

EPOCHAL DAYS ARE AHEAD OF CONGRESS

Second War Session of 61st
National Assembly Meets
at Noon Today.

MANY BILLIONS NEEDED

President's Message Said to Be Un-
usually Long, Owing to Recent
Events in Europe; War Against
Austria Is Not Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Congress re-
assembles tomorrow at noon for its
second war session. All arrange-
ments were complete tonight for what
promises to be another epochal session.
Increased determination of the Ameri-
can people for vigorous prosecution of
the war to victory was the message
universally brought by the returning
members.

Routine opening sessions are sched-
uled for tomorrow. Immediately after
appointing committees to notify the
President that the second session of
the sixty-first Congress is in readiness,
adjournments will be taken out of re-
spect to members who died during the
recess—Senator Huston, of Wisconsin,
who was accidentally shot, and Repre-
sentative Martin, of Illinois.

Estimates to Be Received.
Another feature of the opening day
will be receipt of appropriation esti-
mates, aggregating many billions of
dollars, for war and other govern-
mental purposes for the next fiscal
year.

Tuesday President Wilson will deliv-
er his annual opening address in the
House chamber at 12:30 P. M. at a joint
session.

Public printers were today at work
on the message, the delivery of which
is awaited with unusual interest be-
cause of possible comment on war ac-
complishments and aims, the upheaval
in Russia, the reversal of Italy and the
immediate policy as to Germany's al-
lies. The message is said to be unusu-
ally long. A recommendation for a de-
claration of war against Austria-Hun-
gary is not expected.

Little Business This Week.
Unless the President recommends
further declarations of war, little busi-
ness is planned this week by Con-
gressional leaders. A week-end recess prob-
ably will be taken to have appropri-
ation committees begin surveys of supply
measures, and the House is not expected
to get into its stride until after the
Christmas holidays, when a stream of
appropriation bills will be introduced.
Few members expect the session to end
before the Fall Congressional elections.
Senator Martin, Democratic leader, to-
day predicted that the session would
last until next August, while many
members believe it will merge with the
final session of the sixty-first Congress
next December.

Prohibition to Be Up Early.
Before the holiday recess, which
Speaker Clark and others favor aban-
doning, disposition of the National
prohibition question is to be pressed.
Revenue legislation will not be taken
up immediately, but a deficiency ap-
propriation bill for the holidays, to
care for unexpected war expenditures,
is probable.

Early activities include consideration
by Senate committees of Senator La
Follette's much-discussed St. Paul
speech and railroad transportation
problems. The Senate committee on
elections, which will meet to-
morrow to extend the time for its sub-
committee's investigation of the La
Follette speech.

Bryan to Testify.
Chairman Pomeroy today arranged
with ex-Secretary Bryan, who will be
the principal witness, to testify Decem-
ber 11. No sessions are planned, how-
ever. Mr. Bryan is expected to repeat
before the committee his denial of
Senator La Follette's declaration that
he knew ammunition was loaded on
the Lusitania and pleaded with Presi-
dent Wilson to prevent her sailing.
The transportation questions will be
considered tomorrow, when the New
lands joint congressional committee
will resume its inquiry into railway
matters and government ownership.

The Administration is reported to
favor new bond issues rather than
taxes.

Alarms to Be Drafted.
New treaties to be submitted will
provide for drafting of aliens. The
treaty paying \$25,000,000 to Colombia
is still pending. Some Senators also
are privately disposed to ask questions
about the appointment of Colonel
Hines and others to the inter-allied
conference as well as about the Chi-
nese pact negotiated by Secretary Lansing
with Viscount Ishii, of Japan.
Calendars of both Senate and House
are filled with bills and resolutions left
over from the last session, while many
new ones are scheduled for introduc-
tion tomorrow.

Webb Bill Unfinished Business.
The Webb bill, permitting American
exporters to combine in foreign trade,
is the Senate's unfinished business.
Speaker Clark plans today to deliver
a call of the unfinished calendar in the
House tomorrow because of the larger
number of bills left over on that calen-
dar.

A conference of Republican Repre-
sentatives probably will be held at the
outset of the session to discuss minor-
ity matters. Representative Mann, of
Illinois, the Republican floor leader,
has been under treatment in Baltimore.

FIGHTING FOR HAPPINESS

When you get into a frame of mind
that makes life seem one tiresome
duty after another, with no pleasure
in it; when ill health seems to take all
the joy out of life and you worry over
things that are not really worth wor-
rying about, then your nervous system
is becoming exhausted and you are
approaching neurasthenia.

