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## CONGRESS ENDS SPECIAL SESSION NEXT SATURDAY

Arrangements Made for Adjournment—Soldiers' Insurance Bill Vote Tomorrow—War Tax Bill Signed and Sent to White House—Effective When Approved.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Arrangements were made late today by the senate and house leaders for adjournment of the present extraordinary session of congress next Saturday at 5 p. m.

An agreement to vote on the soldiers' and sailors' war risk insurance bill and amendments not later than 5 p. m. tomorrow was adopted today by the senate.

The war bill was signed by Speaker Clark and Vice-President Marshall shortly after noon and was sent at once to the white house. The bill is designed to raise \$2,416,000,000 in revenue.

All new taxes in the bill become effective when the president signs it, except certain specified rates.

### Three Cent Postage.

The 1-cent letter and postcard tax becomes operative in thirty days and the second-class mail increases July 1.

New income and war excess profits taxes are based on income of the 1917 calendar year, and payable before March 31, 1918.

All stamp taxes, including those on parcel post packages, become effective December 1. Amusement admissions and taxes on club dues go into effect November 1, as do taxes on freight and passenger transportation, sleeping car, drawing room and steamship berths, pipe line transportation, insurance policies and telegraph and telephone messages costing 15 cents or more.

### Bills Yet Unpassed.

Democrats' leader Kitchin will introduce the adjournment resolution in the house tomorrow, planning its immediate passage.

Remaining for disposition before adjournment are the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill, the eight billion dollar deficiency appropriation measure and a few minor miscellaneous matters. The soldiers' and sailors' civil rights bill and other legislation will go over until the December session.

The conference report on the eleven billion dollar deficit appropriation bill was adopted by the senate today without a roll call, after three minutes' consideration.

## GREAT DESTRUCTION BY CHINESE FLOODS

PSKING, Monday, Oct. 1.—(Delayed)—The Chinese government has appropriated \$300,000,000 for immediate relief work at Tien Tsin, where great destruction has been wrought by the overflowing of the Hoang river. Dr. Paul Reineck, the American minister, has sent a cablegram to the American Red Cross asking for \$250,000.

Coolest have cut the Grand canal at several places near Tien Tsin, but this has not affected the situation in the city, where the water is almost stationary.

Pao Ting Fu, Teh Chow and other cities of Chi Li, are inundated. Chinese newspapers are appealing for loans from foreign nations to prevent a recurrence of the flood by deepening the canals to the sea.

## PROTEST PRICES FIXED FOR COAL AND FUEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Representatives of public utility companies in Iowa and Illinois, headed by Clifford Thorne, appeared today to protest against the coal prices fixed by the government. The fixed prices, they contend, while lowering the market prices obtaining at the time, in almost every instance are higher than the average prices for the last year.

## BRITAIN CLAMPS EMBARGO UPON ALL NEUTRALS

Measure Designed to Stop Feeding of Enemy Thru Neutrals—With American Embargo, Will Effectually Stop Trade, as It Abrogates Trade Agreements Entered Into.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Great Britain's new embargo on shipments of practically everything to Sweden, Denmark, Norway and the Netherlands is regarded here as a most important move in tightening the cord which slowly, but surely, is killing the military power of Germany.

Coming close on the export embargo of the United States, which is being administered to keep from the European neutrals everything that might supply the central powers, Great Britain's action is regarded as one of the most important of the war.

As the British embargo excludes everything except printed matter, about the only thing that will be permitted to go to the German people by way of the neutrals will be expressions of world opinion that they should reorganize their system of government to do away with the military autocracy.

In a figurative sense, Great Britain holds one end of the rope and the United States holds the other. Gradually, but surely, as it is being drawn tight the military power of Germany is being strangled because the embargo cuts off the supplies she has been receiving thru the adjacent neutrals.

### Ends Trade Agreements.

Great Britain's embargo also is regarded by government officials here as denouncing trade agreements entered into since the beginning of the war, preparatory to identical action.

It is not believed there is any intention to cut off absolutely trade between those neutrals and the allies, but the agreements will be made to conform to conditions which have been radically altered by the entrance of the United States in the war.

It was pointed out that the enemy was being provisioned thru neutral channels.

## ASKS HIGHEST HONOR FOR GEN. PERSHING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Elevation of Major General John J. Pershing to the rank of general, a title held by only Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, is sought by Secretary Baker, in a recommendation before the senate military committee today. The secretary urges revival of the rank of general for Pershing and the army chief of staff, and lieutenant general for the corps commanders with the expeditionary forces. The secretary declared that the head of the expedition should be given a grade commensurate with his position.

## SPOKANE RATE CASE PRACTICALLY REOPENED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—By an order of the interstate commerce commission today the celebrated intermountain rate case was today practically reopened for consideration of new tariffs proposed by the railroads which would effect increases ranging from 10 to 60 percent on about 70 percent of the present schedules.

