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TELEGRAPH, PHONE CONTROL DELAYED

Senate Ignores Urgent Request of Wilson.

IMMEDIATE RECESS DESIRED

Move to Postpone Pressing Legislation Fails.

PLANS BLOCKED BY HOUSE

Lower Chamber Refrains From Acting on Concurrent Resolution Calling for Adjournment Until August 12.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—In spite of President Wilson's request, emphatically reiterated today, that the resolution authorizing him to take over and operate during the war telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems be passed before the recess, the Senate was ready to begin its vacation when the House suddenly blocked the plans of the leaders.

Plans for an immediate recess were upset late today when the House adjourned until Monday without acting upon a concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate providing for an adjournment until August 12, subject to an earlier call by the President.

Adjournment Taken Until Monday.

Majority Leader Kitchin had asked for immediate consideration of the Senate resolution, but after opposition developed he withdrew his request with the explanation that he believed a majority of the House would vote against the resolution.

The House adjourned immediately afterward and upon receiving notice of its action the Senate also adjourned until Monday.

"This means," said Representative Kitchin, after the House adjourned, "that the recess program is off for good unless the Senate passes immediately the resolution giving the President authority to take over the telegraph and telephone lines."

Action Deemed Important.

In letters today to the chairman of the Congressional commerce committee, President Wilson said it was critically important that Congress pass the resolution authorizing him to take over telegraph and telephone lines before the mid-summer recess.

Writing to Chairman Sims, of the House committee, the President expressed gratitude that the House acted so promptly in passing the resolution yesterday and expressed the hope that members of the House might influence members of the Senate in pressing for action there before the recess.

Democratic Leader Martin, Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Representative Kitchin, majority leader of the House, after a conference, arranged immediately to go to the White House to present the situation to the President and urge him not to hold Congress short recess favored.

After the visit to the White House, Senators said the President was insistent on prompt passage of the resolution, but was willing to have Congress recess while the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee holds hearings on the measure. Senators estimated the hearings would take from two to three weeks.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Commission met to consider the question of holding hearings on the resolution, but after an hour's session, adjourned without reaching an agreement. It was announced that another session would be held early next week to discuss the measure.

LANE CHERRY CROP SETS NEW RECORD

PRICES FAR HIGHER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

Fruitgrowers' Association Handles 460,000 Pounds of Royal Anne Product During Season.

EUGENE, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The cherry crop of Lane County, which it had been announced earlier in the season had been "damaged by frost" and would not exceed one-fourth to one-half of an average yield, has already broken all records in quality, quantity and price.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' Association announced today that at its Eugene plant alone it has handled 460,000 pounds of Royal Anne cherries, as compared with 400,000 pounds of cherries of this variety handled at the Eugene, Junction City and Creswell plants for the best previous year.

These figures do not include cherries of other varieties, and are amazing to those who have seen the fruit. The fact that the picking of Royal Anne cherries will continue all next week, the Lambert cherry crop is still on the trees. Growers, it is estimated, will receive 6 to 8 cents a pound for their fruit.

Cherry buyers have shipped out five cars of cherries from Eugene and the express offices have been swamped with shipments.

ASTORIA MILL HAS FIRE

Hammond Lumber Plant Suffers Damage Estimated at \$10,000.

ASTORIA, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Fire starting tonight from a hot box near the edger on the sawing floor of the Hammond Lumber Company's mill here caused approximately \$10,000 damage to the plant. The roof of the sawing floor burned and most of the damage was confined to this section of the mill.

The Astoria fire department got the fire under control after about an hour's work, saving the power plant, band saw, adjoining building and other portions of the mill.

FRENCH DISCUSS SUFFRAGE

President Wilson's Declaration for Women Receives Attention.

PARIS, July 6.—(Havas Agency.)—Appointment of a committee to consider the question of universal suffrage and to file a report soon will be asked by the Socialist group of Parliament as a result of a vote.

At the meeting the attitude of President Wilson, who declared himself in favor of woman suffrage in his recent reply to the international confederation for woman suffrage, received considerable attention.

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTION

No Decided Temperature Changes Probable This Week, Says Bureau.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are:

Northern Rocky Mountain and plateau region—Local showers first half of week; fair second half, although probably fair throughout week over western portion of plateau region. No decided temperature changes.

Pacific states—Fair without decided temperature changes.

NEW SULTAN PROCLAIMED

Funeral Hearse of Mohammed V Is Modern Motorboat.

AMSTERDAM, July 6.—Mohammed VI was proclaimed Sultan of Turkey in the throne room of the Top Kapu Palace yesterday morning, according to a Constantinople dispatch received here. The burial of Mohammed V occurred late, the coffin being transported from the palace to the Mosque of Eljib by motorboat.

The new Sultan followed the burial party in his steam yacht.

COUNT VON MIRBACH SLAIN AT MOSCOW

German Envoy Bombed and Shot.

