

## CONGRESS ENDS WORK ADJOURNS

Record-Breaking Session Ends—Appropriations Total \$1,626,439,210—Chamberlain Asks Lobby Probe—Homestead Grazing Bill Passed—17,800 Bills Introduced and 252 Become Laws, in Addition to 33 Public Resolutions and 150 Bills.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Congress adjourned sine die this morning at 10 o'clock concluding a session record breaking in many respects, with appropriations and authorizations for the future running well toward two billion dollars.

Appropriations at the session closed today totalled exactly \$1,626,439,210, which, with obligations and authorizations for the future makes the total \$1,858,384,455.

These figures, announced in speeches by Representatives Fitzgerald, New York, democrat, and Gillett, Massachusetts, republican, were defended by the former and attacked by the latter as half a billion dollars greater than at any session of a republican congress.

Senator Owen announced in the senate today that he would not further press his corrupt practices bill at this session but would let it remain the unfinished business before that body and call it up at next session.

Work Recapitulated. As senators and representatives assembled from brief rests following the arduous night sessions both houses marked time while awaiting the final formalities of the greatest session of congress in many respects in history.

In closing addresses while awaiting the arrival of President Wilson, references to the long program of legislative achievements were made, dominated chiefly by national preparedness measures at a cost of more than \$600,000,000.

Democrats lauded the record of the session and commended it to the country while republicans sought to criticize, alleging waste and extravagance in spite of the appropriations for defense.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC MOVES TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE IN CARS

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 8.—Shippers were notified by officials of the Southern Pacific railroad here today that, beginning next Monday special trains from California will begin bringing fifty freight cars per day into Oregon. The cars will continue to come into the state until the shortage is relieved. The Oregon public service commission yesterday ordered an investigation of the shortage, which it is said has forced the closing down of a number of manufacturing plants.

## SUFFRAGISTS VETO PLAN OF ENDORSING ANY CANDIDATE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 8.—The National Woman Suffrage association convention today defeated by an overwhelming vote a resolution that the association in the present national campaign support only those candidates for national offices who pledge their support to the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. The resolution was offered by Mrs. Raymond Robins of Chicago and a number of other delegates.

In carrying out the election the women are using voting machines and for the last two days delegates have been practicing on the machines in order to be able to vote without making a mistake. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national president of the organization, tried one in New York a week ago and voted a full ticket in seventeen seconds.

## CONFESSES TO SLAYING WIFE

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Details of the "spiritual" promptings which caused him to slay his young wife to "save her soul," are contained in a confession said to have been obtained from J. Maurice Pettit, the former Cedar Rapids, Ia., bank cashier, in jail here today. The confession was made public by the state's attorney's office late last night.

## \$4000 EXEMPTION IN INCOME EXTENDED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Members of the conference committee on the revenue bill today pointed out an important change in the income tax section as finally approved, extending the \$4,000 exemption, instead of the \$2,000 one to "heads of families" whether married or not, replacing the provision of the old law, which gave the larger exemption only to "married persons."

## BULGARS SEIZE DOBRIC FORTRESS LOSING ORSOVA

Russians Join in Offensive in Balkans—Slavs Cross Dvina—German Attacks Along Semme Futile—British Raid Trenches Near Lille—Fighting in Progress on All Fronts.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The beginning of a great battle in southeastern Rumania, where the Russians have taken the offensive against the Bulgarians and Germans, is reported in a Rome dispatch given out by the Wireless Press.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—An undated official Bulgarian announcement received here says the Bulgarian and German forces which are invading eastern Rumania have captured the fortress of Dobric (Basardjik) and the seaports of Baltik, Kavarna and Kali Akra. The occupation of Orsova by the Rumanians is conceded in the Bulgarian statement.

Orsova Is Seized. LONDON, Sept. 8.—Rumanian troops have occupied Orsova, an important Hungarian town on the Danube, according to a dispatch to the Times from Bucharest today. Orsova is one of the principal ports on the lower Danube and has considerable commercial importance.

