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## SENATE PASSES BENNETT'S PATENT MEDICINE BILLS

No Dissenting Voice Heard in That Body--House Adopts Absentee Voters' Bill With Republicans Opposing It--To Use Cleaner on Senate Carpets.

Records' Special Legislative Report. Raleigh, Jan. 27.—The senate today with no dissenting voice passed the two bills of Bennett of Swain for the regulation of the patent medicine traffic—prohibiting the sale or advertising in North Carolina of remedies purporting to cure incurable ailments; the other putting medicines under the pure food law of the state board of health.

Otherwise nothing important happened in the upper house and adjournment was until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in order that a vacuum cleaner might be used on the carpet.

After an hour's debate, chiefly on an amendment to the absentee voter's act, the house today passed the committee substitute.

The Republicans voted almost solidly against the bill, stating their objection to it on the ground that it invests Democratic chairmen with the discretion of allowing only Democrats to vote. The Democrats refused this charge.

The bill provides for separate registration books, which the proposed voter must use in person, registration by mail being denied. Voters must mail their ballots before the day of election.

Doughton was presiding in the absence of Speaker Murphy who was ill with grip.

The house abolished Hyde county's recorder, first destroying his salary March 1, 1917, and the officer December, 1917. All state measures were postponed until next week.

## GOVERNMENT TO GET JOBS FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 27.—The United States employment service, 119 west Main street, Norfolk, Va., covering Virginia and North Carolina, under the division of information, United States department of labor, Washington, D. C., desires the co-operation of employers of both states in securing employment openings for returning guardsmen. The positions left by some of the soldiers will no doubt be held open for them by their employers, but a great many will have to seek new employment.

The return of the troops will make available a number of sound young men for office, farm and other classes of employment, and if all employers in need of any kind of help will communicate with the Norfolk office promptly, stating the kind of help needed, a proper application blank will be sent on which the employer may furnish details as to qualifications required, wages offered, etc. The work of the United States employment service is performed free of charge either to employer or employee.

Friends of the guardsmen are invited to bring this matter to their attention upon the return of the latter from the border. Applications for work may be obtained from any postoffice, or will be furnished upon application to the Norfolk office.

## PUTS ALL POSTMASTERS ON CIVIL SERVICE LIST

Washington, Jan. 27.—The national legislative, executive and judicial bill was passed by the senate, after provisions had been written into it placing all postmasters on the civil service list, forbidding employees of the bureau of education from receiving compensation from private educational foundations, and further increasing the pay of government clerks.

The stipulation placing postmastercies of all classes under civil service was adopted at the last moment as an amendment to the section providing for the salaries of postmasters.

Several senators predicted that it would be eliminated in conference with the house.

Under the scale of salary increases for government clerks adopted by the senate, those receiving less than \$480 annually would get raises of 15 per cent and those receiving between \$480 and \$1,000 raises of ten per cent.

About \$1,000,000 was added to the total in the senate, bringing the total to approximately \$40,000,000.

## "PRESIDENT WILSON'S POSE" AN INTERESTING PARALLEL

London, Jan. 28.—A hitherto unpublished summons to peace, addressed to President Lincoln during the Civil war by Emperor Pedro of Brazil, and closely paralleling President Wilson's speech before the senate, is published in the Morning Post, by Frederick Harrison, founder of the Postivist society. Mr. Harrison says that he has had access to unpublished documents in the archives of the United States and found among them the Brazilian emperor's communication.

"President Wilson's Pose," and gives the parallel. Mr. Harrison says: "The language used by his majesty so closely resembles the receipt to President Wilson that one would think that the emperor recently looked up the emperor's mandate, and its words were etched in his mind."

## LIVELY FIGHTING REPORTED ON BORDER

(By Associated Press.) Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying in rocks close to the international line five miles south of Ruby, Ariz., 40 members of troop E, first Utah cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Arns, were keeping up an incessant firing at Mexicans across the border. The Mexicans were returning the shots.

As far as known none of the American troops has been wounded or killed. Reinforcements from Nogales are being rushed to the scene. Soldiers and civilians returning from the line report several Mexicans killed.

A telephone message from America says Mexican soldiers engaging the Americans are from the Carranza garrison at Sasabe. American civilians are being kept back from the scene of the fighting by Lieutenant Arns, who is holding them in reserve. A party of 75 civilians is being rushed to the scene.

## Will Germany Run Amuck?

Washington Post. The demand in Germany for unlimited submarine activity against England, without regard to neutral protests, is becoming so insistent that it is taken to foreshadow the adoption of that policy by the German government. Members of the reichstag and the Prussian diet are very outspoken in advocating a campaign of ruthlessness, and their speeches are applauded from one end of Germany to the other. The German newspapers speak more freely than ever before of the pinch of the blockade, and they justify the appeal to ruthlessness by reminding their readers of the British blockade of Germany.

