

SMOOT SPEAKS OVER 11 HOURS

U. S. Senate in Session All Night in Battle to Prevent Vote on the Ship Purchase Bill.

SUTHERLAND RELIEVED SMOOT THIS MORNING

Republicans Must Occupy Every Minute of Session or the Vice-President Will Order Roll Call.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Dawn found the senate still in session with the republicans waging a desperate battle against time to prevent the possibility of any action on the administration ship purchase bill which the democrats have decreed shall be voted on before any other business is considered.

The session began yesterday at 11 o'clock. Half a score of heavy-eyed senators were on the floor all night. After the battle early in the session, when the majority had invoked procedure, which the opposition declared swept away the rules to dispose of the tangled parliamentary situation, had been ruled by republicans, Senator Smoot began speaking and continued his talking all night and until 9:25 o'clock this morning, when he yielded to Senator Sutherland, after he had spoken continuously for 11 hours and 55 minutes.

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Once all the democrats, except Senator Simmons of North Carolina, had left the chamber. He hastened to the door and these words were audible through the entire gallery: "Somebody had better stay here. I'm the only democrat in the chamber." A group of democrats hastened to join him.

As daylight filtered into the chamber, neither side showed any signs of weakening and no one would predict what the end might be.

At 5 o'clock, Senator Smoot had declared offers of republican arrivals to give him a rest. Between the sentences of his speech he ate a breakfast of milk.

SLIDES HAVE MADE CHANGE NECESSARY

Formal Announcement Made of Postponement of the Panama Opening.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The formal announcement of the postponement of the formal opening exercises at the Panama canal from March until sometime in July has been made by Secretary Daniels.

In July, the Atlantic fleet will pass through the canal and the other ceremonies planned for the president to attend in March will be carried out. The report of Governor Goethals concerning slides in Culebra cut was given as the reason for the postponement.

It was definitely announced that President Wilson expects to go to San Francisco to the exposition in March, despite the postponement of the formal opening of the canal. He will make the special trip to Panama unless it is found necessary to call an extra session of congress.

President Wilson has planned to make a number of speeches on the return trip from the Pacific coast.

It was stated authoritatively today that there are now no plans for an extra session of congress.

HOTEL REGISTERS AUGUR GOOD TIMES

Asheville Hotel Men Give Good Report of Business Since January 1.

As a barometer of business conditions, the traveling man registers as accurately as the scientific instrument does for atmospheric changes. When he is not to be found in the hotel lobbies and you hear him say he has packed his sample trunks to go home, signals more infallible than the weather bureau's are out for hard times.

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Germans Are Menaced In East Prussia, Russians In Bukowina

Operations of Greatest Importance Are Developing at Extreme Ends of the Immense Eastern Battle Front—Russians Reported to Have Retaken Tabriz From Turks in Persia—Another Big Battle Expected Near Soissons.

London, Jan. 30.—Two conditions called particularly for comment by the British military observers on the progress of the war—the Austro-German concentration in the Carpathians which is regarded as a menace to the Russian forces in Bukowina; and the Russian activity in East Prussia, which has the character of a threat against the Germans in that territory. Thus at the extreme ends of the immense battle line on the eastern front military operations of the greatest importance are developing.

Recapture Tabriz. London, Jan. 30.—Reuter's

LAYMEN OF SOUTH MEET FEB'Y 16-18

Great Program Arranged for Missionary Convention in Charlotte.

Interest throughout the south centers in the great Laymen's Missionary convention that is to be held in Charlotte, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 16-18. Convention headquarters will be at the Second Presbyterian church while the convention hall will be the city auditorium.

It is expected that delegates will be in attendance from all over the south. There will be distinguished speakers from the entire country, including some of the foremost laymen in the land.

The following is a partial list of subjects and speakers for the sessions at the auditorium.

"A Tourist's View of Missions"—Rev. J. N. Mills, D. D., minister, lawyer, traveler, lecturer, of Washington.

"The Holy Spirit and Missions"—Rev. Rockwell Brank, D. D., pastor of the Independent Presbyterian church, Savannah.

"Life and Missions"—Rev. D. H. Ogden, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Atlanta.

"Prophecy and Missions"—Rev. William R. Dobyns, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, St. Joseph, Mo.

"The Possibility of Moving Pictures in Missionary Education"—Mr. C. V. Vickery, secretary missionary education movement, New York.

"The Message of the Hour"—Dr. John R. Mott, chairman, continuation committee, general secretary foreign department, Young Men's Christian association, New York.

"The Conditions of World Evangelization"—Robert E. Speer, secretary board of foreign missions, Presbyterian church, New York.

