

CONGRESS BEGINS THIRD SESSION

Attention Will Be Chiefly Devoted to Seven Great Appropriation Measures

Washington.—At noon Monday the third session of the Sixty-third Congress convened.

Democratic leaders in informal conferences before the opening of the session, which is destined to be devoted chiefly to appropriation measures, have been unanimous in expressing the hope that the legislative program of necessities could be concluded by March 4 next, when the present congress automatically will end.

Many republican leaders, however, have said that there were many important measures which they would urge for passage, and some indicated that supply bills might be delayed to such an extent that an extra session next spring and summer would be necessary.

Important Measures Pending in Senate Before the senate committee on Philippine Islands, the bill to pave the way for Philippine independence, which passed the house at the last session, is pending.

Other important measures pending in the senate are the immigration bill, with the literacy test for aliens, which passed the house at the last session, and rural credits legislation.

At least seven of the great annual supply measures of congress are to be rushed, so as to report them to the house before the Christmas holidays. These are the legislative, executive and judicial, the District of Columbia, fortifications, pensions, military, post-office and rivers and harbors appropriation bills.

Before the house are pending the proposed financial relief of the cotton states, under an agreement reached at the last session.

The president's message was delivered personally by President Wilson before a joint session in the chamber of the house at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday.

Many in Congress Ask War Strength Preparedness of the United States for war seems destined for investigation in congress. Several bills and resolutions bearing on the subject were introduced and an inquiry by congressional committees is regarded at the capitol as certain.

Senator Lodge introduced in the senate a resolution similar to the Gardner measure pending in the house which would provide for a "National security commission" to be composed of three members of the senate, three members of the house and three citizens to be appointed by the president.

President Wilson let it be known after his conference with Representative Gardner that he was entirely in favor of the fullest inquiry into military conditions by regular committees of the house and senate, and added that there were no facts in possession of the executive departments which were not at the disposal of those committees.

Secretary Lane's Recommendations. Secretary Lane, in his annual estimates, sent to congress, recommends an appropriation of \$450,000 "for Oregon's co-operative irrigation work." This is a reiteration of the stand recently taken by the interior department that the state must put up \$450,000 in cash before the government will make available its allotment of a like amount.

In addition to this appropriation for co-operation, Secretary Lane asks for \$365,000 for continuing the work on the Umatilla project and \$317,000 for the Klamath project. In addition to these amounts for reclamation work in Oregon, Secretary Lane recommends the following appropriations:

Washington.—Sunnyside project, \$497,000; Yakima storage project, \$720,000; Tieton project, \$66,000; Okanogan, \$51,000.

Idaho—Boise project, \$1,699,000; Minidoka project, \$410,000; Jackson Lake storage, \$476,000.

Congress to Vote on Liquor Measure. Discussing the legislative program, Mr. Underwood declared that there surely would be a vote on the proposed Hobson resolution for submission to the states of a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. This has not been included in the projected programs of legislation that have been discussed since administration leaders returned to Washington.

Two Slain in Court by Irate Parent. Cashmere, Wash.—Harry E. Carr, of Leavenworth, shot and killed C. D. Franklin, who was being tried on a charge of an assault on a girl. The shooting occurred in the courtroom here and one of the bullets which Carr fired missed its mark and killed J. C. Parsons, a juror.

The courtroom was crowded and the jurors had been chosen and were in their places when Carr shot. Carr's interest in the case was that Franklin was also to have been tried for an offense against Carr's 10-year-old daughter.

LODZ TAKEN BY GERMAN ARMY

Berlin Reports Russian Loss of Important Fortress in Poland.

Berlin, via London.—It is officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday.

"In Northern Poland we gained important successes in prolonged fighting around Lodz by defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the north-west and to the southwest of the city."

"Lodz is in our possession. Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were large. An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened armies in the north from Northern Poland was foiled by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Piotrkow."

Lodz is a fortress of the second class, but was one of Russia's main points of defense in Poland, ranking with Warsaw.

Lodz, a city of 415,504 population, is the chief manufacturing center of Russian Poland. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition it has flour mills, dyeing establishments, brickyards, machinery plants and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

Abyssinia Refuses to Help.

Berlin.—Rome reports Abyssinia has declined the Anglo-French demand to send troops to fight the Turks in Egypt.

Kaiser Restricts Drink.

Amsterdam.—Germany has taken a leaf from the czar's book in declaring through an official order that the sale of alcoholic liquors is strictly forbidden in the eastern provinces.

FRENCH ADVANCING IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

Geneva, via Paris.—During the past few days there has been a slow but general movement of the French in Alsace against the German landwehr forces. The movement also has begun in Lorraine. Burnhaupt, near Thann, with five miles of railroad, was captured.

The Vosges mountains are so deep in snow that at Tete-de-Paux, near Col-de-Bonhomme, at an altitude of 7680 feet, the advance guards of the armies are fighting in snow two feet deep. The men in the trenches in Alsace are suffering greatly from the cold.

Paris.—A dispatch to Temps from Geneva says:

"The federal council has issued a communication declaring that there is renewed activity by the French and German forces in Upper Alsace. Between Pfetterhausen and the French frontier, on the route of Rechezy, the French have placed batteries of heavy artillery southwest of Pfetterhausen, between the village and the frontier of Switzerland; the French also have prepared entrenchments and barbed wire obstacles."

Ship Clears Marseilles.

