CUMMINGS RAPS G.O.P. FOR 'PLOT'

Democrats' Chairman Charges Crippling of U. S. to Embarrass Wilson

"BLOCKS VITAL WORK"

Cites What He Calls Partisan Attack on the Reconstruc-

tion Program

By a Staff Correspondent Washington, D. C., March 10 .- For conducting the filibuster in the Senate in the closing hours of the last session of Congress and preventing the passage of important legislation, the Republicans were charged today by Homer S. Cumngs, of Connecticut, chairman of the ocratic National Committee, with trying to cripple the government, force an extra session and thereby prevent President's Wilson's return to Paris. purely for partisan purposes and to mbarrass the President.

"Defeat of departmental appropria-tions and important fiscal measures through a Republican fillbuster in the senate," said he, "delays and hampers econstruction at the moment when the buntry's industrial and commercial interests were reviving from the effects of the war, retards demobilization of troops, prevents the organization of a fegular army to replace men rular army to replace men overseas, prives the railroad administration of nds for repairs and impovements, ecks the employment of labor and the rption of materials in naval, mill-and general construction, and im-business confidence.

Semiluxury Tax Cited

"One of the results of this successful opposition to vital legislation will be felt by virtually every man and woman in the tax of 10 per cent on the sale of semiluxuries. The Democratic attempted to repeal this provision of the revenue

Some faint idea of the harmful conse "Some faint idea of the narmini conse-quences of this fillbuster to the busi-ness of the government and the welfare of the people including soldiers and workers, may be gained from a mere-mention of the \$3,000,000,000 total of appropriations killed."

Among those mentioned by Mr. Cum-

mings were:

"The army appropriations of \$1,238,-282,967 needed by the War Department to continue its provision for the American forces overseas and to hasten the return of the soldlers to peaceful pur-

"The naval appropriations, which in-cluded \$5,900,000 for the bureau of medicine and surgery. Secretary Dan-iels says the defeat of the emergency deficiency bill has created a 'serious situation' and 'made a hard job

"The general deficiency bill, which rovided an appropriation of \$750,000,mprovements and betterments. "Among the items in this bill was one for \$1,800,000 for the maintenance of the United States Employment Service, which has been placing returning soldiers and other workers at the rate or

Soldiers' Settlement Killed

The soldiers' settlement, the general leasing bill, the Indian bill, the water bill, the civil service. the civil service retirement bill. He buildings bill, a bill excluding signation for five years, and a connal amendment to enfranchise

necessary in the operation of the gov-ernment, as the Republicans themselves conceded when they conceded when they permitted them to reach the final stages of enactment. They must have been determined, if possible, to create a situation in which the government would suffer, and thereree the Executive into immediately

UNIFORM RATE ORDERED

Boyertown Electric Company Directed to Observe Established Charge

Warrisburg, March 10. — The Boyer-town Electric Company is directed by the Public Service Commission in an opin-ion by Commissioner Milton J. Brecht to cancel within thirty days all contracts which conflict with its schedule of rates and charge all consumers only the rates established as a result of complaint by residents of that place that the company was discriminating by holding to contracts made before the schedule of rates was filed. It is said that apparently the company filed the tariff to provide an emergency rate to continue in effect at least during the period of the high prices recently pre-

e opinion says: "This in substance oplying that when the cost of labor and materials resume a normal and stab-ilised level there will be a revision of rates." The complaint is dismissed, with leave to renew later on.

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TELLS OF BELGIUM'S DIRE NEED



MRS. FERNAND PATERNOTTE

Who has just returned from Brussels to visit her mother, Mrs. Anna Snow, 3216 West Penn street, Germantown

BELGIUM STILL SUFFERING DESPITE JOY OF ARMISTICE

Former Philadelphia Girl, Here With Husband, From Brussels !! **Explains Conditions**

STORIES of Civil War days, carried price and grandmothers, cannot compare with

For the first time some of those intimate details are brought to the ears of Philadelphians by Mrs. Fernand Paternotte, formerly Miss Anna Snow, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Paternotte have just returned from Brussels and are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Philip F. Stoever, and mother, Mrs. Anna Snow, of 3216 West Penn street, Germantown. Mr. Paternotte is on sick leave from the Belsian army, in which he enlisted at the beginning of the war. His wife was fortunate enough to be with him during his illness in England last summer, and his illness in England last summer, and they went together to Brussels soon after the signing of the armistice.

Not only the peasants, but all classes suffered during the reign of terror of the last few years, Mrs. Paternotte said. Mr. Paternotte's mother, his aunts. cousins and other relatives were in the midst of it all.

Like other Belgian women, they built beneath the flagstones in the garden: smuggled precious potatoes from the country by the dozens: made over bed clothing and housefurnishings into clothing and managed somehow to live

brough the war. "Indeed, there is still much suffering in Belgium," said Mrs. Paternotte. "The greatest problem is lack of trans-portation. Before the war it zook an portation. Before the war it look an hour and a half to go from Brugge to Brussels by rail. Now the journey takes sixteen hours. The entire railroad sys tem was disrupted by the Germans and the signal system destroyed. Soldlers in relay stand guard by the tracks now

and wave the signals.

