

WAR CONGRESS MAKES RECORD EXPENDITURES

Where Other Congresses Handled Millions, 65th Spent Billions—Carried Nation Into and Through War Almost Continuous Session Since April 2, 1917.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4.—The Sixty-fifth or great war congress passed into history today with final taps of the gavel by Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark at noon. Failure of scores of important bills gave promise of early convening for reconstruction legislation of the new congress in extraordinary session, in which control passes from the democratic party to the republicans.

Stupendous was the record of the congress, which carried the nation into and thru the war and which had been in almost continuous session since it was called by President Wilson into extraordinary session April 2, 1917, to declare war against Germany. It appropriated about \$69,000,000,000, authorized \$25,000,000,000 in bonds, and enacted countless measures for prosecuting the war and of domestic import. The new congress will take up the limitless task of reconstruction problems, ratification of the peace treaty and other vital questions, probably immediately after the return of President Wilson from his second visit to France.

Historic Addresses. Special features of the Sixty-fifth congress were many addresses by President Wilson, including those recommending war with Germany and Austria, that of Jan. 8, 1917, enunciating his famous fourteen principles of peace, and those endorsing woman suffrage, announcing the armistice terms imposed upon Germany last November.

There were three sessions of the congress. The first, extra session met April 2, 1917, following shortly after the turbulent and successful senate filibuster on the administration armed ship bill which marked the close of the Sixty-fourth congress. The dramatic night address of President Wilson to urge war with Germany, which was promptly declared, marked the opening of the extra session, called by a few weeks after the president's inauguration for a second term. The session closed October 6, 1917, lasting 188 days. The second session—lasting 354 days and the longest in the history of American government—began Dec. 2, 1917, and adjourned November 21 last. The third and final session which ended today began Dec. 2 last, and was the statutory short session of 93 days.

Substantial democratic majorities in both senate and house since President Wilson's inauguration six years ago now have passed. In the new congress, the senate will have 49 republicans and 47 democrats and the house 238 republicans and 193 democrats, 1 socialist, 2 independents and one prohibitionist.

Many Veterans Retire. Many veterans in both houses retired with today's adjournment. In the senate those included Senators Saulsbury of Delaware, president pro tempore; Lewis of Illinois, democratic whip; Shafer of Colorado, Thompson of Kansas, Hardwick of Georgia, Hollis of New Hampshire, and Vandaman of Mississippi, Goff of West Virginia, Smith of Michigan and Weeks of Massachusetts. Among prominent representatives whose services ended were Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana, the first woman elected to the house; Meyer London of New York, socialist; Swager Shorley of Kentucky, chairman of the appropriations committee; Hayes, California; Keating, Colorado; Powers of Kentucky; Foster, Illinois; Cox, Barnhart and Dixon of Indiana; Miller, Minnesota; Borland, Missouri; Parker, New Jersey; Gordon, Ohio; Farr, Pennsylvania; O'Shaughnessy, Rhode Island; Slayden, Gregg and Dies, Texas; and Cooper and Stafford of Wisconsin.

New members of the next congress include Senators-elect Harrison, Mississippi; Harris, Georgia; Stanley, Kentucky; Capper, Kansas; Edge, New Jersey; Elkins, West Virginia; McCormick, Illinois; Newberry, Michigan; and Walsh, Massachusetts.

During the first session of the congress, devoted largely to prosecution of the war, among the important measures passed were: The war declaration against Germany, signed April 6, 1917; the selective draft act; the law for seizure of interned German ships; the war risk insurance bureau act; the first war revenue bill; the food and fuel control law; the daylight saving measure; the initial and record breaking aviation appropriation of \$640,000,000; the trading with the enemy act; and measures providing for soldiers and sailors insurance and protection of their civil rights at home.

Outstanding measures of the second, long session, were: The Austrian war declaration; the national prohibition resolution; the Webb export trade act; the alien property custodian bill; the laws for government control of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, cables and radio facilities; the second draft law; the

HOUSE ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO FREE IRELAND

Express Hope That Peace Conference Will "Favorably Consider the Claims of Ireland to the Right of Self Determination"—Senate Fails to Act in Filibuster.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—By a vote of 216 to 41 the house early today adopted the resolution expressing the hope that the peace conference would "favorably consider the claims of Ireland to the right of self determination." The resolution now goes to the senate where it is considered altogether improbable that any action can be obtained before final adjournment.

When the house resolution was received by the senate, Senator France of Maryland, republican, asked unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. Senator Smith of Georgia, democrat, objected and demanded that the resolution go to the foreign affairs committee where a similar resolution has been pending for several months.

All Night Struggle. Adoption of the resolution in the house came after a turbulent all night session in which an organized effort was made to keep the resolution from coming to a vote. The attempt was abandoned shortly before 6 o'clock. Only one member, Representative Connally of Texas, expressed opposition to the purpose of the resolution, but Republican Leader Mann, Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, and others attempted parliamentary delay throughout the night.

Representative Mann charged that democratic supporters of the resolution had deceived the bringing of it to a vote until just before adjournment so that it would not be passed by the senate so that President Wilson would not be called upon to approve or disapprove the measure.

