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SHIP PURCHASE BILL TO FRONT

Senate Leaders Determined This Week to Rush Administration Bill Through to Final Passage.

EXPECT OBSTRUCTIONS BY THE REPUBLICANS

Senator Simmons Will Lead the Fight for the Measure—Night Sessions May Become Imperative.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Jan. 20.

Interest in congress during the coming week will center about the determination of administration forces in the senate, led by Senators Stone of Missouri and Simmons of North Carolina, to push the ship purchase bill.

The democratic caucus of the senate Saturday agreed to make the measure the unfinished business of the upper branch and give it the right of way even over appropriations bills.

Purely for political reasons the democrats say and in disregard of the wishes of the commercial needs of the country, some republicans will seek to obstruct the measure's passage.

Senators Burton of Ohio and Borah of Idaho probably will lead the opposition. Senator Cummins of Iowa, who on occasions has shown an inclination to aid in the framing of meritorious legislation, is one republican who may line up with the democrats.

Senator Cummins' attitude, however, doubtless will depend upon the consideration given his proposed amendment that any ships purchased by the government shall be retained and licensed as naval auxiliaries. He disapproves of the suggestion in some quarters that the vessels ultimately may be sold to private owners.

The house will continue to hasten final action on the rivers and harbors bill, which had the call most of last week, or than half the items in the committee's \$34,000,000 bill have been debated. The large appropriations for the Mississippi and other big streams are among those yet to be reached.

So far the house committee on rivers and harbors has successfully opposed the introduction of new projects into the bill, a fact that would indicate the passage of the measure virtually as it came from the committee room.

Friends of waterway improvements realize that additional appropriations would injure the prospects of the bill in the senate.

Even as it stands the bill surely will be opposed by Senator Burton, the Nemesis of all big waterways excepting the Ohio, his own pet, and Cleveland harbor, his particular hobby.

There are some who are fearful that the bill may never get to a roll-call in the senate this session. This will depend on the length of the filibuster almost certain to be conducted against it.

Just now, however, the senate leaders are more concerned with the nature of the obstruction to be thrown, by the republicans in the way of the shipping bill. President Wilson is firmly convinced that this legislation is absolutely necessary to aid American commerce in reaching foreign markets, which are eager to receive our surplus products.

His veto is approved not only by the big democrats of the senate, but on the house side he has been promised the support of Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Underwood. While there will be some democratic opposition to the Alexander bill, chiefly in the house, Mr. Underwood believes it can be passed without much delay if the senate takes the initiative.

The plan is to report a special rule for its consideration in the house, thus giving it the right of way and insuring its passage or defeat in a single day.

This week may develop night sessions. This surely will be the result if the republicans organize a filibuster against the ship bill. In the house night sessions are practically imperative to enable the passage of the nine remaining appropriation bills before March 4, when the present congress automatically dissolves.

WANT RECEIVER FOR \$30,000,000 CONCERN

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—A petition for a receiver for the M. Rumsell company, the \$30,000,000 agricultural machinery manufacturing concern, was filed in federal court yesterday. Rumsell of efforts to place the corporation in the hands of a receiver as a means of reorganizing it have been current for some time.

NOT LIKELY TO ADJOURN EARLY

To Close Legislature Within 40 Days, as Doughton Proposes, Would Mean Over-work, Some Think.

ROBERTS APPOINTED TO IMPORTANT PLACE

Buncombe Man Heads Appropriations Committee in the House—Preachers' Passes Proposed.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Gallatin Roberts of Buncombe heads the committee on appropriations, and in the allotment of these biggest of position in the house, the west fares well.

Yesterday's doing in the house were varied. Mr. Doughton offered a resolution to adjourn the session within 40 days. No debate was expected because the resolution went to the committee on rules. Until the agitation began, it seemed probable that an early adjournment might take place, but old heads declare that every suggestion of early quitting is the unflinching harbinger of working overtime.

Gives Preachers' Pass.

To the list of beneficiaries at the hands of railroad companies and other public transportation corporations, Representative Stacy of New Hanover would put the active preachers of the state. That bill was offered yesterday and has been sent to the proper committee. The half face act would not be repealed. Ministers would simply avail themselves of bigger concessions.

Representative Thomas of Anson moves to make judicial procedure more progressive and less complicated. He wants two superior court judges, one supreme court justice and two able lawyers to simplify matters and command them to a body for a vote.

The senate was convened by President Daugherty at 11 o'clock. New bills were introduced as follows:

Ward—Provide for the ridings of the superior court judges in the twenty judicial districts so there shall be three circuits instead of two thereby enabling the judges to complete their circuits in shorter time—three months instead of six.

Ward—Joint resolution with reference to final adjournment specifying that the work of the session be completed within forty instead of the usual sixty days.

Cooper—Amend section 555 of the laws of 1909, so as to permit the packing of meat in any sized packages just so there is stamped in the package the weight and the fact of whether boiled or unboiled.

Johnson of Duplin—Amend the revision with reference to the condemnation of public school sites.

Bumgarner—Incorporate Wilkesboro, Jefferson and Northern Railroad company.

