

BILL AUTHORIZES USE OF FORCES

Fall Offers Resolution Placing Power in Hands of The President

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 24.—A resolution, authorizing the President to use the armed forces of the United States to protect the commerce, property and lives of the citizens of the United States, was introduced today in the Senate by Senator Fall, Republican.

CORPORAL WILSON DEAD

Entire Third Regiment Shocked at Loss of Popular Officer. (Special to The News and Observer.) Camp Stewart, El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—The border in this district is guarded by regiments tonight, the Second Regiment having been returned to Camp Stewart today, after ten days of service. The boys are all in fine health and spirits.

DIES ON COUCH IN PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

(Special to The News and Observer.) Charlotte, Feb. 24.—Thomas Holt, of Spencer, died suddenly here today while lying on a couch in the office of Dr. J. W. Young. He had climbed two flights of stairs and entered the physician's office a few minutes before his death. He lost a leg in a railroad accident several years ago. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of death. The body was taken to Spencer for burial.

House Considers a Large Number Important Bills

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measures that would conflict with the Brummitt-McLendon elective-appraisive bill were very gracefully tabled on the motions, principally, of Governor Doughton.

Make Distilling a Felony

Initiating a step toward remedying the blockade evil, the biggest evil to survive the "bone dry" amendment passed in Congress, Representative Page yesterday introduced a bill that would make distilling a felony in North Carolina, and limit the minimum penalty to 12 months imprisonment. There is still hope that a bill to create the office of Prohibition Commissioner will again come up and pass, since a good many members attribute the defeat of the Page bill to the absence of an "ouster" law. The ouster law was passed in the House Friday night, and it is possible that a new Prohibition Commissioner bill will get by.

Initiative and Referendum

The 1917 initiative and referendum bill was Friday introduced in the House by Representative Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe. It becomes peculiarly important, Mr. Roberts argues, with the passage in the Senate of the Stubbs' constitutional convention bill and provides for the initiative upon a petition of 20,000 voters. The referendum requirement is made 15,000 and petitions must be led with the Secretary of State within ninety days after the adjournment of the session of the General Assembly. The bill is thoroughly progressive and in line with the initiative and referendum laws enacted in many States. It carries a broad provision for towns and municipalities and equally broad restrictions.

Three hundred copies of the Senate crop tax bill were yesterday ordered printed for the members of the House. The municipal finance bill, drafted and adopted by the Municipal League of North Carolina and introduced by Representative Pagan, was yesterday reported favorably by House Judiciary Number One. The municipal charter

bill, twin to the same bill, is still in the hands of the joint committee and will hardly be concluded before Tuesday.

New Bills Yesterday

Bills introduced: H B 1468, McLendon, to amend chapter 247, public laws 1915, relative to the salary of the loan fund clerk in State Department of Public Instruction. H B 1469, Barnes and Sanders, to fix the per diem of the commissioners of Johnston. H B 1470, Noland, to construct Asheville-Murphy scenic highway. H B 1471, Scott (of Prader), to regulate the counting of ballots in the primary and general election. H B 1472, Mauney, to abolish the January and summer terms of court in Cleveland. H B 1473, Breece, to provide for a more effective grading of cotton. H B 1474, Breece, regulating the sale of seed cotton in Cumberland. H B 1475, Breece, to regulate the habits and speed of fur bearing animals. Referred to the committee on Federal relations. H B 1476, Stubbs, to provide for special or emergency judges. H B 1477, Baldwin, for the relief of A. R. Spivey of Richmond county. H B 1478, Phillips, to amend chapter 419 of the Revisal of 1905, qualifying membership in county boards of education. H B 1479, Clayton, for the protection of stock in Hyde county. H B 1480, McBaeken, to provide a marker for the grave of General Robert Howe. H B 1481, Covington, to amend the law relative to fertilizing farm lands in Hoke and Cumberland counties. H B 1482, Covington, to authorize the commissioners of Hoke to increase the jail fees. H B 1483, Pearson, to increase the board of education in Burke. H B 1484, Pearson, to increase the number of county commissioners of Burke and to pay the chairman a salary. H B 1485, Holding, for the adoption of high school text books in North Carolina. H B 1486, Swann, for the relief of J. B. Turner. H B 1487, Bessey, to abolish corporal punishment of prisoners. H B 1488, to appoint two members of the county board of education in Lee. H B 1489, Doughton, to empower the Governor to convey certain lands of the State. H B 1490, Dalton, to amend H B 182, S B 328 relative to charter for High Point. H B 1491, Crowell, to appropriate \$1,000 for an assembly room at the Soldiers' Home. H B 1500, Coggins, to prohibit the sale of cigarettes and coca cola. H B 1501, to amend Chapter 3733 Revisal of 1905 relative to public drunkenness. H B 1502, McBea, to provide for the distribution of waste from coal mines.

