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## CITY CITIZENS ADOPT CHARTER

Large and Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Accepts Proposed Commission Bill Almost Unanimously.

INTERESTING DEBATES ON CERTAIN DETAILS

Some Opposition to Recall of Judge and Few Other Provisions—Committee to Send Bill to Raleigh.

The feature of the large mass meeting of the citizens of Asheville held at the county court house last night for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee of 21 appointed at last week's meeting to draw up a charter for the commission form of government for this city, was the willingness on the part of the large number of people present to allow any objections they had as to minor details of the charter to go by for the good of the whole.

The meeting last night was representative and as large as the first mass meeting which appointed the committee to draw up the charter. All the seats in the large court room were filled and many people stood throughout the proceedings. The charter as presented to the meeting was overwhelmingly endorsed with only a few votes against it and these not enough to call for a count of their number. Only one word was ordered changed, providing that the city "shall" have a health department instead of "may."

Applause was frequent throughout the talks made by all the men who addressed the meeting and enthusiasm was very high. The meeting instructed the original committee of 21 to appoint a sub-committee to present the bill to the legislature for enactment into a law to be submitted to a vote of the citizens of Asheville, some time about the middle of March.

The main opposition that was manifested at last night's meeting showed itself against the part of the bill dealing with the recall of the police judge, while a little opposition was shown to including the schools.

Congressman-elect James J. Britt and United States Marshal C. A. Webb agreed that no more than two members of the commission be members of the same political party.

The first matter brought before the meeting, after having been called to order by Chairman Judge H. B. Stevens, was the report of the committee of 21, which was given by George S. Powell who presented the following statement:

"I have been requested by the committee to submit the proposed charter to this meeting, with a short statement, and in doing so it is my pleasure to say that, while we have had differing opinions as to some of the provisions embodied in these provisions have not affected the one vital principle the committee has kept in view, viz: to recommend a charter that shall be a decided improvement on the one now in force. The committee believes it has accomplished this, and unannouncedly (Continued on page 5)

## URGES BILL TO PROHIBIT EXPORTATION OF WHEAT

Washington, Jan. 23.—A joint resolution authorizing the president "to prohibit the export of wheat and all products thereof on every territory or any seaport of the United States until otherwise ordered by congress," has been introduced by Representative Porter, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Porter declared the "wheat situation in this country" was "rapidly reaching a crisis." He contended that while this country should aid unfortunate of Europe, "this government should not permit anything to be done which would place bread beyond the pocketbook of our humblest citizen."

"Notwithstanding we had an exceptional crop last year, which gave us approximately a surplus of three hundred million bushels for export," said Mr. Porter, "only about 75,000,000 bushels of this surplus remains and at the rate shipments have been made, that will be exhausted the middle of March. The winter crop will not be available before July."

## MANY PEOPLE ATTEND LITERACY TEST HEARING

Social Workers, Labor Leaders, and Publicists Appear Before the President.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Five hundred men and women—social workers, labor leaders and publicists—crowded the historic east room of the white house yesterday for a hearing before President Wilson on the immigration bill which has been passed by congress.

There was to be three hours of argument apportioned equally between the opponents and advocates of the measure. President Wilson took his place promptly at 10 o'clock to listen to arguments on the literacy test, around which the fight on the bill has been waged.

## AUSTRALIAN CRUISER SINKS GERMAN VESSEL

London, Jan. 23.—Reuter's has received a dispatch from Melbourne stating that an Australian cruiser recently sank a ship which was acting as an auxiliary for German cruisers. The officers and men of the ship were made prisoners.

## NORWEGIAN WIRELESS IS NOT YET WORKING

Stravagher, Norway, Jan. 23.—(Correspondent of The Associated Press)—The trans-Atlantic wireless station which Norway began building here soon after direct communication with the United States was out at the outbreak of the war, is still waiting for its machinery from London, and according to Norwegian papers it is doubtful if it will ever get it.

The masts and antennae have been in position since August. A firm in London agreed that the dynamo and other machinery would soon be shipped to Norway. A few days later the British admiralty announced it had commandeered this apparatus and shipped it to Egypt. A second set was made, only to be taken again, by the British authorities, according to latest reports here, to be shipped to Australia.

## NOT SUNK BY SUBMARINE IS BELIEF OF SURVIVORS

London, Jan. 23.—Two survivors of the crew of the Wilson liner Hydro, which sank off Donegal coast near the Glenties causeway yesterday, are not inclined to believe the report that the boat was sunk by a submarine. They stated that the shifting cargo was probably responsible.

