

DEMOCRATS ARE GIVING UP HOPE

Few Senate Leaders See Much Chance of Breaking Republican Filibuster on the Ship Purchase Bill.

WILL KEEP UP FIGHT FOR ONE MORE WEEK

To Proceed by Plan by Which They Hope to Put Republicans on Defensive in the Struggle.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Administration leaders agreed today that it would be impossible to recommit the administration ship purchase bill with instructions as to modification, and determined that the only course by which they could get the amended bill before the senate was to yield to Senator Clark's motion, which threw them into confusion, and then to press the Gore motion which would discharge the commerce committee from consideration of the measure.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Although few democratic leaders in the senate had much hope that the so-called republican filibuster against the administration ship purchase bill could be broken, they were today going forward with plans for an attempt to put the republican opposition on the defensive, where they stood before the unexpected bolt of the seven democrats.

When the fight is renewed on Monday, if sufficient votes can be secured, counting on Vice-President Marshall to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, the democrats will try to carry a vote to recommit the measure to the commerce committee with instructions as to amendments agreed on in the caucus.

Falling in that they may allow the Clarke motion to recommit the bill without instructions to pass and later fall back on the Gore motion to discharge the committee from consideration of the bill. On that motion they believe they can round up enough votes, with the support of the progressive republicans to have it reported back for general debate, thereby forcing the republicans to assume the defensive in order to prevent the measure from coming to a final vote.

SPRING TRAINING CAMP FOR BIG LEAGUE CLUBS

All of the teams of the big circuits are now awaiting orders to move to their respective camps. The southern jaunts will begin in a few weeks, when the spring grind of conditioning will start.

- A complete list of the camps follows:
- National League. Philadelphia—St. Petersburg, Fla. Chicago—Tampa, Fla. New York—Marlin Springs, Tex. St. Louis—San Antonio, Tex. Brooklyn—Daytona, Fla. Pittsburgh—Hot Springs, Ark. Boston—Macon, Ga. Cincinnati—Alexandria, La.
 - American League. Athletics—Jacksonville, Fla. Chicago—Paso Robles, Cal. Detroit—Gulfport, Miss. Washington—Charlottesville, Va. Cleveland—San Antonio, Tex. Boston—Hot Springs, Ark. St. Louis—Houston, Tex. New York—Havannah, Ga.
 - Federal League. Pittsburgh—Augusta, Ga. Indianapolis—Valdosta, Ga. Chicago—Shreveport, La. St. Louis—Havana, Cuba. Brooklyn—Columbia, S. C. Kansas City—Wichita Falls, Tex. Buffalo—Athens, Ga. Baltimore—Fayetteville, Ga.

DENIAL IS MADE THAT SUBMARINE WAS SUNK

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Official denial is made of the announcement from Petrograd on February 1 that a Russian submarine sank a German destroyer in the Baltic sea at Cape Moon, Denmark, on January 29.

AGAIN DEFEATS CONVICT BILL

Sen. Muse's Second Effort to Commit the State Against Convicts Hiring Policy Fails, 34 to 7 Vote.

TOO MANY SECTIONS INTERESTED IN ROADS

Senator Weaver's Child Labor Bill Brought up Again; No Action—Small Things Are Considered.

(By W. T. Boat.)
Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Senator Muse's second effort to commit North Carolina against the convict hiring policy met heavy defeat again yesterday when the senate voted down, 34 to 7, the minority report which the Carranza senator offered.

The house has not debated the bill on the floor. Representative Pate filed a minority report, but withdrew it on the conditions that he be permitted as a citizen to oppose any present or future policy of any present or future governor to protect against this system.

Nobody saw any polite way to prevent Mr. Pate's writing or talking to anybody now or hereafter and the house let the matter die.

The railroads which have started their work have been luckily well scattered. They are in all sections of the state, and it has been difficult to get energetic opposition to them. The eastern counties have been as strongly committed to the state-aid projects as any of the western and have overwhelmed all objection.

In the house Representative Douglas offered a bill which will prevent railroads from employing trainmen who cannot read the orders and the rules and regulations under which the operatives work. The bill provides an examination which the employes must stand. The bill is long and is to be printed with 500 copies supplied to the members of the house and senate.