Bills Passed Yesterday

Passed third reading: H B 1438, to authorize the commissioners of Madison to levy a special tax for Marshall district. H B 1463, to permit the commissioners of Iredell to borrow \$40,000 to build a bridge across the Catawba river. H B 1330, to amend section 538 Public Laws 1911 relative to drainage in Mecklenburg. H B 1411, to authorize the commissioners of Cleveland to issue bonds for bridges. S B 886, H B 1337, provide for payment for a home for the aged and infirm. H B 1412, to enlarge the Kings Mountain road district. H B 1410, to amend Chapter 451 Public Laws 1907 relative to Gaston county school district. H B 1383, to amend the bill relative to bonds in Yadkin. H B 1341, to authorize the board of trustees of Duane graded school district to issue bonds. Substitute H B 1423, to regulate the duty of student nurses in training. H B 1244, to amend chapter 1295, Revisal of 1905, withdrawing Columbus county. S B 543, H B 1318, to repeal chapter 85, Revisal of 1905, creating a board of charities and public welfare. H B 1468, to fix the fees of cotton weighers in Union. H B 1417, to correct errors in H B 562, S B 930, appointing justices of the peace in several counties. H B 1070, to repeal S B 434, H B 490, relative to the assessment of property and collection of taxes in Franklin. H B 1360, to regulate the sale and inspection of cotton seed meal. S B 766, H B 1265, joint resolution requesting the assistance of the Secretary of Agriculture of United States. H B 1025, to reconstruct Hickory Nut Gap road in Henderson. S B 751, H B 904, to provide for amendments to charitable institutions. H B 1341, joint resolution requesting the Supreme Court to advise the General Assembly its interpretation of the amendments. S B 765, H B 1264, to amend chapter 74, Public Laws of 1907, regarding the right of condemnation by electric companies. H B 1128, to authorize and empower county commissioners to change the location of graveyards and cemeteries. H B 1247, to amend section 8061 of the Revisal of 1905. H B 1332, to amend chapter 53, Public Laws of 1913, relative to the appointment of State equalization funds. S B 730, H B 1163, to permit guardians and fiduciaries to invest in North Carolina bonds. H B 1338, to amend chapter 43, Public Laws of 1913, relative to public hospitals. S B 1158, H B 1390, joint resolution to ascertain the origin of the Confederate flag. S B 730, H B 1167, to amend chapter 440, Revisal of 1905, relative to defense after judgment on substituted service. H B 808, to regulate the presumption as to title out of the State. H B 812, to secure the erection of a limestone grinding plant in the western part of the State. S B 759, H B 1021, to amend chapter 90, Public Laws of 1913, relative to insuring and registering land titles. H B 1183, to require the Insurance Commissioner to pay all fees to the State Treasurer monthly. H B 1280, to amend chapter 115, Public Laws of 1913, relative to credit unions. The House adjourned until 12 o'clock Monday.

Revenue Act Put Through Its Third Reading By Senate

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and House on next Tuesday to elect

trustees of the University to fill vacancies, was adopted.