By a blanket order last June which was expected to close up the long-contested case, the railroads were authorized to increase some rates, reduce a few others and permit the remainder to stand.

## HAMMERING HINDENBURG



Allies Also Celebrating Birthday of German Hero, whose wooden statue has been filled with spikes by admirers at so much per spike for the benefit of the war fund.

## PERJURY CHARGE AGAINST OXMAN ORDERED DISMISSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—A charge that Frank C. Oxman of Durkee, Ore., cattleman, perjured his testimony against Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of murder following a bomb explosion here, was dismissed by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin here today.

Attorneys for the bomb case defendants announced after the dismissal of the action that they would bring no further proceedings against Oxman.

Judge Griffin personally swore to the warrant for Oxman's arrest, after three police court judges are declared to have refused to do so. In dismissing the action today Judge Griffin declared:

"When I issued the warrant I was informed by Mooney's attorney that Oxman was not in San Francisco at the time he swore he saw Mooney at the scene of the bomb explosion. I find now that the contention of the defense attorneys in asking for the warrant was based only on suspicious circumstances."

Attorney Edwin McKenzie, representing Mooney, declared to the court that he would show an attempt on the part of Oxman to bribe Mrs. Estelle Smith to testify that she saw Israel Weinberg, one of the defendants, at the scene of the explosion. Judge Griffin held that this was not material to the charge on which the warrant was based.

## SWEDISH MONARCH PRESERVES NEUTRALITY

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 3.—King Gustave today told the leaders of the chief parties in the riksdag that in his opinion it would be most expedient to form a cabinet representing the various parties which would maintain the neutral policy of the country since the beginning of the war, safeguard the interests of the nation and exercise a calming influence on the people during the present crisis. Saying that Sweden's difficulties were increasing daily, the king asserted the greatest prudence would be necessary to maintain the position adopted. He appealed to the patriotism of the leaders, asking them to set aside personal opinions and party platforms.

## VON HINDENBURG HAILED AS HERO OF GERMAN PEOPLE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 3.—The celebration of the birthday of Field Marshal Hindenburg at German main headquarters yesterday began with a visit from Emperor William, who presented the field marshal with a marble bust of the "all highest war lord." The route from Hindenburg's house to the main headquarters was lined with children, who strewed flowers in his path, while airmen dropped flowers and laurel wreaths.

At headquarters the field marshal was received by General Von Ludendorff and the other officers of the general staff. General Ludendorff greeted his chief as the "personification of the glorious development of the Prussian-German fatherland." Hindenburg later review veteran units and other soldiers in front of the headquarters, and in speaking to them said:

"It is a special pleasure to me to know myself at one with the German people in their will to victory and their confidence in victory." The field marshal praised the army and those who remained at home. He called for cheers for the emperor, who invited to dinner all who had called to offer birthday congratulations.

In a speech the emperor praised the field marshal as "the hero of the German people to whom it is granted to accomplish deeds of world and historical greatness." The emperor then thanked Field Marshal Van Hindenburg in the name of the army and the people and continued: "Future centuries will weave legends around the beloved and honored personality of the field marshal. May God preserve him for further deeds until the victorious end of the war, out of which a strong, healthy and respected Germany will arise."

## LABOR ADJUSTMENT BOARD EN ROUTE WEST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The labor adjustment board left today for the Pacific coast to take up strikes which are hampering shipbuilding operations. It will go first to Seattle and then to Portland and San Francisco.

## TRAINING CAMPS FOR OFFICERS TO OPEN, JANUARY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—A third series of officers' training camps to be opened January 5 will run until April 5, the war department announced today, primarily for the education of enlisted men of the regular army, national guard and national army for commissions.

In addition, however, 2490 graduates from 93 specified schools and colleges will be admitted.

From Enlisted Men. A camp will be located in each of the regular army, national guard and national army divisions. Additional camps will be located in the Philippines, Panama and Hawaii, and one each at Fort Bliss and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Chickamauga, Ga.

The quota of each regiment or smaller unit of the army to be selected to attend the officers' schools will be 1.7 percent of the enlisted strength of the organization. Graduates recommended for commissions as second lieutenants will be commissioned as vacancies occur.

College men to be admitted must be between 21 and 31 on the day of the opening. There is no restriction against married men, but unmarried men will be preferred.

Open to Everyone. Any enlisted man between 21 and 40 years of age may apply. Character and military aptitude will govern selections. College students will be required to enlist for duration of the war and serve out their enlistment if they do not obtain commissions. They will receive the pay and allowances of first-class privates while under instruction.

The camps are primarily for the training of line officers. The quartermaster general, chief of ordnance, chief of coast artillery, chief signal officer and chief of engineers have been authorized to organize such schools for special training as may be necessary.

## PERU CONSIDERS WAR WITH KAISER

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 3.—The Peruvian congress is considering the international situation as affects relations with Germany. The foreign minister and the minister of war have been summoned before congress to give information it desires.