Weaver Bill Fight Again.
The Weaver child labor law which went to such an easy death in the committee Wednesday evening, was brought up again through minority report, but no action taken yesterday. The author of the bill will fight it out on the floor.

The two houses worked with small things. The one measure of statewide interest that came from the senate, was the Muse convict bill and it failed. The single house bill that looked large and important was the Nash bill from the senate, which was designed to simplify the form of deeds and mortgages and it was killed. The house went to dinner on the dog, the inexpressible dawg.

Talking Politics.
Between the birth and death of bills, the members have a minute to talk politics. The bills affect politics. The locomotive engineers and other labor organizations have been against the workmen's compensation act. It is said here. Certainly the engineers are. Its legislative incarnation is J. A. Bolich, former member from Polk.

And all day Thursday and yesterday the name of Bolich was in the popular mouth. The big engineer is being talked for lieutenant governor by his brothers. The plea to win is simple. The slate is fixed with the exception of governor and attorney general.

"A business man from the east for governor, a working man from the west for lieutenant governor, Daughtridge and Bolich," most likely, and Dr. H. Q. Alexander for treasurer. Wood," the formula is, "and we are not certain about Daughtridge. But we do know that the governor will be a business man. We will put Hartness in for secretary of state and we have not decided what we are going to do about an attorney general. Certainly we shall have a new one." Mr. Bolich is "sitting steady in the boat."

Bailey a Big Fighter.
In Raleigh this week nobody has looked to have anything on J. W. Bailey as a fighter and the lobbyists haven't been so numerous since the senate opened.

Bailey has turned two of the biggest tricks that any North Carolinian has done in many years. Everybody here credits him and only him with the landing of Bart Gatling as postmaster of Raleigh. The opponents of Gatling wondered why Senator Simmons did not work for him, but the senator stayed out. Bailey spent days for Gatling, and nights, too, when he seemed to be the only man "high up" who was with him.

GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR CITY OF WARSAW

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM WON LAST NIGHT

Tusculum Defeated Asheville School on Latter's Court, Score 30 to 23.

The basketball team from Tusculum college last night defeated the five representing the Asheville school, on the floor of the latter, by the score of 30 to 23, in what was considered one of the fastest games played at the school this season. At the end of the first half, the score stood 17 to 15 in favor of the local team, but by hard work and fast playing the victors easily went over this lead and continued until a total of 30 points had been made.

Roy Jordan of Asheville acted as referee and the line-ups were as follows: Asheville School. Post. Tusculum Grandin (19). Clemens (14). Rightforward. Doak (2). Left forward. McLanahan. F. Fox (12). Center. Stekete. Campbell (2). Right guard. Wing (2). C. Fox. Left guard.

An order was made referring the Mintz and Allen workmen's compensation bill to the House committee on Propositions and Grievances and a hearing on this and the Nettles bill is to be arranged later.

New bills were introduced as follows: Brummett—Amend the Revisal of 1905 so as to provide for the creation of land associations. This is a duplicate of the McRae bill in the senate. Both are referred to the committee on agriculture and there is to be a joint hearing arranged early next week.

Brummett—Require reports as to all state salaries. Sellers—Authorize the drainage commissioners of Mattamuskeet lake to establish transportation. Doughton—Provide for the parole of convicts sentenced for minor offenses either as state or county convicts.

Bibbs—Repeal the stock law in Swain county. Prescribe fees of jurors in Swain county. Jones—Amend the law as to compulsory school attendance in Sylvia township, Jackson county.

Among the second roll call reading bills were the Asheville charter bill to give Asheville the right to vote on commission form of government. Amend the charter of Wilson, amend the charter of Smithfield, authorize the purchase of a watershed by Hendersonville.

Bills passed third reading as follows: Provide recorder's court for Madison county. Authorize the Lee county highway commission to use certain books. Change the name and boundary lines of Higgins township, McDowell county. Regulate certain tax levies in Graham county.

Amend the road law of Dillsboro township, Jackson county. Amend the charter of Asheville as to licensing of pool rooms. Provide for cost of meals and lodging for jurors to be included in costs in civil cases. This applies to New Hanover, Cherokee, Transylvania, Clay and Yancey counties.

