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CONGRESS CLOSES LENGTHY SESSION

Senators and Representatives Depart for Homes to Enter Campaigns.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time since he entered the White House 18 months ago, President Harding looked forward Saturday to a long period of legislative quiet, with no congress on his hands to bring its troubles and problems to the executive door-step.

With the exception of short recess periods, congress has been almost in continuous session since the beginning of the republican administration, and the departure of members to take part in the campaign affords the president the longest rest he has had from legislative worries.

President Harding has informed congressional leaders, however, that he wants congress to come back to Washington after the elections, November 7, in order that all appropriation bills and necessary legislative matters can be cleaned up by March 4 next.

President Harding has expressed the belief that the country generally "wants a rest from congress and the disturbing effects of new laws."

Statistical sharps are busy calculating the work of the session, prominent in which was enactment of the tariff law and passage of the soldiers' bonus bill, with its death after the president's veto. About 300 laws were said to have been enacted out of 3498 bills and 358 resolutions introduced in the house and 1249 bills and about 280 resolutions in the senate. Appropriations of the session aggregated over \$1,250,000,000, and with authorizations \$3,751,917,000 was made available for the government's fiscal year needs. About 9000 nominations were sent to the senate by President Harding, which were confirmed with but few exceptions.

TARIFF ACT MARKS CHANGE IN SYSTEM

Washington, D. C.—American tariff making entered a new phase with the coming into force of the tariff act of 1922. For the first time in history congress has delegated part of its authority over taxes at the customs houses, conferring upon the president broad powers to increase or decrease rates and change from foreign to American valuation as the basis for assessing ad valorem duties on imports.

The tariff commission, created during the administration of President Wilson, will be the agency through which the president will exercise his new authority, and present expectations are that its work will rank almost in importance with that of the interstate commerce commission. The commission will make extensive investigations into costs of production at home and abroad, and will report its findings with recommendations for rate or valuation changes to the president.

SHIP SCRAPPING PUT OFF

Three-Power Ratification by France and Italy Awaited.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Denby announced that there will be no scrapping of battleships until after the five-power naval treaty has been ratified by the last of the subscribing powers. France and Italy have yet to ratify the pact.

Five obsolete battleships have already been sent to the scrap heap, but it was said that although named in the treaty, they would have been scrapped anyhow. They are the Virginia, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Georgia and the New Jersey. Officials, it was indicated, have felt that the near east situation might lead to some of the signatories changing plans regarding the scrapping of vessels beyond the treaty provisions and for this reason it would not be wise for the United States to begin actual scrapping until all the powers have ratified the pact.

LOCAL NOTES

Glen Hadley made a business trip to Prosser this week.

Mrs. Guy Lee were guests at the Boardman Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cobb was a guest of Mr. Boardman Tuesday evening.

His Healy and Caryl Signs attended the Round-Up Saturday.

A few rains we are having made our cent better roads.

Mr. Root has been carrying the load during Victor Hango's absence.

Mr. Brown and Tom Miller are out today for Mr. Healy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boardman with their family attended the Round-Up on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mead Tuesday evening.

Mr. King and Mrs. Kristensen and Mrs. Kutzner's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gibbons is keeping little Robert bright while his mother is visiting with her sister.

Mr. Lamley came up from Portland Tuesday to look after his affairs here.

Victor Hango is spending his vacation in Western Oregon, and will attend the fair at Salem while away.

Mr. Gilbreth and Mr. Glen Garrett have been hauling hay from Mr. Gilbreth's this week.

Dr. Severinsen is in Umatilla for a few days this week. He will return Sunday.

We felt very proud of the Utillum last week and trust it will be just as good this week and every week.

Mr. Chaffee was in the East End Thursday looking up telephone troubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Thiemes of Eugene, were here visiting Mrs. Thiemes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee, last week. Mrs. Thiemes was Miss Esther Chaffee on imports.

Mrs. C. A. Casehalt of Waitsburg is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Brown during Mrs. Brown's illness.

Charles Goodwin is doing work in Irrigon this week. Mrs. Goodwin is staying with her mother, Mrs. Warner, while he is away.

For some reason we did not get to see what a Ford can do last Wednesday. Did the Ford break down, or puncture a tire?