Food and Clothing Prices Remain trains have to go slowly. Most of the transportation is by automobile. Not only is there little food or clething in Almost Prohibitive as PovertyStricken Refugees Return

Stricken Refugees Return

on material with which to manufacture things. Factories were destroyed and there is little means of distributing the things that are shipped from outside sources. Gradually, of course, condi-tions are being bettered, but it will be many years before the country is any-

where normal "Prices are still prohibitive and many

"As for clothes—you will see members of the nobility and peasants alike still the tales of suffering and the ingenuity of Belgian women as they tried to save treasures from ruthless German hands and to supply food for their families. into overcoats; sheets and table linens

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A Uniform and 60 Limit of Generosity to Fighters, Says Rep. Johnson

FOUGHT IN WAR HIMSELF

Writes Indictment of What Wasn't Done to Take Care of Soldiers

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, March 10 .- "The Sixtysixth Congress did virtually nothing of real consequence for the Amerias a private for training. Later he was can soldiers, either to reward them for their fine work in putting the finishing touch to the Huns or to render them as and fought in the battle of the Argonne and fought in the battle of the Argonne

by Representative Royal C. Johnson, of field, but the rank was officially never south Dakota, in answer to the question pital and the armistice came, and he returned home before again seeing active

"All the talk about passing reconstruction readjustment legislation to benefit the soldiers ended in just talk."

"Congress did nothing in the way of the much-discussed reconstruction legis-lation, and what reconstruction there has been was carried on by the federa departments. The work of sending to college after their discharge young men who were taken away from school and nut into the army in the war was car-ried on by the departments. A large number of young men were sent back to college by the government, which paid their tuition and their expenses.

"But Congress failed to do anything o offer employments for the returning

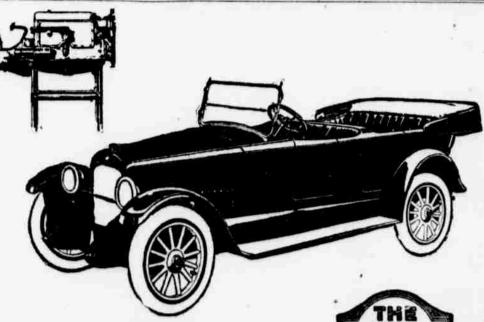
soldiers who had been taken away from steady jobs and, in the majority of cases, could not return to them. "It falled also to adopt a system like that of Canada for giving the soldiers

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extra pay on discharge based on the length and character of their service. Left Them Objects of Charity

"On the contrary, many thousands the soldiers were brought back and imped in New York city, in the midst of immoral inducements instead of provision being made for sending then back to their homes, their families and their jobs. Many of them are still there, the subjects of charity an-neither can obtain suitable employmen there nor get back to where they came

"Another woeful omission of Congress

Another woeful omission of Congress was the failure to reform the Articles of War and the court-martial regulations so that an American boy can serve in the army with a feeling that he will get the measure of justice to which he would be entitled in civil life."

Mr. Johnson is confident that reforms will be effected in the court-martial proceedings and sweeping changes made in the Articles of War by the next Congress. He aiready has obtained enough pictiges from the members of the next Congress to insure these reforms, he said teday.

By the Associated Press.

Soon after the declaration of war. Representative Johnson left his seat in Congress and went to Camp Meade, Md., sistance when the time came for going Forest and was promoted to first lieuback to peace-time pursuits."

This was the statement made today advanced to rank of captain on the shoulder in that battle. He was advanced to rank of captain on the great war.

MURDOCK WAIVES JOB

Draft Officer Declines Berth Under Judge Advocate

Harrisburg, March 10.—(By A. P.)—Major William G. Murdock, of Milton, officer in charge of the operation of the draft in Pennsylvania during the war, has declined an appointment as a major in the judge advocate general's department of the United States army made by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

As the offer would have required immediate acceptance, Major Murdock declined it because the work of properly closing the work of the state's local and appeal boards is under way.

DANIELS TO STUDY

Dreadnoughts and Battle Cruisers May Be Abandoned for Composite Craft

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 10.—Secretary Daniels and his chief technical advisers, Rear Admirals Taylor, Griffin and Earle, will confer with officers of the navy general board before they sail next Saturday on the transport Leviathan for Mr. Daniels said today that while the

chief purpose of the trip was to prepare a report from Congress on the advis ability of abandoning the construction of dreadnoughts and battle cruisers in

ruction readjustment legislation repetit the soldiers ended in just talk, said Mr. Johnson.

Representative Johnson was a soldier in the war, serving in all the grades from private to captain; he served in the House of Representatives before the war was declared, and was discharged from the army and went back to Congress after the armistice was signed. He appears to be in a better position than any other member of Congress to anawar the guestion.

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Sims, Mayo, Rodman and Pratt and virtually all the officers who have served virtually all the officers who have served overseas during the war and with whom he had talked favored the composite ship idea. Such a vessel, he said, would be a very fast battleship with a speed approaching thirty knots an hour but with the protection of a ship of the line and the main batteries of the present-day dreadnought as near as possible. Officers of the general heard do not Officers of the general heard do not favor the change in the light of their present information and it is essential, the Secretary said, that every aspect of the debate should be reviewed in orde that the department could present a well-studied recommendation when Congress

The Rev. D. M. Steele in Hospital

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The Rev. David M. Steele, rector of
the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and
the Epiphany, Thirteenth street near
Spruce, is a patient at the Pennsylvania

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