

LEGISLATURE URGES SHIP PURCHASE BILL

Weaver Child Labor Bill Withdrawn for the Present.

IS TO COME UP LATER

House Spends Two Hours on Insurance Bill. But Too Hungry to Vote—Land Segregation Bill is Introduced.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—A joint resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Ward and in the House by Representative Grier, of Ireland, passed both branches of the Legislature today, endorsing the administration ship purchase bill that has been pending in the United States Senate for some days under such strenuous conditions. It passed the House without opposition, but in the Senate Senator McMichael pronounced the resolution a "slap in the face" for Congressman Claude Kitchin.

Senator Ward denied that anything of the sort was intended, but insisted that he and the North Carolina Legislature have the right to differ with Congressman Kitchin on any measure of public policy. Mr. McMichael's vote was the only one against the resolution in the Senate.

Senator Ward withdrew his child labor bill under favorable minority report from its special order place on the calendar for noon today, with the statement that he would call it up later and that he will contend for provision this session for factory inspection. He said Governor Craig believes that the advocates of advance in child labor legislation and the manufacturers can reach an agreement in a few days that will settle the question.

Senator Malette introduced the Farmers' Union land segregation bill for segregation of farm lands between the races. It would amend the Constitution if ratified at the polls next election. A duplicate was introduced in the House by Dr. Carr, of Duplin.

The House spent over two hours discussing the Sewell bill to provide State regulation of fire insurance rates, but adjourned without reaching a vote. It passed the revenue bill on final reading and sent it to the Senate.

County School Board Bills. The House committee on education, Representative Mintz, chairman, this afternoon reported favorably several bills providing for election of the county boards of education by the people. Several of the bills included provision that the county superintendent of schools be elected also, but this was eliminated in each case. The counties are Lee, Moore, Henderson, Richmond, Brunswick, Beaufort and Anson. Two are Republicans, being Henderson and Brunswick. There was long argument for the bills by the representatives of the counties, and numbers of arguments against them, on the ground that they tend to destroy the trend to uniformity and the best operation of a State-wide system of public schools.

The bills are expected to get through the House but it is probable, it is thought, that they will meet defeat in the Senate, where the committee on education has already reported unfavorably similar bills for Wake and New Hanover counties.

Machinery Bill Almost Ready. The joint finance committee just about completed the machinery bill this afternoon, but it will require a day or two to perfect it for introduction. It was decided to cut out the \$6,000 appropriation allowed the State Auditor for enforcing the Machinery act and concentrate this duty and the appropriation with the State Tax Commission which has had \$6,000 appropriation for several years. This was increased to \$12,000.

Trainers' Exam. Bill Killed. The joint committee on railroads gave final hearing tonight in the matter of the Douglass bill prescribing examinations for firemen, brakemen and other trainmen that was said to be designed to cut out negro firemen. W. C. Douglass, as counsel for these trainmen, and his son, Representative Douglass, author of the bill were heard and thereafter there was an executive session of the House committee in which it was reported unfavorably, with only one dissenting unfavorable report, this being by Robert Buncombe. This unfavorable report kills the bill for the session.

Announcement was made that the same committee will hold a joint session tomorrow afternoon to hear the Ward bill to further rectify freight rates as effected by the Justice act, particularly the restoration of the rule to apply the nearest nearest tariff distance instead of the longest in applying rates to freight, so that seven miles, for instance, would take the five instead of ten-mile freight charge, this to apply to odd distances all through to 500 miles.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS

The Senate was convened at 10:20 o'clock with President Daughtridge in the chair. Senator Ward introduced out of order a joint resolution for the endorsement of the administration ship purchase bill now pending under such strenuous conditions in the United States Senate. Senator Cooper spoke in advocacy of the bill and Senator McMichael vigorously opposed it. He insisted that the resolution was a veiled slap at Congressman Claude Kitchin, the new leader on the floor of the House of Representatives. Senator Ward hastened to assure Senator McMichael that he had no intention of reflecting on Congressman Kitchin and his position as to this measure, but that on the other hand he had been heartily in favor of the bill from the floor leadership in the House. At the same time he claimed the right to differ with him both for himself and for the people of North Carolina and their representatives in the Legislature on this or any other measure.

The resolution was submitted to a vote and passed with only one vote against it, and was sent to the House by a special messenger.

