

RECESS OF CONGRESS GIVEN TO PREPARATION OF MANY MEASURES

Arrangement of Committees
Occupies Important Place
in Tasks Before Na-
tion's Solons

GALLINGER SEES WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The preliminary over, Congress is reconvening today and tomorrow to pull itself together for real business. The two days of the recess are being filled with the preparation of drafts of measures suggested by the President in his message yesterday and in the numerous arrangements of the various committees in both houses which are to handle these measures after their introduction.

President Wilson today was informed that Senate Republicans would not fight his preparedness program if it were kept out of caucus. Senator Gallinger, one of the two Republican leaders whom the President had asked for a conference, talked with him for nearly half an hour, Friday promises to be a big day in both wings of the Capitol. It is not yet a certainty that the preparedness bills advocated by the Administration will be ready for introduction when Congress reconvenes, but much interest centers about the battle which Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, promises to open against the British blockade of neutral ports in northern Europe. Smith has prepared a lengthy speech reviewing the British policy toward American commerce since the outbreak of the war and warning England, in substance, that the United States will resort to the most vigorous retaliation measures to maintain its rights upon the seas against British interference.

The Senate committee assignments are to be announced Thursday. It is understood that Oscar Underwood, ex-majority leader in the House, has declined a place on the Senate Finance Committee, and that his most important assignment will be on the Appropriations Committee.

Keen competition for the few Republican vacancies on the 12 big committees of the House may prevent committee assignments being announced this week. Minority Leader Mann is making every effort to finish the assignments, so that the business of the House may proceed.

ROOSEVELT ASSAILS WILSON'S MESSAGE

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eloution and Mr. Wilson's action are in flat contradiction. His eloquence is that of a Byzantine Logothetes—and Byzantine Logothetes were not men of action.

"President Wilson says that we have been put to the test in the case of Mexico and have supported a 'heroic' war. Of all possible adjectives that could be found in the English language by the most minute search on the part of the most subtle dialectician, it would not be possible to find one more inappropriate to the Administration's course in Mexico than the adjective 'heroic.' The President has eaten his words and recognized Carranza.

PREPAREDNESS.

"President Wilson advocates as necessary certain propositions for putting this country in a state of preparedness. I cannot say that Mr. Wilson's propositions were hysterical and improper. I am glad that he has changed his mind.

"The proposal to purchase ships by the National Government is a proposal to prevent private business undertaking the permanent revival of the American shipping trade.

"The President fails to make a single constructive recommendation as regards industry. The most noteworthy part of the message is that which says the gravest threats against our national safety come from citizens of the United States born under other flags. In this he is correct.

"He states that we are without adequate laws to deal with the situation. If President Wilson has not adequate power, he should tell us exactly what he wishes in order to get the adequate power.

"As a matter of fact, Mr. Wilson is himself responsible for most of the conditions of which he complains. He has met a policy of blood and iron with a policy of milk and water."

LONDON NEWSPAPERS RAP WILSON'S MESSAGE

LONDON, Dec. 8.—British newspapers attack President Wilson's message in their editorial columns today.

"We cannot say that Mr. Wilson's theory of morals will increase the respect of the outer world for the official attitude of the White House," says the Fall Mail Gazette. "The educated better classes of America will be unable to imitate the equanimity with which President Wilson contemplates Germany's career of treachery and torture."

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SUNDAY'S PUBLIC LEDGER

WHEN MRS. GALT ARRIVED IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY



Briggs, in New York Tribune.

NATION'S NEWSPAPERS COMMENT FAVORABLY

Comments of newspapers in New York and other cities on the President's message to Congress follow

NEW YORK STARS-HERALD.
The President demands new laws so as to apply them in these mysterious cases, so that suspicion, insinuations and denunciations may be given the character of evidence for convictions. And that is a presidential message to Congress! A document more shameful than this is not recorded in the annals of American history.

NEW YORK TIMES

Continuing and continuing the traditions of a century, the President's address to Congress reflects his and the people's vision of the great destiny of the nation and embodies him and their sense of the duty to erect safeguards against perils without and within. No message or address to Congress since that memorable utterance in which President Monroe proclaimed the doctrine which President Cleveland three-quarters of a century later declared to be "applicable to every stage of our national existence" has been exclusively devoted to the great problem of the growth with peace, with safety and with honor. Within the scope of the President's vision lie not merely the immediate and pressing questions of the day, but those of coming and far off years.

NEW YORK WORLD

No other part of that address was so momentous as those paragraphs in which the President asserted that "the gravest threats against our peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders." To deal with this issue of sedition is the beginning of national defense. Neither armies nor navies can offer security to a nation if its own population is honeycombed with disloyalty, and if allegiance to the Constitution is a lying and fraudulent allegiance.

NEW YORK SUN

Even with the new light that has come to his discerning vision, even with the consciousness of an approaching presidential election in which an obstinate resistance to the will of the people would mean certain political disaster, it cannot have been an easy thing for Mr. Wilson to have written the admirable paragraphs urging provision for a more adequate defense. Let the great credit that is his just due for this manly retraction be awarded to the President.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE

The new Wilson message holds out little light to Congress or the country. The President is a follower, not a leader in the matter of military preparation. Congress should take up the task where he has left it, and try to rise to the full height of a great duty—that of adequately forwarding the

United States against the political after effects of the European war.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

No mention is made of modifications of the laws affecting business, except a cryptic paragraph respecting the railroads. It is a pity that Mr. Wilson with his great command of felicitous expression does not permit himself plain speech at this point.