## BOMB REPRISALS WITH INTEREST FOR AIR RAIDS

"We Shall Bomb Germany With Compound Interest Very Soon," Promises Lloyd George—French Reprisals Under Way—Artillery Duels Vigorous at Many Points.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—A crowd of poor people in the southwest district of London yesterday appealed to Premier Lloyd George, says the Daily Mail, for reprisals against Germany for the air raids on London. The premier shouted to the crowd: "We shall bomb Germany with compound interest very soon."

The crowd cheered the promise of the premier wildly. The premier had just completed a tour of the area damaged in the raids with Viscount French, commander of the home forces.

### French Reprisals.

PARIS, Oct. 3.—Violent artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front, says today's official announcement. No important infantry operations occurred during the night. "In reprisal for the bombardment of Bar-Le-Duc, two of our aviators dropped several bombs on the town of Baden."

"On the night of October 1-2 and during the day of October 2 our aviators bombarded the railway station at Fribourg, factories at Volkegen and Hottenbach and railway stations at Brioules, Longuyon, Metz-Woippy, Arnaville, Metziers-Les-Metz, Thionville and Sarrebourg. In the course of these expeditions projectiles to the amount of 7000 kilograms (15,400 pounds) were dropped."

The town of Baden, in the grand duchy of the same name, is one of the most famous and beautiful watering places of Europe, best known for its medicinal baths. It is a town of some 15,000, about 55 miles from the French border.

### Artillery Active.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The artillery activity continued on both sides during the night in the region east of Ypres, the war office announced today. "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

BERLIN, Oct. 3, via London.—German troops yesterday captured a section of French trenches 1200 yards wide on the northern slope of Hill 344, to the east of the river Meuse, in the Verdun region, it was officially reported by the German general staff today.

## NAVY YARD WAGE SCALE IS ADJUSTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 3.—An agreement on wage scales virtually was reached today between the navy department and the presidents of the international trades unions, representing navy yard employees. While figures have not been finally decided, it was announced officially that the conference had reached a point where the trade union men expected to sign up tomorrow for the ensuing year.

The effect of the scale under consideration will be to increase the cost of navy yard labor to the government more than 10 per cent over the scale for 1917, which expired on September 24.

## LIBERTY BOND DRIVE IS WELL UNDER WAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The big drive for three billion dollars in the second liberty loan is in its third day, with reports continuing to reach the treasury department in large volume telling of the public's enthusiastic response to the national appeal for subscriptions.

Treasury officials predicted the success of the new bond issue, basing their prediction on the over-subscription of a \$400,000,000 issue of federal certificates of indebtedness.

## RUSS CONGRESS VOTES IN FAVOR OF COALITION

Democratic Congress First Decides for Coalition Government, Then Bars Bourgeois and Constitutional Democrats, and Eventually by a Vote Opposes Idea of Coalition.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 3.—The democratic congress, by a vote of 766 against 688, today declared in favor of a coalition government.

Having declared itself in favor of a coalition government, the democratic congress voted that the following amendment be made to the resolution:

First—Against inclusion in the coalition of the bourgeois element, particularly of persons concerned in the General Korniloff's revolutionary movement.

Second—Against coalition with the entire constitutional democratic party.

The situation created by the contradictory movements led to a lively discussion, and eventually by a vote of 813 to 180, the conference announced itself opposed even to the idea of coalition.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday, Oct. 2.—It was officially announced today by the provisional government that the revolt which broke out on Saturday at Tambov, 300 miles southeast of Moscow, has been suppressed.

KHARKOV, Russia, Oct. 2, Tuesday.—Employees of the electric light company today arrested the directors and managers. After a meeting at which a proposal to deal out summary justice to the prisoners was rejected, it was decided to hold them until higher authority had been granted.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 3.—The demand for improved economic conditions recently made by the employees of the principal Russian railways not having been satisfied, the men today announced their intention of stopping work tomorrow.

## AUSTRALIAN WHEAT COMING TO COAST

PORTLAND, Oct. 3.—M. H. Houser, federal grain commissioner for the northwest, announced today at a meeting of grain representatives of northwest districts that he had received confirmation of reports that large quantities of Australian wheat are en route here. "The Australian wheat," Mr. Houser said, "will be available for milling here, and this will release a corresponding amount of northwest wheat for shipment overland to Chicago."

Regulations under which wheat from northwest points will be received and handled here were discussed at today's conference.

## CO-OPERATIVE DRAFT FOR U. S. AND CANADA

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—Negotiations are under way, it is understood, between Ottawa and Washington with a view to bringing Americans of military age resident in Canada within the scope of the Canadian draft laws. Canadian residents in the United States would similarly be affected under the American law.

## Laurier to Retire FROM LEADERSHIP

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has announced to leading liberals whom he summoned to Ottawa that he proposes to retire from leadership of the opposition and the liberal party. Sir Wilfrid has been head of the Canadian liberal party since 1887 and led the recent fight against conscription in Canada.