Regulate processes of courts inferior to Superior courts by providing that when defendants owe accounts in one county the plaintiff suing must go to the county in which the debtor is resident to institute the suit instead of requiring the alleged debtor to come to the county in which the plaintiff claiming to be a creditor is resident.

The bill by Representative Pegram, of Durham to simplify deeds and mortgages was discussed at great length and voted down 50 to 34 along with a number of amendments that were offered.

The Currie bill for statewide dog tax came up and was discussed for a short while. Representative Bowie going on record as unalterably opposed to dog taxes, saying that this is the attitude of his people. The bill went over for hearing another day, it being under favorable report from the committee.

The Senate. Gardner—Change the name of the A. M. College, Greensboro. Bumbarner—Provide for the public inspection of all public institutions by the grand jury. Miller—Provide for more adequate inspection of water sheds for water supplies of towns.

Snow—Provide for the election of the county board of education by vote of the people. Herbert—Relative to bonds in Valley township, Cherokee county, for Hiwassee railroad.

Gardner—Amend the revisal so as to provide full compensation to solicitors when defendants are sent to the roads. Dixon—Amend the law as to the sale of property for taxes.

LOSS OF LIFE IS TERRIBLE

Most Deadly Conflict of War Is Staged in Western Theater for Final Possession of Polish Capital.

ISSUE OF THE BATTLE IS STILL UNDECIDED

More Complex Struggle for Supremacy in the Carpathians Continues Without a Definite Result.

London, Feb. 6.—On his chosen ground, west of Warsaw, General Von Ludenbourg, commander of the German forces in the eastern theater of the war, is continuing his costly lunges in attempts to break through the Russian line to reach the Polish capital. The Russians at the same time, further north, are pressing for their forward and, after having crossed the Dniester river, are seriously threatening the Germans by outflanking movements.

Thus, another great battle for the possession of Warsaw has begun which involves a greater loss of life than any engagement of the war. The issue is still undecided. The Russians claim to have taken important assets but other and more furious German attacks are expected.

The more complex and strategically more important struggle in the Carpathians continues with no decision. Apparently, in the west, the Russians are progressing, while in the east they appear to have fallen back from the Lupkow and Beskid passes to prepared positions and are attempting to stem the rush of the large Austro-German forces.

The Russian counter blow on the massed assault of General Von Hindenbourg is, to British observers, the most interesting of the eastern struggles and it temporarily overshadows the operations in East Prussia and, in some quarters, is taken to indicate that the Russians have decided to cease playing the role of merely holding their line west of Warsaw and have determined to make an effort to expel the invaders.

In the western zone of operations, there has been virtually no change in the situation for the past week, but it is reported that the Germans are preparing to renew their activity in Belgium.

The German threat to inaugurate a blockade of the British waters may be a factor in this situation, the theory being advanced that the Germans expect the allies to attempt to force them back from the coast with the idea of trying to destroy the German submarine base.

Dispatches from Cairo indicate that the Turks who took part in the engagement at the

LOCAL Y. M. C. A. WILL OBSERVE "D. L. MOODY" DAY

Special Program Arranged for Meeting of Men, Rev. Brown Speaker.

In common with other Y. M. C. A. organizations throughout the United States, the local association will tomorrow observe "D. L. Moody" day and a special program has been arranged for the men's meeting at the association in the afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Rev. Wyatt Brown, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, will be the speaker at the meeting and will use as his subject, "Uncut Corners." The special music program announced for the meeting will include singing by a choir of 20 men under the leadership of C. H. Bartlett.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE

Provides for Construction of Two Dreadnaughts—Four Millions Lapped C.I.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The naval appropriation bill for the construction of two new dreadnaughts at a cost of \$15,000,000, exclusive of armor and armaments, was on its way to the senate today from the house, where it passed last night. The advocates of the bill fought to have only one dreadnaught constructed, but lost. They succeeded, however, in eliminating the provision of five submarines, a transport and a hospital ship, the construction of which would have cost over \$6,000,000. The bill now carries \$14,648,802, which is approximately \$4,000,000 less than when reported to the house from the committee. In the senate, an effort is to be made to restore the provisions stricken out in the house.