The struggle is now under way over the whole front in Dobradja between the Danube and the Black Sea. Fighting is desperate near Baltik, on the Black sea coast, about ten miles north of the Bulgarian frontier.

This information, the wireless dispatch says, was received in Rome from Petrograd.

Germans Repulsed. PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—Russian troops which have crossed the Dvina river north of Dvinsk were attacked repeatedly by the Germans yesterday, the war office announces, but succeeded in holding the captured positions.

On Somme Front. PARIS, Sept. 8.—Renewed and particularly violent attacks were made by the Germans on the Somme front last night in an effort to regain ground won by the French. The war office announced today that the German assaults were futile, the French holding their ground everywhere.

The German attacks were made in strong force on the front between Berny and Chaules, south of the Somme. Fighting was especially between Verdandovillers and Chaules. The Germans preceded their infantry assaults with intense bombardments.

The Germans also made an effort to regain the ground won by the French yesterday on the Verdun front between Vaux-Chapitre wood and Chenois, where nearly a mile of the German first line positions were carried. The official report says the German onslaughts were unsuccessful.

Raid by British. LONDON, Sept. 8.—British troops southwest of Lille last night raided the German trenches southeast of (Continued on page six)

## TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Strathtay and the Ellerman line steamship Tagus have been sunk. The crew of the Strathtay was saved. It is reported the British steamship Hazelwood has been sunk.

## DROUGHT CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS IN NATION'S CROPS

Output of Corn Clipped 67,000,000 Bushels, Wheat 43,000,000 Bushels, Oats 43,000,000 Bushels, Potatoes 46,000,000 Bushels—Tobacco Alone Shows Increase in Yields.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Hot and dry weather during August caused a loss of 67,000,000 bushel in the prospective production of corn, 43,000,000 bushel in spring wheat crop, 43,000,000 bushel in oats and 46,000,000 bushel in potatoes. Tobacco production prospects increased 27,000,000 pounds.

A statement issued by the department commenting upon the report, says: "Nearly all crops declined in condition during the past month, due to the hot, dry weather in the northern and central west portions of the United States.

"Corn declined in prospect 67,000,000 bushels; spring wheat declined 43,000,000 bushels, oats 44,000,000; barley, 11,000,000, potatoes 46,000,000 bushels and apples 3,900,000 barrels.

"On the other hand, tobacco prospects improved 27,000,000 pounds and the hay estimate is 1,600,000 tons higher than the August 1 forecast and flax and sugar beet prospects improved slightly.

"The reduction of the spring wheat condition brings the forecast of all wheat down to 611,000,000 bushels, which is not more than the normal domestic requirement and compares with an estimated production of slightly over 1,000,000,000 bushels last year and 783,000,000 the yearly average of the preceding five years.

"The corn crop forecast is now slightly below the average prediction of recent years, the shortage being most severe in Kansas. In most states almost an average crop is forecast.

"The oat crop is short only in comparison with early forecasts and apples are now estimated at 67,700,000 barrels."

## PRESIDENT OFF ON VACATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Wilson left Washington at 1 o'clock for a stay which may extend until after election in November. He expects to arrive at Atlantic City at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon, and tonight will speak before the National American Woman Suffrage association. After spending the night in Atlantic City he will motor to the summer white house, Shadow Lawn, at Long Branch, N. J., for an extended stay.

The president was busy up to the time of his departure with work incident to the adjournment of congress. After spending an hour at the capitol signing bills, he returned to the white house and attached his signature to many commissions and executive papers.

## FORD LOSES SUIT WITH EUGENE AGENCY

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—V. W. Winchell and E. M. Hathaway of Eugene, won their suit against the Ford Motor Company in federal court yesterday, when Judge R. S. Bean directed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. The verdict awards the plaintiffs a refund of \$16,077.59 and \$6,990 damages.

