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CONGRESS HOPES TO ADJOURN IN OCTOBER

Cloture May Be Resorted to if Necessary to Speed Up Action on Bills.

Washington.—Congressional plans contemplate adjournment early in October.

Speed in the senate alone is essential to carrying this plan into effect. The house has almost completed its work and conferees are making all possible haste to reach agreements on measures that have passed both houses.

Indications are that the senate will co-operate, as it rushed through the trading with the enemy and the war bond bills last week in record time and has taken hold of the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill, one of the two remaining big measures it has to pass, with an apparent determination to expedite consideration of it. Cloture may be resorted to if necessary.

Aside from the insurance measure and the \$7,000,000,000 war deficiency bill, most of the big legislation of the session will be in conference this week. They include the war tax, war bond and trading with the enemy bills.

With unanimous passage by the senate of the \$11,538,000,000 bond bill, congress ended a \$14,000,000,000 week Saturday. This is a record for legislative action involving revenues. The senate opened the week by passing the \$2,416,000,000 war revenue bill; the house passed the \$176,000,000 war insurance bill, and the senate put the bond bill through, making a total of \$14,127,000,000.

GOVERNMENT MAKES RUSSIA A REPUBLIC

Affairs of State Have Been Entrusted to Five Members of the Cabinet.

Petrograd.—Russia has been proclaimed a republic, according to a proclamation issued by the provisional government.

The provisional government announced that all the affairs of state had been entrusted to five members of the cabinet.

Premier Kerensky's attempt to form a coalition government failed, but the crisis has been solved temporarily in the form of a cabinet reduced in size and of virtually non-party character.

After the surrender of General Korniloff and the completion of the new cabinet, Premier Kerensky in an interview said:

"Announce that the Korniloff adventure now is completely at an end and there is no prospect whatever of his adherents or of other parties attempting to revive it. Virtually all the chief movers in the revolt are in our hands and the matter may be considered settled.

"Our immediate problems are political and I hope they will be settled satisfactorily and peacefully. We must think of reorganization at home and the conduct of the war."

An extraordinary tribunal will be appointed to try the officers arrested in connection with the Korniloff revolution. The sessions will be open to the public and the chief witnesses will be Deputy Lvoff, who acted as Korniloff's intermediary in demanding the resignation of Kerensky; Acting War Minister Savinkoff and Plonenko, commissioner of the provisional government at the headquarters.

PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM VACATION

Washington.—President Wilson was back at his desk Monday to find work far advanced and congress showing signs of early adjournment. After 10 days' rest, a cruise on the Mayflower and a visit with Colonel House, the president is feeling fit.

He let congressional leaders know that he wants action this session on the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill and has other legislation pending which might prevent adjournment early in October.

One of the biggest jobs ahead of the president this week is determination of a fair retail price on bituminous and anthracite coal. His proclamation is expected before October 1. A gross margin of from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton for retail coal dealers is understood to be favored by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

The consumer who carts away his own coal probably will receive a slight reduction.

CAMP READY FOR 18,000

Men of Various States Will Be Grouped Together.

Tacoma, Wash.—Orders have been received at Camp Lewis to break up the companies into skeleton organizations of 30 men each to prepare for the new draft of 18,000 men. Men of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska will be grouped together when the new draft arrives, and as far as possible the men of the same cities and towns will be together.

Northern California will be a district by itself and southern California another district. The fourth district will include Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. The arrivals will total 3500 a day. Arrangements have been made for a large receiving shed near the entrance. It is thought the entire 18,000 will be handled as easily as the first 5 per cent.

France Demands Alsace.

Washington.—France's unalterable determination to restore Alsace-Lorraine to the republic was reiterated in a cablegram received here from President Poincaré by Daniel Blumenthal, former Alsatian deputy to the German reichstag, who recently came to this country at the instance of the French government to lay the Alsatian situation before President Wilson.

Denies Sending Any Peace Proposals.

Berlin, via London.—The German foreign office denies stories appearing in Danish and other foreign newspapers to the effect that the German government has indirectly communicated its peace terms to Washington, or had sought to sound sentiment in the United States.

May Examine All Registered Men.

Washington.—If a large part of the governors of the states approve a suggestion by the provost marshal-general, an immediate examination of the 7,000,000 men registered for military service and not yet called for duty will be begun. The suggestion was made with a view to satisfying the great number of young men as to what they may expect.

ENTENTE BOMB KILLS OR WOUNDS 900

Amsterdam.—In the recent raid by entente allied airmen on the Belgian town of Roulers, says the *Courier de la Meuse*, a newspaper of Maastricht, Holland, a bomb fell on a building near the market and killed or wounded 900 Germans.

London.—The official report from British headquarters in France reads: "Our airplanes dropped 143 bombs on a German airdrome and billets and fired many thousands of rounds from their machine guns at various targets on the ground. In particular, a body of 2000 German infantry was engaged with machine gun fire from a height of a hundred feet and scattered.

"Six German airplanes were brought down in combat and four others driven down out of control. In addition one hostile machine was brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. Eight of our airplanes are missing."

