

PRESIDENT DELAYS RAILROAD MESSAGE

Awaits Conference on Pending Bills Between Hines and Committee Chairmen

LEGISLATION TO BE RUSHED

By the Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson will not begin preparation of his special message to Congress on the railroad situation until Director General Hines has conferred with Senator Cummins and Representative Esch, chairmen of the Senate and House interstate commerce committees, on the pending railroad bills. It was said today at the White House.

It was intimated that the status of the legislation might be such that the President would not regard it necessary to address Congress on the subject. Leaders in Congress are determined to press the bills, but they have expressed doubt that their enactment could be completed before the Christmas holidays.

Each of the measures provides for the return of the roads to private operation within a specified time but they are different in other respects, particularly as to the method of dealing with strikes and lockouts and these differences will have to be composed in conference. In view of the President's statement to Congress yesterday that he expected to treat the railroad in a separate message there has been speculation in official and railroad circles whether he intended to return the roads to private operation by January 1. Some officials and railroad men believe the President may await action of Congress on the pending legislation. Those at the White House refuse, however, to comment.

HOUSE REQUEST NEEDLESS

Baker Says Army Plans Are Not Altered by Resolution

Washington, Dec. 3.—(By A. P.)—Secretary Baker indicated today that the resolution adopted by the House at the last session, requesting that all surplus motor vehicles of the army be sold at auction immediately, would not cause the department to alter its plans for disposing of this equipment. It has been and will continue to be the policy of the War Department to sell surplus motor-propelled vehicles to the public by auction. The secretary wrote in reply to the request that 22,195 vehicles be allotted to the agriculture department for highway construction, he said they were being transferred "as rapidly as possible."

Cumberland River Packet Sinks

Paducah, Kas., Dec. 3.—River packet C. C. Bowers, owned by Captain Devens, Dyeusburg, Tenn., bound from that city to Paducah, hit a submerged stump and sank in the Cumberland river this morning. The crew made port safely. The loss is \$10,000.

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SENATE TO PROBE TRADE COMMISSION

Bolshevism Charge and Attitude Toward Business Subjects of Inquiry

Washington, Dec. 3.—(By A. P.)—General investigation of the Federal Trade Commission was ordered today by the Senate. Besides inquiry into charges of Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, that the commission is a hotbed of socialism and bolshevism, the investigators will take up the commission's attitude toward business interests and its general value as a federal agency.

The inquiry will be conducted by the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission, of which Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa, is chairman. The resolution adopted originally was confined to Senator Watson's charges, but was broadened at Senator Cummins's suggestion.

BUCHBORN WILL PROBATED

Oak Lane Resident Leaves Bequests to Relatives and to Charity

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 3.—By the will of Herman Buchhorn, of Oak Lane, \$1000 is bequeathed to the St. Joseph Home, a Catholic institution for the aged at Beverly, N. J., and \$1000 to St. Vincent's Orphanage Asylum at Teaneck, N. J. The remainder of the estate is divided among his brothers, Emil Buchhorn and Charles Buchhorn; \$1000 to the widow of Rudolph Buchhorn; \$1000 to Anna, wife of William Namee, of Camden, N. J.; \$1000 to his brother-in-law, Joseph A. Ries; \$10,000 in trust is left for his brother, William Buchhorn, and \$10,000 in trust for his uncle, William Deebler.

His father and mother, Philip and Dorothy Buchhorn, are to enjoy the income of \$20,000 for life. His daughter, Katherine, wife of John McKinley, is bequeathed \$10,000. The same amount is provided for his wife, Mary Buchhorn, who is also given the estate at Old York and Valley roads, Oak Lane. Wife and daughter are residuary legatees. Charles A. Reynolds and Charles Eschmidt are named executors. The value of the estate given to the probate for the will is \$100,000 personally and \$10,000 realty.