"The New Times and the New Man"—William T. Ellis, editor The Continent, Swarthmore, Penn.

Paris correspondent telegraphs that he has learned that the Russians have routed the Turks in Persia and have entered Tabriz, the capital of the Arbaian province which the Turks occupied early in January.

Another big battle near Soissons in the west is confidently expected, as well as a bitter conflict near La Bassee, where the Germans have received reinforcements.

The Russians' new invasion of East Prussia is becoming well defined in British eyes as an outflanking movement. For sometime this frontier section

and Rheims, there has been nothing to report.

"Between Rheims and the Aronne, there have been artillery engagements of no great intensity."

"It has been confirmed that the German attack which was repulsed by us on the night of January 27-28 at Pontaine Madam cost the enemy dearly in killed and wounded."

"On the heights of the Meuse and in the Woivre, yesterday passed quietly."

"In the Vosges, there have been artillery exchanges in which our cannon silenced the batteries of the enemy and machine gun detachments."

"Everywhere we have consolidated the positions which we took from the enemy on January 27."

Petrograd, Jan. 30.—Important successes in the Carpathians, from Dukla pass to the railroad between Stry and Mounthatch, on January 28 and 27, are reported in the official communication issued yesterday by Russian general staff, which says:

"Successes southwest of the Dukla pass were particularly important. The heavy Russian forces compelled the Germans to retreat hastily, leaving large stores of war material."

"In the vicinity of Trekhania and Eolkhany, the Russians captured the earthworks of the enemy and surrounded another of the enemy's positions on January 27. Many prisoners were taken by our troops. At other

places, the enemy were unsuccessful in their attempts at offensive. Outpost skirmishes and artillery duels continue in Bukowina."

"Engagements continue on both sides of the Vistula. On the night of January 27, the Russians delivered a night attack on the left bank. German batteries were silenced and they suffered heavy losses. It is said this was particularly true at Jidomist, where the Germans were seen carrying many dead and wounded off the field."

"The fighting continues near Plikalen and Gumbinnen and the Germans have been driven back in this country, north of Tilsit in East Prussia."

All the German attacks failed, according to the statement.

LEGISLATURE UP WITH ITS WORK

Both Houses Complete Calendars and Today Is Given to Social Service Speakers.

WEAVER AND ROBERTS URGE PRESERVE BILLS

Preachers Are Allowed to Ride on Passes—Officers May Now Serve Processes by 'Phone.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—The general assembly caught up yesterday and prepared for the oratorical clearing house today. Both house and senate announced the completion of their calendars and their ability to hear the Social Service speakers who are in the city today.

It was a day of fiercely rapid work, little debate and generally good feeling. Not even the fish fight in the east, a fight that even a republican could break that great peace that smacked of chloroform.

Senator Weaver of Asheville and Roberts of Buncombe, were handy with propositions to save the government preserves in the west and again prohibitionists sought legislation from every section of the state.

The telephone service act, allowing officers to serve processes by wire, went through. Ministers were elevated to the noble class of the editorial pass toasters, and the goose hung high.

The hearing of all proponents, opponents and fence polishers on the liquor legislation for this legislature was set for Tuesday, February 2. The outlook for conservation was never better. The flow of petitions does not restrain certain members from their well published intention to say a few words against the law that will not allow a man to be the supreme autocrat of his own stomach.

This lively prospect. It will bring hundreds here this time.

There were presented numerous petitions again for the enactment of the state Anti-Saloon league legislation pending.

New bills were introduced as follows: Chatham—Provide for the payment to Citizens' National bank of Raleigh money that was advanced to the state building commissioner.

Davis—Divide the state into judicial districts.

Weaver—Give consent by the state for the making by the federal government of rules and regulations for the conservation of the national resources in Western Carolina including game, fish and rivers.

Currie—Abolish the crop lien system.

Harding—Provide for the relief of the state school for the blind at Raleigh. This provides \$50,000 annually for the next two years for the maintenance of the institution. The question of removal of the school is not involved in the bill.

A special message was received from Governor Craig transmitting a letter from Secretary Houston of the United States department of agriculture asking that the state delegates to the federal authorities the power to direct the conservation work for game, forests, rivers and the like in western Carolina in the region where the federal government holds forest preserves, this being in line with the bill introduced by Senator Weaver.

The bill to repeal the long and short haul clauses of the Justice act, as passed by the senate, and the duplicate Ward bill in the senate with an special order for next Wednesday at noon.

Bills passed final reading as follows: Incorporate Wilkesboro and West Jefferson and Northern Railroad company.

Repeat the Mitchell county hawk scalp law.

