

CONGRESS TAKES UP HIGH COST OF LIVING

FITZGERALD, FARR, LONDON AND OTHERS ARE WORKING ON MEANS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

VARIOUS PLANS SUGGESTED

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Legislative proposals, intended to charter the high cost of living, marked the re-opening of Congress today.

Representative Fitzgerald, leader of the embargo forces, introduced four plans, two of them calling for food export embargoes and the other two for regulation of cold storage and for the reduction of parcel post charges on food.

In the meantime, Representative Farr proposed an embargo on wheat. Representative London is working on measures proposing a virtual food dictatorship with incidental ban on the exporting of food.

The House convened at twelve o'clock, the Senate meeting three minutes later. After a seven-minute session, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock, appointing a committee to notify the House that it is ready for business.

Crammed galleries watched the opening of the session. Clark was roundly cheered. The chaplain, in his opening prayer, prayed for peace within our borders.

TO REPEAL SECTIONS OF THE ARMY BILL

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The repealing of those sections of the army reorganization bill, dealing with the national guard, will be asked by Senator Borah in his bill which will be introduced tomorrow. "The time has come," stated the senator today, "when we must find out whether we are satisfied with the guards after the experiment with them on the border."

BONNER SUCCEEDS BUTT

At the meeting of the county board of education, held today, R. L. M. Bonner, of Aurora, was appointed to succeed W. M. Butt as a member of the board. Mr. Butt was forced to give up his duties on account of the new work imposed upon him through his election as representative to the State legislature.

WILL MAKE MOTION TO ADVANCE TEST CASE OF EIGHT-HOUR LAW

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—A motion by the government to advance the eight-hour test suit of the Adamson law before the Supreme court will be made by Solicitor Davis today.

WILL WITHDRAW ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES

(By United Press)
LONDON.—The withdrawal of the proposed issue of British treasury notes was announced in Commons today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on account of the American Federal Reserve bank caution.

Texas City Has Plan For Reducing the High Cost of Living

ORANGE, Tex.—An organization, to be known as the Consumers' League, is now being organized in this city. It is expected that when the organization is completed it will have a membership of about two hundred. The prime aim of the organization will be to reduce the present high cost of living.

It is the intention of the promoters to sell stock at ten dollars per share, one share to a family. The money derived from the sale of stock will be used to buy a farm of about fifty acres to raise farm and dairy produce for the consumption of its members. Members will be furnished with produce from the farm at cost. The small fee of one dollar per month, however, will be charged each one to pay the expenses of running the farm.

The organization already has about fifty members and it is thought that the initial payment of a farm might be made as soon as a suitable one is found.

CLARK URGES WILSON TO ACT FOR PEACE

HAS CHANCE TO BE A MASTER PEACEMAKER, DECLARES SPEAKER OF HOUSE.

TIME TO ACT IS NOW

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Once more the German Chancellor indicates that Germany is willing to negotiate as to peace, stating plainly that Germany will do so not from fear but from an earnest and humane desire to prevent the further effusion of blood, and considering the way things are running in Rumania, a man must be a veritable doubting Thomas who is sceptical as to his candor on both propositions.

On the other hand, Premier Asquith insists that there will be no peace until the Allies are victorious, which finally they may be or may not be.

It will be remembered that something like a year ago the German Chancellor declared that Germany was ready to consider peace on the basis of "the maps." The spokesmen for the Allies said that proposition was preposterous—that it gave the Central Powers a vast advantage. Nevertheless the German Chancellor was offering to settle according to a rule centuries old—the rule of "uti possidetis"—in plain American, that "each should keep what he possesses."

Of course all humane persons everywhere are exceedingly desirous of seeing the stupendous war ended. Whether President Wilson has any idea of tendering his kind offices to the warring nations I do not know, but such tender on his part would compel the attention of the civilized world. For the President of this republic is the most powerful head of a nation on earth because he is the head of the most powerful of all nations.

Speaking for myself, I wish he would tender his services in the interests of peace. The chances are that, notwithstanding what the warring nations say, they would welcome his suggestions. Most assuredly, neutral nations the wide world over would be delighted.

Should his tender be declined, it would do no harm. Should he succeed, his renown would be everlasting and he would be acclaimed the master peacemaker in the entire history of the human race.