ASSASSINATION ACT OF TWO

Murderers of Official Make Their Escape.

DIPLOMAT DIES INSTANTLY

Attack Made by Unidentified Men in Course of Audience That Had Been Granted Them by Ambassador.

PARIS, July 6.—General Count von Mirbach, German Ambassador to Russia, has been assassinated at Moscow, according to a Berlin report received by the Havas Agency.

Two unknown persons were involved in the crime.

PARIS, July 6.—(Havas Agency.)—Two unknown men asked for an audience with the German Ambassador this morning, then attacked him, wounding him with shots from a revolver.

They followed this by throwing grenades.

Von Mirbach died almost immediately.

The assassins fled and have not been arrested.

PARIS, July 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Count von Mirbach, German Ambassador to Russia, was assassinated today at Moscow, according to a dispatch received here.

Obtaining admission by false pretenses, two unknown men entered the private office of Count von Mirbach this morning.

A short discussion ensued. Then revolver shots were heard, followed by explosions of hand grenades.

The assassins fled almost instantly. The assassins have not yet been arrested.

General Count von Mirbach has been active in negotiations between Germany and the Bolsheviks. A dispatch July 5 from Moscow, June 20, said he was that day successful in obtaining the release of six Finnish officials detained by Russia in exchange for Leo Kamenef, Bolshevik Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, who had been held as a hostage in Finland.

Count von Mirbach was formerly German Minister to Greece. The Bolshevik government consented to his nomination as Ambassador to Russia last April. In May a dispatch from Moscow said that the demands presented by the German Ambassador would virtually make Russia a German colony.

On May 27 the Russian government agreed to the appointment of Count von Mirbach as an intermediary between Russia and the trans-Caucasian government.

On May 31 he obtained from Russia an acceptance of the German proposal for peace negotiations between the Bolshevik and Finland.

INDIA MAY GET HOME RULE

Recommendation Made by Montagu and Chelmsford.

LONDON, July 6.—Limited home rule for India is recommended in a report prepared for presentation to Parliament by Edwin Samuel Montagu, Secretary for India, and Baron Chelmsford, the Viceroy, made public by the government.

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G. O. P. REAFFIRMS ALL ITS TRADITIONS

Thomas H. Tongue Is Chosen Chairman.

WOMEN VOTERS RECOGNIZED

Advisory Committee of Seven to Assist in Campaign.

PARTY IS NOW REUNITED

Only Issue Before People Today Is Winning War, but That Issue Must Not Be Commercialized, Says New Chairman.

Thomas H. Tongue, of Washington County, son of Oregon's former Congressman, Thomas H. Tongue, was unanimously elected chairman of the Republican State Central Committee at a meeting of the committee in the Imperial Hotel yesterday. Clyde G. Huntley, of Clackamas County, was elected vice-chairman of the committee by acclamation.

Chairman Tongue was authorized to appoint an executive committee of nine members from among the members of the state committee. To this committee was delegated the election of a secretary and treasurer. In conjunction with the state chairman, this committee will manage the campaign in November. Chairman Tongue was also directed to appoint an advisory committee of seven women to assist in directing the campaign. These committees will be announced later.

Women Voters Recognized.

Women voters of the state received greater consideration at the hands of the Republican committee yesterday than they have heretofore received from any political organization. In the platform that was adopted the political activity of women was commended and the ratification of the National woman suffrage amendment was urged. In addition, the members of the committee provided for the appointment of a special committee of seven women to assist in conducting the campaign in this state this fall.

War-time conditions in the store and on the farm materially reduced the attendance of members of the committee at yesterday's meeting, only 16 of the 36 counties being represented. The committee was convened at 11 o'clock by David M. Dunne, treasurer of the old committee, acting in the absence of E. D. Baldwin, secretary, and Charles L. McNary, who resigned as chairman at the time of his appointment as United States Senator a year ago.

Committees Are Named.

An adjournment was taken until 1 P. M. after the following committees had been named:

Credentials—Roy D. Smith, Hood River; W. W. Smead, Morrow, and T. C. Watts, Columbia.

Platform—T. B. Neuhausen, who held a proxy from Jackson County; Clyde G. Huntley, Clackamas, and Ben F. West, Marion.

Order of business—Clyde G. Huntley, Clackamas; J. W. McCall and Phil Metcham, Jr., who held a proxy from Tillamook County.

While awaiting the reports of the various committees in the afternoon Mayor George L. Baker made a rousing Republican talk in which he emphasized the need for the support by every citizen, regardless of political affiliation, of the war programme of the Administration.

Following Mayor Baker, David M. Dunne said it was incumbent on the state and municipal authorities immediately to begin preparations for re-election.

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MILL HEADS ALERT TO WAR DEMANDS

EASTERN OREGON PLEDGES AID TO GOVERNMENT.

Western Pine Association Meets at La Grande to Discuss Plans for Increased Output.

