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# **ADMINISTRATION** BILLS TAKE SHAPE

DEFENSE BUDGET TOTALING \$800,000,000 IS NOW GETTING ATTENTION.

Naval Bill is Ready With a Total of \$351,000,000.-Army Bill Will Be Reported Next Week .- Third Element on Program.

Washington.-The Administration's \$800,000,000 defense budget began to entrance into Mexico of 12,000 Amertake final shape in Congress when the ican soldiers as a result of the Villa House passed the fortifications bill massacre of 17 Americans at Columcarrying a total of more than \$51,000,- bus, N. M., on March 9, 1916, was writ-000 for coast defenses, and the House ten with official announcement by the Naval Committee completed its 1918 War Department that General Pershnaval appropriation bill with a total ing had been ordered, and actually of more than \$351,000,000.

The Army appropriation bill, the to the United States, third element of the program, still is | Secretary Baker issued the followin the House Military Committee, ing announcement: which is expected to complete it next week. Estimates for the Army reach to bring his troops cut of Mexico. The a total of more than \$369,000,000, ex- movement is to be an immediate one, clusive of numerous deficiency meas- and probably is already under way. ures resulting from the border mob- Later advices to the department said ilization and the rising cost of war that the troops already had begun the

pending is the universal military had been concentrating during the tarining bill before a Senate sub-com- past few weeks. The last American mittee which will conclude its hear- soldier is expected to recross the boring this week, when Major Generals | der in about a week." Scott and Wood are to be recalled for cross-examination

of the remaining portion of the threeyear program approved last year.

# PREESIDENT WILSON VETOES

Literacy Test Provision is Reason SENATORS WORK OVERTIME Assigned.

Washington.-President Wilson vetoed the immigration bill passed recently by Congress, because of its literacy test provision.

It was the second time that, President Wilson had vetoed an immigration bill because of the literacy test and for the same reason similar measures were given vetoes by Presidents Taft and Cleveland.

The President's veto message to ginning Thursday, February 1. the House, in which the bill originated. follows:

"I very much regret to return this bill without my signature.

"In most of the provisions of the hill I should be very glad to concur, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that the literary test constiof the Nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of charness, but would operate in most cases | predict. merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which aliens seeking admission came. The opportunities sought by the immiand our experiences in the past has Tests of quality and of purpose cantests of opportunity surely may be."

### BIG FIRE AT BOSTON WITH \$350,000 LOSS.

Boston.-Engines from residential districts were called in to assist the downtown firemen in their hardest fight in many months, the fire destroying a five story brick building at Chauncey street and Exeter Place. The loss was estimated at \$350,000, of which about two-thirds fell on the occupants, Thomas Kelley & Co., blanket manufacturers.

## REPORT CONFIRMED THAT VILA OCCUPIES EL VALLE.

Juarez, Mexico.-Confirmation of the occupation of El Valle by Villa forces was received here from Casas Grandes. It was said the Villa troops moved up from Namiquipa, where they had been awaiting the departure of the American punitive expedition before occupying the town. Villa followers also were reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Santa Sofia, on the Mexico Northwestern Railroad.

# PERSHING'S TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING

FINAL CHAPTER IN THE OCCUPA-AION OF MEXICO BEING WRITTEN.

# BIG FORTIFICATION BUDGET BAKER ISSUES STATEMENT

Border Militia Question and Sending of Fletcher to Mexico Capital Now Hold Interest.-Villa and Carranza Are Busy.

Washington.-The final act in the had started to bring his troops back

"General Pershing has been ordered evacuation of Colonia Dublan, 110 The only other military legislation miles from the border, where they

No official information is at hand as to whether Villa or Carranza troops The navy bill carries a total of will occupy the territory left vacant \$351,453,245 as against \$313,000,000 by the Americans, but the belief is last year. It provides for the con- strong here that the bandit, who is struction of three 42,000-ton battle- credited with, at least, 8,000 well-armships at a total cost of \$28,178,592 ed men who is now, at least, four each; one battle-cruiser at a cost of times as strong as when the American \$26,694,496; three scout cruisers at troops went across the border, will \$6,746,145 each; 15 destroyers at \$1, make a desperate effort to take the 748,612 each; one destroyer tender at territory, particularly for its moral \$2,808,000; one submarine tender at effect. The two other phases of the \$2,199,400 and eighteen 800-ton type Mexican problem on which interest submarines at \$1,434,093 each. The centers now, are the disposition of the program is that recommended by the more than 50,000 militia still on the Department and represents one-half border, and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to his post at Mexico City. Officials say no decision has been reached in either of these questions, but that both are dependent on THE IMMIGRATION BILL. the turn of events in Mexico.

