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**THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.**

President Wilson's speech before the Congress Monday was the longest he has delivered before that body. He had a lot of ground to cover.

First he stated some great outstanding facts, as:

"A year ago we had sent 145,918 men overseas. Since then we have sent 1,950,513, an average of 162,542 each month, the number in fact rising in May, last, to 245,951, in June to 278,760, in July to 307,182, and continuing to reach similar figures in August and September—in August 289,570 and in September 257,438. No such movement of troops ever took place before, across three thousand

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miles of sea, followed by adequate equipment and supplies, and carried safely through extraordinary dangers of attack—dangers which were alike strange and infinitely difficult to guard against. In all this movement only seven hundred and fifty-eight men were lost by enemy attack—630 of whom were upon a single English transport which was sunk near the Orkney islands."

He touched upon the marvelous "supporting organization of the industries of the country and of all its productive activities" which lay back of this great movement, and hastened to pay eloquent tribute to "the mettle and quality of the men we sent over and of the sailors who kept the seas, and the spirit of the nation that stood behind them"—men who went forth to "their terrible adventure blithely and with the quick intelligence of those who know just what it is they would accomplish." And while the war could not have been won without the support of those who stayed at home and did their duty, still "for many a long day we shall think ourselves 'accursed we were not there and hold our manhoods cheap while any speaks that fought' with those at St. Mihiel or Thierry."

But if we attempt to quote striking passages we shall run into lengths that time and space will not admit, for it is all admirable. The President pays eloquent tribute also to the admirable spirit of the nation during the trying period of the war, of the unselfish labors of men and women, and he says that the least tribute we can pay to the women for the matchless part they played is to grant them equal political rights with men.

He thinks that the problems incident to the return to peace will be solved by the initiative of business men who do not need any leading strings and will outrun any efforts made to guide them.

Of chief concern is the problem presented in making provision for the returning soldiers, those of them who will be at a loss to know what to do. In solving this problem the President directs attention to the opportunities offered by arid, swamp and cutover lands. There are 300,000,000 acres of such lands which can be redeemed for cultivation, and he thinks "it is possible in dealing with our unused land to effect a great rural and agricultural development which will afford the best sort of opportunity to men who want to help themselves."

He urges help for the Belgians and French; determination of taxes to be

levied for 1918, 1919 and 1920; levying billions upon war profits; a full naval program; and as to railroads, he asks the Congress to study that problem, which he frankly says he now has no solution of.

In announcing his purpose to attend the peace congress the President says he knows of no business or interest which should take precedence of the peace settlements, "which are of transcendent importance both to us and the rest of the world."

Throughout the address the Republican Senators and Representatives sat sour and glum and gloomy and silent, pouting like naughty boys for that they had not been consulted as much as they thought was their due. They made a sorry spectacle of themselves, but they will think better of any devilment they had planned because it has dawned upon them that the country will not stand for any monkey business such as has been proposed by certain small politicians, like declaring the office of President vacant and putting in a substitute to fill the office until the next election. It is astonishing how silly some men who have broken into Congress act upon occasion.

**THEY'VE CHANGED THE TUNE.**

The erst-while fire-eating Crown Prince talks like a pious and mild-mannered young man who was opposed to the war all along. He is quoted as saying that he has not renounced anything or signed any document whatever, meaning that he is still crown prince, but says that should the German government decide to form a republic similar to the United States, he would be content to return to that dear Germany as a simple citizen ready to do anything to assist his country, that he should even be happy to work as a laborer in a factory. Isn't he just too cute and darling! The dear boy. No doubt when he learns what is going to be done to him he will be in earnest about being happy to be allowed to work anywhere. The ex-crown prince says he was not in favor of the war and that he tried to persuade the general staff to accept peace in October, 1914, being persuaded then that Germany could not win, but was told to mind his own business. The ex-kaiser is trying to shift the blame, too. He seeks to shift responsibility for bringing on the war to the shoulders of Dr. Theobald von Bethman-Hollweg, former imperial chancellor, and Gottlieb von Jagow, former minister of

foreign affairs. Wilhelm says he was deceived into going to Norway just before the outbreak of the war, that he was kept in ignorance of the true state of affairs, and that he hurried back when the Russian move became known.

Presently we shall see a sob-squad weeping upon the necks, so to speak, of the former kaiser and crown prince, and calling high heaven to witness that they are the sweetest and most innocent pair of Sunday school boys that ever happened. But these pious frauds will avail nothing in warding off the impending doom.

Our correspondent "Ajax" wants a law to curb reckless auto drivers. We need, rather, enforcement of the present laws. The trouble is that reckless drivers show their contempt for the laws we already have and get away with it. They would do the same no matter what laws were passed. We agree with "Ajax" that the reckless drives ought to be hauled short up and made to realize that they can't endanger the lives of others without coming to grief.