New Bills Introduced. Among new bills introduced were the following: Malette—Amend the constitution relative to the ownership of lands.—The regular Farmer's Union bill for the segregation of lands as between the races. Speight—Amend the law as to ancients' dower and making certain conditions prima facie evidence. McCrackin—Amend the law as to the superior court in Bladen county. McCrackin—Amend the law as to the

ALL HAS FAILED BUT CHRISTIANITY

Only Sure Civilizing Influence Says Dr. John R. Mott.

LESSON OF THE WAR

Presented in Charlotte Last Night to Largest Convention of Laymen in History of Southern Presbyterianism—Features.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—The Message of the Hour," as entitled by John R. Mott, chairman of the continuance committee of the World's Missionary Conference at the biennial Laymen's Missionary convention of the Southern Presbyterian church, east of the Mississippi, is that the time is particularly ripe for world-wide evangelization, in that the magnitude of the present European conflict has by the process of exhaustion brought the nations of the earth to see that all else beside Christianity has failed as a civilizing influence.

Dr. Mott's presentation of the call of the world to evangelization was made to the largest convention of laymen in the history of Southern Presbyterianism, the 3,000 clergy and laity in attendance on the three-day meeting which opened in this city this morning at 11 o'clock with the singing of "Come Thou Almighty King" by a vast masculine chorus, led by Dr. Charles G. Vardell, of the Southern Presbyterian College for Women, at Wood Springs, N. C., being twice the number ever attending a similar meeting.

The convention was welcomed to Charlotte by Rev. Morgan B. Spier, chairman of the convention committee, and the response was by Dr. James Lewis Jones, member of the laymen's executive committee, of Lexington, Va. At the morning session "Tourists' View of Missions" was presented by Rev. J. H. Mills, D. D., Washington, D. C.; at the afternoon sessions "Holy Spirit and Missions," Rev. Dr. Rockwell, of Asheville, N. C.; "Life and Missions," Rev. Dr. H. Ogden, Atlanta; "Prophecy of Missions," Rev. Dr. William R. Dobyne, St. Joseph, Mo.

Tonight in addition to the address by Dr. Mott, Dr. C. V. Vickery, secretary of the Mission Education Movement, New York, demonstrated the "Possibilities of Moving Pictures in Missionary Education."

Overlook Meeting Held. Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—The registration for the fourth annual Laymen's Missionary Convention tonight was in excess of 5,000 and arrivals were still registering. This exceeds by thousands and more the attendance at any previous meeting. The crowd at tonight's session of the convention far exceeded the capacity of the city auditorium, and an overflow meeting was held in the First Presbyterian church, which was also held.

Early End of War Predicted. Dr. John R. Mott, of New York, spoke tonight on "The Message of the Hour," which concerned his recent visit to the European countries at war and the registration of members of laymen's and other organizations of Europe at that visit. The nations of Europe, sobered by the staggering conflict going on there, are turning as never before in their history, he said, to a reliance on religion. An universal of ethical reform is one of the most striking features of the condition and he believes that the world-wide scope of mission work and the student volunteer work will be the leading factor in restoring the people of Europe to sanity and normal ideals when the gigantic conflict is over, which he does not believe will last another winter, military experts to the contrary notwithstanding.

First Robert Speer, of New York; George Innes, of Philadelphia, and other noted religious workers are among those who will have a part on the programme tomorrow and next day.

HOUSE EARLY THIS MORNING ADOPTED COMPROMISE BILL

(Continued From Page One.) House for ten hours it became apparent that a vote probably could not be reached before midnight.

Representative Alexander, of Missouri, closed the debate for the bill just before midnight with a vigorous defense of President Wilson.

Cherres came from the Democratic side as Mr. Alexander concluded and called for a vote. The Republicans indicated their intention of demanding roll call on all amendments and the first was taken on a change in phraseology.

Manx Gives In. The tactics of the Republican, threatening to draw out the roll calling indefinitely, the Democratic leaders at midnight brought in a second special rule to limit the number of yeas and nay votes to five.

Before Chairman Henry could get the floor and offer his new rule Representative Manx forced a vote on the first section of the Gore bill, after securing a ruling that each section must be voted on separately and another roll call was begun.

