

CONGRESSMEN FROM N.C. BITTERLY OPPOSE THE CHILD LABOR BILL

NEW ENGLANDERS BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE BILL

Heated Discussion in Congress Lasts for Six Hours

AIMED AGAINST SOUTH, SAYS WEBB

VOTE TAKEN TO ADJOURN TILL WEDNESDAY SHOWS STRENGTH IN HOUSE IN FAVOR OF THE BILL—SURE TO PASS HOUSE AGAIN—FATE IN SENATE IS PROBLEMATIC

(By Geo. H. Manning.)
Washington, Jan. 26.—A discussion of child labor in mills and factories throughout the South, especially in North Carolina, brought on by a debate over the passage of the Keating bill to exclude from shipments in interstate traffic of the products of mills, mines or factories employing children under 14 years of age, or children under 16 years of age employed more than eight hours a day, took up the whole time of the House of Representatives today.

Tar Heels Speak Against Bill

The discussion was by far the most heated of any at this session of Congress. Congressman Webb, Page and Britt of North Carolina spoke against the bill and defended the State against the attacks of Mr. Keating, author of the bill, and a number of other Western and New England Congressmen, who drew tragic pictures of ruined and penniless children working in disease-filled, dirty, and ill-lighted factories and mills, under cruel taskmasters, for 14 and 16 hours a day.

All three North Carolinians took the position that the Keating bill is unconstitutional, a usurpation of State rights and a most dangerous departure.

The bill in its effect, they declared, is harmful enough but it is the principle it would establish, that of turning over to the Federal government the right to regulate laboring conditions in the States that is the most serious.

"It is fair to conclude that this bill is aimed against the South," said Mr. Webb. "It is generally believed and freely talked among mill men and Legislators of the South, that much of the agitation against the Southern cotton manufacturer is carried on at the instance of, and with the support of, the New England States. Why all this demand for a uniform law regulating labor unless it is simply the pretext by which they hope to foster upon the mills of the South the same labor laws and troubles they are experiencing in New England, and thereby lessen competition with them?"

"In the infancy of our industry, the mills were not so well equipped, the homes for the employees were not so comfortable and the care taken of the

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CONVENTION OF N.C. FORESTERS CLOSES

Yesterday Featured by Election of Officers and Resolutions

New Bern, Jan. 26.—The sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association, which has been in session here since yesterday morning, came to a close today with a trip through the loblolly pine forests of this section, given the members of the association by the John L. Roper Lumber Company. Practically every one of the delegates participated in this trip.

The last business session was featured by the election of officers and the passing of resolutions. C. C. Smoot of North Wilkesboro was elected president, while J. S. Holmes of Chapel Hill was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

Resolutions Passed

Resolutions were passed endorsing the State-wide stock law, urging the passage of a bill for the continuance of the purchase of lands under the Weeks law, urging the continuance of the policy of the Federal government in assisting in fire protection methods, endorsing the movement for protecting bird life and especially in the national forests. In addition to this the association recommended that Congress appropriate a sum necessary for combatting the white pine blister rust.

Another matter of importance transacted was that in regard to memorializing the next North Carolina Legislature to make a sufficient appropriation to carry out the purposes of the forest fire law, which was passed by the last Legislature.

SENATE WILL VOTE ON THE COLOMBIAN TREATY NEXT WEEK

Effort Will Also be Made to Get the Nicaraguan Treaty to Vote

ITS RECEPTION IN SENATE DOUBTFUL

WOULD PAY COLUMBIA \$25,000,000 FOR SEPARATION OF PANAMA AND GIVE NICARAGUA \$3,000,000 FOR OPTION ON CANAL ROUTE AND NAVAL BASE AT TON-SECA BAY

Washington, Jan. 26.—The administration's determination to force action as a part of its Pan-American policy, on the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua, spurred the Democratic members of the Senate foreign relations committee to fix next Wednesday as the date for a vote on the Colombian treaty, regardless of the result. An effort also will be made to get the Nicaraguan treaty to a vote.

Some Senators today predicted that both treaties will be recommended for ratification, but both Democrats and Republicans have doubt regarding its reception in the Senate.

Millions to Colombia

The Colombian treaty would pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the separation of Panama and express regret that anything should have happened to mar the relations between the United States and Colombia.

\$3,000,000 to Nicaragua

The Nicaraguan treaty would pay Nicaragua \$3,000,000 for an option on the Nicaraguan canal route and a naval base at Fonseca Bay.

