

EXTRA SESSION CALL ISSUED

No Specific Purpose in Call, but Tariff Will Be Chief Subject of Consideration.

MR. WILSON PREPARING HIS FIRST MESSAGE

Some Attention Will Be Devoted by President to Need for Currency Revision.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17.—President Wilson today issued the formal proclamation convening congress in extra session on April 7, at noon.

The president's pronouncement today was brief and followed form closely. It stated merely that "whereas, public interests require" congress would be convened in extra session by order of the executive.

Originally Mr. Wilson had fixed upon April 1 as the date, Representative Underwood, democratic leader, having informed him that the tariff bills to which it was agreed congress should give immediate attention would be ready on that date.

The absence of any specific reason for the calling of the extra session is explained by the fact that Mr. Wilson's statement immediately after his election, declared that he would call an extra session to revise the tariff.

President Wilson plans to point out specifically his wishes for the extra session in his first message, in preparation. This, it is known from talks the president has had with members of congress, will outline the administration's idea of how the tariff should be revised and just what schedules should be taken up.

CORRUPTION CHARGED IN SENATE CONTEST

By Associated Press. Concord, N. H., March 17.—A legislative committee appointed to investigate charges of corruption in the contest for the United States senatorship in the legislature began its hearing here today.

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DEM. CHAIRMAN MAY GO ABROAD

Mr. McCombs May Comply with Wilson's Wish, but Won't Resign from Committee.

COMMISSION NAMED FOR FARM CREDITS

Wilson Designates Men Who Will Investigate European Plans for Aiding in Agriculture.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17.—The nomination of Chairman William F. McCombs, of the democratic national committee to be ambassador to France was prepared at the White House today and as it was about to be transmitted to the senate it was withheld at Mr. McCombs request.

Mr. McCombs has decided to accept the post and it is said the delay does not mean a change in his intention.

Washington, March 17.—President Wilson wore a shamrock sprig in the lapel of his coat today. His secretary, Joseph Patrick Tumulty, also saw that everybody around the executive offices recognized St. Patrick's day in similar fashion.

The president today appointed Senators Fletcher of Florida and Gore of Oklahoma, Representative Moss of Indiana, Col. Harvey Jordan of Georgia, Dr. John Lee Coulter of Minnesota, Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield of Massachusetts and Clarence J. Owen of Maryland members of the commission authorized in the last agricultural appropriation bill to cooperate with the American commission assembled under auspices of the Southern Commercial congress to investigate and study in European countries co-operative rural credit unions and similar organizations devoted to the promotion of agriculture and the betterment of rural conditions.

FLAGLER'S INJURY MAY CAUSE DEATH

Aged Financier in Critical Condition as Result of Recent Fall.

By Associated Press. Palm Beach, Fla., March 17.—The injury to H. M. Flagler, who fell on a marble stair two weeks ago, continues to be alarming and three physicians are in attendance upon him.

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HICKORY NUT GAP ROAD AND RIDGE CREST -- OLD FORT LINK TO BE BUILT

Convicts to Be Furnished for Former, and Governor Hopes It Will Be Open by Late Summer—\$10,000 Federal Money for Latter Road—Road Meeting to Be Held at Bat Cave March 31—People Will Have to Furnish Teams for Work.

The legislature enacted a law which authorizes the building of the Hickory Nut Gap road. The statute provides that the state shall furnish the convicts and equip them, and declares that this road from the Rutherford county line to the Buncombe line through Henderson county shall be a state road.

People Must Help. The locality through which this road passes must help to build it. The state will furnish everything except the teams. At the road meeting in Rutherford last summer Mr. Craig promised that this road should be built, providing the people there would cooperate.

Ridge Crest to Old Fort. The legislature also enacted a statute that insures the building of the road from Ridge Crest to Old Fort. The United States government has made an appropriation of \$10,000 for roads in North Carolina, providing that the governor should designate the road upon which it is to be spent, and providing further that \$20,000 additional be spent upon the road.

\$250,000 HAUL BY CRACKSMAN

Enter Pawnshop Safe in New York, Which Contained Stuff Worth \$800,000.

CLIMAX OF SERIES OF SAFE ROBBERIES

Robbers Took Nothing but Diamonds and Light Jewelry, Etc., Leaving Watches on Floor.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Fifty detectives are at work today trying to run down cracksmen who robbed Martin Simons & Sons' pawnshop on the East Side sometime yesterday of over \$250,000 worth of jewelry.

MR. M'ADDON IS SWAMPED BY OFFICE SEEKERS

Cabinet Member Says He Cannot Receive Applicants and Do Business.

Washington, March 17.—The first sequence to President Wilson's determination to refer office seekers to members of his cabinet came today when Secretary McAdoo announced that he was compelled to decline to receive personal applications for office.

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BORDER TOWN BATTLE SCENE

Carranzaistas Repulsed at Nuevo Laredo after Sharp Conflict in Which Many are Hurt.

RUSH OF REFUGEES TO AMERICAN SOIL

Combatants Heed Warning of Colonel Brewer Not to Fire into the Texas City.

By Associated Press. Laredo, Tex., March 17.—A handful of Carranzaista constitutionalists today covered of darkness this morning crept into Nuevo Laredo, the port of entry into Mexico on the Mexican railway from the United States to Mexico City. After two hours fighting the Carranzaists retreated. No harm to Americans from bullets straying across the border was reported.

The battle unexpectedly began in Nuevo Laredo. Carranza followers, numbering 200, during the night had forced their way into the city limits and occupied a land factory. At dawn a salvo of rifle firing awoke Americans in Laredo. The first sight that greeted them was a mad rush of refugees who blackened the international bridge between here and Nuevo Laredo.

Men and women with babies in arms and children afoot jammed the bridge headless of horses and wagons, piled high with household goods or cracking with passengers. Bobbing above the heads of the human stream were boxes, trunks, pet animals and birds, all sorts of valuables snatched up when the rifle fire began. Numerous officials of Nuevo Laredo were among the refugees. These officials carried boxes and records by the armful. The Carranzaists at 3 o'clock this morning arrived within four miles of Nuevo Laredo and opened a light rifle fire in the darkness. The distance was too great, however, for this preliminary to arouse the sleeping American town or to seriously disturb Nuevo Laredo. The Carranzaists under cover of darkness, advanced cautiously until they were within the city limits of the Mexican town, where the shadowy bulk of a land factory attracted them. They rushed into it, barricading windows and constructing light but effective-looking entrenchments for skirmish lines by the aid of outlying fences and sheds.

POLICEMAN KILLS NEGRO WHO ASSAULTED WOMAN

New York Officer Puts Four Bullets into Black Who Slashed.

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