# TO CLEAN UP MUCH WORK.

Less Than Thirty Days to Solve Conjested Legislation.

working days remaining in the life of retroactive effect, says Secretary Lan- facto troops reached Jimenez, Chihuathe Sixty-Fourth Congress, the Demo- | sing's communication, it would impair | hua, early in the day from Torreon, cratic Steering Committee of the Sen- contracts of many foreign corporations en route to Chihuahua City to police ate decided to hold daily sessions of now operating under agreements pro- western Chihuahua after the evacuathe Senate from 11 o'clock in the viding periods of exemption by the morning until 10 o'clock at night, be-

Overtime exertions were determined the expulsion of obnoxious foreigners, upon as the first move in an effort to objection is made because the prosolve the congested legislation situa- posed article permits the executive to tion, the decision being to drive away expel anyone, without recourse to apas hard and fast as possible on es- peal, whose presence is deemed inadsential appropriations and the revenue visable by him. The letter states that bill, and to undertake the big general this is not in accord with the usual Committee Again Defeats Effort to Administration measures one by one practice of nations that cause be tutes a radical change in the policy as time permits. Whether any of the clearly shown. Administration bills over which there is so much dispute could be passed. acter, of quality, or of personal fit- none of the Democratic leaders would

The general understanding is that the railroad labor bills will be consid- With Germans Having the Advantage ered as soon as the India appropriation bill is out of the way, provided grant in coming to the United States | the Interstate Commerce Committee does not ultimately decide to await not been that the illiterate immigrant action on this matter is he House. In marsh, southwest of Riga, continues is as such an undesirable immigrant. view of the fact that Representative unabated. Further progress for the Admason is preparing to rush a sep- Germans along both sides of the As not be objected to on principle but arate bill on the subject through the River is reported by Berlin, which the negative. decide to wait. In that case, the cor- about six miles and the capture of committee turned down this provisrupt proctice bill or the mineral land- Russian fort positions together with ion seven to three. A further effort

## BIG BRITISH CRUISER

London.—The British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic of 14,892 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine os as a re- in the various other theaters consult of striking a mine, according to tinues to be carried out mainly by prevent obstructions to interstate an official statement issued by the the artillery and small reconncitering commerce without actually forbidding British Admiralty. Twelve officers and raiding parties. In Rumania, the a strike. and 109 men were saved.

## PITTSBURGH SUFFERS LOSS OF MILLIONS IN BIG BLAZE.

and Sedar Department Store, the reached considerable proportions at consideration. The brotherhood lead-Grand Opera House, the Hilton Clothsmaller buildings with a loss estimated firemen were seriously hurt and a doz- requisition such foreign securities mittee and provide for a permane en or more so badly injured that they held in Great Britain, as may be re- investigating commission compo were removed to hospital. Frozen quired to strengthen the country's partly of employees and e hydrants handicapped the firemen.

## BLAME THE WAR



SOMMUNICATION REGARDS CER-TAIN PROVISIONS PROPOSED IN NEW CONSTITUTION.

Objects Because Chief Executive May Expel Anyone Without Recourse to Appeal.-Not in Accord With Other

Mexico City.-Secretary of State Lansing has sent to General Carranza, through Charles B. Parker, American Charge d'Affairs here, a communicawhich it had been proposed to include communication calls attention to articles vesting the Executive with pow- rear of the expeditionary column. are formed, and placing the power to quarters camp. determine what area is necessary in the hands of the Executive.

The communication says that if the latter provision were made retroactive, it might be confiscatory as no provision is made for compensation.

Attention is called to the article providing that there be no exemption Washington.-With less than 30 from taxation. If this were given a federal or state governments.

Regarding article 33, dealing with

### FIGHTING UNABATED IN MARSHES NORTH OF RIGA.

-Cold Weather Halts Operations in Rumania.