Houses are scarce in Red Springs. None vacant and a number of families on the lookout for homes. Unless some steps are taken in the building line Red Springs is full grown as to population.—Red Springs Citizen.

Passing through Red Springs the other day we were struck with the number of new buildings going up. A building of some kind in course of construction seemed to meet us at every turn. It looks like Red Springs has no idea of being full grown.

The President hands the railroad problem over to the Congress and says, sezhe, "here, take and solve this, I don't know the answer." But he has not asked Congress what to do about the peace congress. He knows what to do about that and does not pass it up to Congressmen. Wherefore grave Senators and chesty Representatives are sore.

President Wilson went off in a ship yesterday and ex-President Roosevelt went off in a rage.

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**Glass Offered Treasury Post.**

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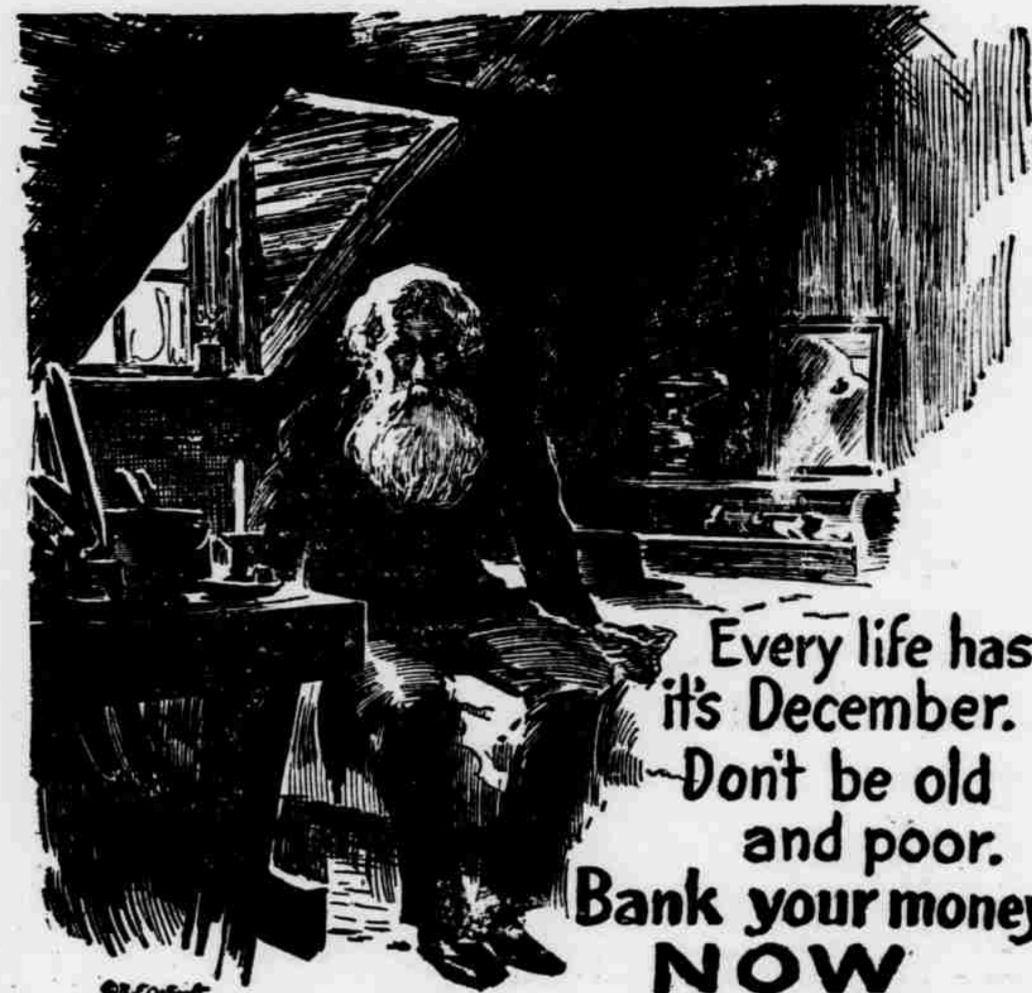
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The Corporation Commission turned over to the State Treasurer Monday \$374,000 balance of inheritance taxes collected the past fiscal year under the law passed by the Legislature 2 years ago. This rounds up a total of \$374,000 inheritance tax collections for the past year. Less than \$50,000 was collected for the year just prior to the delegation of this tax collection to the commission. Members of the commission are confident that the inheritance tax revenue for the State the next year will be fully \$1,000,000.

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