LA GRANDE, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Nine heads of the principal lumber mills of Eastern Oregon today pledged every ounce of Eastern Oregon sawmill energy to Colonel Disque and the Government's lumber demands. The action came at a meeting of the Eastern Oregon branch of the Western White Pine Manufacturers' Association, the session being suggested by Colonel Disque.

The lumbermen spent the entire day discussing matters of vital interest to the Government's lumber output. The division unanimously adopted a resolution pledging its complete obedience to whatever Colonel Disque asks. A delegation of Eastern Oregon lumbermen will leave tomorrow night for Portland to hold conference with the spruce generals.

The committee is composed of Vincent Palmer and W. M. Nicholas, Grande Ronde Lumber Company, La Grande; J. H. Mithaug, Grand Ronde Lumber Company, of Perry and Wallawa; Oscar Spear, East Oregon Lumber Company, Enterprise; Joe Stoddard and Frank Gardiner, of the Baker mills.

PE ELL TO BE SPOTLESS

New Mayor Appeals to Civic Pride, but There Is Something More.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—James W. Donahue, Pe Ell's new mayor, has set a new precedent in the matter of civic cleanliness and for a spotless town by a public appeal through the local paper.

In a letter to the citizens of Pe Ell, Mayor Donahue calls attention to certain city ordinances of Pe Ell providing for keeping the town clean and then, in a polite but firm manner, gives his townspeople a few days of grace in which to conform to the regulations.

Their civic pride in making Pe Ell a clean town is appealed to, but behind the velvet glove is indicated the mailed fist that will follow for all who do not take the friendly hint.

DR. HOLT WILSON DIES

Well-Known Physician of Portland Succumbs Early Today.

Dr. Holt Wilson, well-known pioneer Portland physician, died shortly after 1 o'clock this morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital, following an operation.

Dr. Wilson was 63 years old and is survived by a widow and brother, Dr. George Wilson, of this city.

Dr. Wilson was a native of Portland. He had been ill only a few weeks and his death was unexpected.

NAVAL CLASH IS REPORTED

Vienna Claims Better of Destroyer Fight With Italians.

AMSTERDAM, July 6.—An Austrian official statement received here says: "A detachment of our torpedo-boats encountered a superior enemy torpedo force on July 2. A violent engagement occurred at short range. A large enemy destroyer was set afire; another severely damaged. The enemy retired swiftly."

"Our vessels were little damaged; a few men were slightly wounded."

\$12,000,000,000 BILL READY

Army Appropriation Measure Now Goes to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The \$12,000,000,000 Army appropriation bill was completed late today by Congress and now goes to the President.

The conference report on the measure was approved by both the House and Senate after only brief consideration.

BATTLE FRONT MAY REACH INTO RUSSIA

War Conference Held at Washington.

DECISION REPORTED REACHED

Wilson's Watchful Waiting Seems at End.

GERMAN MENACE TO HALT

Vladivostok and Kola Appear to Be Storm Centers of New Storm of Hostilities That Is Likely to Break Out Soon.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Development today tended to indicate that a new battle front may soon be established in Russia. The German menace, steady advance of which has been reported for some time in dispatches, appears at last to have reached a point where the watchful waiting attitude of the American Administration has been challenged.

The Russian situation is understood to have been the subject at a conference at the White House today between President Wilson and Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, and General March, chief of staff.

Important Decision Reached.

There was no announcement after the conference and probably will be none for the present, but it was said unofficially that an important decision had been reached.

Urgent appeals from the allied governments for American approval of and cooperation in joint measures to meet the German menace through Russia, have been before President Wilson for several days. Until now, however, there has been no intimation that he had changed his position, based upon recommendations of his military advisers, that a successful military effort in Russia was not feasible.

Two Ports Threatened.

For military reasons, strictest secrecy is observed concerning the exact nature of steps proposed by the allies.

American and allied naval forces now are guarding war supplies both at Vladivostok, terminal of the Trans-Siberian Railroad and Kola, terminal of the railroad on the Arctic Coast, which is reported threatened by German forces in the interior.

In some quarters it has been said that since the United States regarded intervention purely as a military problem, the President, heretofore an opponent of military action on the ground of impracticability, would be guided by the decision of the supreme war council at Versailles and General Foch.

Reports today that the supreme war council had given a decision were not confirmed in official circles.

Large Force May Not Be Sent.

Belief among the majority of American military men that no expedition on an extended scale should be undertaken in the east apparently has undergone no change. An official intimation that the decision did not mean the sending of any great military force.

Any military measures that may be put into effect along the trans-Siberian railroad or southward from Kola will not interfere with the American plans for lending material aid.

It was made evident that the results of the conference would become known officially only through the execution of plans agreed upon. It is regarded as probable that further decisions must be made by the supreme war council at Paris.

News from Vladivostok to the effect—

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS' VIEWS AS HEREUNDER SHOW THE WORLD-WIDE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S NATAL DAY.