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and his presence tomorrow is not ex-
pected. In his absence the leadership
falls to Representative Gillett, of Mas-
sachusetts, who is the next ranking
member of the Republican steering
committee.

GERMANS CONTROL STEPS

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crats headed the polls in several pro-
vincial towns.
The Maximilians have closed all their
military academies for officers. Count
Kappist, chief of the naval general
staff, has been arrested and taken to
the fortress of St. Paul and St. Peter,
charged with fomenting a strike among
the minor officials.

The Spanish charge d'affaires, in an
announcement today, explained that his
recent letter to Leon Trotsky, Bolshe-
viki Foreign Minister, in no way im-
plies official recognition of the work-
men's and soldiers' government.

BOLSHEVIKI NOT RECOGNIZED

Employees of Ministerial Departments
Have Begun Strike.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—Employees of
the ministeries of Finance, Agriculture
and Communications refuse to recog-
nize the authority of the Bolsheviki and
have begun a strike.

The military revolutionary committee
sent a sailor to the Ministry of Supplies
to ascertain the amount of food in Pe-
trograd.

The official in charge declined to deal
with an agent of the revolutionists.

OFFICIAL PROTEST IS FILED

American Aid to Russia All Based
on Latter Staying in War.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, Nov. 28.—
Major Keith, American military attache,
has been instructed by Ambassador
Francis to make a protest on the part
of the United States similar to that en-
tered by the head of the entente em-
bassies here, to the negotiations for an
armistice between Russia and Germany.

Ambassador Francis assumed the at-
titude that all aid that America has ex-
tended to Russia was made with the
understanding that Russia was to con-
tinue in the war and that therefore he
believed himself justified in the absence
of instructions from the State Depart-
ment at Washington to enter a protest
against the independent action in the
matter of an armistice.

U. S. ENTERS STRONG PROTEST

Separate Armistice Is Opposed in
Communication to Dukhonin.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A dispatch from
Petrograd dated November 30, to Reu-
ters' Ltd., says that the American mil-
itary representatives to the general
staff at Russian headquarters has com-
municated to General Dukhonin an
energetic representation from the
United States Government against a
separate armistice being concluded by
Russia.

The French military representative
also informed General Dukhonin that
France did not recognize the authority
of the people's commissioners, and is con-
fident that the Russian high command
will reject all "criminal negotiations."

GERMANS ARE REPULSED

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west of Goeburg. These attacks ap-
pear to have gone well as a whole.

The British were held up in the cen-
ter along the ridge for a time, before
the most part were reported to have
reached their objectives and to have
penetrated from 300 to 400 yards at
several points. The attack about
Goeburg involved two strong German
fortifications.

At the gain to the north along the
ridge was confirmed, it will mean that
the British have added much to the
completeness of their observation in
this region.

British "Mop Up" Gonnelleu.

The British yesterday and tonight
continued their counter offensive op-
erations in the Gonnelleu sector, which
was overrun by the Germans Friday in
an attempt to wrench off the salient
which the British last week drove in
about Bourlon wood.

The mopping up of Gonnelleu, which
was captured by the British troops Sat-
urday, was completed during the night.
About 300 prisoners were taken in this
place. Fifty prisoners also were
brought out of Les Buis Vertes after a
British counter attack and, all told, the
Germans lost many hundreds of prisoners
in yesterday's operations.

After recapturing Gonnelleu wood, the
British continued their pressure in this
region and pushed up still further on
the higher ground to the southeast of
the wood.

British Tank in Assault.

One British tank captured 15 enemy
machine guns in the assault in Gonnelleu
wood. The Germans this morning began a
heavy shelling of the British entangle-
ments at the position known as the
Knoll, just south of Gonnelleu, indicat-
ing the possibility of an impending
attack in that sector.

It now is possible to state that the
Germans on Friday employed a strong
force—at least six or seven divisions—
for their attack from Moeuvres to Bour-
lon wood, and four or five divisions in
the southern offensive in the region of
Gonnelleu. The Germans fought in
masses all day in both sectors and their
losses were exceedingly heavy.

German Claim of 4000 Prisoners Not Denied.

The German claim of 4000 prisoners
may be correct. There is no contro-
versy of this report at the moment.