TWO AIRCRAFT BOMBARDMENTS

British Airmen Make Raid on Belgian Coast Towns While the Germans Attack City of Dunkirk.

BERLIN REPORTS SOME LOSS TO THE BRITISH

Say Three Aeronauts Failed to Return—Little Damage From Bombs Dropped at Dunkirk.

(By W. T. Bost.)

London, Jan. 30.—According to a Berlin wireless, of the seven English aeronauts, who bombarded Ostend and Zeebrugge, three of them failed to return to their base. It was said that the three machines were surrounded by German airmen and chased into the sea.

The above information may indicate a new British air raid on the Belgian coast towns. The last British air raid reported in this direction occurred at Zeebrugge on January 22. Two British aviators participated in it and it is said they damaged a German submarine and either killed or wounded the crews of the guns which were placed on the mole.

The German report says there was no damage.

Dunkirk, (By way of Paris), Jan. 30.—In an aerial bombardment by the Germans here, six aeroplanes took part. It was a moonlight night but the machines could not be seen except when lit by the beams of a whirling searchlight, to give the anti-airship gunners the direction in which to fire.

The dropping of the propellers could be heard a short time before the aircraft arrived.

Immediately the town was sounded to warn the inhabitants to go into their houses. Fifty bombs were dropped, 10 of them incendiary. Several private houses were damaged, but the raid, from a military standpoint, was a failure.

Expect to Devote Time to Roasting Officials When He Retires.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The following interesting news item appeared in Thursday's Washington Times:

"Secretary of the Navy Daniels called a halt today to the rumors that he will be a candidate for a seat in the United States senate from North Carolina."

"When I retire from the cabinet," the secretary said, "I am going to spend the rest of my time roasting public officials in my newspaper."

"Secretary Daniels added that if he were a candidate for the senate he wouldn't start to make the race four years before a vacancy arose."

"Secretary Daniels and Secretary Bryan will leave Washington tomorrow night for Raleigh, N. C., where Mr. Bryan will address the North Carolina legislature on Saturday."

Secretary Daniels has had some personal experience in the "roasting" line since he has been in Washington. Practically every large newspaper of the country has "roasted" the present secretary of the navy, or made him a target for their "jokes."

"I found a marked improvement in business in the sixth district," said Representative Godwin, who returned from a short visit home yesterday. Mr. Godwin says they were around the first of the month, and in addition there is a better market for cotton.

Representatives Webb, Page, Kitchen and probably some of the other Tar Heels will vote to override the president's veto on the immigration bill.

THOMPSON ENTERS "NOT GUILTY" PLEA

First Move Today in Conspiracy Case Relative to Thaw's Escape.

New York, Jan. 30.—The arraignment of Roger Thompson, the chauffeur alleged to have driven the automobile in which Harry K. Thaw escaped from Matteawan, stood as the first move by Franklin Kennedy, deputy attorney general, to bring the five men indicted with Thaw in the charge of conspiracy to bring about Thaw's escape, to trial on February 23.

Thompson entered a plea of not guilty and his bail of \$1,000 was continued. The others indicted for conspiracy in aiding Thaw to escape are Richard Butler, Eugene Duffy, Michael O'Keefe and Thomas Flood.

Turks Advancing. Cairo, Jan. 29.—(Via London, Jan. 30.)—The Turkish outpost has reached the vicinity of Tor and Khort, on the Sinai peninsula. Up to the present the fighting has consisted only of small outpost clashes.

Tor is on the gulf of Suez, about 140 miles south of Suez.

DR. CHARLES MORRIS SPEAKER FOR SUNDAY

Dr. Charles Morris, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Jonesboro, Ark., will be the speaker tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the men's meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Morris will have as his subject: "The Personal Touch." The music program will include solo by Miss Dorothy Atkinson and Mrs. M. G. Williams, with E. B. Stinson as accompanist.

The boys' Bible class will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and all boys of the city are invited to attend.

NAVY APPROPRIATION BILL IS CONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 30.—The house met yesterday to begin consideration of the naval appropriations bill, which carries about \$185,900,000. Indications were that it would bring on a lively debate.

The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying over \$22,000,000, which was passed by the house last night, has been sent to the senate. Only two appropriation bills—the urgent deficiency and the District of Columbia—have been passed by the senate.

CELEBRATE M'KINLEY'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson and White House attaches were today wearing carnations, the favorite flower of the late William McKinley, in observance of the seventy-seventh birthday anniversary of the deceased. Some of the present attaches were at the White House during the McKinley administration.

G. B. Strin of Atlanta is a guest at the Langren hotel.