When Minority Leader Mann saw that the Democratic leaders were determined to stop the filibuster several conferees were held and the Republican decided not to keep up the fight. Few minutes after 1 o'clock a vote on the final passage of the bill began.

salaries of officers in Columbus county. Herbert—Amend the law as to the Carolina & Tennessee Railroad Co. The Snow bill for the election of the Wake county school board by vote of the people was, at the request of Mr. Snow, set as a special order for Friday at noon, also a similar bill for New Haven.

Both these bills are under unfavorable report from the committee on education and are given standing on the floor of the Senate by favorable minority report so that the issue may be fought out by the senators.

Passed Third Reading. Among bills passed on final readings were the following: Authorize school bonds by Fair Bluff township, Columbus county. Protect game in Cumberland and Wayne counties. Amend the charter of Southport. Amend the charter of Shallotte, Brunswick county. Amend the salary law of Onslow county.

Y. M. C. A. ESTABLISHED IN "FORBIDDEN CITY"

Christianity Affecting the Better Classes in China.

Recent Successes in the Awakening Oriental Nation Reviewed by Leaders of the Y. M. C. A.—Evangelists Welcomed.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Peking, Feb. 7.—Christianity is at last affecting the better classes in China, according to leaders of the Young Men's Christian Association. Reviewing some of their recent successes, they tell of the establishment of a large meeting place within the "Forbidden City," and of evangelistic workers being welcomed in some of the interior provinces, where a few years ago such workers were actually in peril of being killed or being driven out by angry mobs.

One of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries, a prominent Princeton man, says there is no warrant for the impression that great numbers of converts have been made by the recent campaign conducted by Sherwood Eddy, nor that it was the plan of the Y. M. C. A. to attempt sweeping conversions. His explanation is that the Protestant missionaries, a few hundred Chinese of the student and official classes have become Christians and several thousands have begun study of the Bible. The student and official classes have been the last to seriously consider Christianity for the reason that they were more thoroughly grounded in Confucianism and with rare exceptions the missions were able to appeal through their chapel and street preaching only to the lower classes.

"The revolution, with many Christians completed by obtaining from each provincial secretary, 'set its seal of disapproval on hostility to Christianity. The Y. M. C. A. ranked among its members most of the returned students from America, and some of those from Europe, of whom the present government is making use in its efforts to modernize and reform China. Not all of these returned students are Christian, indeed the majority are not. But they have found in the Y. M. C. A. buildings places where they could gather in an atmosphere similar to that which they have learned to respect and like in foreign countries. So the Y. M. C. A. had a nucleus of friends to help obtain the privileges which they required."

"To take this city as an example, we applied to the authorities for permission to erect a 'pong' or tent-like mass shed, capable of seating four thousand people in the open space in front of the 'Forbidden City,' that being one of the most convenient and central points in the city. The shed, with certain new walls were being constructed inside the front gates of the 'Forbidden City.' This permission immediately gave distinction to the meeting for the gates of the 'Forbidden City' are seldom, even now, open to the public. In other cities the campaign was similarly favored by the authorities, important temples sometimes being turned over to the organization for the time being."

The necessary organization was completed by obtaining from each provincial mission the assistance of one Chinese worker. This representative committee was placed under the leadership of two executive secretaries, one Chinese and one American. Bible classes were arranged at the different missions throughout the city, and men were enlisted who were capable of teaching these classes and who understood the manners and susceptibilities of the students.

"Great care was put upon special courses of Bible study, prepared especially to meet the need of the keen and critical minds of the Chinese college students. In Peking alone during November, there was an average weekly attendance on the newly organized Bible study classes of five hundred students, old and young."

Eddy's campaign, which extended to many of the principal cities of China, was completed last month. In a letter to friends in Peking, he writes of Changsha, the capital city of the interior province of Hunan: "As we left the steamer and entered the great gates of the ancient walled city we saw posters announcing the evangelistic meetings on the very notice boards where a few years ago hung posters to kill the 'foreign devils' who had come to make medicine out of the eyes of their kidnapped children. Here fourteen, or even four years ago, we would have been driven out by angry mobs. I shall never forget the scene on the second day. After hard hitting on the bribery, graft and dishonesty of the officials and merchants, and immorality of the students, as the cause of China's present weakness, we had expected a falling off in the attendance. Nearly half an hour before the time of the lecture, however, the doors had to be closed. We found over three thousand students crowded in the hall, and five hundred were gathered outside in an overflow meeting addressed by one of the missionaries. Our subject was 'The Hope of China.' We asked the students if they had anything that could save their country and make honest officials, merchants and students, but they were silent. For an hour we laid before them the claims of Christ in the appeal of His Teaching to the mind, His Character to the heart, and His Power for the will. Finally, when we asked how many men were ready to join Bible classes to make an earnest study of the four gospels, with honest heart and open mind, over a thousand Confucian students signed cards as inquirers and remained to an after meeting. Some 800 of these men came out next day, notwithstanding the rain and the distractions of a Chinese feast day, to be assigned to Bible classes."