The British feared very well in the
event of success, however, in their
rush about Gonnelleu the Germans
captured a considerable number of British
guns and not a few of the German
guns which the British took in their
drive last week. The enemy was un-
able to move this artillery back before
a British counter attack swept the Ger-
mans eastward again, and the British
recovered all of the German artillery
and the major portion of their own.

The Germans overran the divisional
headquarters at Gonnelleu and cap-
tured some papers and maps, but the
staff had been able to get many im-
portant documents away before the
Germans arrived.

SLAUGHTER OF HUNS IS GREAT

Thousands Sacrificed to Gain Territory
of Trifling Value Tactically.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Reuter corre-
spondent at British headquarters in
France sends the following:
"The Germans delivered no less than
10 attacks against our positions in La
Vaquefrie. Those in a position to
know say that we lost at the sacrifice of
thousands of lives in any other spot in the
same time during the war."

"By far the greater proportion of
guns abandoned in the first German in-
sult on Friday have been recaptured;
the others were disabled. The territory
the enemy gained at the sacrifice of
thousands of lives is so trifling that
tactically the situation remains unaf-
fected. It is understood that many of
the troops engaged on the railway near
Gonnelleu were American engineers."

Red Cross Man for Italy Named.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Robert P.
Perkins, of New York, has been ap-
pointed Red Cross commissioner to
Italy by the Red Cross war council.
He will serve without salary.

VOLUME OF TRADE ON COAST IS LARGE

12th Federal Reserve District
Reports Show Industrial
and Agricultural Activity.

WHEAT CROP FALLEN OFF

California Citrus Shipments for
Year Surpass All Records—Pe-
troleum Stock Lowest in Many
Years—56 New Wells Open.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—General
business conditions throughout the
Twelfth Federal reserve district, which
comprises Arizona, California, Idaho,
Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington,
is one of great industrial and agricul-
tural activity and a large volume of
trade, according to the bulletin the Fed-
eral reserve bank, of San Francisco,
made public today.

The splendid resources of this dis-
trict in buying \$20,000,000 of the bonds
of the second liberty loan, according
to the bulletin, evidences a widespread,
fervent and patriotic desire to serve
the Nation.

Labor Conditions Unsettled.

"Labor conditions are still unsettled,"
the bulletin says, adding, "but as this
is written there are no important
strikes."

The bulletin continues:
"In the Northwest reduced lumber
production for the remainder of the
year is anticipated."

"Mining products in Arizona will ex-
ceed those of last year, copper having
an estimated value of \$200,000,000;
other metals \$60,000,000. Cotton ac-
resage has risen to 23.85¢, with a product
valued at \$5,000,000."

Wheat Crop 27,000,000 Bushels.

"The wheat crop in Washington will
total about 27,000,000 bushels, as
against 4,000,000 last year. Fall plant-
ing is being hampered by lack of pre-
cipitation."

"California citrus shipments for the
year ending November 1, 1917, sur-
passed all records, aggregating 54,361
cars. The crop of navel oranges for
the current season, curtailed by ex-
cessive heat last summer, is estimated at
21 per cent. Valencia at 80 per cent
and lemons at 71 per cent of normal.
The raisin crop will exceed that of last
year by 35,000 tons."

Petroleum Stocks Low.

"During October the shipments of
petroleum from California fields ex-
ceeded production by \$60,892 barrels,
reducing stored stocks, on October 31,
to 31,795,115 barrels, being the lowest
figure recorded since February, 1911.
Fifty-six new wells were completed
during the month, yielding an initial
daily production of 14,960 barrels."

"Building permits in 20 principal
cities declined from \$7,523,000 in Octo-
ber, 1916, to \$4,684,000 in October, 1917.
Clearings show an increase of 35.8 per
cent, Oregon leading with a 60.9 per cent
increase and Tacoma second with 55.6
per cent."

Appeal Made to Banks.

The bulletin contains a special ap-
peal to all eligible state banks and
trust companies, in which is cited the
appeal of President Wilson, to become
members of the Federal reserve sys-
tem in order to contribute toward
fortifying the Nation to meet present
and future financial strains growing out
of war requirements.

It is pointed out that if each eligible
state bank and trust company in the
twelfth reserve district, large or small,
should respond to the President's ap-
peal, the strength of the Federal re-
serve bank of San Francisco would be
increased approximately 50 per cent,
both in capital and reserve deposits,
and its ability to render aid would
be increased in like proportion.