DETROIT FREE PRESS

President Wilson sees the light. The issue on preparedness for the United States against the appalling evils of war was never before so acute as it is now, when the fearful results of unpreparedness are vividly impressed upon the consciousness of the American people. It will be the solemn and patriotic duty of the 64th Congress to make sure that our country shall not be exposed to the devastation which alien conquerors have inflicted upon Belgium and Serbia and Poland.

TWO HURT IN COLLISION

Mother and Child Injured When Auto Strikes Wagon

An automobile belonging to S. F. T. Brook, of Sansuchanna road, Abington, and driven by his chauffeur, Robert Hanna, crashed into the rear of a wagon driven by Hugh Frankensfeld, of Willow Grove, yesterday.

Mrs. Hanna, who, with her 2-year-old son, was in the rear seat, are in the Abington Hospital, the woman with a fractured arm and the child suffering from cuts and bruises. Their condition is not serious. The driver of the car and the wagon escaped injury.

UNDERWOOD TO OFFER RAILROAD RATE BILL

Alabama Senator Believes Interstate Commission Should Have Power to Regulate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Doubt as to what purpose President Wilson intended to indicate by his reference in his annual message to railroad legislation was somewhat cleared by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, today following a talk with the President. Underwood is understood to have suggested the portion of the message dealing with railroads.

Underwood intimated he would present a bill calling for a commission to make a thorough investigation of all railroads and learn just what is to be done for

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VANDERLIP IN STEEL MERGER

Control of Cambria and Repligle Syndicate Shares Will Be Vested in Financier's Hands, Says Report

Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, is reported to be the person in whom control of upwards of \$50,000 shares of Cambria Steel Company and 30,000 shares of the Repligle syndicate will be vested before the end of the week as the first move in the formation of a huge steel merger.

The persistency of the rumors relative to the new combine has given them weight in financial circles and brisk sales of Cambria Steel on the Philadelphia Exchange.

'BIG NAVY MAN,' 'LITTLE NAVY' MAN'S SON, HEARS MESSAGE

Four-Year-Old Walter Hensley, Jr., Sits on Pa's Knee

By a Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Walter Hensley, Jr., is a "big navy" man, even his father is recognized as the leader of the "little navy" men in the House. Young Walter sat on his father's

lap and listened to President Wilson read his message, advocating material increases in the army and navy yesterday. When the President finished reading his "catalogue of ships" in the five-year building program for the navy, 4-year-old Walter applauded.

Walter's elder brother was a page in the House last year, but during the campaign last fall he went to all the neighbors and urged them to vote against his father. His campaign was made, he explained, because he would rather live at home in Missouri than in Washington.

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Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

IN the course of an excellent article on the influence of alcoholic beverages on the human brain the Rochester Herald says:

"TOTAL abstinence propagandists have placarded various American cities with notices to the effect that 'science says' that even moderate indulgence in alcohol retards thinking for hours, and they sloganize their placards with 'safety first.'"

"NOW, our total abstinence friends are committing an act of intellectual dishonesty when they put out these placards, because science does not say what they assert that it says. Of course, certain men of science do, and if they were content to put the matter thus, there would be no complaint to make, but in their desire to be impressive these total abstinence advocates declare that 'science says' so, although there is no consensus among men of science in regard to what the effect of alcohol upon the human mind and body is, and until there is such a consensus it will be advisable for people who respect intellectual honesty to be more modest in their assertions."

"ONE hears every day that even moderate drinking shortens human life, but there are men of science who believe the exact contrary to be true. One of them wrote a book only a few years ago to prove that while the total abstainers lived longer, on the average, than the immoderate drinker, the moderate drinker, on the average, lived longer than the total abstainer."

"THE overwhelming number of scientists whom we have known have been moderate drinkers, and we have heard some of their discourses after they had been drinking; and if it be true that their drinking did retard their thinking while discoursing, it was doubtless a blessing thing, for otherwise we might not have been able to take in all that they had to say. It is a fact well known to all but total abstainers that some persons seem to be able to do better work after moderate indulgence in alcohol than without such indulgence. Addison has come down to us in history as the finest conversationalist of his time, but it is said that without the gentle stimulus of wine he was quite unable to speak interestingly. And one need have no hesitation in saying that if all the intellectual products of the world's total abstainers could be put into one scale, and all the products of the world's drinking men could be put into the other, we should be amazed at the meagerness of the total abstainers' product."

FROM the above article it is once more clearly shown that it is a FALLACY to say that the moderate indulgence in alcoholic stimulants is a deterrent to intellectual endeavor. And the best proof of this FALLACY is the FACT that many of the world's greatest thinkers have been temperate users of alcoholic beverages.

Moderate Drinkers Live Longer Than Total Abstainers

The Moderate Drinker Adds Most To The World's Knowledge

Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association
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