The big battle between the Germans and Russians over the frozen Tirul House, the Senate committee may claims an advance over a front of leasing measure may be given a try- 14 officers and 1,714 men and 13 ma- may be made to win the committee's chine guns.

the river, the Russians have had to on the floor of the Senate. MINED OR TORPEDOED. fall back a third of a mile, but says the attacks by the Germans on the marsh we e repulsed.

extermely cold weather has virtually moment.

financial position.

# ANSING SENDS PROTEST NEW BASE FOR TROOPS

OJA FEDERICO, EIGHTY MILES

NORTH OF COLONIA DUBLAN

IN CHIHUAHUA. Column Will Enlarge at Columbus .-

-De Facto Troops Occupy Evucated Territory.-El Valle is Permanently Abandoned as Outpost.

El Paso, Texas.-Ojo Federico, 80 miles north of Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, will be the temporary field headquarters of the American puni-American troops, Major General the border at Columbus, N. M., in the is pending in the House. er to expropriate property without General Pershing has perfected his was not along party lines.

judicial recourse, and also the article plans for moving the headquarters providing that civil commercial com- equipment to Ojo Federico at once PUBLISHING BUSINESS IS panies cannot own properties of a and it was considered probable that greater area than is necessary to ac- he had already sent advance detachcomplish the purpose for which they ments there to establish the head-El Valle (San Buena Ventura) has

permanently abandoned as an outpost of the American expedition at dawn when the Fifth United States Cavalry, at a conference here voted to appo which had been acting as a rear guard for this preliminary withdrawal movement started northward.

Juarez, Mexico.-Two thousand de tion of the American punitive expedition, an official message from Jimenez stated. These troops were sent north following the receipt of orders from General Obregon, Minister of War.

### PROVISION TO FORBID STRIKES STRICKEN OUT BY SENATE.

Incorporate Suggestion By

Washington .- For the second time since it began consideration of railroad legislation to supplement the Adamson law, the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee declined to approve a provision suggested by President Wilson forbidding a strike or lockout pending investigation of a labor controversy.

The vote was ten to five, with three Democrats, Senators Underwod, Smith, of South Carolina, and Thompson, voting with the Republicans in

On the first vote 10 days ago, the approval, and if this is unsuccessful, Petrograd admits the southeast of a fight will be made for the provision

Chairman Newlands said the committee was still at work on an investigation bill with this feature elimi-Aside from this battle, the fighting nated, and was confident that approval would be given a measure that would

The action of the committee came put an end to the operations for the shortly after representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods informed Lively fighting has taken place on President Wilson that they desired to the famous Dead Man Hill, in the Ver- suggest changes to the bills now pend-Pittsburgh, Pa.-Fire which swept dun region of France, but no details ing. The President asked that the through a section of the retail busi- of it have been made public. Recip- suggestions be submitted in writing, ness district here destroyed the Frank rocal artillery duels. which have and promised to give them careful several points, are being fought from ers declined to make public their proing Company and a dozen or more the Swiss frontier to the North Sea. posals at this time, but it is under-The British Treasury, under the de- stood they follow the lines indicated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Four fense of the Realm act, will shortly in hearings before the House Com-

without any strike prohibiti

# RIVERS - HARBORS BILL PASSES HOUSE

CARRIES AN APPROPRIATION OF \$38,000,000, OF WHICH \$10,000,-000 IS NEW WORK.

## PARTY LINES NOT DRAWN

President Wilson's Approval Expressed as to Existing Projects Concerned.-Vote Was 221 to 131.-Bill Now Goes to Senate.

Washington.-The annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carryirg \$38,000,000, including more than \$10,000,000 for new projects was passed by the House by a vote of 221 to 131. It now goes to the Senate.

The House increased the appropriation for Norfolk harbor from \$270,-000 to \$360,000 and retained as a continuing project \$1,425,000 for deepening the channels leading to the harbor at Tampa, Fla., to 27 feet, \$300,000 of the amount being made available in this bill.

The President, although opposing the proposed public buildings bill now awaiting action in the Senate, has expressed his approval of the river and harbors measure in so far as appropriations for existing projects is concerned.

The House struck out a provision to create a commission of Cabinet officers and members of the Senate and House committees to investigate river and harbor improvements, drainag), reclamation, irrigation and flood control problems, with a view to recommending to Congress next December plans for co-ordinating all such tive expedition during the withdrawal activities. This plan, favored by the tion in regard to certain provisions operations. After retirement of the President, was eliminated on a point of order after a lively parliamentary in the new Mexican constitution. The Pershing and his staff will proceed to fight, but another flood control bill

The vote by which the bill passed

IN HAZARDOUS POSITION DUE TO COST OF PAPER.