The pastors and officers of the King's Mountain Presbytery petitioned in behalf of the proposed reformatory and refuge home for women.

Bills passed final reading as follows: Repeal the law prohibiting the killing of calves in Rowan, Guilford, Cabarrus, Hoke, Moore and Warren counties.

Repeal the public local law relating to the sale of real estate for taxes in Cherokee county.

Put the mother on an equality with the father in the distribution of the personal property of a child.

The senate considered for some time the bill to allow full compensation to solicitors in the First and Second judicial districts in cases where the defendants are sent to the state. The bill was amended to include the Tenth judicial district and then on objection to further consideration, the bill went over to another day.

The bill relating to the punishment for vagrancy and providing that the second offense shall be of superior court rather than justice of the peace jurisdiction. Senator Ward wanted gamblers to be included in the bill, he said he knew people who did not seem to have done any work in five years. The bill went over with the suggestion that an amendment to meet the views of Senator Ward would be incorporated.

The House. Speaker Wooten convened the house at 10:30 o'clock.

Five petitions from citizens of Gaston county were presented by Representative Mauney protesting against bills pending for bond issues for roads.

New bills were introduced as follows: Thomas—Joint resolution to create a commission to define procedure and make recommendations.

Benton—Create a road commission for Columbus county.

Swain—Amend the law as to loans by insurance companies.

Noland—For the relief of the Haywood county tax collector.

ENGLAND IS RAIDED BY GERMAN AIRMEN

Thomas—Making uniform the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Ebbs—Amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Madison county recorder's court.

Thomas—Provide for a special commission to revise judicial procedure in this state and make recommendations, the commission to be appointed by the governor and to consist of two superior court judges, one justice of the supreme court and two lawyers actively engaged in the practice of their profession.

Doughton—Joint resolution providing for adjournment of both houses of the general assembly within 40 days from January 6, the date the session opened, instead of taking the full 60 days constitutional limit.

The following bills passed final reading: Levy a graded school tax in Old Fort township.

Amend the law as to the graded school lines in Macon county.

Authorize logging roads to charge for transportation.

There was introduced by Representative Clayton of Hyde county, a petition for the protection of the fish and oyster industries of Hyde county.

Just before adjournment Speaker Wooten announced the completion of the house standing committees, the final appointments being as follows:

Appropriations—Roberts, of Buncombe, chairman; Page, Seawell, Kent, Ebbs, Kittrell, Currie, Grier, Mintz, Doughton, Stacy, Dunning, Allen, Thomas, Williams of Cabarrus, Hutchison, Conley, Alfred, Pegram, Mewborne, Cameron, Hanes, Faircloth, Carr, Cherry, Noland.

Finance—Doughton, chairman; Page, Stacy, Dunning, Allen, Valentine, Cherry, Macon, Capehart, Faircloth, Roberts of Buncombe, Alfred, Seawell, Bowie, Currie, Mason, Batts, Clark, Brummitt, Deaver, King, Egan, Small, Blum.

Forests, drainage and conservation—Carr, chairman; Sellers, McBryde, Swain, Valentine, Mayo, Carawan, Clayton, Witherspoon, Winborne, Nettles, Coughenour, Cameron, Roberts of Buncombe, Etheridge, Renfrow.

Committee on journal for week—Dunning, Somers, Witherspoon.

Insurance—Page, chairman; Vernon, Battle, Hall, Coughenour, Sellers, Freeman of Mecklenburg, Valentine, Mason, Alfred, Seawell, Bynum, Deaver, Vann, Carr, Wilson.

Additions to Committees.

On game—Hampton, Etheridge, Clayton.

On agriculture—McBryde, Harrison Clayton, Gating.

On health—Dr. Killan of Clay.

Institutions for deaf and dumb—Vernon.

Institutions for the blind—Mason, Whitford.

Judiciary No. 1—Vann, Grier.

On education—Shepard, Puett.

Counties, cities and towns—Dunning, Ebbs, McBryde.

Trustees of university—Hutchison, Insane asylum—Macon.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT SINKS TURKISH VESSELS

Report of Raid on Shipping in Turkish Port in the Black Sea From Petrograd.

Sebastopol, Jan. 20.—(By Way of Petrograd)—A Russian torpedo boat has entered the bay of Sinope, a Turkish port in the Black sea in Asia Minor, and sunk a Turkish steamer and three sailing vessels. The crews of all four of the vessels were saved. The name of the ill-fated steamer appears to have been *Meorges*. No date of the occurrence is given. The news is trustworthy.

LEE-JACKSON DAY IS CELEBRATED IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—Observance of the 123rd birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee, the leader of the Confederate forces in the war of the states, was general throughout the south today. Among the principal exercises commemorating the occasion were those at Memphis, Mobile, Richmond, Raleigh, Columbia, Atlanta, Macon, Tampa and Charleston.

The birthday anniversary celebration of General "Stonewall" Jackson, was linked with that of General Lee in North Carolina. Special exercises were planned for tonight at Raleigh.

SEES NO LIKELIHOOD OF PEACE IN SPRING

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson sees no likelihood of the termination of the European war in the spring, he told callers yesterday. He stated that he had not noticed any indications of peace in the situation.

