

Republicans Who Filibuster Are Flayed By the President

Important Measures Are Killed

FAILURE OF APPROPRIATION BILL TO PASS MAY BRING ABOUT THE RETURN OF RAILROADS TO OWNERS IN APRIL

SHERMAN IS LEADER IN KILLING MATTERS

But Republicans Reckoned Without the Mettle of Woodrow When They Sought to Force Him to Call Extra Session of Congress Soon.

CALL SESSION WHEN HE RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Filibuster Grew Out of Control, Even the Republican Leaders Being Unable to Stop It to Permit Passage of Favored Legislation.

Washington, March 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Congress adjourned at noon today in the midst of a Republican filibuster in the senate that killed a long list of important measures.

Among the bills that failed was one appropriating \$750,000,000 for the railroad administration, without which some administration leaders say, the railroads must be returned to their owners before the middle of April.

There was no turning back of clocks. Democratic leaders realized the situation was hopeless and the gavel ending the long great war session and the 65th Congress actually tapped at noon.

Just before adjournment President Wilson in his capitol office authorized final notice to the Republicans that their efforts to force an immediate extra session of Congress had failed; that he was unshaken in his determination not to call Congress until his work at the peace conference was done.

Adjournment marks the passing of Democratic control at the capitol. The Congress that passed a truce began in April, 1917, with the war declaration against Germany and its almost constant session has been marked by unprecedented legislation and controversy.

Big bills that failed include both the army and navy appropriation measures. Only two important measures to run the gauntlet of the last 48 hours of the filibuster were the Victory Liberty loan and the billion dollar wheat guarantee bill.

Congress went into the final hours of its long war session today with the Republican filibuster against general legislation completely out of control and with leaders of both sides conceding that the general deficiency bill with \$750,000,000 for the railroad administration would fall in the face of unrelenting obstruction by small Republican groups.

Some spokesmen of the administration said the failure of this measure necessarily would mean almost immediate return of the railroads to their owners because the government could not retain and finance them without the appropriation.

By the middle of April, it was said, the railroad administration's present funds would be exhausted and only an extra session before them could make it possible to continue government operation of railroads pending remedial legislation which all interests have urged.

MANY NOMINATIONS ARE HELD UP BY SENATE

Washington, March 4.—Inability to secure an executive session of the senate because of the Republican filibuster cause failure of scores of nominations, including those of A. Mitchell Palmer to be attorney general; Comptroller of the Currency Williams, Norman Hapgood to be American minister to Denmark, Brigadier General Robert E. Noble to be major general of the army medical corps, and of many federal judges, attorneys, postmasters and other officials. Recess nominations will be made.

Republicans that President Wilson could be forced to call the new Congress soon, but after a conference early today between the President and Democratic Leader Martin it was stated Mr. Wilson reiterated his determination to have no extra session before his return from France.

While the white house conference was in progress, Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican, was on the floor of the senate announcing that the speech he began at 7:30 this morning would be continued until adjournment if necessary to kill the deficiency measure.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican leader, and others who usually direct the movements on the Republican side of the house, were represented as desiring to see the railroad appropriation made but were unable to check the filibuster which originally started against the big general appropriations bills which have failed.

President Wilson arranged to go to the capitol at 11 o'clock to sign measures that might get through. He was prepared to go direct from his capitol office to the station to take the train for New York on his return to France.

Just before the President left the white house the statement of his final determination not to let the failure of important bills to change his decision against an early extra session was officially confirmed.

HARBOR WORKERS AGAIN ON A STRIKE

New York, March 4.—The strike of 16,000 boatmen of New York harbor halted last January at the cabled request of President Wilson was resumed at 6 a. m. today and at that hour shipping virtually was at a standstill according to statements by union officials.

The strike was ordered yesterday by the executive council of the maritime workers affiliation after a week of negotiations over the terms of the award made by the umpire for the war labor board. The strikers demand wage increases averaging 30 per cent and an 8-hour day.

Wants Hun Fleet Now.
Copenhagen, March 4.—Marshal Poch has demanded immediate delivery of the German mercantile fleet without regard as to question of food supplies, according to a dispatch from Weimar, where the German national assembly is in session.

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson today signed the wheat guarantee bill carrying an appropriation of \$1,000,000,000 to maintain the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel.