The articles are passed by the censor, which is sufficient evidence that the government is not averse to a public demand for more vigorous submarine activity. Simultaneously there is a demand that no neutral rights or protests shall stand in the way of German military advantage gained by brilliantly planned and bravely executed campaigns are lost by failure to deal properly with foreign governments. Over and over again the desire of neutral people to remain impartial has been rebuffed by some act of stupidity on the part of the coterie who are trying to conduct Germany's foreign relations with sabers and torpedoes.

It might appear that the experience of Germany with regard to Belgium and the Lusitania would be sufficient to deter the ruling party from trampling upon neutrals too flagrantly. But no one will take it for granted that Germany has learned a lesson. The bill has been full of blunders committed by those who are charged with the conduct of German military affairs. All the earnest efforts of German diplomacy to avoid complications are made fruitless by the German military authorities, who are usually if not always able to overlook the foreign office. Thus the military advantages gained by brilliantly planned and bravely executed campaigns are lost by failure to deal properly with foreign governments.

Over and over again the desire of neutral people to remain impartial has been rebuffed by some act of stupidity on the part of the coterie who are trying to conduct Germany's foreign relations with sabers and torpedoes. It is in accordance with this spirit-and-shille diplomacy that German forces should penetrate Switzerland. The German artillerists who dictate the foreign policy see nothing but military advantages in such a move. The obligations of law and treaties mean no more to them than to their horses and cannons. The horses look upon treaties as scraps of paper, and the cannons make them so.

## DEAMING GDREAMS

In 1914 there were 2,348 individuals in the United States whose net taxable incomes were a hundred thousand dollars or more; in 1915 this number grew to 3,074. Here is fifty-seven per cent increase in a single year.

Meanwhile the individuals with net taxable incomes of a million dollars or more increased from 60 to 120, and their total net taxable income last year was 254 million dollars. We do not chance to belong to this little gilt-edged band of multimillionaires, but we'd like to, for about one week! It would not take us longer than that to endow the poverty-stricken extension work of the University of North Carolina, and make it useful to the state in the largest possible way.—University News-Letter.

## LARGE ARSENAL DESTROYED AT DRESDEN

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 27.—The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1,000 women and young girls killed according to a letter taken from a German soldier dated December 30.

The letter was written from Dresden and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of 12 miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the matter secret and that no railroad tickets were sold to Dresden for urgent military reasons.

## EXTRA TEACHER EMPLOYED IN HIGH SCHOOL

(With Miss Louise Coleman of Aiken, S. C., as extra teacher, students in the high school will begin Monday to make up the work which was allowed to suffer on account of interruptions to class work during the fall term. City council Tuesday night authorized Mayor Whitener and Superintendent McIntosh to employ an extra teacher whose duties will be to coach those children who have dropped behind in various studies.

Miss Coleman is a graduate of Winthrop College, is unusually well prepared, and Superintendent McIntosh and the pupils are expecting to make up most of the ground lost. Miss Coleman is a sister of Mrs. F. A. Abernethy and already is pleasantly and favorably known in Hickory.

There are two main causes for a good many failures in the high school. The first of course was the interruption to class work incident to the closing of the schools on account of scarlet fever and the fact that a number of pupils were permitted to remain out of school by their parents for fear of contracting the disease. The second reason was the lack of regular attendance at other periods in the fall. The school records show a great number of absences and it is a fact worthy of note that the children who were absent the most failed to make their marks.

In every school and college there are scores of students who are better than some subjects than others, and on this fact may be assigned a minor cause for failure. One child may be good on arithmetic and poor in Latin, and so on.

The students, however, are determined to make up this back work and to continue with their classes this spring. In that case they will be promoted in the spring. If Miss Coleman has time she will coach some of the other grades.

## SENTIMENT IS STRONG FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS

Sheriff John A. Isenhower, who was busy collecting taxes today, reported that he had taken in so far about \$32,000 of the \$103,000 on his books, his record this year being better than it was last. He has about \$21,000 yet to collect.

The sheriff said there was considerable interest in the county for good roads, but those favoring bonds were unanimous in declaring that some provision should be made for the upkeep of the roads after they are built. Some people favor an increase in the road tax to something like \$50,000 a year so that the highways can be built without bonds. Mr. W. S. Stroup, county commissioner, said he favored such a plan.

## HOUSE REVENUE BILL READY FOR BUSINESS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Backed by a caucus of house Democrats, the new administration revenue bill intended to raise about \$248,000 to meet the government's military preparedness and other expenses was ready today for presentation to the house. This probably will be done early next week.

The general features of the bill have already been made public. It would raise the needed revenues chiefly by an excess profit tax and by an increased inheritance tax.