Dispatches from Stornaway, Scotland, state that the Norwegian steamer Herda has been lost with a crew of ten off Lewis Island.

## HEAVY SHELL KILLS RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Berlin, (By wireless to London) Jan. 23.—It is officially announced that the Russian railroad station near Chenczy (about 10 miles northwest of Kielce in southern Poland), which the Austrians destroyed with a single heavy shell, was filled with Russian troops at the time and that all were killed.

## MAN OVERWHELMED BY AVALANCHE IN ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 23.—Ivar Holmquist, who with William Blomquist was hunting in the mountains yesterday, was overwhelmed by an avalanche and killed. The men heard the avalanche roaring down the mountain and ran. Blomquist reached safety but Holmquist was overtaken. His body has been recovered.

## DR. VANN SECRETARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Durham, Jan. 23.—T. R. Cann president of Meredith college, has been elected secretary of the Baptist state board of education at a meeting here. He will enter upon his duties at the end of the college year. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest will act as secretary until Dr. Vann begins the work.

## Striking Renewal of Airship Activities on the Continent

Both German and British Airmen Engage in Bomb-Dropping—Other Air Raids by British Expected—Give and Take Battle in West; Both Sides Reinforcing—Serious Mutiny Suppressed in Turkish Army; Many Prominent Officers Executed.

London, Jan. 23.—Although reports of Zeppelin raids on England last night appear to have been false, there has been a striking renewal of aerial activities on the continent. The Germans have made a raid on Dunkirk and the British airmen have dropped bombs in Bruges. The Dunkirk raid resulted in considerable loss of life and damage to property. It is said that some 10 aeroplanes took part in the attack. The British airmen assisting in the defense of the place,

brought down one airship. This method of defense is regarded as much more likely to be effective than the anti-airship guns with which Dunkirk bristles. It is believed that the British raid will be followed by others as the Bruges docks are at the head of the Zeebrugge ship canal system by which the Germans are transporting great bodies of men, ammunition and supplies. The Germans are mtting troops near La Bassee evidently in preparation for a new stroke between Ypres and

Courtrai, and the allies are further strengthening their forces in northern France and Flanders. During the past 24 hours it has been a give and take battle, with minor reverses admitted and minor successes claimed by both sides. The tenseness of the situation between Greece and Turkey has been somewhat relieved by the release of Greek officers in Constantinople. Russian sources send reports of the suppression of a serious mutiny in the Turkish army, in which 77 prominent Turkish officers were executed.

## REVENUE OFFICERS HAVE RETURNED FROM RAID

Report Finding Copper Still in Madison County—Operators Had Gone.

Deputy Collector Cobe, Special Employes Ireland and Galloway returned yesterday from Madison county, where on Thursday they conducted a raid with the assistance of Deputy Sheriff W. C. Rector of Marshall on the headwaters of Big Pine in the vicinity of Robinson's laurel, where a distilling outfit was destroyed. The officers state that a copper still had been removed from the furnace and all beer distilled. It was impossible to discover evidence sufficient to warrant prosecution because of the fact that the ground, which was covered with six inches of snow, bore no tracks which would have enabled the officers to secure incriminating evidence. The officers report the trip to be one of unusual hardships due to the heavy snow and strong winds blowing near the tops of those mountains.

## ATTEMPT AT CRIMINAL ASSAULT IS CHARGED

Jim Dilly, Alias Jim Barrett, Colored, Is Held in Buncombe County Jail.

A warrant was issued upon request of Sheriff E. M. Mitchell yesterday by Magistrate T. F. Hunter for Jim Dilly, alias Jim Barrett, colored, who is charged with attempt at criminal assault upon Miss Arrington near Weaverville on day early in this week. The defendant is held in the county jail until a hearing can be arranged before Magistrate Hunter, which will probably be early in the coming week.

Information has been received that Miss Arrington, while driving along the road some distance from Weaverville, had her horse stopped by the negro, who became alarmed at approach of some one and fed through the woods around which the road curved. Coming into the road again he made a second effort to stop the animal, but was frightened this time by the screams made by the young lady.

## SWISS REINFORCING TROOPS ALONG FRONT

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Swiss troops have been reinforced in certain sections along the frontier, account of the uncertain situation, according to information from Geneva.