FEELS IT HIS DUTY TO RETURN TO PARIS

President Issues Formal Statement to the "Group of Men in the Senate Who Have Deliberately Chosen to Embarrass Railroad Lines"

HOPES THEY WILL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF IT

Passes Along the Suggestion That Those Who Prevented the Passage of Important Legislation Will Take Blame for Impaired Efficiency.

Washington, March 4.—Upon the adjournment of Congress today with important legislation killed by Republican senate filibuster, President Wilson issued a statement declaring "that a group of men in the senate have deliberately chosen to embarrass the administration of the government and to imperil the financial interest of the railroad systems of the country."

The President's statement follows:

"A group of men in the senate have deliberately chosen to embarrass the administration of the government; to imperil the financial interests of the railroad systems of the country and to make arbitrary use of powers intended to be employed in the interest of the people.

"It is plainly my present duty to attend the peace conference in Paris. It is also my duty to be in close contact with the public business during a session of Congress. I must take my choice between these two duties and I confidently hope the people of the country will think I am making the right choice. It is not in the interest of the right conduct of public affairs that I should call the Congress in special session while it is impossible for me to be in Washington, because of the more pressing duty elsewhere, to cooperate with the houses.

"I take it for granted that the men who have obstructed and prevented the passage of necessary legislation have taken all this into consideration and are willing to assume the responsibility of the impaired efficiency of the government and the embarrassed finances of the country during the time of my enforced absence."

Republican Leader Lodge declined to comment on the President's statement. He declared, however, that three-fourths of the Republicans sincerely deplored the failure of the railroad appropriation. The few Republicans who insisted upon filibustering to defeat the bill, it was said, were "beyond control," telling the leaders that their action was personal and not a party affair.

Governors At It.
Washington, March 4.—A clash between Governor Edge of New Jersey and Governor Cox of Ohio developed today at the conference of mayors and governors after an attack by Governor Edge on the government's policy of "trying to do too much for the people." Governor Cox said the government was not doing enough.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF DEM'S ORGANIZATION



HOMER S. CUMMINGS.
This is a snapshot of the new Democratic national chairman taken just after he was made commander of his party's campaign organization. It is his latest picture.

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THE LOCAL CHAMBER IS NOW VERY ACTIVE

Last Steps Towards Launching Chamber of Commerce on Its Active Career Taken at Meeting Saturday Night.

A quorum of the directors of the chamber of commerce met in called session on Saturday night at the Commercial club. The meeting was called to order by President Farris, after which Secretary Massey brought various matters to the attention of the directors. He was authorized to proceed with the fitting of the office, employment of necessary assistants, and other preliminary steps.

Having disposed of these important business matters, the meeting resolved itself into one for discussing the general welfare of High Point. No star-gazing or air-castle-building was indulged in, but the directors, having turned their attention to the possibilities of High Point, soon became enthusiastic over its future. While many of the plans discussed were adopted tentatively, it is believed that when they are brought before the body as a whole they will receive its cordial endorsement.

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CONGRESS ADJOURNS AFTER RECORD TERM

With a Final Tap of the Gavel of Speaker Clark and Vice President Marshall the Stupendous Session of Congress Adjourns.

ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENT FEATURE OF THE SESSION

President Woodrow Wilson During Past Session Many Times Came Before the Legislative Body Urging That Certain Actions Be Taken.

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 convening immediately after the second return of President Wilson from France for reconstruction legislation of the new Congress in extraordinary session, in which control passes from the democratic party to the republicans.

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SAMUEL PUGH BENNER, LOCAL AGENT OF EXPRESS COMPANY, CHARGED WITH BIGAMY---FORMER WIFE FILES CHARGE

Samuel Pugh Benner, agent of the Southern Express company here, is today under bond of \$1,500 to insure his appearance in municipal court Wednesday morning to answer to a charge of bigamy. The charge is preferred by Mrs. C. Bonner, who claims to be his wife, and her daughter, claiming him as her father, Mrs. H. B. Buck, both of Philadelphia.

Mr. Benner was arrested late Monday by local police authorities who named the bond, given by J. D. Taylor, father of the present Mrs. Benner and the one who has been living here with the express company's representative.

Mr. Benner, an intelligent appearing woman, and her daughter arrived in the city yesterday. The agent is said to have admitted that he married her years ago but that he had secured a divorce and was legally entitled and permitted to wed his present wife.