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SECOND SESSION CONGRESS BEGINS

BIG WAR SESSION IS EXPECTED
BY ALL CONGRESSMEN TO BE
LENGTHY ONE.

BIG CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

Appropriation Estimates Are Received—Members Say American People Everywhere Favor Vigorous Prosecution of the War.

Washington—Congress reassembled Monday for its second war session. Most of the senate and house members had arrived and arrangements were complete for the first meeting of what promises to be another epochal session. Increased determination of the American people for vigorous prosecution of the war was the message universally brought by the returning members.

Brief and routine opening session were held by both senate and house. Immediately after convening and appointing committees formally to notify President Wilson and each other that the second session of the sixty-fifth congress is in readiness, adjournment was taken out of respect to members who died during the recess. Senator Hastings of Wisconsin, who was accidentally shot, and Representative Martin of Illinois.

Another feature of the opening day was receipt of appropriation estimates, aggregating many billions of dollars, for war and general governmental purposes for the next fiscal year.

Before the holiday recess, which Speaker Clark and others favor abandoning, disposition of the national prohibition question is to be pressed.

Revenue legislation will not be taken up immediately, but a deficiency appropriation bill before the holidays to care for unexpected war expenditures is probable. The senate democratic steering committee and house ways and means committee may meet this week to discuss tentative legislative programs, but no party caucuses or conferences for that purpose are planned.

MRS. DE SAULLES ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE BY JURY

Required Less Than 10 Hours—Gets Custody of Son.

Minneapolis, N. Y.—It required but one hour and forty-three minutes for a jury in supreme court here to reach a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Mrs. Bianca de Saules for the murder of her strangled husband, John L. De Saules, former Yale football star and clubman, at his home near Westbury, Long Island, the night of August 3.

In the verdict no reference whatever was made to insanity. It was a plea of temporary loss of accountability which formed the basis of the defendant's case. Mrs. de Saules, who had maintained an air of extreme self-possession throughout the two weeks of the trial, received the verdict smilingly. She shook her head with each of the jurors as they left the box and to each gave a nod of appreciation.

As Mrs. de Saules left the courtroom, a newspaper photographer touched off a flashlight. The shock of the explosion coupled with the young woman's heightened nervous tension, caused her to stagger, but she was prevented from falling by Dr. J. Sheirman Wight, her physician. She was taken into a nearby room, where she soon recovered.

Mrs. de Saules' acquittal automatically establishes her as the only legal custodian of her son, John L. de Saules, Jr., according to her attorneys.

WILL ENTER RACE FOR SENATOR HARDWICK'S SEAT.

Allanta, Ga.—Chairman William J. North, of the federal trade commission, will resign at an early date for the purpose of opposing Senator Hardwick of Georgia for reelection, according to a statement made public here by Mr. North.

WHERE GREATEST VICTORY WAS WON

Smashing Forward on a 22-Mile Front in an Unexpected Quarter General Haig Surprised the Fox and Won Britain's Biggest Victory of the War.



The battle line (3) extended from the River Scarpe to San Quentin. The entire German line from Bapaume Cambrai road (2) to the Canal du Nord (3) was captured. Noyelles (4) was one of the advanced positions reached by the English.

DISCUSS PROSECUTION OF WAR

AMERICAN, BRITISH, FRENCH AND ITALIAN MISSIONS ARE ALREADY PRESENT.

Questions for Unified Action Will Occupy Attention—The Situation in Russia—House and Lloyd-George Among Those Present.

The representatives of the chief nations at war with the Teutonic allies are assembling in Paris for the inter-allied conference at which are to be discussed momentous questions for more unified action on the prosecution of the war.

The American, British and Italian missions already have reached the French capital. They are led respectively by Col. E. M. House, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, and Vittorio Orlando, the Italian premier.

In addition to determining a basis for stronger joint action against the enemy countries, the conferees doubtless also will discuss at length the anomalous situation in Russia, where the Bolshevik factions are in control and where German staff officers are reported to be acting as military advisers to the Lenin government. Possibly a most pertinent point in the discussion will be the future attitude of the allied countries toward Russia—whether the situation as it now stands does not place the Bolshevik government and its followers in the category of allies of the central powers.

Inside Russia the unsettled conditions of affairs daily seem to be growing more serious. All communications now has been severed between north and south Russia, even the foreign embassies in Petrograd being unable to get in touch with Odessa and other points to the south. Unofficial advice is to the effect that the Russian northern army is in dire straits.