## PITTSBURG HAS SERIOUS FIRE TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Jan. 27.—Fire which swept through a section of the retail business district today, destroyed the Frank and Sedar department store, the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Clothing Company and a dozen or more smaller buildings with a loss estimated at \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Four firemen were badly injured and a dozen were carried to hospitals for treatment.

The fire is said to have started in the John C. McCrory and Company's five and ten cent store shortly after midnight, but gave the firemen no concern until shortly after 4 o'clock when it had eaten its way into the Frank and Sedar stores. The smoke and cold interfered seriously with the efforts of the firemen.

Firemen were seriously handicapped by the intense cold, it having been necessary to carry hot water from neighboring restaurants to thaw out street hydrants before sufficient pressure could be obtained to provide water.

## WILL INSPECT HOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—A committee of senators and representatives will go to Charlottesville, Va., tomorrow to inspect Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, which is likely to be bought by the federal government.

The trip was originally planned for last Saturday but was postponed on account of the death of Admiral Dewey. The Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce will entertain the delegation.

## PERSHING'S COLUMNS MOVING NORTHWARD

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—American troops started north from the field headquarters at Colon Dublin at noon today, according to reports from Columbus, N. M., brought there by passengers arriving overland. The troops are believed to be the advance guard of Pershing's army.

## RAINS ARE FORECAST FOR FIRST OF WEEK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Local rains and warm weather, followed by fair and considerably colder weather, are forecast for the southeastern states during the week beginning tomorrow. Rains are again probable about Friday.

## MARKETS

### COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 27.—A more hopeful view of peace prospects seemed to be largely responsible for an advance in the cotton market today. May sold 20 points above the low level of yesterday. The market closed firm.

	Open	Close
March	17.22	17.43
May	17.37	17.62
July	17.37	17.60
October	16.40	16.62
December	16.48	16.72

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	17
Wheat	\$1.90

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 27.—Peace talk led to heavy and general selling today in the wheat market here. Prices weakened rapidly, although most of the gossip was based on rumors that Germany was prepared to offer more specific peace terms after opening at about the same as yesterday, with May at 1.78 to 1.80 and July at 1.50 to 1.50 7-8, the market was followed by moderate declines and then a rally.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Overcast and warmer tonight and Sunday. Probably rain Sunday in west portion; fresh east and southeast winds.

## GYMNASIUM IS AGITATED FOR HICKORY

Wouldn't a gymnasium and swimming pool on the first floor of the armory building be a dandy institution next summer, fall and winter? Well, that is the proposition that is being agitated and it has a fair chance to succeed. The plan also provides for a physical director who will instruct youths and adults in various exercises, including swimming. The building is owned by Mr. W. S. Stroup, and he has agreed to have it fitted up in a suitable manner for a gym if the citizens are sufficiently interested. Many business men are heartily in favor of it, and there is no doubt that it will be a reality if the initial expense does not prove too great.

## TROOPS MOVING RAPIDLY OUT OF MEXICO

(By Associated Press.) Juarez, Mex., Jan. 27.—American troops were marching out of Colonia Dublin toward the border at 7 o'clock this morning, according to a message received at Casas Grandes.

The message did not give the extent of the troop movement, but it was predicted at Casas Grandes that the entire expeditionary force would be on the march before night.

## JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE STAFF HERE

(By Associated Press.) Tokyo, Jan. 26.—Recently the Japanese press announced that the foreign office had decided to increase its staff in the United States on account of the increased interest in China in questions having to do with China.

In this connection importance is attached to the following appointments which have just been gazetted: Eisaku Suzuki, first secretary of embassy at Washington, until now attached to the embassy at Rome.

Shigeru Yoshida, second secretary of embassy at Washington, until now consul at Antungchun, China.

Shintaro Kawashima, second secretary of embassy, at present third secretary to the embassy at Washington.

Eishiro Naita, third secretary of embassy at Washington, until now diplomatic probationer of the legation in Peking.

Keinosuke Fujii, until now, eleve consul at Changchun, China, appointed to the consulate in San Francisco in the same capacity.

## GARDNER PROTESTS AGAINST WORLD LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Various kinds of economic preparedness for a national crisis were discussed today before the congress of constructive patriotism of the National Security League. A platform was prepared on which the league will wage a campaign of education for military preparedness and universal training.

A dinner tonight will close the meeting which has lasted three days with a score of prominent men as speakers in behalf of preparation for war.

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts protested against the participation of the United States in a world league to enforce peace on the ground that it would involve the country in European or Asiatic wars in which the country is not interested.

## GERMANS HOLD GRIMLY TO CAPTURED TRENCHES

Cling Tenaciously to Important Ground in Verdun Sector--Another German Attack Put Down--Russians Stem the Teutonic Advance in Riga Sector.

## SEVERE BREAKS IN WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 27.—Severe breaks in the price of wheat resulted today from heavy selling due largely to peace rumors. The sharpest decline was in the May option, which fell in some quarters seven cents.