BOMBS DROPPED; SEVERAL KILLED

Enemy Apparently Operated From Base on North Sea Coast and Spread Terror for Four Hours.

UNCERTAINTY RELATIVE TO KIND OF AIRCRAFT

The Long Predicted Raid Was Conducted Within 100 Miles of London—The Towns on Coast Visited.

London, Jan. 20.—German airmen have delivered their long predicted attack on England. From a base presumably on the German coast on the North sea, the aircraft arrived on the east coast of England and for about four hours circled over several towns about 100 miles from London. The hostile airmen appeared to drop their bombs at will. So far as could be learned at this time only four or five persons were killed and about the same number wounded.

Whether Zeppelins or aeroplanes made the raid has not been definitely established. There is increasing belief that it was possibly only aeroplanes which were engaged in the raid. There is no news to confirm the report that a Zeppelin was brought down on the coast. On the contrary, it appears that all the raiders were able to return whence they came.

The most important towns which were visited by the raiders were Sandrigham, Yar-

mouth, Sheeringham, Hunstanton, Cromer, Heacham, Deer-ingham and Kings Lynn. King George had just left Sandrigham a few hours before the place was attacked. The most damage appears to have been suffered by private houses and shops. Few public buildings or docks seemed to have suffered.

The raiders' evident ability to pilot their craft, and their good marksmanship, which, despite the darkness, enabled them to find their way with remarkable directness and to take accurate aim, was greater than had generally been believed would be possible.

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CONFLICTS ON LOWER VISTULA

Statement Issued by Russian Army Grand Staff Indicates Activity on the Right Bank of the River.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN VILLAGE OF KAMOPKI

Russian Artillery There Effectively Silenced Batteries of the Enemy—German Offensive Is Blocked.

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—An official statement given out today by the grand staff of the Russian army indicates there has been considerable activity and fighting on the right bank of the lower Vistula river. The statement follows:

"During the 17th and 18th of January, on the right bank of the lower Vistula river and on the front of the river and railroad from Warsaw to Mlava, a portion of our troops were in close contact with the enemy, causing a number of collisions of secondary importance.

"Fighting of graver character and of more serious action took place in the village of Kamopki, where our heavy artillery effectively silenced the batteries of the enemy, and at Bodnaries and Bejounia, opposite which the enemy occupied with well organized defensive positions.

"Heavy fighting has also occurred near Bobizyau, where an offensive attempt of the Germans was blocked and the enemy was driven back, sustaining great loss.

British Forts in Arabia Attacked. Constantinople, Jan. 20.—British and French announcements today tell that during the night an attack was made on the English forts on the Shat el Arab river in Arabia. The enemy was taken by surprise and about 100 men in killed and wounded. An English cavalry troop attempted to surprise a Turkish cavalry detachment near Kurna, near the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The attack was under the protection of a gunboats' fire; but the English suffered heavy losses and the gunboat withdrew.

English expeditionary forces operated in the region at the head of the Persian gulf. According to an official announcement early in December the Turks at Kurna surrendered unconditionally and the place was subsequently occupied by the British, thus giving them control of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates to the Persian gulf.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL IS MOVED TO SYDNEY

Reason Unknown Unless for Better Defense—Australian Troops Unlimited.

Melbourne, Australia. (By way of London), Jan. 20.—The seat of the commonwealth government has been transferred temporarily from Melbourne to Sydney. Minister Pearce of Australia declared today there is no limit to the number of troops which the Australian commonwealth can send to the front.

A German lieutenant has been arrested at Cloncurry on the charge of espionage.

London, Jan. 20.—The brief announcement of the transfer of the seat of the commonwealth government from Melbourne to Sydney finds no explanation in London. The Australian high commissioner in London, Sir George H. Reid, says that he is unable to throw any light on the move unless it is in connection with the question of defense.

Black Mountain Murder.

Reports received at the sheriff's office this morning are to the effect that a man was murdered at Black Mountain last night. No details could be learned up to 1 o'clock, although Sheriff Mitchell and Coroner Morris have gone there to investigate the matter.

There are no cases on the docket of the juvenile court, and therefore no session of the court will be held this afternoon.

IMPORTANT SESSION OF G. W. N. C. ASS'N

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JUDGMENTS SIGNED IN SUPERIOR COURT TODAY

Damages in the Sum of \$1050 Awarded Estate of Boling Manning, Colored.

Several judgments were signed in Superior court at the morning session today. A compromise judgment for \$1,050 was signed in the case of Vonno Gudge, administrator of the estate of Boling Manning, colored, against the Atlantic Hiltulthie company. About one year ago Manning, while employed by the defendant company on the paving of Biltmore avenue, was run over by a rock crusher on that thoroughfare and sustained injuries from which he died at the Mission hospital several days later.

A judgment for the plaintiff on a counter claim for \$740.50 was signed in the case of Harvey M. Dickson against W. T. Mason.

The plaintiff took a non-suit in the case of J. B. Codell against the Champion Fibre company.

When court recessed for noon the case of Amy S. Edwards against A. J. Lyman and others, in which some land is involved, was being tried. It is thought that the case will consume the remainder of the day.

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