Division in the Senate. "I desire to advise the political party that attempts to throttle this resolution that it is dealing with dynamite," said Representative Gallivan of Massachusetts, democrat. "I appeal to the house to stop this nonsense and give consideration to a resolution for the relief of a people who have been suffering for several centuries, and let the world know that we believe in President Wilson when he said we entered the war to make small nations free."

In opposing the resolution, Representative Connally said the internal affairs of Great Britain were no concern to the people of the United States. The people of this country, he asserted, would present a resolution in the British parliament proposing self determination for Porto Rico.

Representative Gallagher of Illinois, author of the resolution, said that even if the measure were not approved by the senate, favorable action by the house might obtain sympathetic consideration for Ireland at the peace conference.

WOMAN TAKES SHOT AT WM. J. BURNS

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—Two shots were fired at William J. Burns, detective agency head, by a woman as Burns was entering the waiting room of the Grand Central station this afternoon. Neither shot took effect. The woman, who gave her name as Gertrude Wormworth, 27 years old, of Brooklyn, was arrested and later taken to Bellevue hospital for observation of her mental condition. Burns said he did not know her.

war finance corporation act and the Overman reorganization bill. During the last session completion of the \$6,000,000,000 revenue bill was the chief accomplishment in addition to the wheat guarantee bill, another authorization of \$2,000,000,000 in short term notes, and the huge annual appropriation bills.

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PRESIDENT TO SPEAK WITH TAFT AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—During President Wilson's visit of less than four hours in New York tonight, he will speak on the League of Nations to five thousand persons at the Metropolitan Opera House, hold a short private conference with former President William H. Taft; receive a delegation of twenty Irishmen who will request him to present the subject of self-determination for Ireland at the peace conference and then will board the steamer George Washington which sails early tomorrow for France.

According to the revised plans the president will arrive in this city from Philadelphia at 8:15 o'clock and will proceed directly to the opera house under a strong police guard. He will meet Mr. Taft in a private room and soon thereafter will commence his address.

The only other fixtures on the program at the opera house are a short address by Governor Alfred E. Smith, and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Enrico Caruso. The police arrangements for guarding the president are more elaborate than usual. In addition to the usual secret service force, a special bodyguard of detectives, assisted by plainclothes men and motorcycle police, will escort the presidential party thru solid lines of police from the Pennsylvania railroad station to the opera house.

Alice Paul, leader of the National Woman's party, has announced that she will lead a delegation of suffrage pickets to the vicinity of the opera house and call the president's attention to their demands for an extra

session of congress to pass the woman suffrage amendment. The women will carry purple, gold and white banners, it was announced. The general Mooney committee of the Central Federated Union also plans to have women workers near the building with banners demanding action by the president to bring about the release from prison of Thomas Mooney, the western labor leader.

PROTEST INCREASED ICING CHARGES

SEATTLE, March 4.—A protest has been filed by the Northwestern Fruit Exchange through its traffic manager against the so-called refrigeration tariff No. 1, issued sometime ago by the railroad administration who have had experts working on it in Chicago for many months. This tariff was contemplated to be made effective throughout the entire United States and carries rates for refrigeration, heater charges and other accessories on all commodities shipped in refrigerator equipment.

The advances proposed in the new tariff are very excessive. The increase in refrigeration charges from the northwest ranges from \$5 to \$25 per car or from 16 2-3 per cent to 35 per cent. The increase in the cost of heater service ranges from \$15 to \$55, an increase of from 25 per cent to 103 per cent. In addition to these advances, carriers are proposing to make a charge for various other services, such as switching cars to ice houses for icing after their arrival at destination, the furnishing of refrigerator cars, etc. It is also provided in the tariff that cars will not be placed under refrigeration which arrived at destinations under any other service than refrigeration.

COTTON GROWERS PLAN TO REDUCE ACREAGE IN 1919

DALLAS, Tex., March 4.—Fearing cotton prices will sink near the pre-war levels unless measures are taken to prevent it, southern cotton growers are joining in a movement for general reduction of 1919 acreage. In Texas the move has taken the form of a pledge to reduce acreage to two-thirds of that of 1918. The state agricultural department is emphasizing the benefits of planting grain on the acreage thus saved.

The government crop report placed last year's Texas production at 2,580,000 bales. Cotton was around 35 cents a pound at the close of the picking season, but many growers and some speculators felt it would reach 40 cents and did not sell. Prices fell, however, with the signing of the armistice and since then have been wavering between 21 and 25 cents.

Bankers who loaned money to growers found their security diminished, and plantation owners found their crops of less value than when harvested. Texas growers estimate there are 1,000,000 bales stored by individuals and in compresses. They declare much of this has been damaged by winter rains.

While cotton at 21 to 25 cents is higher than before the war growers say production cost is so much higher that they will lose money at 25 cents a pound.

Last year's government reports placed the Texas acreage at 11,235,000. By reducing this one-third, bankers and agriculturists feel that prices can be held to a point that will bring a profit and also bring a higher price for the unworked crop of 1918.

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