

CONGRESS MEETS IN EXTRA SESSION TO PASS TARIFF REFORM BILL REDUCING COST OF LIVING

EXTRA SESSION CONVENES FOR CUTTING TARIFF

Progressive Democracy in Full Control With Old Leaders of Republicans Gone—Beautiful Weather at Capitol—Suffragettes March

Champ Clark Re-elected Speaker of House—Senate Proceedures Without Special Formality

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7.—With progressive democracy in full control, the ranks of the republicans depleted and their old leaders gone, President Wilson's special session of the sixty-third congress opened today.

Bright, sunny weather marked the opening of the national legislature and the capitol was crowded for hours before the time of convening.

Suffragettes Parade.

One of the features was a parade of 531 suffragettes, who, accompanied by two bands, marched to the capitol from their downtown headquarters.

On arriving at the capitol the women were greeted by a committee of congressmen and senators from the suffrage states.

Clerk South Trimble called the house to order. Chaplain Couden offered prayer. Trimble directed the reading of the president's proclamation calling the special session.

Three Vacancies Exist.

The roll was answered in the order of the states. In the long list were 279 democratic and 174 republican and progressive members.

The clerk announced a quorum present and stated that vacancies existed in three districts—the thirteenth Massachusetts, first South Carolina and tenth Texas.

In the senate the procedure was without other special formality than the reading of the president's proclamation. Election of officers and swearing in of new members had been disposed of before the March adjournment.

Clark Elected Speaker.

The senate was in session only twenty minutes during which time it disposed of pending business and then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Minority Stockholders Shut Out From Sharing

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The United States supreme court today denied the right to 100 minority stockholders to share equally with the Southern Pacific railroad in its re-organization of the Houston and Texas Central railway.

MEN OF THE HOUR



OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD



CHAMP CLARK

Representative Underwood, in charge of new tariff bill, and Champ Clark, re-elected speaker of the house.

MORO TRIBESMEN HOLDING JOLO IN STATE OF SEIGE

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Sixteen thousand Moro tribesmen are holding the province of Jolo, in the Philippines, in a state of siege, and many American troops are being slaughtered, according to letters in the hands of the war department today.

The letters state that through Chinese traders in Borneo thousands of rifles were smuggled to the tribesmen, all of whom are now armed.

CHARGES AGAINST GORE DROPPED

WASHINGTON, April 7.—On the ground that only the senate is privileged to present charges of misconduct against one of its members, Vice President Marshall declined today to deal with the accusations preferred against an unnamed western senator by a lay party, whose name is also being withheld, on Saturday.

The changes specified that the senator made improper advances toward the wife of an office seeker while consulting her regarding a federal position for her husband.

Senator Gore, Oklahoma's blind senator, is said to be the person involved, and claims it a conspiracy to injure his character.

PROPOSED TARIFF LAW DEPRESSES MARKET

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—In the lumber schedule the following rates are included:

Veneers of wood 15 per cent, wood manufactured and not otherwise provided for, 10 per cent; paving posts, railroad ties and posts, 10 per cent; casks, barrels, hogsheds and packing boxes, 15 per cent; boxes, barrels and other articles containing oranges, limes, grapefruit, etc., 15 per cent.

WILSON PLANS TO PERSONALLY READ MESSAGE

President to Visit Both Houses of Congress With Tariff Recommendations—First Time in 112 Years Executive Has Done Such a Thing

Only Dignified Way, Says President—Disrespectful to Send by Messenger to Read Perfunctorily

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Time-honored and worm-eaten texts on "how to act when a president visits congress" are being dug from their resting places in the congressional library and elsewhere by members of the senate and the house today, following the announcement of President Wilson's intention to personally read his message before congress tomorrow.

Plenates the Democrats.

The democrats, however, are pleased with the plan. Congressman Underwood announced today that he would introduce a house resolution inviting the president to deliver his message personally.

"I consider the only dignified plan for the president to get his views before congress at the opening of a session is personally to visit both branches," declared President Wilson today.

To a gathering of newspaper men President Wilson today made the following statement regarding his plan personally to read his message to congress:

"I think this method is the only dignified way for a president to address the house of the opening of a session—instead of sending the address by a messenger and letting the clerk read it perfunctorily. It is true the precedent was discontinued long ago, but nevertheless it is a respectable precedent."

MICHIGAN VOTES UPON SUFFRAGE

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—Cloudy skies and threatening rain marked today the regular spring election day in Michigan when, for the second time in six months, the question of woman suffrage will be passed on by the voters.

The principal interest of the election is the suffrage issue and the feeling on this is so intense that the police are preparing to suppress disorders.

Amendments providing for the initiative and referendum and for the recall, except for judges of the courts of record, also being submitted to the voters.

FRANKLIN T. GRIFFITH JOSSELYN'S SUCCESSOR

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—According to an announcement by C. M. Clark, chairman of the executive board, Franklin T. Griffith, general attorney for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, will become president of that concern July 1, when B. S. Josselyn, present head, retires after six years' service.

MONTENEGRO DEFIES POWERS BEGINS ATTACK

General Assault on Scutari Underway—Allies Advance to Storm the Fortress—King Nicholas Tells British Admiral That He Will Take Fort.

Public Sentiment in Nations Supports Defiant Attitude of Balkans—Discord in Concert of Europe.

CETTINJE, April 7.—In defiance of the mandate of the powers the Montenegrins and Servians are today planning a general assault on Scutari. Fresh Servian military has been brought up to the beleaguered Turkish fortress and the instant this is placed a general cannonading is to open under cover of which the Montenegrins and Servians will advance to storm the city.

Montenegrins generally today are expressing delight at the defiance hurled to a British admiral, who, speaking for the powers, demanded that the siege of Scutari should be abandoned.

