

APPROVES \$50,000 TO MARK FLORIDA REEFS

Interstate Commerce Committee Favors Permanent House Beacons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The interstate commerce committee of the house today in reporting favorably on the bill carrying \$708,000 to authorize aids to navigation, included \$50,000 for such purposes on the coast of Florida and approaches to Key West.

Twelve of the beacons marking the Florida reefs were destroyed by the hurricane of 1919 and the others are in bad condition, the report declared. "These are among the most important minor aids to navigation in the world and assist in marking the Florida reefs for a distance of 135 miles," the report said.

Key West, the report continued, is now one of the largest seaports of the United States and its exports amount to over \$80,000,000 per year and imports over \$8,000,000. The report also set forth that Key West "is an extremely important military and naval base and a submarine base is now in course of preparation for which an expenditure of \$2,000,000 has been authorized."

It is now proposed, the report continued, to establish a complete system of range lights on permanent structures which will not be destroyed or displaced by the hurricanes "that frequently strike this port."

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(Continued from Page Four) is really history, the rest is for scholars and learned men. This is what the Americans need, says the writer. "Our great men must be sent to them, and especially those who appear to have imagination. General Nivelle's mission to the United States has been a great success; we must not forget that the Germans are very busy trying to influence the United States; but they cannot send conqueror generals. We can do it, and we must not hesitate to do so. We must know how to consolidate the prestige of France. Whether diplomats or internationalists like it or not, for many years only those Frenchmen should be exported who wear a commanding officer's uniform."

Women's Smoker. Gillingham, in Kent, is the first of England's small towns to hold a women's smoking concert, reports the London News. The event took place on Saturday, and is stated to have been a pronounced success, although what Mrs. Grundy and her friends think about it, goodness only knows! Of course, women can smoke practically everywhere now without attracting more than passing attention. Years ago only Paris women smoked, then London followed suit, and now London the habit spread to the provinces. Ten years ago one never saw a woman smoking in restaurants in towns outside London. Now everywhere in the provincial towns women high up their cigarettes when originating in public as freely as they would do at home, although in two popular resorts in a large provincial city notices abound with the message "Ladies are requested not to smoke."

Now, smoking concerts, which originated in London with the Forum Club last year, have reached the country.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS THE HIGHEST BIRTHRATE AT ALL

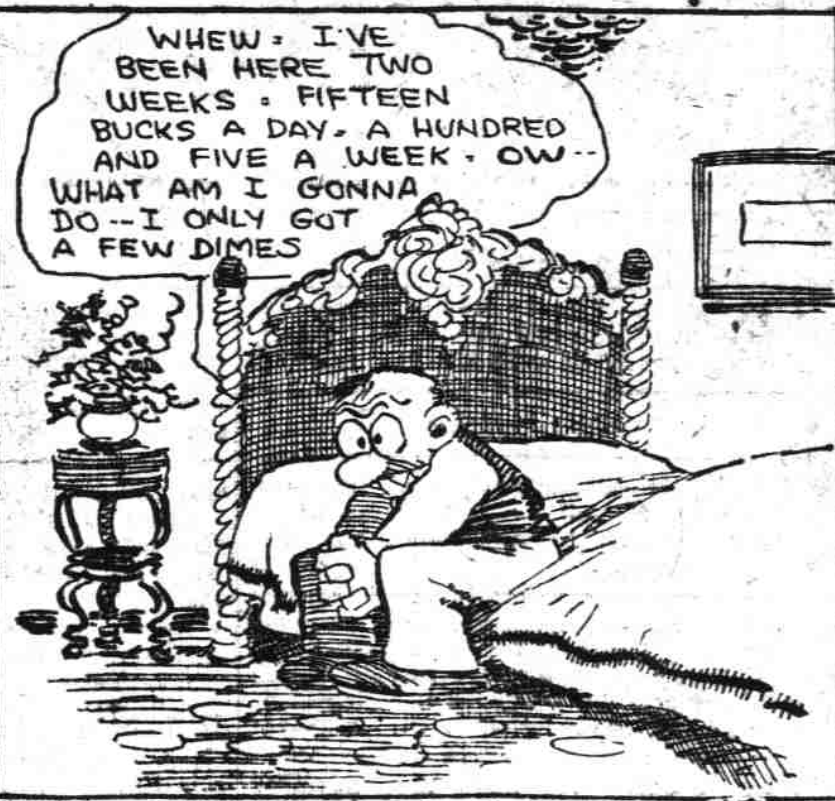
(Special to the Star) RALEIGH, Feb. 2.—North Carolina now leads the entire United States with the highest birthrate in the union according to statistics for 1920 which are compiled by the state board of health. At the same time this state has one of the lowest death rates.

