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## THE SIXTY FOURTH CONGRESS HAS NOW PASSED INTO HISTORY

### SENATE FILIBUSTER CLOSES CONGRESS

REPUBLICANS MAKE A PITIFUL RECORD AT THE END OF THE GREAT WAR CONGRESS BY BLOCKING LEGISLATION

#### WILSON RAPS "GROUP OF SENATORS"

Washington, March 4.—Congress adjourned at noon 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 railroad administration, with which same administration leaders say, the railroads must be returned to their owners before the middle of April.

Just before adjournment the president authorized a final notice to the republicans that their efforts for an immediate extra session had failed; that he was unshaken in his determination not to call congress into session until his work was done at the peace conference.

The big bills which failed to pass included both army and navy appropriation measures.

Washington, March 4.—Upon the adjournment of congress 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 interests of the railway systems of the country."

Washington, March 4.—Republicans in the senate today continued a general filibuster which had continued throughout all of last night.

In the house Chairman Flood, of the foreign affairs committee, finally succeeded in bringing up a resolution requesting the American peace delegates to urge the freedom of Ireland.

Crowded galleries followed the proceedings in both houses until after midnight and several hundred spectators were in the seats this morning.

The general deficiency bill was the measure against which the filibuster was aimed, but republican leaders admitted it would pass finally as their purpose was to prevent action on other legislation.

LaFollette spoke several hours beginning at one o'clock.

The all night session in the house was enlivened by hot exchanges between Flood, of Virginia and Walsh, of Massachusetts, that threatened a personal encounter.

Flood interrupted Walsh while the latter was reading a report on the investigation of the National Security League. Flood making a point of order that Walsh had digressed from the report and was making a speech; Walsh retorted that if Flood said he was making a speech he told something that was false. Flood

rushed across the chamber but was stopped by the doorkeeper and several members. After order was restored Walsh apologized.

Washington, March 4.—The house early today adopted a resolution expressing the hope that the peace conference will "favorably consider the claims of Ireland to her right of self determination."

The resolution goes to the senate where it is considered improbable that any action will be taken before adjournment.

Washington, March 4.—The 64 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 early convening for reconstruction legislation of the new Congress in extraordinary session, in which control passes from the democratic party to the republicans.

Unusual scenes of confusion in the final rush to complete its work accompanied the closing hours of Congress, in which President Wilson, just back from France in his room off the Senate chamber, hastily signed many last-moment measures.

Stupendous was the record of the Congress, which carried the nation into and through the war and which had been in almost continuous session since it was called by President Wilson into extraordinary session April 2, 1917, to declare war against Germany. It appropriated about \$60,000,000,000, authorized \$25,000,000,000 in bonds, and enacted countless measures for prosecuting the war and of domestic import. The new congress will take up the limitless task of reconstruction plans, ratification of peace treaty and other vital questions, probably immediately after the return of President Wilson from his second visit to France.

Substantial democratic majorities in both Senate and House since President Wilson's inauguration six years ago now have passed. In the new Congress, the Senate will have 49 republicans and 47 democrats and the House 238 republicans and 193 democrats, 1 socialist, 2 independents and one prohibitionist.

Many veterans in both houses retired with today's adjournment. In the Senate these included Senators Saulsbury, of Del., president pro tempore; Lewis, of Ill., democratic whip; Shaforth of Colorado; Thompson of Kansas; Hardwick of Georgia; Hollis of New Hampshire; and Vandaman of Mississippi; Goff of West Virginia, Smith of Michigan and Weeks of Massa-

### REDS DESIRE GENERAL STRIKE

By Associated Press  
Berlin, March 4.—The National Spartacus League and the Greater Berlin Communist Organization issued an appeal for an immediate general strike and the overthrow of the National Assembly of the present republic.

### WILSON REFUSES EXTRA SESSION

By Associated Press  
Washington, March 4.—President Wilson, during a discussion of the legislative situation with democratic leader Martin today, is said to have reiterated his determination not to call an extra session of congress before his return from France.

### COUNTER TROOPS MARCH ON CITY

By Associated Press  
Paris, March 4.—Bavarian soldiers opposed to the radical Munich government are marching on the city, according to Zurich dispatches.

### BRIBE RUMORS "EXAGGERATED"

By Associated Press  
Washington, March 4.—The executive officer of the Great Lakes naval station reported to Secretary Daniels today that the printed reports regarding arrests there are "sensational and grossly exaggerated."

Investigation indicated that only a few enlisted men were involved and that they evidently accepted money under false pretense as so far no evidence has been found of any man being discharged as a result of bribes.

But what a dear little sweet little tractable ward Turkey would be!

chusetts. Among prominent representatives whose service ended were Miss Jeannette Ranklin of Montana, the first woman elected to the House; Meyer London of New York; Socialist; Swager Shelley of Kentucky, chairman of the appropriations committee; Hayes, California; Keating, Colorado, Powers of Kentucky, oster, Illinois, Cox, Barnhart and Dixon of Indiana; Miller, Minnesota; Borland, Missouri; Parker, New Jersey, Gordon, Ohio, Farr, Pennsylvania; O'Shaunessy, Rhode Island Slayden, Gregg and Dies, Texas, and Cooper and Stafford of Wisconsin.

New members of the next congress include Senators-elect Harrison, Mississippi; Harris, Georgia; Stanley, Kentucky; Capper, Kansas, Edge, New Jersey, Elkins, West Virginia, McCormick, Illinois, Newberry, Michigan and Walsh, Massachusetts.