## DEFENSE OF U.S. PRINCIPAL WORK 64TH CONGRESS

Reorganization and Re-equipment of Army and Navy—Appropriations Break Records—Much Important Legislation Enacted—Many Constructive Measures Become Laws.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The first session of the sixty-fourth congress which adjourned today was concerned chiefly with national defense.

When the gavel fell congress had directed reorganization and re-equipment of the army and navy for defense of the country at the unprecedented cost of \$655,000,000 with authorizations that will increase the total in three years to nearly \$800,000,000. With all other expenditures, appropriations were brought to the grand total of \$1,637,583,682, the greatest aggregate in the country's fiscal year by more than half a billion dollars.

Expenditures, necessitated by preparedness and the calling into action of military forces to meet the Mexican emergency demanded revenue legislation in the closing days of the session. Congress responded by doubling the normal tax on incomes, creating an inheritance tax, millions tax and miscellaneous excise taxes to raise \$295,000,000 and by directing sale of \$130,000,000 Panama Canal bonds.

Work is Summarized. Congress established a tariff commission; a government shipping board to rehabilitate the American merchant marine; a workmen's compensation commission to administer a new uniform compensation law; a farm loan banking system; a child labor law; enlarging the system of self-government in the Philippines and enacted many other important laws which had been contemplated by the administration.

The session was disturbed throughout by frequently recurring threats of foreign complications from the European war and imminence at one time of a diplomatic break with Germany; interference with American mails and commerce; invasion of American soil and killing of Americans by Mexican bandits, and danger of actual war with Mexico.

Later in the session trouble arose over the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, to succeed the late Justice Lamar as a member of the supreme court. Weeks of investigation and deliberation by the judiciary committee ended in confirmation of Mr. Brandeis by a large majority.

Averting the Strike. In the week before adjournment congress was occupied with legislation which prevented a threatened nationwide railroad strike. President Wilson, after futile negotiations with officials of the railroads and railroad brotherhoods, submitted the controversy to congress, recommending legislation to prevent the strike and to prevent such emergencies from arising in the future.

After a week of consideration, during which the president visited the capitol daily, conferring with administration leaders, a bill was passed to establish an eight hour day as a basis of pay for railroad workers, the present rate of pay for ten hours not to be reduced and the men to receive prorata pay for work in excess of eight hours pending an investigation by a special commission into the effect of the eight hour day on railroad revenues.

Most important legislative enactments of this session, exclusive of laws for national defense, included the following: Measures Enacted. Government Ship Law: Appropriating \$50,000,000 to operate ships in (Continued on page three)

## HOLLAND PROCLAIMS RUMANIAN NEUTRALITY

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The Dutch government has announced to the German foreign office that it will maintain absolute neutrality in the war between the "friendly powers," Rumania and Austria-Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey.

## MEXICAN DELEGATES ASK WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING'S FORCE

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 8.—At the resumption here today of the conference of the Mexican-American joint commission seeking a permanent settlement of the international difficulties, it was regarded as probable that before this afternoon's deliberations were completed the Mexican delegates would make a formal request for the withdrawal of General Pershing's punitive expedition from Mexican territory.

## HUGHES DECLARES COUNTRY AGHAST OVER STRIKE LAW

LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 8.—Chas. E. Hughes, speaking here today, continued his attack on the administration in connection with the enactment of the Adamson law. Mr. Hughes asserted that the "whole country stood aghast" at the abandonment of executive prerogative and congressional duty.

"Now, if anyone rises in this country to say that I am not the friend of labor," the nominee added, "he knows he is not telling the truth."

Mr. Hughes, reviewing his record in connection with labor legislation while governor of New York, read an editorial from the legislative labor news of October, 1910, in which it was said he was the "greatest friend of labor laws that ever occupied the governor's chair at Albany."

"That is complimentary, but it is true," Mr. Hughes said. "It was written at a time when I supposed and they supposed that I had left forever the political field."

"What we need in this country is fair-mindedness. When we have a grievance the thing to do is to examine the basis of fact. There is not a question in this country that cannot be settled if you get at it in the right way."