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NO NEGOTIATIONS MADE FOR VESSELS

McAdoo Emphatically Denies Recent Intimations.

LETTER TO FLETCHER

Secretary of the Treasury Addresses Letter to Senator in Charge of Shipping Bill Repeating Resolution of Burton.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary McAdoo gave out tonight a copy of a letter to Senator Fletcher, emphatically denying intimations that he had entered into negotiations for the purchase of merchant steamers of belligerent nations for operation under the proposed ship purchase bill. The letter replies to a resolution introduced several days ago by Senator Burton. Mr. McAdoo summed up his statement as follows:

"In view of false rumors and statements, permit me to say in conclusion that the Secretary of the Treasury has at no time had a communication from or discussion with any banking house, banking institution, or banker, in or out of the United States, in connection with the purchase, sale or disposition in any manner whatsoever, of the German ships interned in the ports of the United States, or elsewhere, or in connection with any other ships of belligerent or neutral nations for any purpose whatsoever."

Where Information Gotten. Replying to Senator Burton's inquiry as to whether tenders of steamers flying belligerent or neutral flags had been made, Mr. McAdoo referred to information concerning available ships contained in report he made to the Senate on freight rate increases. He added that lists of steamers under French, British and German flags had been furnished by J. W. McCarthy, of Boston, and B. N. Baker, of Baltimore, and that offers of neutral ships were inclosed with the letter from Mr. McCarthy. These offers probably resulted from published reports of the proposed ship purchase legislation, he said.

Mr. McAdoo declared he had no knowledge of any loans by anybody in the United States to owners of ships tied up in American ports, or any options held on such ship in contemplation of their transfer to the government or any citizen.

MANY AMERICAN SHIPS AND CARGOES IN DANGER

(Continued From Page One.) tion of Germany, the other goes to Norway.

The two vessels which will ply the dangerous waters are bound for Liverpool, both with cargoes of cotton. One, the British Ederman, cleared from this port on the fourth of February with 12,800 bales of cotton valued at more than \$600,000. The other, the Greek Ellin, cleared on the 13th with a large cargo, only part of which was taken on here. The first part of her cargo was loaded at Savannah, 5,550 bales being

MADE FOR VESSELS

taken on here which were valued at approximately \$300,000.

The Swedish steamer Lilly cleared from Wilmington on the fifth of February with 2,200 tons of oilcake for Hørsens, Norway, and will probably follow the northern most route around the British Isles which will take her clear of the prescribed sea war zone.

Local milliners are much interested in developments in the European situation and are watching the rapidly changing conditions very closely.

SCORES FROM NORFOLK

Among the vessels clearing from the Virginia Port are many American.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Scores of vessels which left Norfolk in the latter part of January and early in February are now nearing the German war zone. In the list are several flying the American flag.

TWENTY FROM NEWPORT NEWS

None Carried Passengers and None of American Registry

Newport News, Va., Feb. 16.—Twenty steamers from Newport News are now on the high seas headed for European ports to reach which they will necessarily have to cross the war zone declared by Germany on and after February 18, when the submarine blockade is scheduled to become effective. None of them is an American steamer and none carries passengers. Included in the list are 15 British vessels, two Dutch, one Danish, one Belgian and one Norwegian. The cargoes are made up of horses, grain and general export merchandise.

SIX VESSELS FROM BOSTON

Only One of the Vessels Carry Passengers—Heavy Freight Cargoes.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.—Six British steamers which sailed from here in the past fortnight are due at destinations in England or Scotland on or after February 18.

Only one of them, the Pretorian, due at Glasgow February 18th carries passengers. The others are freighters, carrying foodstuffs chiefly. They are the John Baskie for Manchester; Devonian, for Liverpool; Ninian for Manchester; Angellan, for London and Leo for Glasgow.