The baler has moved to the West End to bale hay on the Paul and Frank Partlow ranches, before finishing the East End baling.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, an eight pound boy. Doctor Hilsley was in attendance. Mother and son are doing well.

The Lee Mead and Earl Cramer families motored to Carty's Thursday evening, returning near the midnight hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hadley were guests at Mrs. King's Saturday evening for dinner. The evening was very pleasantly spent in discussing topics of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Baker of Grass Valley were over night guests at Mrs. E. K. Mulkey's Thursday night. They were on their way to the Round-Up and stopped over again Saturday on their way home.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Baker county in its entirety is under a shipping quarantine and no hay nor straw is being shipped, according to the orders of the Oregon state board of horticulture. The order is the result of a recent investigation which revealed the fact that the alfalfa weevil now exists along the Snake river and also in the locality in and around Durkee and on Burnz river, all in the eastern part of the county.

A conference of officials of the western states, counties and cities is to be held in Portland, October 9 and 10, to consider the increasing dangers of the road. Traffic conditions in the territory represented in the conference will be discussed and an effort made to obtain unity of action for the enforcement of existing laws and regulations and the enactment of more stringent measures in the interest of public safety.

The session of congress which adjourned Friday was to the state of Oregon the most profitable of any in history in point of federal appropriations. Besides receiving millions in appropriations for highways, river and harbor improvements and reclamation projects Oregon benefited more than \$6,000,000 by reason of the aid extended to farmers and to banks financing agriculture through the revival of the war finance corporation.

Governor Olcott has announced that he has revoked the notarial commissions issued to Otto Newman, B. L. Carter, Charles Lovatt, Caroline Harman, Paul Turner, W. H. Carter and George Bylander, all of Portland. "This action was taken," the governor said in a letter addressed to the state department, "because of advices received by the executive office to the effect that the notaries improperly used their commissions in connection with certifying to signatures on certain initiative petitions."

The Oregon state game warden, Captain A. E. Burghdoff and the forest service bureau of this district, through George H. Cecil, district forester, have signed a written agreement formulating a pact whereby the co-operation of the law-enforcing and protecting agencies of the two services be insured. The agreement is one for mutual assistance in propagation protection and control of game and fish in his state as well as for guarding against needless damage to the Oregon forests from fire and other sources.

The state board of equalization will meet in Salem Monday, October 16, to hear any complaints that may be filed with relation to assessments for the year 1923. The board is composed of Governor Olcott, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, and Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner.

Deschutes county farmers are warned to take special precautions against the spread of potato diseases, by W. T. McDonald, recently appointed county agriculturist. He declared that out of 27 fields entered for seed registration, 11 had been rejected because of the prevalence of wilt and leaf mosaic.

Donald Hunt of Roseburg, freshman in the commerce department of the Oregon Agricultural college was found dead, shot through the heart, in his room in Corvallis. Death was the result in a pistol wound, and apparently was through accidental discharge of the pistol, which Hunt had been cleaning.

There were two fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 21, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Lant S. Woodyard, messenger, Portland, and Louis Mackey, fire fighter, Medford. A total of 587 accidents were reported.

Governor Olcott, in a proclamation issued, has set aside the period, October 7 to 14, as fire prevention week. It was set out in the proclamation that Oregon, during the five years ending in 1920, suffered fire losses to the amount of \$10,395,286, a sum of money that would build 2079 homes, costing \$5000 each or many miles of good roads.

Because of the heavy financial loss due to the operation of automobile stages, it may be necessary within the next three months to reduce the train service on the Oregon Electric railroad between Portland and Eugene to one train each way daily. It was announced by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager and vice-president of the Oregon Electric lines in Oregon.

A perpetual scholarship, the first of its kind to be accepted by the board of trustees of Albany college, has been donated through the session of the Grace Presbyterian church of Albany in honor of Rev. C. A. Woolley, veteran minister of Astoria and founder of the Grace church. It will be known as the Rev. C. A. Woolley scholarship.

M'KAY CREEK DAM ASSURED

Secretary of the Interior Submits Estimate to Budget Committee

The Secretary of the Interior has submitted to the budget commission reclamation estimates as follows for the next fiscal year: Umatilla, including McKay dam, \$900,000; Baker, \$700,000; and Klamath, \$700,000.

