon the relative importance of such work.

Modified Plan Adopted.

After much discussion, in which it was asserted that it would be practically a physical impossibility for all members of the commission to visit all sections where allotments of the highway fund were requested, a second plan was hit upon by Commissioner Thompson, and was adopted. The plan as adopted is to divide the state into districts, each commissioner being delegated to the work of a district. Petitions for allotments of funds, or for assistance on road work, will be sent into the highway department offices at Salem and the secretary of the board is to notify each Commissioner as to the requests from his particular section. The Commissioner will arrange for a meeting with the people of the district affected, examine the project, hold a hearing and otherwise secure all the information and data available.

Basis of Preference Outlined.

The board as a whole will then examine the respective merits of the projects, classify them as to their importance, their relation to market town possibilities, population and other essential features and the work will be given preference upon such a basis. It was tentatively decided that no individual allotments would be made until all of the applications had been passed upon. This will assure an equitable division of the highway fund, distributed in as many sections of the state as it is possible for it to reach, upon a basis of serving the greatest number of people possible and upon a basis of doing the greatest amount of good with all the money that is available for road work.

Good to Greatest Number Aim.

All Commissioners agreed that the nearer to the public the Commission may get the more satisfactory will be the work, the better the results, and the less friction and disturbance relative to the distribution of the funds available. "It is essential that in reaching out to the people we come to an understanding that it will be the hope of the Commission to give the greatest service along the lines of the greater patience in the greatest requisite in procuring state assistance in road construction, we will be able to accomplish excellent results in a satisfactory manner."

Engineer Not Chosen.

The Commission today reached no decision as to the selection of a highway engineer. It was pointed out by the Commissioners that there have been a great many applications, both from within and without the state, and no hasty action will be taken. Five of the present employees were dispensed with, including E. J. Cantine, formerly State Highway Engineer.

Decision was reached to hold all regular monthly meetings at Salem on the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