FREIGHTERS FROM PORTLAND

Five Vessels With Cargoes, Including Million Bushels of Grain

Portland, Me., Feb. 16.—Five freight steamers with cargoes including nearly 1,000,000 bushels of grain have left this port for England and Scotland since February 6th and are due to be within the German war zone about the British Isles on or after February 18. One passenger steamer, the Zenobia, is scheduled to arrive at Liverpool tomorrow night.

"HOME RUN" BAKER QUILTS GAME FOREVER

Connie Mack Announces It at Sport Writers' Dinner

Famous the World Over for His Mighty Drives for Round Trip Passes Athlete's Star Third Base—Mack Quits to Farm.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—"Home Run" Baker, star third baseman of the Philadelphia American Baseball League, has decided to retire from the diamond and will not appear with the team next season, according to an announcement made here tonight by Manager Connie Mack, at a dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association.

Baker last year signed a three year contract with the Athletics.

Mack said the third baseman was not dissatisfied with his contract, but wanted to devote his time to his farm in Maryland.

ENGLAND MAY DECLARE BLOCKADE OF GERMAN COAST AT EARLY DATE

(Continued From Page One.) That reinforcements are arriving regularly.

Bi-Weekly Reports Start. The first of the promised bi-weekly reports of the doings of the British army in France also was issued today. It claims that progress has been made in the Region of LaBasse, where the Germans are said to have suffered severe losses, and that the British artillery has shown marked superiority over that of the Germans.

There was no further news today of the new German offensive in Alsace, or the French offensive in the vicinity of St. Mihiel.

The relations between Greece and Turkey apparently are becoming more strained. Although Turkey has offered reparations for the insult to the Greek military attaché at Constantinople, it is reported that the Greek minister has left the legation in charge of a secretary.

The Turkish minister also has left Athens. This is believed in some quarters to be the first step in the rupture of diplomatic relations between Greece and Turkey, which are said also to have been affected by the Albanian invasion of Sarvia.

The British Parliament tomorrow will debate the motion of the Labor party, calling on the government to fix maximum food prices.

GERMAN OFFICER GIVES REASON FOR WAR ZONE AROUND BRITISH ISLES

(Continued From Page One.) and vessels conveyed would be respected by German submarines.

"This is a safe method to follow for American ships which desire to enter those portions of the seas proclaimed dangerous by Germany, and differs only from the rule adopted by Great Britain with reference to American ships passing through the channel, in that American ships, instead of being compelled to enter a British port, take a British pilot and are searched by officers of a British warship would be permitted to pass unmolested to their destination without being subjected to search, the Imperial German government being willing, of course, to accept the implied word of honor of the United States that the ships carry no contraband of war."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court of New Hanover County—R. C. Renick vs. Holly Shelter Land Company; Notice. Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Holly Shelter Land Company to file their claims with A. S. Williams, Receiver, Garrell building, Wilmington, N. C., on or before the seventeenth day of February, 1915, or, in accordance with an order made in the above cause, such claims will be barred. After February 17th, 1915, application will be made to the court to direct the receiver to sell so much of the assets of Holly Shelter Land Company as is necessary to pay all labor claims in full. Dated this 28th day of December, 1914.

A. S. WILLIAMS, Receiver Holly Shelter Land Co. de30-law-8t

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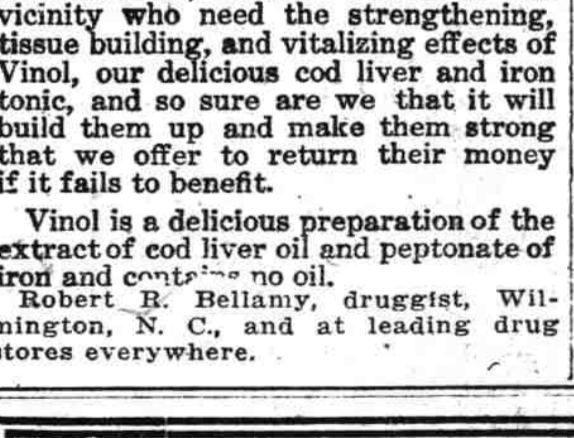
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of W. J. Prevatt, Insolvency Bankrupt. To the Creditors of W. J. Prevatt, of Lumberton, in the County of Robeson and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1915, the said W. J. Prevatt was duly adjudged Bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Lumberton, in the County of Robeson, State of North Carolina, in the County Court House of Robeson County, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1915, at 10 o'clock P. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the Bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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