

### Legislation Against Strikes Discussed As Aid To Defense In United States

Washington, Nov. 25.—Possible legislation to curb strikes in defense industries was discussed by members of the judiciary committee today after an hour's house session devoted almost exclusively to critical comment on work stoppages in plants having army and navy orders.

Chairman Summers, Democrat, Texas, and a half-dozen other

members, met informally to talk over the question. Afterward, Summers said he had called a meeting of the committee for tomorrow to "go over the whole situation."

He said it was possible that the committee might ask Congress to enact legislation to outlaw defense strikes.

The house discussion was touched off by Representative Cox, Democrat Georgia, who demanded that Congress "outlaw all strikes against the government."

Several other members also took the floor and, for the most part, denounced strikes in defense industries as "sabotage."

Representative Smith, Democrat, Virginia, said "let's do something about it," and Summers declared that persons responsible for strikes should be given "a double dose" of the "kind of violence they understand."

Advises Caution

Representative Voorhis, Democrat, California, however, sounded a note of caution against rushing enactment of any legislation. He said any attempt to curb strike leaders might unjustly punish the rank and file of labor.

Representative Ford, Democrat, California, attributed California strikes to "the program of communism by the C. I. O." and Representative Costello, Democrat, California, said the spread of strikes in his state "looks like an organized program."

Cox declared that "the most shameful thing that has happened to this country in a long time is the strikes that are now in progress against the government, and the next most shameful thing is adjournment of Congress from day to day without doing anything about it." He referred to the current series of three-day house recesses.

Demanding to know why Democratic leaders said there was no business to transact "while there is the sabotage of the defense program," Cox recalled that Congress had appropriated billions

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for defense, and asserted that "labor racketeers" were responsible for current strikes.

"How much longer must the coddling of this vermin be tolerated?" he asked. "How much longer must it go on before this Congress or somebody rises up to do something about it?"

After Representative Hoffman, Republican, Michigan, urged immediate enactment of his bill to prevent labor unions from forcing membership on workers in defense plants, and pleaded for a law requiring arbitration of labor disputes, Voorhis expressed the opinion that the house was "in a completely totalitarian frame of mind."

### Innocent Trio Pardoned By Alabama Board

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 25.—Seven years after they were sent to prison for a crime they did not commit, three men were freed today—their innocence established.

Each received from the state a suit of clothes and \$12.60.

Release of the trio, Glenn Davis, 30, Herschel McCann, 34, and Bill Hathaway, 33, was ordered by the Alabama board of pardons and paroles which said it was convinced convictions resulted from mistaken identity.

The men were sentenced for the \$5,237 robbery of the Bank of Berry on September 27, 1933, a robbery which the board said an unidentified man confessed recently and implicated two others.

Davis and McCann were convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison. Hathaway then pleaded "guilty" and accepted 10-year sentence.

Mrs. Edwina Mitchell, board member, said the man who confessed recently apparently did so on the pleas of Davis' mother, who never doubted her son's innocence, and a private detective "who worked on the case for seven years."

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### Ferguson News

FERGUSON, Nov. 25.—The pressing election news and other things have crowded the space of our county papers so they have not been so prompt in publishing rural items but we are not criticizing.

A very sad death some days ago which has been carried in the county papers was that of a former resident and valuable citizen of this community, Capt. E. L. Hight who was accidentally killed by an automobile near his home in Wilkesboro. The funeral was conducted at the Elk Creek Baptist church with a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives attending. Interment took place at the nearby cemetery. Capt. Hight married a daughter of the late Thomas C. Land, who resided in the Elk Creek section. He was in the employ of the State Highway Department for many years and his work was in this community. The people learned to know and love Capt. Hight and the community and county have lost a most valuable and popular citizen.