Fleider Now Vice Chancellor

Trenton, Dec. 3.—Oath of office as vice chancellor was administered to James F. Fleider, of Jersey City, by Chancellor Walker yesterday. The ceremony took place in one of the branches of the Court of Chancery in the presence of a number of state officials and friends of the former governor. The new vice chancellor will undoubtedly be assigned to sit in the northern section of the state, probably Jersey City, where he has lived virtually all his life.

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WILSON'S ILLNESS REVIVES GOSSIPS

Failure of Hitchcock to See President Furnishes Fuel for Rumor Factory

DEFINITE STATEMENT SOON

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Dec. 3.—The President's illness is again agitating Washington. The Senate, especially the Republican side of it, is busy suggesting that the President is incapacitated at present, many senators declaring yesterday that the President did not write his last message to Congress.

Several circumstances have contributed to this new outbreak of rumors. For one thing the President's recovery has been extremely slow. Then, too, there have been no official bulletins in many weeks. Those bulletins were stopped because there was virtually no change in the President's condition from day to day, and so the daily announcements were meaningless.

Then failure of Senator Hitchcock to secure an appointment with the President on Saturday started the story that Mr. Wilson was worse. The attitude of those who surrounded the President adds to the rumors.

Questions about the President's actual condition provoke resentment. The implication is that speculations as to the President's health are prompted by politics and not by a legitimate interest of the public in the chief of the nation.

The President's friends allow the rumors to grow and grow until a denial

of them can no longer be avoided, and then some statement is issued which tends to set them at rest. That point is being reached again. Some formal statement about the President's condition cannot be much longer delayed.

As to the President's actual condition it is difficult to obtain anything more than indications. The future to see Senator Hitchcock was without significance. Hitchcock's relations with the President are complicated by the content of the Senate leadership.

Neither the nor Senator Underwood can go to the White House without starting rumors that the White House is favoring one or the other in the Senate contest. Beneath the surface some obscure maneuvering is going on to get each on the front page of the newspapers or to keep one or the other off that page. This situation in some way contributed either to the announcement that the President had summoned Mr. Hitchcock or else to his failure to obtain an appointment. The President did see Secretary Baker on Sunday, just before the secretary's departure for Panama. This was the day after the failure of Mr. Hitchcock to see him. It should set at rest the story that the President had suffered a relapse and become once more unable to receive visitors.

There is another little fairly well authenticated story which indicates the President's activity and capacity. Mrs. Wilson showed a friend at the White House a mass of stenographic notes which she says the President had prepared as memoranda on some subject upon which he was working. These notes were described by the person who saw them as perfectly clear and well formed.

"Impertinent" and Persistent
If this story is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, it should dispense of the rumor that Mr. Wilson is paralyzed in his right hand. Even accepting the story that the President can sign his name with his left hand, perhaps invented by some one to account for his undated signatures to documents, it is not to be supposed that he can write stenographic characters with his left hand, nor for that matter with

a right hand which has been recently paralyzed. These two circumstances to show how slim is the evidence regarding the President's actual condition. If you ask, you are told stories like the foregoing, but anything more definite is refused. It may be silly that those who surround the President are unable to understand the public point of view and regard his illness as a private matter regarding which everybody is somewhat impertinent.

Or it may be that they are so clear in their own minds about his condition that they cannot understand the doubt and confusion existing throughout the country.

Did Not Write the Message

This much may be confidently asserted, the brain of the President is perfectly clear. His mind functions as clearly as ever. His nervous condition is such that not much mental work can be done by him. The quality of his mental operations is as good as ever, the quantity of them has to be restricted. And it is almost equally sure that the President has suffered no such paralysis as would be apparent in speaking, in his face, or in the use of his right hand.

It may be accepted as true beyond doubt that the President is mentally capable of performing the duties of his office, but that in the interests of his recovery he is forbidden by his physicians from performing any of them that it is not absolutely necessary for him personally to do.

There is little doubt that he did not write the message. You can not obtain a definite statement from any one that

he did or did not, but the evidence is sufficient that the message was put together from the recommendations of various cabinet officers. It is not likely that the President's physicians would permit him to write a long message such as that.