Declare Publishers, Who Say Remedy Must Be Found at Once.

Chicago. - Newspaper publisher and news print paper manufactur committees to meet immediately a delivery to Congress this week of Federal Trade Commission's report the print paper situation to see knowledge gained from the repo points the way to an adjustment the paper problem.

Publishers, representing the Ame ican Newspaper Publishers' Assoc tion, agreed that the present high price of paper has placed the newspaper publishing business in a position so hazardous and menacing that a remedy must be found without delay. On the other hand, representatives of the Print Paper Manufacturers' Association asserted that the increased cost of production justified present prices.

Many of the publishers favored an agreement by both sides to abide by any price the Federal Trade Commission may set. This would have to be a gentlemen's agreement, as the commission has power only to inevstimission has power only to investigate.

Those active in the meeting included for the publishers Frank P. Glass, of Birmingham, chairman of the print paper committee of the Publishers' Asociation; E. B. Stahlman, Nashville, and Victor Lawson, of Chicago. Prominent manufacturers present were P. T. Dodge, president of the International Paper Company; Alexander Smith, managing director of the Abitibi (Canada) Paper Company, and J. A. Bothwell and F. A.

### COMMITTEE APPROVES FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.

Sabbattan, Canadian manufacturers.

Washington .- An amendment to the Federal reserve act proposed by the reserve board to make immediately effective the provision requiring all reserves of member banks to be kept in Federal reserve banks, was approved by the House Banking and Currency Committee.

### MODERN ATTIRE OF WOMEN IS DECRIED BY SOCIETY.

Wilmington, N. C .- The North Card lina Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Ch. adopted resol modest att

# MORE N. C. LAND FOR FOREST RESERVE

LARGEST SINGLE PURCHASE WAS TRACT OF 8,000 ACRES ON MT. MITCHELL.

## SOME IN OTHER COUNTIES

Small Purchases in Burke, Caldwell, Henderson, Macon, Buncombe and Jackson Counties.

Washington.-Enlargement of the National Forest Reserves by 23,700 acres acquired through purchases in the Southern Appalachian and White Mountain was announced by the reservation commission. It brings the total added to the public forests in the East and South under the Weeks law up to 1,373,131 acres.

The largest single purchase among those announced was a tract of 8,000 acres on Mount Mitchell, N. C. In the White Mountains of New Hampshire, 4,500 acres were purchased, and the other tracts, scattered through North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennsee, follow:

In Burke and Caldwell counties, North Carolina, on the Boone National Forest, 4,300 acres. On the Natural Bridge National Forest in Amherst. Bedford and Botetourt counties, Virginia, 12 tracts, comprising 3,135. In Buncombe, Henderson, Macon and Jackson counties, North Carolina, 722 acres; in Union, Fannin, Lumpkin and Rabun counties, Georgia, 744 acres; in Shenandoah county, Virginia, 741 acres and 320 acres in Polk county, Tennessee.

RALEIGH MAN AGAIN ELECTED SECRETARY.



DANIEL T. GRAY.

New Orleans -- Daniel T. Gray of Raleigh was re-elected secretary of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers at the concluding session. W. R. Dodson of Louisiana was elected president and Montgomery was selected as the 1913 meeting

Announces Muster-Out Stations. San Antonio, Texas.-General Funston announced the mustering out stations to which the National Guardsmen designated in a recent war department order to be relieved of border duty, will be sent. The list in-

First North Carolina Infantry ordered to Asheville and from there to be distributed as follows:

Field and staff headquarters company, supply company and G company to Shelby; machine gun company and D company to Charlotte; sanitary detachment, Rutherfordton; A company, Hickory; B company, Gastonia, C company, Winston-Salem; E company, Statesville; F and K companies, Asheville; H company, Waynesville; I company, Mount Airy; L company. Concord; M company. High Point.

Negro Gets Bickett's First Pardon. Raleigh - Governor Bickett has granted his first pardon. It is for Nathaniel Bost, of Catawba county, a 3-year-old negro. who has served ace last July on a 12-months senence for larceny. The county health ers report that the negro is sick his trouble is such that his handicapped by confinefixed diet necessary in idge Lane and the ficials of Hickory