ARMED ITALIAN STEAMER BRINGS CHARLETON TO U.S.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Italian steamer America, with two guns mounted on the stern and carrying as passenger Porter Charleton the American, whose sentence for killing his wife at Lake Como has expired, arrived here today.

Charleton declined to discuss his case, and it is said will soon join his parents in Porto Rico.

PRESIDENT BEGINS HIS CAMPAIGN

Washington, Jan. 26.—President Wilson left tonight to open his preparedness campaign by a speech Thursday night in New York.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed today for Paul C. Dumeau, general merchant, of Clayton. The liabilities are stated to be \$8,914 and the assets \$4,200. The case has been referred to district Judge Henry G. Connor who will make an order of reference.

MANY CARNATIONS ON DISPLAY

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—More than 150,000 carnations were on display at a downtown hotel here today in connection with the meeting of the American Carnation Society which began a two days' session with carnation growers from all parts of the country attending.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A RALEIGH LADY

Loses Control of Bicycle and Dashes Into Passing Auto

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Miss Clara Mae Wharton of Charlotte, met a tragic death this afternoon by an automobile in Glenwood suburb.

She was learning to ride a bicycle and lost control and dashed into the avenue from a steep incline, just as the automobile was passing. Driver Joe Upchurch turned his machine into a path in a vain effort to miss the girl whose skull was crushed.

In the machine with him was Leonox Johnson, son of Mayor James L. Johnson.

The coroner decided no inquest was necessary, as the accident was unavoidable.

MRS. MOHR'S CHILDREN MAY TESTIFY FOR MOTHER



MRS. MOHR READING BED-TIME STORIES TO HER CHILDREN. (By Int. Film Service.)

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who is on trial as an accessory to the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, photographed in her home in Providence, R. I., reading bed-time stories to her children, Charles and Virginia.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 26.—The question of whether her two children, Charles and Virginia, should be allowed to take the stand as witnesses for Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, on trial as an accessory to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, her husband, has not been definitely decided. It is said that the children wish to appear for their mother and that she is willing to have them take the witness stand, but that her attorneys are hesitating on the point of "good taste."

LEAGUE BASEBALL NOW ASSURED FOR CITY THIS YEAR

Total of 1,702 Books Reported Sold at Final Meeting Held Last Night

SPLENDID WORK BY THE ROTARY CLUB

With the sale of 1,702 season baseball books sold yesterday, and prospects of selling many more today, baseball is assured for Winston-Salem for the coming season and those interested in the national sport and who will have charge of the management of the team will at once begin work looking to securing a permanent aggregation for this city.

While the goal of selling 2,000 books was not quite reached last night, promises of the sale of many more books today will run the sales up to the desired number which will bring enough money into the treasury to finance the team properly.

Work of Rotary Club

The whirlwind finish to the campaign was made possible largely through the magnificent work of the members of the Rotary Club, that organization entering into the work of aiding in giving this city the popular summer sport of baseball with much enthusiasm. Committees never worked more effectively and more enthusiastically than the corps of men on the Rotary Club's committees yesterday afternoon.

While the committee from the organization did not begin work until about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, they worked continuously and energetically, and they reported the sale of 174 books yesterday. They have pledged themselves to sell 200 books in all, and with the promises they have in hand and other prospects, they will

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TOO LARGE FOR MARINES

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 26.—Michael Tsholski, a steel mill puddler from Cleveland, O., aged 22 years, was today rejected at the United States Marine Corps recruiting station in this city, as "too big and husky" for the Marine Corps.

Tsholski measured six feet and five inches in his stocking feet and weighed 257 pounds without clothing. The medical examiner pronounced him a perfect physical specimen, but the maximum heights for Marines is 73 inches and no giants or pygmies are wanted in the Marine Corps, according to Sergeant Michael De Roo, who is in charge of the local recruiting station for soldiers.

The giant recruit, who says he is no white hope and has no desire to meet Jess Willard or Frank Moran, will remain in the city until the peace negotiations are officially begun.

PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE OF GOVERNMENT SHIP PURCHASE BILL CONSIDERED BRIGHT

Washington, Jan. 26.—Prospects for the passage of the government ship purchase bill are believed bright by the Administration leaders, who saw in President Wilson's conferences today with the Democrats who opposed the bill last year, indications that President Wilson will win their united support.

As now proposed, the bill would provide government operation of ships only in the case of being unable to make satisfactory leases to private corporations.