Marseilles, via Paris.—Something of Christmas cheer was assured the children of Marseilles whose fathers have been killed, wounded or are on the firing line, when the United States naval collier Jason came into port and unloaded 50 wagonloads of gifts.

ALIEN LAW IS PROTESTED

Great Britain and Italy Are Opposed to Arizona Act.

Washington.—Formal protests were lodged with the department against the Arizona law by the British and Italian ambassadors and a message was sent to Governor Hunt asking if he had authority to postpone action. The British ambassador informed the department that British subjects would test the law in the courts. He did not make any reference in his note to any treaty between Great Britain and the United States, but based his protest on the provision in the constitution of the United States, which declares that no states shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The Italian protest was based on the treaty of 1871 between the United States and Italy.

Cattle Plague is Controlled.

Washington.—Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by the first of the year.

HENRY MORGENTHAU



Photo by American Press Association.
Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Turkey, upon whom rests the protection of Christians.

NATIONAL DEFENSE URGED

Civic Federation Takes Stand for Preparation Against Attack

New York.—Resolutions advocating the creation by the United States of a council of National defense were adopted by the National Civic federation after a discussion on national preparedness against attack.

The duties of the council recommended would be "to consider, decide and report to congress what legislation is necessary to provide for the national defense without waste or unnecessary expense."

Any recommendation of the proposed council should, in the language of the resolution, "aim to secure the efficiency of existing forces on land and sea and a definite policy to insure peace."

Dr. Jordan protested against what he called a "trade against the so-called inefficiency of the army or the navy," and declared we should protest against an agitation for more armament "at a time when the nations of the earth are crumbling each other because of their 'perfect equipment.'"

Janitor Confesses Murder of Child.

Sacramento, Cal.—David Fountain, janitor of the German Lutheran church in this city, confessed that he had murdered and assaulted 10-year-old Margaret Milling in the basement of the church last Saturday afternoon.

Washington State Will Buy Bonds.

Vancouver, Wash.—That the state will buy \$250,000 worth of the Clarke County Interstate bridge bonds, was made known to W. N. Marshall, county auditor, in a letter from Edward Meath, state treasurer.

VILLA TO ATTACK NEW REBEL CHIEF

Washington.—News dispatches received here from various sources in and on the border of Mexico tell of plans of a large Villa force to crush the new revolution in Chihuahua of General Salazar, the ex-commander of the Huerta forces, who were captured and interned when they crossed into Texas to escape the constitutional army, who later escaped back into Mexico from New Mexico, where he was being held on a charge of murdering an American. A working agreement between Generals Villa and Zapata, who were reported to have had serious differences, also is credited in the news, and the two generals are to combine in an attempt to crush the Carranza forces. Both promise to retire to private life after restoring peace.

General Villa is to send one column of 18,000 men immediately against the Carranza forces at Vera Cruz. A second army of 19,000 men will be sent toward the west coast, while the third and fourth will march on Saltillo and Tampico, respectively.

French Cabinet Goes to Paris.

Bordeaux.—The members of the French cabinet are returning to Paris where it is expected the government will be re-established at an early date.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club, \$1.18; bluestem \$1.18; red Russian, \$1.09.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.
Butter—Creamery, 35c.
Eggs—Ranch, 42c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$1.17; club \$1.14; red Russian, \$1.09.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.
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BRIEF WAR NEWS

In Russian Poland, where more than anywhere else, the fortunes of battle have been unevenly distributed, there apparently has been another of the swift changes which have made the situation a confused one since the beginning of the war.

The success with which the Germans succeeded in rallying their forces and renewing the offensive after escaping from the Russian enveloping movement is indicated by the Berlin announcement, which has not been contradicted in Petrograd, that the important Polish city of Lodz has again been captured by the Germans. From Lodz the road leads to Warsaw, the objective in the two former German advances.

From Russian sources comes the intimation of a new plan of offensive. Cracow, it is said, is now under the fire of Russian artillery and Russian strategy contemplates a shifting of the main attack from Central Poland to the south involving an attempt to push on from the region of Cracow and enter Germany across the Silesian border, with Breslau the objective. Such a movement probably would involve a large reinforcement of the Russian army in Galicia.

In the western battle area, the allies have been attempting during the week to put themselves on the offensive for the first time since the early weeks of the war. Not only are small successes reported in Flanders, but Paris intimates the initiative is once more being taken in Alsace and Lorraine.

German statements bear out the interpretation that the Kaiser's troops are now on the defensive in the west. For the first time Berlin locates the fighting in the Meuse region by its proximity to Metz instead of Verdun. It is probable that the sudden change of offensive in France and Belgium is due to the withdrawal of German troops for operations in Russia.

So terrific has been the cannonading in upper Alsace that the boom of the guns has been heard at Basel and other points on the Swiss border. The battle of the greatest proportions on this front is centering around Altkirch and Damerkirch. The general engagement was precipitated when strong German forces moving on Belfort were met and engaged by French troops sent to strengthen the army which began the attack on the Metz line. The result was that the fighting was carried to the outskirts of Muelhausen and on to Altkirch, while the German positions are being assailed at Damerkirch and northward through Senheim and into the Vosges passes west of Colmar.

Heavy fighting is reported near Metz, where the French are still engaging the outer ring of fortifications. Owing to the vigor of the defense they have been unable to make much progress since three weeks ago when they were within nine miles of the main line of fortifications.

Then Charged It.
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