Remarkable absence of export buying contributed in a notable way to the decline.

## TURKS ARE NOTHING BUT ROBBER BANDS, SAYS BRYCE

(London, Jan. 27.—The demand for the expulsion of Turks from Europe, included among the terms in the entente allies' note in reply to President Wilson, is justified by Lord Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, in his views on that phase of the entente reply, which were given to the Associated Press.

"No one who has studied the history of the near east for the last five centuries," said Lord Bryce, "will be surprised that the allied powers have declared their purpose to put an end to the rule of the Turk in Europe, and still less will he dissent from the determination to deliver the Christian population of what is called the Turkish empire, whether in Asia, or in Europe, from the government which during those five centuries, has done nothing, but oppress them."

"These changes ought to have come more than a century ago," said Lord Bryce, "for the Turk has never been of any use for any purpose except for fighting."

"As a government power, he has always shown himself, incapable, corrupt and cruel. Those whom we call Turks are not a nation at all in the proper sense of the word."

"As a famous English historian wrote, the Turks are nothing but a robber band, except in the countries they have desolated."

## ITALIAN WAR BREAD PUT ON THE MAP

(By Associated Press.) Hermannstadt, Transylvania, Jan. 27.—Tucked away among the foothills of the Transylvanian mountains almost on the border of Rumania, Hermannstadt was hardly ever heard of before the war, but with the continuance of the campaign against Rumania it has leaped into prominence as a sort of 'way station' for officers and men on their way to the front, and it is gradually achieving the character of a real metropolis.

The influx of business which hundreds and thousands of soldiers and their officers have brought has jolted the town into a wide-awake state that has first of all manifested itself in an unprecedented soaring of prices.

Hermannstadt stands near the head of the famous Red Tower Pass, and being essentially German in character, it is so to speak the first really "civilized" spot as one comes out of the mountains and offers creature comforts which especially appeal to the soldier who has been marooned for any length of time in the uncouth towns and villages of Rumania.

The electric light plant that the Rumanians destroyed has been put in order again, and Broadway is hardly brighter at night than in Hermannstadt now. The sleepy and formerly little frequented streets fairly team with life, and it is a liberal education in merchandizing to watch the canny storekeepers keep abreast of the times in selling their antiquated but nevertheless desirable stocks. Placarded prices have disappeared from the windows, and the price of anything is generally just what the purchaser looks as if he were able or willing to pay.

## WILSON NOT READY TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson is not expected to accept without some modifications the proposal by the brotherhood heads that a mixed commission of employes and employers be used as a substitute for the presidents recommendation that strikes or lockouts be preceded by an investigation.

## TO CAPTURED TRENCHES

(The German statement announces that after the failure of attacks delivered last night new assaults were launched this morning by the French in the sector of Hill 304 where the Germans secured a footing in the trenches. All the attacks, however, are declared to have failed with heavy losses.

Paris last night announced that yesterday's attacks in the vicinity of Hill 304 resulted in the Germans being driven out. Today the French war office mentions only the destructive artillery fire on German trenches in this sector.

In the region southeast of Verdun there also has been heavy fighting. The Germans made a surprise attack, but the French fire broke up the assault, Paris declares. Otherwise there have been only artillery activity, air fights and raiding expeditions.

The French announce that five hostile aeroplanes were brought down yesterday.

The Russians are pouring reinforcements into the Riga region, where the Germans have been pressing northward over the frozen marshland, and apparently have stemmed the German advance. Today's German statement does not record any further German advance. It indicates, however, the failure of Russian counter-attacks, which are declared to have resulted in no gain of ground by the Russians.

A Rumanian official report today announces a Rumanian victory in the Kasino valley on the Moldavian frontier.

On Emperor William's birthday today an important conference is being held at German great headquarters. Besides the German emperor and Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, it has been announced that the German and Austrian chancellors, with Field Marshal von Hindenburg and other officials would be present.

## BAKER RESIGNS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—The resignation of Bernard M. Baker of Baltimore as a member of the federal shipping board was officially announced today.

## TENT IS NEEDED FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE

Capt. D. G. Coy of the Volunteers of America is interesting citizens here with the case of a young married couple who are slowly wasting away with tuberculosis for lack of proper diet and living quarters. Neither is over 35 years of age and the disease has not reached the stage where it is incurable, the captain has been told. The couple were compelled to give up three small children, and they are unable to provide for themselves.

Captain Coy wants a tent, bedding and other necessities, so that this couple may be kept in the open air. A physician will not charge anything for treating them, but they must have eggs and milk and other nourishing foods. If he can secure them the tent, Captain Coy is positive of his ability to raise the provisions, and he believes two lives can be saved.

Anybody in Hickory interested in this worthy cause may communicate with Captain Coy.