## La Bassee In Possession Of Allied Army, Report

Paris, Jan. 23.—It is reported that La Bassee, 13 miles southwest of Lille, has been occupied by the troops of the allies, says the Matin's St. Omar correspondent today.

"After concentrating strong forces near Festubert, northwest of La Bassee, the Germans Thursday tried to force the British line. They made the attempt with massed companies but were repulsed by the withering fire of the British, who resisted with courage.

## Turkish Troops Defeat Russian, British Forces

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—(By Way of Amsterdam and London)—An official communication regarding the fighting in the Caucasus issued by the Turkish war department is as follows: "The Russian main forces have failed in their attempt to encircle our left wing, being forced to retreat. Our troops are now pursuing the enemy." (Previous Russian and Turkish official communication indicated that the latest fighting was around Karabag in Transylvania over the Turkish border).

## Noteworthy Advance of Russians Is Continued

London, Jan. 23.—"In the Ploc" region of Northern Poland the Russians continue their noteworthy advance at Shempro, towards Lipno," says the Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's. "In the Caucasus the military movements have been temporarily halted to bury the Turkish dead, which is

## French Infantry Attack Near Iser Is Successful

Paris, Jan. 23.—The French official war statement issued yesterday is as follows: "In Belgium yesterday the enemy bombarded Nieuport with a fair degree of violence. "Our infantry made an attack between the Yser and La Bassee that was successful. A successful attack of our troops against the field works of the enemy was made yesterday. "From the Yser to Argonne the situation remains unchanged, as it does around Soissons.

"Between the Meuse and Moselle, to the southeast of St. Mihiel an exceedingly violent bombardment of our positions, but we retained the German trenches occupied by us yesterday, for about 125 yards. "At a point between Mount Bonhomme and Mount Schlucht there has been an artillery engagement with the German batteries in which our guns silenced the guns of the enemy."

## Battle Raging Between Nieuport and Ostend

Amsterdam, Jan. 23.—(Via London)—Between Nieuport and Ostend a hard battle has been raging for three days, despite the heavy rains, muddy trenches and almost impassable roads, says a Swiss correspondent to the Telegraph. The correspondent reports a large number of German wounded passing through Swiss. The report states that the battle is one of the hardest that has been fought in this region and that there is no end to it in sight yet.

## Heavy Firing Near Cernay

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 23.—(Via Paris)—Exceptionally heavy firing is proceeding in the region of Cernay near Thann in Alsace, according to a report here. The German wounded state, the report says, that the frozen ground makes the shell fire from the guns much more deadly as when a shell explodes it usually breaks up the earth and scatters large clods which make ugly wounds.

## Germans Repulse French Attack North of Verdun

Berlin, (By wireless to London), Jan. 23.—The German war office today gave out the following official statement of the operations: "On January 21 in the western theater of war a continued rain rendered impossible fighting between the canal and LaBussee. Artillery duels took place farther along the line. "One trench was taken day before yesterday at Berry-au-Bac was abandoned by our troops and blown up. A

## FISHERY BILLS ARE DISCUSSED

Immortal Fish Question Prolongs House Session—Local Bills With State-Wide Significance.

## CONSERVATION AND CONVERSATION MARKED

Bills That Looked Guileless Debated to Finish—Salisbury's Charter Will Be Considered.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—Conservation and conversation marked both houses of the general assembly yesterday, the forests getting the promise of protection, and multitudinous bills receiving the talk.

In the four hours of house deliberations and the three of the senate, the work was largely state-wide. Local bills that looked guileless were debated to a finish, but these in the finality had significance the whole state over. The senate discussed arbitration of actions on big scale and closed its day's work on a state-wide bill amending to meet the alleged needs of two counties.

Salisbury's charter which took a start Thursday in the hope of landing that municipality in the class of bigger towns, did not reach the house yesterday. When it does come, it will bring anti and pro from the Rowan capital in droves. The present representatives were elected on a charter-change platform. But that will not prevent the fight. Major Pete Murphy is making the war.

The immemorial fish question prolonged the house (session from 10 o'clock in the afternoon and the net result was the postponement of the vote. The house was forced to stop short its work by the length of debate. The fish question was up in accents form. Counties in the east had measures which were reputed to be local. The advocates of those bills had a comfortable majority but the house lacked the full vote. The avowed effort to take Tyrrell from the control of the fish commissioner created the greatest talk.