NO INFANTRY FIGHTS REPORTED BY FRENCH

Day Passed Quietly Along Entire Line—Few Artillery Engagements.

Paris, Feb. 6.—No infantry engagements are reported as having occurred during the day of February 5, according to the report of the French war office concerning the progress of the war, which was issued in Paris this afternoon. The statement continues: "From Arras to Rheims, there have been artillery engagements which resulted satisfactorily to us. There has been no change in the vicinity of Perthes and in the region of Maasiges. In the Argonne and Woerwa districts, the French artillery yesterday destroyed a convoy of the enemy and set fire to a convoy train of 23 wagons. There is nothing to report along the remainder of the line.

"We brought down a captive balloon behind the German lines at a point to the northeast of Sommepey."

MARSHALL P. WILDER WILL PROBATED TODAY

New York, Feb. 6.—The will of Marshall P. Wilder, the humorist who died last month, disposes of real estate valued at \$250,000, and \$17,000 worth of personal property. The will was filed for probate today. Almost the entire estate is left to his son, Marshall P. Wilder, Jr., and his daughter, Grace Isabel Wilder. The residue is held in trust, the income to go to the son and daughter.

Arrive in London.
London, Feb. 6.—Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary McAdoo of the United States cabinet, and Miss Katherine Britton of Washington have arrived here on their way to France to nurse the French wounded.

Suex canal were merely the advance contingent of three columns which is attempting to cross the country, and that the main body will soon be heard from.

ALDERMEN ASK FOR BOND ISSUE

City Fathers Wish to Issue Bonds in Sum of \$100,000, One-half to Take Care of Floating Debt.

REMAINING HALF FOR WATERSHED FACILITIES

Bills Are Prepared and Buncombe Delegation Will Be Asked to Have Assembly Enact Them.

The Asheville board of aldermen, at the weekly meeting last night, voted to ask the Buncombe legislators to introduce before the general assembly bills to allow the city government to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000, one-half of this amount to be used in paying the city's floating indebtedness and the remainder to be used in securing greater watershed facilities. The action of the board was taken upon recommendation of Mayor J. E. Rankin; and City Attorney S. G. Bernard will go to Raleigh immediately to present the bills to the Buncombe county delegation. The recommendation of Mayor Rankin, in which it was shown that the shortage in the city treasury this year is something over \$50,000, follows:

"I herewith submit a financial statement covering the present fiscal year extending from September 1, 1914, to August 31, 1915. The transaction from September 1914 to January 1, 1915, is correct. The remainder of the year is estimated, taking as a basis the last three annual reports made by J. M. Clark, former city clerk.

"While this portion of the statement may not be entirely correct I think it is near enough so to form an approximate idea of the financial status of the city at the end of the current year. Upon its face the statement shows that we have made expenditures considerably in excess of our income, but this is explained by the attached memoranda of extraordinary expense items all of which, in the opinion of the board, were necessary for which the city has valuable assets.

"As will be shown by reference to the list are the expenditures for the water supply, principally for the purchase of additional land for the water shed; and in this connection I would urge upon the board the necessity of formulating and adopting a policy for future expansion of the water system. Such a course will make it possible for the city to meet the rapidly increasing demands for water and at the same time provide against temporary expedients; and, if the matter is postponed, such an acquisition will be practically impossible by reason of the fact that large areas on which watershed are now obtainable are yearly increasing in value, as well as being rapidly subdivided and developed for farms.

"As shown by the statement, the shortage for the current year is \$54,787.32. As the increase in revenue does not keep pace with the public demands for improvement, the city can with difficulty meet current expenses and keep within its income. To meet the above deficit, therefore, the only remedy is to have authorized by the general assembly of North Carolina a bond issue sufficient to cover the present floating indebtedness and the purchase of such additional watershed as may be required. "J. E. RANKIN, Mayor."

Of the shortage of \$54,787.32, the sum of \$53,000.07 is covered in the extraordinary disbursements which are listed as follows: Purchase of intake equipment, \$23,692.75; city stable, \$6,000; fire truck, \$5,500; flusher, \$4,355; sanitary garbage wagon, \$2,640; Aston park swimming pool, baths and other equipment, \$4,153; damages, "personal and property," \$1,113.48; paving repairs, city's part of Hillmore road and West Haywood street, \$2,176.14; judgment of Louisa Jones against the city of Asheville with interest, \$572.03; judgment of J. M. Campbell against the city of Asheville with interest, \$216.37; judgment of John Arnold against the city of Asheville with interest, \$216.25; Ellsworth Lyman against the city of Asheville costs, \$4.05; tapping machines \$296.