The appropriation is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1923, and ending June 30, 1924, and the availability of the whole amount appropriated depends on the repayments of the settlers into the reclamation fund.

About \$200,000 of the appropriation, it is estimated by H. M. Shilling project manager, will be used on the present project for the operation and maintenance charges, supplemental construction and the lining of the A canal. This will give about \$700,000 for the construction of the McKay Creek dam. The storage reservoir site will cover about 15 acres and will have a capacity of 75,000 acre feet. The dam itself will be 150 feet high and will probably be a gravel embankment with re-inforced concrete face, though this form of structure has not been fully decided upon.

It is roughly estimated that the reservoir will supply water to at least 30,000 acres of land, on some of which it will be used only as supplemental irrigation late in the season. Among the lands included is the Western Land and Irrigation project and the Furnish Project.

WALTER PIERCE TO BE HERE

Mr. Pierce, candidate for governor will be here October 7th to talk to us about reduction of taxes. This subject is one of greatest interest to all of us and in order to accomplish what we want done in this line, let us each do our bit by attending his lecture.

RAILROAD YARDS IMPROVED

A carload of oil has been delivered in Boardman for the improvement of the railroad yards, which are to be gravelled and sprinkled with the crude oil; then if the company will give us a night man at the depot so those who patronize trains No. 23 and 24, can wait in comfort, and if a lantern can be provided for flagging these trains we would appreciate it very much.

TURKISH DEMANDS GRANTED BY ALLIES

British Reversal of Policy Regarded as French Diplomatic Victory.

Paris.—Britain, France and Italy sent a note to Mustapha Kemal opening the way for Turkey to reenter Europe, receive back Constantinople and Adrianople and join the League of Nations. This was done to avoid unforeseen consequences of war in the Near East.

The Turks are offered the territory of Thrace in Europe as far east as the Maritza river.

They are invited to send a plenipotentiary to Venice to "negotiate and conclude a final peace treaty between Turkey, Greece and the allies."

In return for concessions offered, the Turks must cease their war on Greece and agree to neutralization of the straits.

This is regarded as an overwhelming victory for Turkey and for French policy in the Near East. The allies' proposal scraps the treaty of Sevres and takes from Greece thousands of square miles awarded under that treaty, handing vast territories back to Turkey.

In addition to other concessions, Turkey gets a promise of the support of the three allies for admission to the League of Nations and also withdrawal of the allied troops from Constantinople as soon as peace becomes effective.

The last minute abandonment by Great Britain of her position was due, it was believed, to a desire to avoid war, which many British officials, both at home and in the Near East, regarded as likely. Pressure from British labor, which was united against hostilities in the near east, is also thought to have played no small part in the decision of the British government.

TWO NEUTRAL TOWNS OCCUPIED BY TURKS

Constantinople.—The Angora government officially announces that two Kemalist cavalry divisions, totaling 3000 men, have occupied Eren Keul. At the same time it is learned the Turkish nationalists also took possession of Kum Kalest, at the mouth of the Dardanelles. The occupying forces consisted of cavalry.

Seizure of these places constitutes a violation of the neutral zone of the straits. Both are directly on the straits.

Hamid Bey, representative of the Angora government in Constantinople, declared the allied invitation to the peace conference could not be accepted by the Turkish Nationalists on the terms laid down. He said:

"We cannot accept the allied terms because they propose to demilitarize the Sea of Marmora and part of Thrace, which would prevent us from bringing our troops from Asia to Europe. Neither can we accept literally the condition that our army shall not advance while the peace conference is progressing."

COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION

Attorney-General Daugherty Wins Chicago Hearing in Federal Court.

Chicago.—Judge James H. Wilkerson granted Attorney-General Daugherty's petition for a nation-wide temporary injunction against the striking railway shopmen.

Judge Wilkerson, in a lengthy review of the case, said the defendants could not deny knowledge and responsibility for the widespread violence which has marked the strike. Partial settlement of the strike, he held, has not affected the right of the government to obtain a nation-wide injunction.

Indication that the shopcraft leaders would appeal from Judge Wilkerson's decree was given by Donald Richberg, counsel for B. M. Jewell, president, and John Scott, vice-president of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor.