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LONDON, April 7.—The concert of Europe is in dire danger of discord here today as a result of the open defiance of its wishes by Montenegro in refusing to abandon its attack upon or its claims for Scutari.

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WOMEN VICTIMIZED BY BOGUS ELK

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—H. M. Hudson, who is confined in the city jail under \$1,000 bail on a charge of wearing an Elk's emblem to which he was not entitled, was today as much a mystery to the local police as when first taken into custody.

In his trunk was found a complete assortment of apparel of a stylish woman, every garment showing absolute disregard for cost.

Three hundred love letters from half as many women were found in his effects. Property taken from Hudson include diamonds in rings, lockets and brooches, unset pearls, women's watches and pendants.

Among the women alleged to have been victimized by Hudson are: Mrs. Marie Hartley, Long Beach, Cal.; Mrs. Frank B. Shelley, Berkeley, Cal.; Miss Emma Larsen, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Miss Katie Gleason, Burlingame, Cal.; Miss Helen Moran, New York City, and Mrs. Walter Higgins, West Goshen, Conn.

SECRETARY GARRISON AND OFFICERS SENT TO OHIO FLOODS BY THE PRESIDENT



At Top—General Wood and Secretary of War Garrison. At Bottom—(Left) Major J. E. Normoyle and (Right) Major J. A. Logan.

Lindley M. Garrison, the new secretary of war, and Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, are now in Ohio as direct representatives of President Wilson to deal with the flood situation.

Major James E. Normoyle of the quartermaster department, and Major James A. Logan of the commissary department, who have authority to order rations and tents and other means of subsistence.

MADERO'S DEATH LAID TO WILSON; MAY LOSE JOB

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A report that Luse Manuel Rojas, vice president of the Mexican house of deputies, had filed with the state department charges that United States Ambassador Wilson is responsible "morally" for the death of former President Madero and Vice President Suarez of Mexico.

NEW YORK, April 7.—"I will be frank with you, Mrs. Madero. Your husband's downfall was due to the fact that he never consulted with me."

This was the statement made to Mrs. Francisco I. Madero by United States Ambassador H. L. Wilson, following the assassination of her husband, according to a New York newspaper today.

BULL MOOSERS TRY TO OUST YOUNG

WASHINGTON, April 7.—In the house the progressives unsuccessfully tried to prevent the seating of Representative Young of Michigan.

DONNELLY TO HANG SAYS SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The United States supreme court today affirmed the California conviction of James Donnelly for the murder of an Indian in 1902 on the Hoopa Indian reservation.

GERMAN BARK MIMI CAPSIZES 18 LOSE LIFE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—Messages from Brighton, Ore., this morning give 18 as the deathlist aboard the German bark Mimi. There were 22 aboard when she capsized early Sunday morning.

The other sixteen were washed off when the boat went over. No bodies have come ashore.

Russell Blackman of Portland, one of those drowned, was married only last Tuesday and left his honeymoon to assist Captain Fisher, a lifelong friend, in salvaging the vessel.

COAL TRUST DECISION MODIFIED BY COURT

WASHINGTON, April 7.—By granting the petition of the Pennsylvania Coal company to change its decision so as to relieve the court's prohibition against the operation of the so-called "65 per cent contracts" the supreme court today amended its recent decree dissolving the anthracite coal trust.

The petitions filed by the Pennsylvania and Elkhill companies were not objected to by the court, but it referred similar petitions from other companies to the Pennsylvania district court.

PROPOSED TARIFF LUMBER PRODUCTS

NEW YORK, April 7.—Stocks of corporations concerned in the proposed tariff law were sold heavily in the market here today. A good recovery was in progress at noon.

LIVING COST TO BE MATERIALLY CUT BY TARIFF

Sweeping Reductions in Nearly Every Line and Large Free List in New Bill—Income Tax to Supply Revenue Deficiencies

Bill Proposes to Give Both Houses Power to Ratify Reciprocity or Trade Treaties With Nations

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Marked by most radical and sweeping reductions, and with the full approval of President Wilson, the administration tariff bill was introduced in the house today.

In introducing the measure its framers said that the time had arrived when American manufacturers must meet "honest competition and must develop their business along the best and most economical lines."

Backers of the measure predict it will easily pass the house and that the senate will have great difficulty in blocking its enactment into law.

The measure, when introduced, was seen to be even more drastic in its reductions than was anticipated, and house leader Oscar Underwood declares it will materially reduce the cost of living.

Perhaps the chief interest in the bill is the cuts made in schedule K. The duty on all yarns is reduced to 20 per cent; on blankets to 25 per cent; on flannels to 25 per cent to 30 per cent and on dress goods from 9.07 per cent to 25 per cent.

In order to simplify the bill, the committee has practically abolished all the specific and compound rates of the Payne tariffs and substituted the ad valorem plan, abolishing the present classification which depends on various conditions, such as a count of threads, weight and value.

The income tax clause provides for 1 per cent on all incomes of over \$4,000 annually and additional surtax of 1 per cent on all incomes in excess of \$5,000.

The income tax clause of the new bill defines minutely just what is income and leaves no loophole for the tax dodgers who live abroad. It makes all American citizens, no matter where they reside, subject to its provisions.

Wilson's Income Exempt.

The committee has changed its mind about applying the income to President Wilson his successors in the office must pay. The exemption clause affects only President Wilson's present term and also includes the judges of the United States supreme and inferior courts.

To empower both houses of congress by a majority vote to ratify reciprocity or trade agreements with foreign nations is the revolutionary proposal of the section substituted in the Underwood tariff bill for the present maximum and minimum tariff provision.

Want It in Schedules.

Eight democratic members of the senate finance committee today urged the president to ask the house leaders to divide the tariff bill, in order that it may be considered schedule by schedule. It is declared