Senator Davenport introduced a bill to create a legislative commission to visit the institutions supported as a whole or in part by the State in lieu of the present system of visiting by the legislative committees during the session. The commission to be composed of one Senator and two Representatives would visit and inspect the various institutions six months prior to the convening of the Legislature, and make report to the Legislature. This was placed on its immediate passage and passed second and third readings.

The boiler inspection bill was made a special order for Monday morning. The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by President Gardner, and the opening prayer was by Rev. E. F. Taylor.

Adjournment was taken at 2:30 until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Bills Introduced

S B 1249, Harrell, to authorize the town of Shelby to issue bonds for graded school purposes. S B 1250, Gough, to amend section 1681 of the Revisal, defining word stock. S B 1251, Justice, to regulate the holding of courts in Henderson County. S B 1252, Seales, to provide for the indeterminate sentence and parole of prisoners in the certain cases. S B 1253, Seales, to amend section 385 of the Revisal of 1905. S B 1254, Seales, to amend chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1913, relative to grand jury of Guilford County. S B 1255, Seales, to authorize the County Board of Education of Guilford County to create teachers' retiring fund. S B 1256, Harrell, relative to Shelby graded school. S B 1257, Gough, to authorize the free transportation of ministers of religion. S B 1258, Bennett, relative to construction of the Asheville and Murphy scenic highway. S B 1259, Joyce, to provide for the election of the Rockingham County Board of Education by direct vote of the people. S B 1260, Everett, to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Richmond County to issue bonds for county home, etc. S B 1326, Jones, for the maintenance of public libraries. S B 1327, Burgwyn, to validate certain probates of notaries public and justices of the peace of Northampton County. S B 1328, Everett, to amend the law concerning the courts of the Thirteenth Judicial District. S B 1334, Long of Halifax, to appoint two members of the board of commissioners for Halifax county. S B 1335, Warren, to investigate and provide for indebtedness of Mattamuskeet Railroad. S B 1336, McViner, to amend the law relative to salaries of State Library. S B 1337, Bennett, to encourage development of Western North Carolina. S B 1338, McCoin, providing for appointment of bill commission. Second and Third Readings. S B 623, to amend law relative to appointment of finance committee for Pitt county. S B 690, to tax certain motor vehicles that are operated in Yadkin and Franklin counties. S B 1035, relating to apportionment of funds for Rocky Mount graded schools. H B 1426, S B 1268, calling joint session of Senate and House to elect trustees for the University of North Carolina to fill vacancies. S B 870, to reduce the number of Buncombe county commissioners from five to three. H B 657, S B 734, to repeal Chapter 240 Public Laws 1915, relating to land grants. H B 745, S B 812, to amend the law to establish Glenwood graded school district. S B 1098, to amend the law relative to public hospitals. S B 1334, to appoint two members of the board of commissioners of Halifax county. H B 674, S B 870, to amend the law relative to carrying concealed weapons. ADD SENATE 4 . 5( shrd) shrdln un Third Reading. S B 1101, to amend the law relative to payment of taxes in town of Burlington. S B 1107, to authorize the Commissioners of Forsyth County to issue bonds for road improvements. S B 1027, to ratify sale of bonds by Richmond County. H B 1197, S B 1118, to authorize the Commissioners of Tyrrell County to levy special tax. H B 1035, S B 1127, to provide for reformatory in Mecklenburg County. H B 1153, S B 1088, to allow townships to issue bonds for railroad construction. H B 1106, to levy special tax in Burgaw School District, Pender County. H B . . . . ., S B . . . . ., to authorize certain townships in Greene County to subscribe for bonds. S B 803, to establish agricultural districts. H B 1085, S B 1054, to authorize the Commissioners of Rutherford to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000 to pay off bond issue. H B 1098, S B . . . . ., an act to raise revenue. Filibuster Broken at Midnight; Democrats Not To Take Vote on Revenue Bill Until Wednesday (Continued from Page One.)

from the munitions makers to defeat the revenue bill. Senator Lodge made a point of order that the Mississippi Senator was violating a rule in attacking the motive of Senator Williams.

