

## PRES. MESSAGE BEFORE CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 2.—A diversified legislative program to restore a peacetime business status, revise the tax system, curb unrest, reduce the cost of living and rectify labor and farming conditions was recommended by President Wilson today in his message to the new session of Congress.

The President asked for a new tariff law based on the nation's changed relation to the rest of the world, suggested that the income and excess profits tax schedules be simplified, advocated steps to improve rural conditions and promote production, and declared for a "genuine democratization of industry" to protect both labor and capital.

The railroad problem he reserved for a future message, and he made no statement of his intentions regarding the peace treaty or Mexico. Many of his recommendations were the same as those submitted to the special session last spring and several of them are embraced in legislation already being formulated in the two houses.

To meet the cost of living the President asked extension of the war-time food control bill, federal regulation of cold storage, readjustment of food transportation and establishment of a system of federal licensing for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

He declared the causes of unrest to be superficial and temporary, and made his only reference to the Senate's failure to ratify the peace treaty in saying that restlessness was due largely to the nation's hesitation in determining its peace policy. The federal government, he declared, should be armed with full authority to deal in criminal

## WILL ORGANIZE COTTON COMPANY

Columbia, Dec. 2.—The South Carolina Cotton Association, meeting here today, adopted resolutions

providing for the formation of a banking, trust and export corporation capitalized at \$2,000,000 to handle the cotton of the State, put itself on record as favoring the diversification of farming so that only surplus acreage would be planted to cotton, recommended certain legislation beneficial to the cotton planters, including the assessment of twenty-five cents on every bale of cotton, to be applied by the State warehouse commissioner to an insurance fund to reduce the insurance on cotton, and the creation of courts with those who promote violence.

In an extended discussion of labor conditions he declared the worker should just cause for complaint in many matters and that there should be a "full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision that directly affects their welfare." He asserted that the right of individuals to strike must be held inviolate, but added that there must be a firm stand against "the attempt by any class to usurp a power that only government itself has a right to exercise as a protection to all." Finally, he suggested the establishment of a tribunal for peaceful decision of industrial disputes.

He renewed his recommendation for a budget system of national finances, asked for special protection to promote the dyestuffs and chemical industries and declared the administration bill providing farms for soldiers should be passed without delay.

a cotton commission. The association also thanked various public officials, officers of the association, the press and other agencies for their untiring zeal in the movement for an increased price for cotton.

There were fully 500 delegates present from every county in the State.

R. M. Mixson, of Williston, was elected president of the association to succeed J. Skottowe Wannamaker, the retiring president; J. H. Claffey, of Orangeburg, vice president; Mrs. Hugh R. Clinkscapes, of Columbia, secretary, and J. T. Mackey, of Camden, treasurer.

Throughout the three sessions of the convention, morning, afternoon and evening, prominent men delivered addresses depreciating the future of the cotton crop and predicting that the ultimate fate of the industry lay in the hands of the farmers, who could control the situation by organization and an adequate system of holding in warehouses. The keynote of the convention was the assertion that it was an economic fallacy to dump the cotton crop on the market at one time, that the correct method was to warehouse it and gradually feed it to the consumers throughout the twelve-month period.

Following the passage of the resolution providing for the organization of the banking, trust and export corporation, the following committee was appointed to organize the project: B. Hart Moss, Orangeburg, chairman; F. D. Bates, Orangeburg; John L. McLaurin, Bennettsville; D. D. Wannamaker, St. Matthews, R. I. Manning, Sumter; Lee G. Holleman, Anderson; A. J. A. Perritt, Darlington; B. C. Matthews, Newberry; D. R. Coleman, Winnsboro; Charles H. Barron, Columbia; Lowndes J. Browning, Union; B. Laney, Cheraw; J. S. Whaley, Charleston.

## REPUBLICANS PLAN UPSET IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 3.—The plan of Republican senate leaders to declare a state of peace by concurrent resolution of congress struck a snag today in the house.

Chairman Porter of the foreign affairs committee said his committee had no intention of reporting out such a resolution and it was indicated that house leaders supported this position.

The position taken by the house Republicans was said to be that repeal of the war time legislation which extends until peace is established would be a more acceptable method of restoring normal conditions, and that the question of peace was one which the president and the senate, constituting

the treaty making power, should determine.

The stand of house Republican leaders was accepted as at least blocking the plan of Republican senators to have the house act first on a peace resolution. In the senate such a resolution has been presented by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, and now is in the hands of the foreign relations committee. Members thought tonight that the committee probably would not take it up when it meets tomorrow for the first time in the new session.

In the senate resolution faces stubborn Democratic opposition

and it was predicted by many senators that no effort to bring it to a vote would be made in the immediate future.

It was explained that while Chairman Porter opposed a concurrent resolution he would not oppose a joint resolution, which requires the president's signature. Democrats said the president never would sign such a resolution and that it could not be passed over his veto.

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