Reports during the past year show a rate of 32.96 births in the state, a rate of 32.8 per thousand. The deaths totaled for the same period 33,228, a rate of 12.9 per thousand. These figures do not include the stillbirths, which amounted to 4,174 for the year. During 1920 every six minutes saw a new life born into the world; every 15 minutes another life was snuffed off. That the births are so far in excess of the deaths accounts for the large increase in the population of the state during the last decade as shown by the census figures, for the state has had little increase by reason of immigration.

A comparison for the past three years shows the following: 1918, total births 78,175, or rate of 30.8, and total deaths 42,411, or rate of 17.6; 1919, total births 89,721, or rate of 29.3, and total deaths 50,114, or rate of 12.4. The very high death rate for 1918 was caused by the epidemic of influenza, and this probably also accounts for the lesser rate of both births and deaths during the following year of 1919. In 1920 the birth rate went forward considerably, while the death rate shows a difference of only five per hundred thousand.

North Carolina has been exceeded in birth rate heretofore only by Utah, which in 1918 had a rate of 31.9. The rate for the entire registration district of the country the same year was 24.4. For the same year the death rate for the same area was 18.2.

BARNEY GOOGLE—Barney's all swelled up about it.



College Students Love to Tack Nicknames to the Various Teams

List of Such Names and Reasons for Some of Them—University of North Carolina Teams Yclept "Tar Heels"—South Carolina University Boys Call Themselves the "Gamecocks"—Some Others

ATLANTA, Feb. 23.—Students of southern universities and colleges delight in attaching to their football and baseball teams some picturesque nicknames. The reason for some of these names is easily fathomable but for others cannot be determined, except that they have been used for years. The list of nicknames and some of the reasons for them, includes: The "Praying Colonels," Centre college, Danville, Ky., because they pray before entering contests and because they come from Kentucky where colonels abound. The "Flying Cadets," Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., because they are military cadets and have a fast team. The "Generals," Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., because their university was named for General Washington and Lee. The "Fighting Volunteers," University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., because of the title of the "Volunteer" state earned by Tennessee in the Mexican war. The "Commodores," Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., because their institution was named after Commodore Vanderbilt.

The "Hatchettes," George Washington university, Washington, D. C., because of the little episode George Washington with a hatchet and a cherry tree—according to popular story. The "Indians," William and Mary college, Williamsburg, Va., because the institution was founded back in Indian times. The "Plainsmen," Alabama Polytechnic institute, Auburn, Ala., because the institute is situated on the plains of Alabama. The "Hilltoppers," Georgetown university, Washington, D. C., because the university stands on the top of a hill. The "Old Tom," Georgia Polytechnic institute, Atlanta, Ga., because of the swiftness of its team and its school's colors. The "Purple Hurricanes," Furman university, Greenville, S. C., because of its colors and its fast team. The "Crimson Tide," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., because of its colors and the faith in its team's strength. Also called the "Red Line" in other years when its team was not so strong. The "Maroons," Mississippi A. and M. college, because of its colors. Ferocious and other animals are favorite nicknames as will be seen from the following list: The "Tigers," Clemson college, Clemson, S. C. The "Wildcats," Davidson college, Davidson, N. C. The "Alligators," University of Florida.

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SHIPPING

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LABOR CHIEFS TO MEET IN CAPITAL THIS WEEK WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor will meet here tomorrow preliminary to opening the conference Wednesday of heads of 90 national and international labor unions called by President Samuel Gompers, to "consider a national policy" to the present industrial situation.

While the meeting of the council itself is not expected to result in any definite development, it is regarded by labor officials as of prime importance, in connection with the meeting on the following day. PRESIDENT SMITH IS DEAD LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 22.—Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, died at his home here today after a heart attack. Mr. Smith had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected. He was 85 years old and continuously had been president of the Louisville and Nashville since 1891.

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