CHIEF JUSTICE MAKES HIS REPLY

Astounded That the Governor Should Misconstrue Letter

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Chief Justice Watter Clark issued a reply this afternoon to Governor Craig's criticism of the letter of the Chief Justice to John D. Langston of Goldsboro, blaming the courts and other departments of government for lynching in North Carolina. He declares "it is astounding to him that the Governor should intimate that in his Langston letter he excused the mob who hanged the negro Richards." He says he began the letter with a denunciation of lynching and stated that it was an anarchy and that there is not a line of apology in the letter for those who committed the offense.

The reply of the Chief Justice makes seven typewritten pages. He says no one acquitted of a guilty murderer or caused by any one judge, nor the excessive use of the pardoning power by any one Governor has brought these conditions. But that the trouble is of long standing, else the people would not have been goaded on any occasion to take the law into their own hands. He reiterates his position that the excessive number of homicides in North Carolina and the consequent lynchings that occur are not the fault of the people who, he says, are as a mass law abiding. The chief fault, he says, is the system by which our jurors have been drawn and the excessive number of challenges given the prisoners.

The Chief Justice insists that the cause must be removed by an efficient administration of justice in the courts that will give good men reasonable assurance of protection for their lives as well as their property.

FORD PARTY NOW STOCKHOLD

London, Jan. 26.—Reuters Stockholm correspondent says that the working committee of the Ford peace expedition has arrived there and will remain until the peace negotiations are officially begun.

President Urges Legislation

President Wilson today urged the following legislation be pushed ahead of everything else: National defense measures; Creation of a mercantile marine; revenue legislation, including revision of the income tax law and creation of a non-partisan tariff board; Philippine self-government bill, which will include a provision granting independence within two to four years, provided satisfactory steps were possible to establish a staple independent government; and the conservation measures.

SAM BROOKS HAS BEEN ARRESTED

Mr. Whiteheart's Assailant Caught Yesterday in Northern Forsyth

Sam Brooks the negro who shot and seriously injured Patrolman H. C. Whiteheart Sunday afternoon, and who has been in hiding since the shooting, was arrested yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock at the home of Dicie Cofer, about a mile from Providence church, some 11 miles north of this city.

Chief Thomas Captain Early, Patrolman Dalton, and Deputy Sheriff Holder had traced him into the neighborhood in which he was caught Tuesday night, but had to leave the trail. They took it up again yesterday morning and brought the negro into the city about 12:30 yesterday afternoon, placing him in the county jail to await the trial when Mr. Whiteheart's condition will permit it.

Asleep When Caught

When the officers went to the house, Mr. Early and Mr. Dalton remained on the outside to see that he did not escape, while Chief Thomas and Mr. Holder went inside to make a search. Chief Thomas asked Dicie if there were anyone besides the family there. She replied in the affirmative, and in reply to his question of where, she told him in the garret.

Chief Thomas went up the ladder-like steps and found nothing in the first section of the garret. He entered the next section, which was in total darkness and soon struck the negro's foot with his foot. He felt it to find the direction of his body and then fell on him, holding him until the other officers arrived, when he was handcuffed. The negro was fast asleep when Chief Thomas fell on him and said that he was dreaming.

Admits the Shooting

It is said he admitted to the officers that he shot Mr. Whiteheart, but said that it was an accident. He explained it by saying that he had his hand on his gun in his pocket when Mr. Whiteheart

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POLITICAL SIDE OF THE WAR AGAIN ASSUMES CHIEF INTEREST ROLE

BRITISH LABOR PARTY CHANGES ITS WAR POLICY

Downs Anti-War Resolution by Overwhelming Majority

DROP BOMB ON MINE DEPOSIT

THIRTY-NINE PERSONS WERE KILLED WHEN A GERMAN AIRCRAFT DROPPED A BOMB ON A DEPOSIT OF MINES AT DOVER, ENG.—BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK IN HARBOR

Bristol, Jan. 26.—The British labor conference, by a great majority today reversed its former attitude toward the war by adopting a resolution pledging the conference to assist the government as far as possible in the successful prosecution of the war.

It could be seen immediately that the conference began that a large body of opinion favored supporting the government, and when the representatives of the 500,000 miners unanimously voted against an anti-war resolution the success of the patriotic resolution was certain.

A resolution entirely approving the action of the parliamentary labor party in co-operating with other political parties in the national recruiting campaign, was passed by 1,847,000 to 206,000 votes.

Drop Bomb on Mines

Berlin, Jan. 26.—By wireless to Sayville—The Hamburger Fremdenblatt reports that one of the bombs the German air squadron dropped Monday on Dover, England, fell on a deposit of mines which exploded and caused enormous devastation in the neighborhood. Thirty nine persons, including one officer and 24 soldiers, were killed, the newspaper says.