GERMAN SUBS ARE COMING TO U.S. COAST

(By United Press)
PROVIDENCE.—The Providence Journal today declared that it has authoritative information that two large German submarines are at present off the West Indies and that two others left Kiel a month ago, eluded the British patrol and are now en route to the American coast.

MR. MCKENZIE RESIGNS

Chocowinity Pastor Has Accepted a Call from Church at North Rocky Mount.

Rev. J. M. McKenzie, pastor of the Chocowinity Baptist church, yesterday tendered his resignation, to take effect on January 1. Mr. McKenzie has accepted a call from the church at North Rocky Mount. He also preached at Pictolus, Aurora and Pinetown while pastor here.

Probably no man has done more for the betterment of Chocowinity than Mr. McKenzie during his stay here. He has made a vigorous fight against liquor and other evils in spite of the fact that his life was threatened a number of times. The news of his departure will be received with genuine regret. His successor has not yet been announced.

COUNTY OFFICERS QUALIFY

All of the county officers, elected last month, today qualified at the meeting of the county commissioners. All the required bonds were arranged for.

A number of important matters are to be taken up at this session of the commissioners. Full details will be given in tomorrow's paper.

ALDERMEN MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen will be held tonight, at which time a number of important matters are to be brought up for discussion. It is expected that some discussion will be given to the street-paving project.

Motored to Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Squires motored to Bath yesterday, spending the day there with friends.

CRISIS IN BRITISH CABINET IS PAST

BELIEVED THAT ASQUITH WILL MAINTAIN REPUTATION AS WORLD'S GREATEST PLACATEUR.

LOYD GEORGE WON'T RESIGN

(By United Press)
LONDON.—Whether the cabinet crisis has definitely passed is uncertain but indications are that Asquith is still maintaining his reputation as one of the greatest political placaters in the world.

From best information available, it now appears certain that Lloyd George will not resign, as was rumored a few days ago. It was also announced today that he never openly made the threat of doing so, but that he did firmly express his belief of the absolute necessity of a small, compact council with full authority regarding conditions of war. Apparently Asquith has acceded to this view. It is generally believed that matters will be "running smoothly" within a few days.

RELIEF FUND IS \$161.40

The local contributions to the Armenian Relief Fund are now above \$150. Mr. Bragaw, who is acting as local treasurer, today announced the following contributions:

Previously reported	\$158.40
Mrs. Geo. J. Baker	1.00
Annie Mae Harman	1.00
Episcopal Sunday School	1.00
2nd gift	1.00
Total	\$161.40

CONDITIONS IN GREECE AGAIN BECOME NORMAL

(By United Press)
ATHENS.—Eight batteries of artillery will be delivered to the allies as soon as the protocol has been formally drafted between the government and Admiral DuFournet. Those in close touch with affairs state that normal relations have again been established between the allied commanders and the Greek government.

GERMANS HAVE BEGUN BOMBARDMENT BUCHAREST

(By United Press)
Copenhagen.—The Germans today began the bombardment of Bucharest at a range of eleven miles, according to Berlin dispatches. Practically all of the heavy artillery has been drawn into position for the first assault against the Rumanian capital. The advance guard of the Teutons is inside the firing line and still pursuing the Rumanians.

Germans Celebrating

AMSTERDAM.—Berlin dispatches today stated that the battle of Argenta in Rumania was won by the ninth German army. The Kaiser, in the celebration of the Teutonic victories in Rumania, has ordered the church bells to be rung.

Admiral Retirement

PETROGRAD.—The retirement of Rumanian forces south of Bucharest in the face of reinforcement attacks by the Teutons, was today officially announced. The Germans also took Gradichtea.

\$1,654,819,654 TO OPERATE GOVERNMENT

WILL REQUIRE ABOVE AMOUNT TO RUN THE UNITED STATES NEXT YEAR.

INCREASE OF \$87,197,559.98

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—It will require \$1,654,819,654.03 to run the government of the United States from June 30, 1917, to June 30, 1918.