It was not necessary for him to perform this labor. The usual President's message for many years has been put together much as this one was. And Doctor Grayson would naturally insist that the President should avoid this labor. The failure to write the message is not significant. The Republican senators are playing small personal politics in insisting upon it in public statements as important.

Is Still "A Very Sick Man"

Doctor Grayson said to me a few days ago that the President was "still a very sick man and would be so for a long time." Physicians do not allow "very sick men" to indulge in protracted mental labor, when that labor can be avoided.

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Cabinet Regains Powers

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the President is nervous and excitable, especially on the subject of the treaty, absorption in which broke him down. He is improving, but very slowly. We have no longer a one-man government and the very persons who once were angry because we had a one-man government are now angry because it has ceased to be one.



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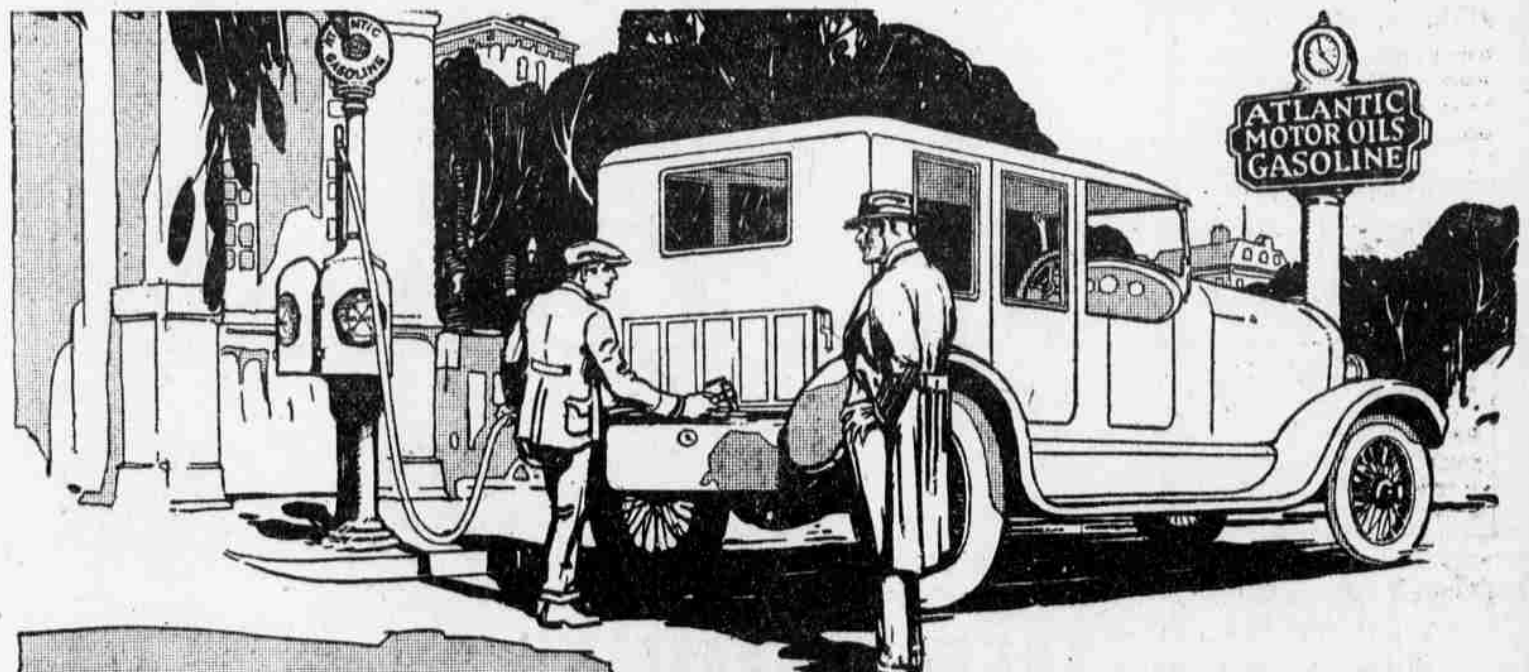
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