According to this account, the explosion didn't occur until 15 minutes after the bomb fell.

British Unprepared

Railroad cars filled with provisions and several cottages are reported destroyed, the British aeroplanes not being ready in time for defense.

Later Report

London, Jan. 26.—The House of Commons by talking out and dropping the bill for a blockade, tonight indicated that Great Britain will not declare a blockade against Germany, but will rely on the present orders in council.

MEXICANS MURDER MORE AMERICANS

Bodies of Two American Cowboys Found in Mexico

El Paso, Jan. 26.—The bodies of Benjamin Snell and Frank Woods, American cowboys, were found near Cuahuachic, Mexico, according to an unconfirmed report tonight.

The American National Livestock Association convention today adopted resolutions urging the United States to patrol northern Mexico to protect American lives and property.

SIX LIVES LOST IN FIRE

Seattle, Washington, Jan. 26.—Six persons lost their lives here today in a fire which destroyed the interior of the five-story Talbot Walker building at Jackson street and First avenue, south.

WILSON UNDECIDED ON SOUTHERN TRIP

Will Speak in North Carolina Cities if the Trip Materializes

(By Geo. H. Manning.)
Washington, Jan. 26.—Congressman Stedman called at the White House today and invited President Wilson to make addresses at Greensboro and Durham, when he makes his speech-making tour into the South on preparedness next month. President Wilson said he has not yet definitely decided on the Southern trip, but that if he does make it, he will give Greensboro and Durham consideration as special-making points.

Burlington Plants Approved

Mr. Stedman was advised by the Treasury Department officials today that all plans for the Burlington post-office have been approved and actual work on it will commence in about four months.

BRITAIN ANSWERS PROTEST AGAINST DELAYING MAILS

French Warships Will Aid in Blockading Black Sea and Channel

MONTENEGRINS ARE DISARMING

HOUSE OF LORDS PASS THIRD READING OF MILITARY SERVICE BILL—FRENCH ENGAGE GERMAN IN HAND TO HAND FIGHTING NEAR NEWVILLE—FRENCH SUCCESSFUL

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST EX-PREMIER VENIZELOS

Berlin, Jan. 26.—By wireless to Sayville—The Sofia Newspaper Utroztro prints an Athens dispatch today saying that the Greek crown prosecutor, upon government orders, has commenced proceedings against former Premier Venizelos, and if Venizelos doesn't appear for examination he will be arrested.

London, Jan. 26.—Hostilities on all fronts having momentarily dwindled to rather unimportant proportions, the political side of the war again has assumed the chief interest.

The British parliament is animatedly discussing steps to make more rigid the government's plan for keeping goods from being exported or imported by German. British labor overwhelmingly decided to support the prosecution of war.

Answers U. S. Protest

Great Britain has tentatively answered the United States' protest against delaying mails and it is announced that hereafter French warships will aid the British in blockading the English channel and the North sea, and France will take part in the examination of mails, as well as cargoes, also in any negotiations about them.

Bill Passes Third Reading

The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the military service bill.

Montenegrins Disarming

A Vienna dispatch via Berlin declares representatives of the Montenegro government have signed articles regarding the disarmament of the Montenegrin army and the Montenegrins everywhere are laying down arms.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting

Hand-to-hand fighting took place near Neuville, when the French tried to retake trenches the Germans had captured. Berlin reports all attacks failed.

French Successes

The French declare they have retaken all the mine craters the Germans occupied several days ago, and in the

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ANOTHER ARMED STEAMER ARRIVES

Italian Steamer America, With Guns on Stern Arrives at N.Y.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The arrival at New York of the Italian steamer America with guns on the stern may hasten the United States' decision on the question whether there will be a change in the policy regarding clearance from United States ports of merchant vessels armed for defense.

Baron Zwiedinek, Austro-Hungarian charge, asked the State Department what the United States intended to do in case of the Verona, which arrived similarly armed recently and is still in port.

It is understood Austria-Hungary will take the position any armed merchantman can be torpedoes without warning.

Recently the Giuseppe Verdi was allowed to clear when Italy promised the gun would be used in defense only. Officials indicated the same procedure as with the Verona.

Whether the arrival of the America will change the plan is not known.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER MURDERED IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Rebecca Pullmar, aged 50, and her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Bazell, aged 25, were found dead with skulls fractured, in a furnished room here tonight, with a blood-stained axe nearby.

The police are searching for Nathan Pullmar, husband of the elder woman.