## VILLA'S LOCATION STILL A MYSTERY

HEADQUARTERS PUNITIVE EXPEDITION, Mexico, Sept. 8.—Border reports concerning Villa's move through the Santa Clara canyon toward Laguna have not been confirmed by investigation. General J. J. Pershing, commander of the American punitive expedition, announced today. General Pershing returned to field headquarters after completing inspection of the American camps in Mexico.

"I am delighted with conditions my inspection trip disclosed," he said. "The American troops in Mexico are in the pink of condition and their equipment, morale, ordinance, transportation and communication leave nothing to be desired."

## FAILS TO REPORT PLOT TO DESTROY DES MOINES

BOSTON, Sept. 7.—Commander Blakely of the cruiser Des Moines now at Barcelona, Spain, in a routine report dated today and received at the navy department late this afternoon made no mention of a plot to blow up the Des Moines, reported in cable dispatches to have been discovered by Barcelona authorities.

## ASK INJUNCTION AGAINST BONDS VOTED RAILROAD

Attorney Newman, Acting for Charles D. Colby, Asks Circuit Court for Restraining Order Against City of Medford Issuing \$300,000 Bonds, Alleging Conspiracy and Illegality.

A complaint has been filed on behalf of Charles D. Colby, a Medford property owner, by F. J. Newman at Jacksonville asking a restraining order to prevent the sale by the city of Medford of any bonds for the proposed railroad to the Blue Ledge district, alleging conspiracy, fraud and illegality.

The grounds of the complaint as set forth by Mr. Newman are substantially as follows:

That the charter amendment prepared by the city council provided that before it should become a part of the city charter it should receive a vote of the majority of the qualified voters of the city of Medford. At the election 1337 votes were cast, 1007 for the measure. It is estimated that there are at least 3000 qualified voters in the city, and therefore the election was not legally carried.

Technical Objections. In the ordinance submitted for the vote of the people it said the railroad should be constructed from the Opp mine to the Blue Ledge mining district. In the contract, the complaint says, no mention was made of the Blue Ledge district. Also another legal objection is found in the fact that there is legally no Blue Ledge mining district. Furthermore, the contract binds Mr. Bullis and the Southern Oregon Traction company to build their line to no definite place.

The complaint also states that the whole bond issue is an attempt on the part of the city of Medford to loan its credit to the Southern Oregon Traction company for the purpose of constructing a railroad line to become the property of the said company. This, the complaint cites, is in direct violation of article 2, section 9, of the constitution of the state of Oregon.

Assumed \$357,000 Debt. The ordinance voted upon by the people provided that the city assume an indebtedness of \$300,000. In the contract the city takes over a mortgage of \$57,000 held against the traction company. This makes the total indebtedness \$357,000. No provision is made in the amendment for the payment of principal or interest on the \$57,000.

No provision has been made, the complaint continues, for a terminal in the city of Medford, which must be made to insure legality, and further, no provision is made for funds for the construction of a terminal.

The contract states that Mr. Bullis will receive \$10,000 for each mile of road constructed. It does not, however, bind him to construct any definite mileage. He may, under the contract, build only a portion instead of the complete line to the Blue Ledge as contemplated.

Backed by Taxpayers. The complaint was filed, Mr. Newman explained, in the interest of a number of Medford people who are heavy taxpayers. The papers have been put in the hands of the sheriff.

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## ASK TEDDY TO HELP HUGHES

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Theodore Roosevelt, according to information from the republican national headquarters today, has been asked to take a more active part in the Hughes campaign and has consented to a considerable addition to the number of speeches already arranged for him.

## RAILROAD EARNINGS SHOW LARGE GAINS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Sixty-seven of the largest steam railways earned a net revenue of \$945 per mile during last July, a increase of \$43 a mile over July, 1915. A summary made public today by the interstate commerce commission shows net revenues totalled \$41,355,921, compared with \$36,328,588 in July, 1915. The largest gains were made in the east.