

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATION BILL--IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER.

Speech of Hon. Hannibal L. Godwin, of North Carolina, in the House of Representatives, Monday, February 14, 1910.

The House being in Committee on the whole House on the consideration of the bill (H. R. 2948) making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes--

Heard, owing to the fact that the depth of water in the Cape Fear did not justify making Wilmington a gateway port. The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington could not but admit to some extent, the force of this argument. The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to confer with me in reference to the 30-foot project. Mr. J. A. Taylor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, H. G. Smallbones, H. W. Malloy, W. B. Worth, R. A. Farley, and James H. Chadbourne composed the committee. Mr. Chadbourne being named as chairman of the committee.

the ratio is 15 to 1; that is, an increase of water-borne traffic resulting in \$15 annually for every \$1 expended on the Cape Fear River by the Congress. I desire here to thank the several newspapers of the State for their most valuable assistance in this great undertaking, as they have taken hold of the matter most heartily, and have indorsed the project as a State-wide enterprise. I wish to say word of commendation and appreciation of the engineer in charge at this port, Capt. Earl J. Brown. Captain Brown is one of the most efficient engineers in the Corps and is a great believer in the possibilities of the Cape Fear. He has given us great aid and assistance in all of our undertakings.

HENRY SPIVEY HANGED TODAY

The Last Hanging in North Carolina.

By telegraph to Observer. Elizabethtown, N. C., March 11.--After spending a restful night in his cell at the county jail at Elizabethtown, Henry Spivey, a negro, the last man in North Carolina to hang, walked boldly to the gallows in the jail yard. He put out his hand to the sheriff to show that it was steady. He was attentive to the actions of the guards while adjusting the rope. He made no statement. No relative nor friends were present. The body will be placed in the Potter's field. The trap was sprung at 12:09 and he was dead in ten minutes.

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ROBERT E. LEE WOULD BE CHOICE OF NA'ION.

Henderson Gold Leaf. Hon. George R. Wendling, one of the most gifted platform lecturers in this country, who is a Northern man, is a great admirer of Gen. Robert E. Lee. His brilliant military genius and his frequently paid high tribute to the great Confederate chieftain.

Burned to Death Near Roxboro.

John Wagstaff, and his wife and eight children, colored, were burned to death at their home, seven miles northwest of Roxboro Friday in a fire which destroyed their home.

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