DRAFTED MEN CAN ENLIST

Even Those Called for Examination
Eligible Until December 15.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Draft
registrants have an opportunity to
enlist in the Army and Navy between
now and December 15, even if they
have been called for physical exami-
nation by their local boards, ac-
cording to an order received at the
local recruiting headquarters from
Adjutant-General McCain, of the United
States Army.

The order stated that all a drafted
man need do to enlist is to present to
the recruiting officer a certificate from
the local board stating that he will not
be liable to fill in a deferred percent-
age of the first Army quota.

Druggists, chemists, ambulance
drivers, stretcher bearers, first aid
chance and workers are wanted by the
medical department of the Army, the
recruiting officers announced.

LUMBER PRICE TO BE SET

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commodity is so unusual as to excite
comment in official Washington.

Pacific Coast fir is becoming more
and more an essential factor in the
conduct of the war, largely owing to
the sizes and grades that cannot be
produced in lumber regions closer to
the Atlantic. Yesterday the Washing-
ton office of the West Coast Lumber
men's Association took an order for
Government construction other than
ship building, delivery to be at a point
in South Carolina. Previous the as-
sociation had taken an order for 1800
carloads of shipbuilding material to be
delivered to Southern and Eastern
shipyards.

Spruce Production Gaining.

The production of spruce and fir for
aircraft purposes is steadily gaining,
though still slightly below require-
ments. In the meantime there have
been experiments in developing steel
as a possible substitute for Pacific
spruce and fir, but these experi-
ments have not turned out as well as
expected. It is reported that one for-
eign government is experimenting with
Arkansas Valley soft pine as a sub-
stitute for Coast wood, but the fact that
this same government has placed an
order with a Western association for
\$3,000,000 or more feet of fir indicates
that the allies are not hopeful of the
Southern experiment. The secretary of
the West Coast Association has rec-
ommended Idaho white pine as the most
likely substitute for spruce or fir.

Present criticisms concerning the
absence of a Pacific Northwest lum-
berman on the lumber purchasing advisory
committee since its recent organization
are resented by West Coast lumbermen
now here, who say that as soon as the
lumber commission can find a West
Coast manufacturer who is willing to
leave his business for the remainder
of the war and locate in Washington,
D. C., the West Coast will be repre-
sented in the meantime the Oregon
and Washington mills are getting a
fair share of such business as is being
offered.



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ROUMANIA TO RECOVER

RETURNING RED CROSS COMMISSION
PRAISES SPIRIT OF PEOPLE.

Shoes Cannot Be Purchased; Wealthy
Wear Rags for Lack of Cloth;
Base Hospital Established.

A PACIFIC PORT, Dec. 2.—Major

A. G. Glasgow, Major Bernard Flexner
and Lieutenant Frank Connes, mem-
bers of the American Red Cross com-
mission to Roumania, arrived here Sat-
urday on an Oriental liner. At the
time they left Roumania the country
was recovering rapidly from the effects
of last year's German drive. The com-
mission's work there was the estab-
lishment of a large base hospital.
Not a pair of shoes can be bought
in Roumania at any price, and wealthy
women wear ragged clothes because
material cannot be purchased, Lieuten-
ant Connes said. He added that Queen
Mary was working night and day
among the sick and wounded.
Transportation of relief supplies

through Russia is the greatest prob-
lem in regard to Roumania, according
to members of the mission.

All spoke in the highest praise of
the spirit of the Roumanian people,
whose own hardships had been in-
creased by the thousands of refugees
from the section occupied by the Ger-
mans. But the country, they said, was
fast getting reorganized after the dis-
ruption caused by last year's invasion.

STUDENT'S RELEASE ASKED

President Kerr Requests Furlough
for Reserve Officers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,

Corvallis, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Presi-
dent Kerr today wrote to the Secretary
of War, asking that O. A. C. men in the
senior division of the Reserve Officers'
Training Corps and subject to the sec-
ond and succeeding drafts, be fur-
loughed until the completion of their
courses.

Most of these students are in their
third and fourth years of military in-
struction, and by graduation will be
qualified to serve as commissioned of-
ficers in the National Army; besides,
the majority of them are pursuing

technical courses of particular value to
the Government under war-time condi-
tions.

Lieutenant Billington Assigned.

First Lieutenant Charles Billington,
who was commissioned in the Medical
Corps last August, has been assigned
to the Fourth Engineers, regular Army.
For the last three months he has been
on duty at Vancouver Barracks. Lieuten-
ant Billington has resided in Port-
land for the last 14 years, his home
being at 592 East Thirty-fourth street.

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