"Well, I'll try and proceed in order," replied Senator Williams. "It is reported," he continued, "that the Republicans are filibustering to force an extra session because they do not want to leave President Wilson to handle a foreign situation just as the copperheads didn't want to trust President Lincoln. Republicans Get Orders. "However that may be, I do not think it is the real reason for this filibuster. The real reason, I think, is that you Republicans have received orders from the munitions manufacturers saying that hereafter they have contributed generously to the Republican party and that you should remember that now."

"It has been said that Nero fiddled while Rome was burning. One Senator has twiddled here for five hours in the face of a threatening foreign situation and another has been sitting here twiddling his thumbs. "You have seen the Kaiser's up and yet you gentlemen are talking here



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about postmasters and surgeons in the navy. Senator Poindexter, who had been discussing putting postmasters in the civil service and about the promotion of Dr. Carey T. Grayson, the President's naval aide, to be a rear admiral, wanted to know why the President had allowed "this deplorable international situation to continue."

"The principal reason," replied Senator Williams, "is that his advisers in the Senate and House are fiddling all the time and for the reason he can't help that fact. If a plebiscite were taken today among the American people between Woodrow Wilson and the Congress of the United States, ten out of eleven would vote for the President against Congress and against its inefficiency, ineptitude and waste of time and waste of words."

"What does the party in power or the President want of power that it has not already?" asked Senator Poindexter. "What the Administration wants."

"It wants Congress to do business to provide the revenue necessary for the government; it wants Congress to stand bona fide beside the President while he plays a grave international situation."

Senator Williams said the danger lies in the international interpretation put on the attitude of Germany by those who rule that empire and the feeling they that Americans are not united in their stand against foreign aggression. Asked what there had been in the last few months to give Germany this impression, the Mississippi Senator replied:

"Oh, a thousand things from Bryan down. "I want America to unfool Germany on this point," Senator Williams continued. "If he does that he will avoid an expensive and perhaps a bloody conflict. If we can't unfool Germany we won't avoid it."

"If I were President, I would give American shippers guns with which to arm their ships and I would give them money."

"I wish to God the Senator were President if he would do that," interjected Senator Sutherland, Republican, of Utah.

"I am very glad and the American people may be very glad that I am not President," returned Senator Williams. "Because there is a man in the White House much abler and wiser than I who has demonstrated his greatness to the nation in more than one trying occasion."

"The American people may be glad, too, that Bryan was not President with his idea that he could overcome a European tornado by applying sweet oil on its turbulent waves. They may be glad too that Roosevelt is not President, for we would already have been in war with Germany, England, France, Russia and Mexico."

"If the President of the United States will act," declared Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts, "he will have Congress behind him as he did when the break came with Germany. But when he hesitates and disputes and discusses and lets things go by we are bound to have differences in Congress and in the country. We are bound to have distrust. There is bound to be a feeling that it would be safer and better for the country that the Congress of the United States should remain in session."

He denied that there was a conspiracy among the Republicans and added, "I will support the President to the utmost when he takes a stand against a foreign nation, but I will not be led under the blackmail of a threat of war to support an objectionable treaty."

It is true, he said, that Germany "has blackmailed" the United States, but it is because ship owners cannot get guns which are in the hands of the Navy Department.

"Why don't they have the guns?" he asked. "Congress can't give them."

Lewis Replies to Lodge. Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip, replying to Senator Lodge, said: "The Senator from Massachusetts would pose as the captain patriot of the Republican side, as a Senator ever supporting a Democratic President in a country's crisis. He says he supported the break with Germany. Yes, this was because he might mean war and serve the purposes of those who would drag us into an alliance with Britain for our life or death."

"When did the Senator support the President in his efforts to save the country from war; and to bring peace to the warring nations of the world? I charge him with every effort to dishonor these attempts."