The word "fish" was in 40 mouths. Representatives Currie, Hampton, Meekins, Mayo, Laughinghouse, Winborne, Whitford, Brummitt, and Davis had taken their turn. And finally in sheer hunger partly superinduced by that word, the house stopped in the midst of the work, Grier of Iredell uttering the magic motion that "we now adjourn."

The senate was convened at 11 o'clock by President Daughtridge. The bill to authorize logging railroads to carry passengers was recalled after passage on a previous day and re-passed in order to correct a typographical error in the measure. New bills were introduced as follows:

Miller—Amend the machinery act of 1913 and provide for the equitable taxation of real estate under mortgage. Johnson of Duplin—Require sheriffs to keep process books for original processes.

Herbert—Provide for 50 state convicts to be assigned to work on the Hiwassee Valley railroad, Cherokee county, in exchange for stock, the state to have representation of the board of directors that the road to not be mortgaged without the consent of the state.

The senate discussed at much length the bill to establish arbitral courts in each county where the litigants desire them and not to apply to torts and real estate, the head of the court to be the clerk of the Superior court. Ward offered to amend by excepting issues of divorce and alimony. Senator Nash explained that the arbitral courts would be optional with the litigants and would not entail any cost on the counties. Senator White offered an amendment permitting the clerk of the court to appoint some one to act in his stead.

Sensors Haymore and Bumgarner secured the exception of their counties of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie, Surry and Stokes. The bill passed second reading and then by agreement of its introducer, Senator Nash, it went over for final reading to another day. The senate adjourned at 1:45 to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The House was convened at 10 o'clock. Numbers of petitions were presented from various counties the enactment of those measures being advocated by the Farmers' union. There came from committee with favorable report the Allen bill for the repeal of the acts of 1893 and 1899 authorizing the consolidation of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad company under the name of the Atlantic

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## GERMAN AIRMEN RAID DUNKIRK

Number of Airships Pass Over City, Dropping 80 Bombs, Wounding 20, Six of Whom Died.

## ONE GERMAN AIRSHIP BROUGHT TO GROUND

British Aeronauts Drop Bombs on Bruges Dock—Zeppelins Are Reported Over Ostend and Cromer.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Semi-official notice reached here tonight that a number of German aviators attacked Dunkirk, throwing 80 bombs. There were 20 victims, six of whom are dead. A large warehouse was set on fire by one of the bombs.

The French and British aviators, who gave chase to the hostile aircraft brought down one at Bray-Dunes on the Belgian frontier and the two German occupants were made prisoners. British Airmen Busy. Amsterdam, Jan. 23.—British airmen today dropped bombs on the important Bruges-Belgian docks, according to news received here. The results of the attack are not known. The airmen were attacked by the Germans but escaped uninjured.

Dover, Jan. 23.—(By Way of London)—Reports reached here tonight that a Zeppelin was seen over Ostend today. Dispatches from Cromer Friday contained reports that airmen had passed over that place and preparations were made to resist an attack. The surrounding towns also made ready to meet air attacks, but as no raids have developed, the reports seem to have been baseless.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Havre says: "Several German airmen dropped bombs on Dunkirk Friday afternoon. One of the hostile airships was brought down at Great Dune between Dunkirk and Furnes and two German airmen were killed. Unexploded bombs were found attached to the airship.

## ROUMANIAN FORCES NOT YET MOBILIZED

Berlin, (By way of The Hague and London), Jan. 23.—The Rumanian legation has not received official confirmation of the Swiss and Italian reports regarding the mobilization of the Rumanian army. It is said that the necessary royal decree calling out the army has not been issued.

## 15,000 INJURED IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 23.—The number of injured brought here from the earthquake districts has now reached 15,000.

## JEROME HAS THAW

Concord, N. H., Jan. 23.—Harvey K. Thaw was returned to the custody of the New York authorities today. The formalities attending his transfer from the New Hampshire authorities were completed within five minutes.

## TO PROTECT FORESTS

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—Representative Roberts has presented a bill protecting forests of the state from fire, the first statewide measure of that character. In the house a three hour debate on the vital statistics law caused an amendment that makes the time for reporting burials ten days instead of 24 hours, the bill then passed. Little opposition to the division of the state into two judicial circuits developed, bill passed third reading overwhelmingly.

Representative Winborne presented a bill authorizing court process by telephone. Dr. Kent of Lenoir introduced a bill for manufacture, sale and distribution of serum. Representative Allen's bill domesticating the Coast Line, was reported favorably.