

FIRE INSURANCE BILL IS PASSED

First Measure Regulating Compensation of Agents Generally Put Through by the House.

THE HOUSE ONE VAST PETITION DEPOSITORY

Members Almost Willing to Guess Now That the Fight Against Liquor Bill Will Be Feeble.

FAYETTEVILLE SHIPS 75 CARLOADS COTTON

The Shipment Consists of 1974 Bales, 1600 of Which Were Bought in One Day.

POSITION OF BELGIANS DESPERATELY STORMED

Germans Repeatedly Attack Along Yser Near Westende — Unsuccessful, Says Correspondent.

CAROLINA SPECIAL KILLS HAIL THOMAS

Asheville Man, Aged 40, Met Instant Death at Bailey This Morning.

BELGIAN PREPARATION DUE TO KING LEOPOLD

On His Death-Bed Requests the Senate to Pass Military Bill.

REBELS SURRENDER TO COMMAND OF BRITISH

Pretria, (By way of London), Feb. 4.—Rebel Leader Pesuydehaut and the so-called prophet, Van Kensburg, have surrendered to the British forces with Lieutenant Colonel Kemp, it was officially announced today.

REVENUE MEN CAPTURE DISTILLERY IN MACON

As the result of a raid Tuesday night by Revenue Officers J. F. Cane and C. L. Greer of Asheville, lovers of home-made alcoholic beverages near Needmore, N. C. are mourning the loss of 1290 gallons of beer and 15 gallons of corn whiskey.

BRIDGE DYNAMITER INDICTED IN MAINE

Werner Van Horn Faces the Charge of Defacing Buildings, Caused by Shock.

GENERAL VILLA NEW PRESIDENT

Pancho Villa Proclaims Himself Provisional President and Military Chief of Mexico.

DEMOCRATS IN DESPERATE FIX

Administration Leaders Still Exerting Every Effort to Save Ship Purchase Bill, However.

RECALCITRANTS FLATLY REFUSE TO YIELD

Party Leaders Give Main Attention to Castigation of "Recreant" Colleagues.—Stone Speaks.

WILL TRY TO RELIEVE PRZEMYSL GARRISON

Germans to Attempt to Succor Austrian Stronghold Where the Situation Is Reported Desperate.

RELIEF EFFORTS

Geneva, Feb. 4.—Determined efforts to relieve the Austrian garrison at Przemysl by the German army are to be undertaken, according to a Cracow dispatch which states that the governor of Cracow has been instructed by the Austrian general staff to get ready to receive 200,000 men, who will probably be drawn from the German center in Russian Poland.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following is the perfect attendance report for the Haw Creek school for December: Eighth grade—Mark Reed. Seventh grade—Howard Redfern. Sixth grade—Annie Creaman, Bonnie Crook, Hollis Johnson. Fifth grade—Mary Redd, Clara Redmon, Janie Dillingham.

PALESTINE TRIBESMEN FORCED INTO SERVICE

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 4.—Turkish deserters who surrendered to the British troops included members representing tribes in southern Palestine. They declared they had been forced to enter the Turkish army against their will.

LOCAL TEAM TO BOWL AT Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

The Y. M. C. A. team of the state bowling league will bowl on the local alleys tonight the games to begin at 8:30 o'clock. The local team is leading all of the other teams in the state in the number of points made and in the individual scores, and a great deal of interest is being manifested here in the games played in the state league, large numbers of people witnessing each game on the local alleys.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Reinforcements for both sides of the fight over the ship purchase bill arrived in Washington today. Senator Lewis hurried here from Asheville, but he was offset by Senator Fall, republican of New Mexico. The line-up on the vote to re-commit the measure and thus effectually kill it for the session was so close that Vice President Marshall will probably have to pass the deciding vote. When the senate met at noon both sides were maneuvering.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Champtons and opponents of the administration ship purchase measure today were rounding up their forces for a continuation of the struggle and each side was seeking to strengthen itself by rounding up additional votes. Democratic leaders planned to gain support in an effort to save the bill by having it re-committed to the commerce committee with definite instructions as to amendments, while the republicans sought to have the measure sent back to the committee without instructions, which would pigeon-hole it so far as this session is concerned. Many leaders feared they would be unable to muster sufficient votes to carry out the party program and were hoping for the arrival of Senator Lewis, who has been spending some days in North Carolina and Senator Smith of South Carolina. They also counted on gaining the support of Senators Norris and La Follette. The republican leaders hoped for the return of Senator Fenshoe, who would add one more to their side. They were confident that they would be able to re-commit the measure without instructions and insisted that in this event the bill would not be brought to a vote this session. On the other hand, the democrats declared that the measure is not dead. Plans of administration democrats to drag the government ship purchase bill out of danger in the senate had not been completed last night, but champions of the measure had not abandoned hope that a way would be found today to recommit the bill with definite instructions for its amendment.

Instead of pressing their plan to recommit with instructions, the party leaders contented themselves with continuing in the open senate the seven democrats who overturned the shipping bill program last Monday. Senator Stone, selected for this upstartling, held the floor several hours bitterly denouncing the seven insurgents as the "recreant democrats who had endeavored to unhorse their party."

Recalcitrant democrats flatly refused to yield to concessions agreed upon by the majority in secret caucus Tuesday night, and administration leaders found they could not muster enough votes to defeat the coalition of republicans and insurgent democrats who insist on sending the bill back to committee without instructions. That would mean its death for the session.

Democrat representatives in the next congress have been called to a caucus tonight, at which they will re-organize. There is no opposition to the re-election of Champ Clark and other house officers. Representative Claud Kitchin of North Carolina has no opposition as chairman of the ways and means committee. His election to this place would make him democratic leader to succeed Underwood.

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The members of the Tusculum college basketball team arrived here today from Greeneville, Tenn., and will play the team from the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the gymnasium of the association. The visitors have a strong, husky looking team and state that they will be able to give the locals the hardest fight it has had this year.

It is expected that the game tonight will be witnessed by a large number of people as the tickets have been selling fast and special chairs will be provided to seat the people.

A. C. Jackson of the Asheville school will act as referee and the lineup of the two teams, as announced, follows: Y. M. C. A. Position. Tusculum Schartie, Lee L. Fox Right Forward. Stokely, Cline Clemens Left Forward. Chambers Doak, C. Fox Center. Mears Campbell Right Guard. Young, Brown, Lyda Colo Left Guard.