"When the President sent his first peace message to the warring nations and a resolution was introduced here to approve the action of the President, it was the senator from Massachusetts who led the opposition and sought to have the President condemned for his effort."

"Then, sir, when the President came to the Senate and presented his message to the world asking an alliance for world peace, it was the Senator from Massachusetts who led an assault upon

the President and denounced the undertaking as unworthy and one to be opposed by all efforts and defeated by all patriots.

"Nothing Woodrow Wilson can do, has done, or desires to do to preserve peace, but that the Senator from Massachusetts assails even to repeating smoking car and back stair gossip if it can slander the President, however, it discredits the country and dishonors the nation."

Towards the close of the day, after the heat of debate over, the international situation had subsided Chairman Simmons, of the Finance Committee, bitterly assailed the Republicans for their filibuster. The Democrats, he declared, proposed to die fighting for the revenue bill and preparedness legislation and would hold the Senate in continuous session until a vote could be had on the revenue bill.

"We are witnessing here," said Senator Simmons, "the most determined filibuster I have ever seen in the Senate. If this revenue bill shall fall and as a result the great program to put this country in a condition of defense is held up and suspended for another year, I think it due to the American people that they should know who is responsible for such a miscarriage of this great purpose on the part of the government."

"We are told this is not a filibuster. The Senate knows and the country knows it is a filibuster to defeat the revenue bill carrying taxation amounting to \$245,000,000 of which \$228,000,000 is placed on the backs of the great, rich and powerful corporations."

"I wish to give notice to the Senate, speaking not for myself alone, nor for the Finance Committee, but speaking for the majority representative in this body that after a poll we have decided if we can do it that this session of today shall continue, if we have the strength, until there is a final vote on this bill."

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Senator Simmons asked what date for a vote would be acceptable to the minority, however, Senator Penrose said he could not make such an arrangement.

"I don't think the Senator from North Carolina need worry," said Senator Penrose. "He may be able to pass it Monday or Tuesday."

DEMOCRATS READY FOR LONG CONTEST

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for preparedness and fail to raise the money," said Senator Simmons, "in the campaign to come we may have the Republican party on the stump saying we appropriated the money but the Democratic party because of its inefficiency hasn't got the money and your scheme for preparedness fails because of Democratic incompetence."

"The situation is such that we would be derelict to the people of this country if we did not call the attention of the country to this threatened effort to break it down and suspend the program for a whole year."

"We realize your ability to filibuster this to death, but we want the American people to know it was your dagger that brought this to an untimely death. We shall content ourselves to submit to a defeat without making every effort in our power."

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HARRY COOK SHOT, IS BADLY WOUNDED

Johnston County Man Sustains Possibly Fatal Injuries in Selma Difficulty

(Special to The News and Observer.) Selma, Feb. 24.—Everett Eason shot Harry Cook here tonight about 8 o'clock, while the two men were engaged in a conversation on Main Street. The load entered Mr. Cook's right leg just below the hip, severing arteries and shattering the bone. Eason met Cook on the street just before 8 o'clock and stopped to talk to him. No one seems to have heard the conversation between them. The conversation had not gone far before Eason was seen to step back a step and fire upon Cook. Cook walked about 30 yards, and fell on the street. Dr. Dick Myrburg and Noble were quickly at his side and rendered emergency treatment. He was taken to a sanatorium in Wilson tonight on the 8:40 train.

Immediately after the shooting, Eason, but was seen in a few minutes and surrendered to the police. He claims the shooting was accidental. However, Eason had been drinking in Selma, and had been going around the street in an unruly manner. Just before the physicians put Mr. Cook under the influence of medicine, he made the statement that Eason shot him on purpose. The doctors hold no hope for his recovery.

Mr. 1908 is a prominent young farmer of Johnston County, living on the farm of Mr. N. E. Ward, near town.

Civil Service Examination. (Special Lensed Wire.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Civil service examination will be held on March 26 for rural letter carrier at Wadeboro and Vass.

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