A very impressive and interesting memorial service was held at the Advent Christian church Sunday morning conducted by Revs. R. L. Isbel, A. J. Foster and Mr. Livingston. The event was in celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of the founding of the Beaver Creek A. C. Church. The names of the charter members all of whom are now deceased were read and they consist of the following: J. F. Ferguson, J. A. Foster, E. K. Walsh, W. F. Hendrix, H. H. Miller, Lowery Dula, L. C. Ferguson, Martha Miller, Sarah L. Hendrix, Allie Dula, Sarah K. Ferguson, Adline Triplett, Amanda Triplett, Bethany Triplett, Elender Ferguson, Edith L. Spicer, Adaline Dula, Dacey Ferguson Bradley, Elmira Walsh, Juliet M. Walsh. The constructive influence of these stalwart charter members was stressed by the present pastor, Mr. Isbel and that the great service rendered by this church has been perpetuated by many of their descendants who are now scattered over a wide territory. Special mention was made of the late Rev. George D. Sherrill, who organized the church.

Mrs. Hill Laws died last week and was buried at the Baptist cemetery at Beaver Creek. She had been in poor health for several months and was a patient sufferer. She leaves a husband and four children.

Mrs. Julia Hartley, widow of the late J. H. Hartley now in her eighty-sixth year attended the memorial service at the A. C. church here Sunday. Mrs. Hartley is the only surviving charter member of the four original A. C. Churches organized in Wilkes and Caldwell counties about the year 1875.

Mr. Finley German, prominent business man of Lenoir and Granit. Falls, attended church here Sunday and visited his mother, Mrs. J. F. German.

Mrs. Ida Walker Hartley is now occupying her new residence on 268 two miles east of Ferguson.

Miss Louise Moore, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Janie Spicer, for some time, returned to her home at Dazell, S. C. last week. Her brother, Mr. Johnnie Moore, came for her.

Among those attending the meeting of the County Home demonstration clubs at Wilkesboro Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miller.

Back in the "Gay Nineties" there roamed over the hills and valleys around Ferguson two handsome and romantic youths, Ed Foster and Tom Hendrix. They were no skin that we know of, but they were as close friends as the Biblical characters Jonathan and David. They are said to be the only boys of that day in this community who carried pocket change with which they purchased innumerable articles from the then popular mail order house Jay Lynn of 48 Bond Street, Chicago. It was a rare thing for a youth to have money in those days when as Matt Minton says "a dollar looked as big as a wagon wheel." It is interesting to trace the history of these

two young men. While Ed came to get in his home community and later became Ferguson's favorite mail dispatcher and "radio hiker" to use his own words, the genial Tom wandered off to the Textile Mills in Union S. C. later going to Columbus, Ga., where he has made quite a record for himself and now resides there with his family as a prominent and useful citizen. He left our community in 1908, thirty-seven years ago. Ed took his vacation last week and since he had not seen his old playmate and pal, Tom Hendrix for 37 years he decided to visit him and he, his son, Robert Lee and Jim Walsh, motored to Columbus, Ga. and Phoenix, Ala., to pay Tom a visit. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion talking over old times and their three days visit passed all too quickly. A picture of Tom and Ed appeared in the Columbus Daily and will probably reappear in our county papers. After visiting Atlanta, Fort Benning, and seeing the massive buildings of Sears Roebuck and Co. where Ed having collected thousands of post office money orders to be mailed to them, they returned home.

### Broughton Keeps Mum On Holiday

Raleigh, Nov. 21.—Governor-elect Broughton already has made up his mind about the date for Thanksgiving next year—but he isn't talking.

Many states, following a suggestion by President Roosevelt, celebrated Thanksgiving today, a week earlier than the traditional "last Thursday in November." Governor Hoey, however, proclaimed Thanksgiving for North Carolina on November 28.

Broughton said today he had decided about the Thanksgiving date in North Carolina next year. "But I don't want to announce yet what my decision is," said the governor-elect. "I'll make an announcement on that subject shortly after I take office."

Records kept by Onslow county demonstration poultrymen during the past four years show that a substantial profit can be made from chickens, says Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelley.

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