PRICE PUT ON AMERICANS

German Officer to Give 400 Marks for First Fox Taken.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium.—German military authorities on the western front have shown concern about the imminence of the American army's entry into the fighting by offering rewards for the production of the first American prisoners. The general commanding the eleventh reserve division recently put the price of 400 marks on the first American soldier brought dead or alive, into his lines.

This information has been disclosed by the diary of a Prussian sergeant of the twenty-third reserve infantry regiment. He wrote at the end of July: "We are supposed to have had Americans opposite us for some time now, and two divisions of Portuguese on our right. The man who brings in the first American, dead or alive, to headquarters has been promised the iron cross of the first class, 400 marks and 14 days' leave."

Japan Promises to Stand by the Allies.

Philadelphia.—Speaking beneath the tower of Independence Hall, Viscount Ishii, special ambassador of Japan, asserted complete sympathy of Nippon with ideals of human liberty and promised that she would stand with the allies "throughout the struggle for liberty and for freedom."

Submarine Rumors Discredited.

Washington.—The navy department, after as complete investigation as is possible, is satisfied there is no foundation for reports of a hostile submarine off the New England coast last week.

Shell Just Misses Sayre.

Paris.—Francis B. Sayre, President Wilson's son-in-law, has just returned from a trip to the Italian front with other American and British officials of the Y. M. C. A. after having escaped a six-inch shell by only 40 feet.

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GENERAL CADORNA



General Cadorna, commander in chief of the Italian army, who planned the recent successful offensive against the Austrians.

SEATTLE STRIKERS GAIN FIRST POINT

Seattle, Wash.—Five thousand striking carpenters, joiners and helpers won the first point here Monday when one of the largest steel shipyards in the city agreed to use only lumber cut in eight-hour mills.

Other shipyards and contractors "stood pat" and as a result most contracting jobs in the city were idle, while the shipyards either worked with reduced crews, or not at all.

The strike is an effort to assist striking mill and forest workers to obtain an eight-hour day in northwest mills.

The I. W. W.'s, who have been active in the camp and mill strike, held an all-day meeting in Seattle Sunday at which a plan to "strike on the job" was discussed and agreed upon.

The I. W. W.'s plan to resume work and to cease at the end of eight hours of work each day.

Where Plato Taught.

The famous academy of Plato was in a suburb of Athens, about a mile north of the Dnyllum gate. It is said to have belonged to the hero Academus; hence the name. It was surrounded with a wall and adorned with walks, groves and fountains. Plato possessed a small estate in the neighborhood and for some fifty years taught his "divine philosophy" to young and old assembled in the academy to listen to his wise words. After Plato's death in 348 B. C. the academy lost much of its fame, but the beauty remained for centuries after the great teacher was no more.—New York American.

The Margin of Leisure.

A broad margin of leisure is as beautiful in a man's life as in a book. Haste makes waste no less in life than in housekeeping. Keep the time, observe the hours of the universe, not of the cars. What are three score years and ten hurriedly and coarsely lived to moments of divine leisure in which your life is coincident with the life of the universe? We live too fast and coarsely, just as we eat too fast and do not know the true savor of our food. We consult our will and understanding and the expectation of men, not our genius.—Thoreau.

Inducements to Matrimony.

There prevails in some parts of Britain a curious marriage custom. On certain fete days the marriageable girls appear in red petticoats, with white or yellow borders around them. The number of borders denotes the portion the father is willing to give his daughter. Each white band denotes 100 francs per annum; each yellow band represents 1,000 francs a year.

Volcano Made by Man.

At Brule, France, is the most remarkable volcano made by man. Originally it was a mass of coal, millions of tons. One day about a century ago the coal caught fire, and it has never ceased burning. The summit of the smoldering mass has a genuine crater.

MAYOR THOMPSON



Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, whose utterances and actions in the pacifist cause have aroused much criticism.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

In Flanders, Berlin admits the success of a local British attack on the Ypres-Menne road.

In Champagne and in the Verdun region the German crown prince has made ineffectual attacks against the French lines.

On the Hainsizza plateau, northeast of Gorizia, and in the region of Monte San Gabriele, the Italians on Saturday advanced their lines on the southeastern edge.

There has been increased activity near Riga and on the Isonzo. A stubborn battle is in progress near the Zeevold farm, on the Riga-Pskoff road, 30 miles northeast of Riga.

British troops, in a successful raid into the German lines near Cherisy, southeast of Arras, wrecked dugouts and defenses. Berlin officially sees in this effort an attack in force and announces its repulse with heavy losses.

Northwest of Rheims the French repulsed a strong German attack in the region of Louve. Northeast of Verdun, on the right bank of the Meuse, the French fire drove back the Germans, who essayed an attack north of the Caubieres wood.

General Korniloff, leader of the recent rebellion against the provisional government, and General Lokomsky, the commander of the northern front, who refused to take command of the Russian armies after Korniloff was deposed, have been arrested and the revolt is ended.