FRENCH BESTOW HONOR ON AMERICAN SOLDIERS

With the American Army in France.—The French war cross has been conferred on the fifteen American officers and men who were cited with their company by the French general commanding the sector in which the Americans were stationed on the night of November 23. The men were decorated today and were informed that they may keep the medals in their possession, but must not wear them until Congress gives its authorization.

INTER-ALLIED WAR BOARD BEGINS WORK

CONFERENCE HELD ITS FIRST
SESSION IN PARIS THURSDAY
MORNING.

M. CLEMENCEAU PRESIDING

Delegates Lose No Time Getting Down to Work, Subdividing into Committees.—Many Americans Were Present.

Paris.—The inter-allied conference, which has been called for the purpose of discussing closer unity in the prosecution of the war and coordination of resources, opened in the ministry of foreign affairs shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday morning, with 15 nations represented. The French premier, M. Clemenceau, presided and welcomed the delegates.

The Italian representatives were the first to reach the conference hall. They were followed by the envoys of Japan. The American war mission, augmented by Ambassador Sharp, General Pershing and Vice Admiral Sims conferred at their hotel headquarters before going to the foreign office, which they reached promptly at ten o'clock. The British delegates came right on the heels of the Americans. There were large crowds outside the hotel where the Americans and British are quartered and also in front of the foreign ministry, but there was no cheering nor demonstration of any kind.

Meetings of the supreme war council in which only France, Great Britain, the United States and Italy are represented, will follow the inter-allied conference. This war council is a permanent body and will deal only with questions relating to military operations on the western front.

DIFFICULT FOR REGISTERED MEN TO GET COMMISSIONS

Washington.—So-called "slacker commissions," by which men of draft age seek to escape service in the ranks and get officers' places in non-combatant branches of the army, have struck a snag in two general policies laid down by Secretary Baker.

These are, first, that no men of draft age be commissioned unless it is shown clearly that they are better fitted for the special work of which they are called than any civilian beyond the draft age whose services can be secured; second, that no function of the army that can be carried on efficiently by civilians shall be placed on a military footing by commissioning the men needed to supervise the work.

various staff departments of the army that have to do with the supply lines, transportation, construction and a hundred other non-combatant functions of the service is a difficult one. There have been numerous cases of young men of draft age who have obtained commissions in those services and therefore are exempt from the operations of the selective service law under which the fighting troops are being mobilized. It is the desire of Secretary Baker, apparently, to keep this element of the commissioned personnel of the army at a minimum, in justice to the great body of drafted men and to prevent any suggestion that men of draft age have found shelter in the commissioned grades of the non-combatant branches of the service.

JACK TAR LOSES LIFE TO SAVE HIS SCORPIONS

Washington.—Osmond Kelly Ingram, of Pratt City, Ala., the gunners' mate lost overboard when a German submarine attacked the American destroyer Cassin in the war zone on October 16, deliberately sacrificed his own life to reduce the risk to his messmates.

General Who Smashed the Hindenburg Line



Lieut. Gen. Sir Julian Byng, commander of the British Third Army in France, who has smashed a great gap through the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and the Scarpe.

STRATEGIC POINTS GAINED

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS
HAVE REINFORCED ITALIAN
LINES ALONG PIAVE.

Italians Have Held on to All Positions Since Drive Ended and in Some Places Have Pushed Enemy Back—Supplies Arrive.

Apparently the peril of the Italian troops guarding the Piave line and the hill country in northern Italy against the Teutonic allies is at an end. Large numbers of British and French reinforcements, infantry and artillery, at last have arrived upon the scene, after days of anxious waiting, in which the Italians have borne the brunt of terrific fighting on both fronts solely on their own shoulders and kept back the enemy from a further invasion of the Venetian plain.

Although faced everywhere by superior numbers of men and gun power, the Italians have valiantly defended every foot of ground in the hills and along the Piave, and in the former region in recent days actually have taken the offensive against the invaders and pushed them back from strategic points of vantage they had gained under terrific sacrifices in lives.

For eight days the allied reinforcements marched to the rescue, bringing along with them large numbers of guns and huge supply trains. All the troops are declared to be in fine fettle and eager to test their strength against the enemy.

At last accounts General Byng's British troops before Cambrai were holding in their entirety the Bourlon positions west of Cambrai.

WHERE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT



Map showing the Cambrai district in relation to the general battle line.

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