### LAST FEW DAYS OF LEGISLATURE

By Maxwell Gorman  
Raleigh, March 4.—With adjournment sine die in sight the Legislature is doing more and better work during the closing days of the session. The sixty days "with pay" expire on the tenth instant and after next Monday or Tuesday the point of "no quorum" will be sustained in either branch, if made; for the average legislator for many years has declined to linger in these parts after pay-day ceases to function.

For this there is no room for criticism—not in these days of the high cost of living. The wonder is that those without ample private means (and those with plenty but not disposed to use any of it in patriotic endeavor) have managed to make ends meet when the expenses for the 60 days call for settlement with only \$4 per day income to pay out with.

If Senator A. Brown's efforts to secure a constitutional convention next year (passed by the Senate) do not slip a cog in the House, the way will be opened to provide better pay for our law makers and thus open the door to some men needed for the work but who now "can't afford it."

The headway made toward securing a "just and uniform" rate and assessment of taxation of property in N. C. (much of which, real estate especially, is admittedly not assessed at even half or one third of its true value) is one of the most robust developments of the week. Under an honest and fair assessment (obtainable only through the elimination of some of the local "assessors" every community is familiar with,) the rate can be reduced by the true valuation being put on the tax books, instead of a fraction of its value, as is now the case. Idle land should be taxed so as to force its owner either to improve it or put it on the market.

At this writing it appears to be doubtful whether either of the child labor bills will be enacted by the Legislature and if no such law materializes the new Federal law on the subject will operate to provide factory inspection, etc. in this state by the U. S. agents.

It is also apparent that the House will refuse or fail to pass the Senate bill giving women "municipal suffrage" and in that event there will have been no woman suffrage legislation at all by the House at the final session. The women acted unwisely in not accepting what they could probably have secured—the right to vote in party primaries, where they could have made themselves a potent factor in naming candidates for public office.

Good roads legislation will be the most important work yet to be performed by the law makers. The differences among members as to whether bonds shall be issued will be threshed out before final action on the subject. The Stacy bill passed by the Senate and which provides for the bond issue to meet the conditions of the federal aid, should commend itself to the House and this is the

### GREAT MEETING HELD IN HALIFAX

LEADERS DELIBERATE ON THE COTTON SITUATION AND THEY ARE PLANNING TO MAKE DEFINATE PLANS

#### CAMPAIGN MARCH THE 15TH

### HOME NURSING COURSE OFFERED

By Associated Press

Ladies who are interested in Home Nursing and Elementary Hygiene should attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the Red Cross rooms as the advisability of organizing a class in this study will be discussed. It won't cost much and will be of inestimable value to the people of this community.

It is the purpose of the leaders of the local Red Cross chapter to obtain a registered nurse as instructor. The course will take about two weeks.

### SMALL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

By Associated Press

Washington, March 4.—Four lists of casualties were issued today by the War Department giving the names of four hundred and four men, of which North Carolina is represented with nine men, as follows:

Private William A. Varner, of Greensboro died of disease.

Corporal William Mathews, of Lillington was wounded to a degree undetermined.

Privates Robert Lindley, of Snow Camp; Lowland Pierce, of Hallsboro; William H. Somers, of Wilkesboro and Jesse E. Van Dyke, of Cherryville were wounded slightly.

Sergeant William Parker, of Lexington; Corporal Harvey L. Cranfell, of Winston Salem and Privates William Ring, of Mount Airy and Clyde Tesh, of Thomasville were wounded to a degree undetermined.

On account of her services as a surgeon in the Civil War, congress passed a bill permitting the late Dr. Mary Walker to dress in male attire.

measure which probably will be enacted.

Another unfinished proposition which both branches of the Legislature must dispose of in the eleventh hour is that of issuing bonds to the amount of some two million dollars for the purpose of making needed permanent improvements at some of the state institutions, and "for other purposes." An extra session next year to fix the state tax rate seems to be a foregone conclusion.

Halifax county has awoke to the necessity of prompt and immediate action with reference to planting cotton for the coming crop, as evidenced by the great and very enthusiastic meeting held yesterday in Halifax wherein definite plans were arranged by the Executive Committee and the township chairmen of the Halifax Branch of the North Carolina Cotton Association.

It was decided that a house to house canvass be made to secure the pledge of every farmer in the entire county who grows cotton.

The chairmen in each of the townships will have descretionary power, but it was determined that rallies be held in each township, with speakers and an energetic committee to conduct the intensive drive for pledges, on Saturday, March 15, and that all business men, professional men and bankers throughout the country be requested to close their places of business from 3:30 to 4:30 on that day to assist in getting the signatures of every farmer in the county.

The rallying cry for Halifax county is to be "every farmer signs the pledge and not a slacker in the county." This is quite a feat, but the men who have the good of the county at heart are determined to save old Halifax county from poverty and want and are ready to enforce a curtailment now rather than let matters drift along until too late and the damage is unremediable.

Several merchants lawyers and bankers were present at the meeting yesterday in Halifax and agreed to give their hearty support and co-operation in securing the pledges from their farmer friends.

The meeting for Scotland Neck and Rosemeath townships will be held in Scotland Neck on Saturday, March 15 and every farmer within that territory is expected to be here on that day.

### REBELS OPPOSE ALLIED FORCES

By Associated Press

Archangel, March 4.—The Bolsheviks continue to press an offensive against the allied and American troops south of Archangel.

The allies evacuated the village of Vevisievkawa, according to a report received here.

#### COTTON MARKET

Today being a holiday in the north the Cotton Exchange was closed.