The items of expenditure listed under the intake disbursements follow: Mrs. Cox \$150; Mrs. Vance \$194.75; Mrs. Conally \$8,111.25; Mr. Martin \$7,905.98; wood pipe, \$2,047.64; iron pipe \$1,024.79; construction, supplies, livery, repairs, etc., \$2,241.97; Mr. Colvin's bill, \$1,042.35.

According to the bills prepared by the board, the bonds will be floated in two issues of \$50,000 each. They will bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and will mature in 50 years. The interest is to be payable semi-annually.

CRISIS IS AGUTE IN MEXICO CITY

Many Diplomats Threaten to Quit Their Posts, Owing to Friction With Carranza Government.

CODE COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULT; DISRESPECT

Developments Being Keenly Watched at Washington—All Diplomatic Relations May Be Severed.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Developments in the acute situation in Mexico City, in which many of the foreign diplomats threaten to quit their posts because of friction with the Carranza government, are being keenly watched in official circles in Washington. The advisability of united action in withdrawing the foreign legations from the Mexican capital because of the difficulty of code communication and allegations of slight respect shown by the Carranza authorities, has led to the suggestion by the diplomats of some of the leading nations that they leave the interests of the foreign countries in the hands of the consular authorities, thereby vis-a-vis severing diplomatic relations with the southern republic.

The situation in the Mexican capital has been replete with diplomatic embarrassments since the rapid changes in executive authority ensued. When General Carranza, in his capacity as first chief of the constitutional army, first abandoned Mexico City and moved his capital to Vera Cruz, he invited the diplomatic corps to accompany him. The diplomats formerly declined on the ground that such a step might be construed as a recognition of his government. Since then the relations between Carranza and the foreign diplomats in Mexico City have not been cordial. The return of the Carranza authority to Mexico City, where General Obregon is in command, now has developed into a menacing situation because the latter has threatened by direction of Carranza to deport the Spanish minister unless Angel de Caso, who claims to be a legitimate agent of the Spanish government, is surrendered from his hiding place in the Spanish legation. He is accused of complicity in the Villa movement.

With the strict censorship on press dispatches, the most rigorous known in Mexico in years, and the difficulties of foreign diplomats in communicating with their home governments, the situation has caused much anxiety among officials and diplomats here. Some of the embassies here tried a few days ago to communicate with their ministers in Mexico City, and had the cipher messages returned to them, the Mexican telegraph officials refusing to receive them. Since then there has been a modification of the embargo on code messages but diplomats declare the uncertainties of communication have not been removed.

From the Bee Tree Lumber company was read at last night's meeting in which it was stated that the price offered is considered unfair. It was also stated that another deal for the sale of the property is on; and the city was asked to raise its bid if it desires further consideration. Members of the board decided that the price is all that the city can afford to pay, and the company will be advised of this action immediately.

The special committee, composed of Aldermen Sternberg and Francis, appointed a week ago to investigate the operations of the city incinerator, reported last night that the plant is in a dangerous condition, owing to the manner in which it has been handled, and should be immediately overhauled. The work will be begun at once and will be carried on under the supervision of the incinerator committee, a new committee which was formed last night with the following members, named by Mayor Rankin: S. Sternberg, chairman, W. F. Randolph and W. R. Patterson. The action taken in creating this committee was taken upon recommendation of Alderman Patterson of the sanitary committee, who stated that his committee is not able to look after the incinerator property, owing to the many duties devolving upon them.

The street committee was instructed to take up the matter of having Avery and Lyman streets improved so that they may be used by the manufacturing plants on the French Broad river in transporting their products to the Southern freight depot.

A report was submitted by the public safety committee to the effect that arrangements have been made for having the north wall of the Rutherford building, at the corner of Patton avenue and Pack square, repaired to make it safe. The work will be done under the supervision of Building Inspector Cash Leonard and W. H. Lord, architect.