This is the estimate of heads of the various branches of the government of the country submitted to Congress today through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Of this grand total of more than a billion and a half dollars the various establishments' estimates are as follows:

Legislative	\$7,591,826.45
Executive	\$32,979,665
Judicial	\$1,395,790
Department of Agriculture	\$26,096,907
Foreign intercourse	\$5,700,626.66
Military establishment	\$300,694,584.52
Naval establishment	\$366,070,651.67
Indian Affairs	\$12,230,356.67
Pensions	\$155,560,000
Panama Canal	\$26,145,562.35
Public works	\$145,118,244.46
Postal service	\$325,355,720
Miscellaneous	\$106,914,758.93
Permanent annual appropriations	\$143,864,830.32

The total estimate for the needs of the government during the next fiscal year exceeds by \$87,197,559.98 the amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

With the exception of the postal service the needs for defense and preparedness as shown in the report constitute the largest single item.

For the pay of the navy is required \$51,023,776.15, exclusive of that for the Marine Corps, which requires \$7,133,002.78. For the ship-building program for the year \$96,962,200 is asked, and \$5,133,000 will be necessary for extending the aviation branch of the service. For increase of the navy heretofore authorized \$118,946,155 it is estimated will be needed.

Provisions and clothing for the marines it is estimated will cost \$6,225,385, and provisions for the navy \$10,144,943. For ordnance and ordnance stores \$9,402,485 is required, and for organizing the naval reserve force and schools and camps of instruction, \$160,000. A single item for bringing home the remains of officers and men who die abroad amounts to \$32,658.

Needs for pay as traveling and general expenses of the army is listed at \$97,794,995.56, and for signal service development \$16,600,000 is asked. The greater portion of this is for aviation. The estimate for supply, services and transportation for the army is \$71,741,786.15.

A total of \$200,000 is asked for vocational training in the army and for ordnance, ordnance supplies and stores \$14,315,000 is requested. For the manufacture of arms \$6,805,000 is the estimated need; for the purchase of automatic machine rifles \$2,085,000; for armored motor cars \$1,508,000. Civilian military training camps require \$3,591,000.

Among the estimates for the equipment of the National Guard are: automatic machine rifles, \$6,868,000; field artillery, \$10,000,500; ammunition for field artillery, \$10,200,000; arms, uniforms, equipment, etc. \$4,576,000; supplying and exchanging infantry equipment, \$800,000; and for arming, training and equipping the National Guard, \$12,727,000.

For quartermaster supplies, equipment, etc., for a reserve officers' training corps \$4,385,000 is needed. The War Department asks for \$66,999,481.21 for fortifications and

GERMANS RAPIDLY CLOSE ON BUCHAREST

OF TEUTONS

ITALY ON FRIDAY, IS REPORT.

RUMANIANS ARE FLEEING

(By United Press)

Headquarters of Marshall Mackenzie, 50 kilometers from Bucharest.—The Germans were within ten miles of Bucharest on Friday. The Rumanians are retreating so precipitately that the German advance column, hot in pursuit, has difficulty in locating them at times. The slower-moving German infantry is unable to keep up in the pursuit. Officers declare that the strength of the Rumanian army is completely broken. It is not expected that they will be able to put up any kind of a serious defense when they reach the capital. German officials are taking no chances and are moving huge forces and all equipment that is necessary for a siege.

(Note.—The above puts the Germans closer to Bucharest on Friday than hinted at in the official statement.)

Derue Bros. Minstrels New Theatre Tonight

This promises to be one of the greatest attractions this season. The papers all over North Carolina where they have played have been high in commendation. The performance will begin at 8:30.

Other works of defense, and \$32,136,663.96 for rivers and harbors. The Interior Department wants \$8,283,000 for the reclamation service, and the Department of Commerce asks \$2,604,300 for light houses, beacons and fog signals. The needs of the coast guard are estimated at \$5,286,671.

For maintenance of the Interstate Commerce Commission \$5,600,000 is needed.

The War Department requires \$325,320 for national cemeteries and \$210,000 for artificial limbs, while the Interior Department wishes \$10,590,672 for the construction and operation of railroads in Alaska.

The expenses of the United States Courts are estimated at \$7,769,736.

To pay the salaries and mileage of Senators \$771,000 is required and to cover the same items for members of the House, \$3,479,500. The general salary account of the Senate amounts to \$893,687.50; of the House \$1,315,750.25.

A contribution toward the expenses of the Peace Palace at The Hague amounting to \$1,645.25 is listed among the items needed.

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