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NEW EDUCATION BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Would Allow Each County to Nominate Member of Board in Primary to be Approved by General Assembly--No Golf in Mountains.

Record's Special Legislative Report. Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Without recall the house today passed the new education bill which provides for the nomination in party primaries of one member biennially in each county to be chosen by the general assembly at its succeeding session.

The senate also passed the crop lien bill urged by Governor Bickett for tenant farmers. The bill provides that merchants shall not charge more than 10 per cent of the cash prices. The house killed a bill changing the method of examining applicants for law license.

The house yesterday relieved itself of the most vexatious problem of the session when it passed the substitute bill of Representative Matthews of Bertie that carried a solution of the dog tax problem. With much discussion, and after adopting amendments exempting Moore county and games to which no admission was charged spectators or players, it also passed Representative Matthews' bill to prohibit playing golf and baseball on Sunday. It passed, at the afternoon session, the revenue act, with a few amendments, as favored by the finance committee.

The substitute dog tax bill, offered by Representative Matthews in lieu of the Ray bill for a state-wide tax to be imposed by the general assembly, submit upon a petition or one-fifth of the voters of any county, an elect on upon the question and afforded some of the prettiest parliamentary practice of the session as well as some of their best humor. Representative McGary thought that the introducer of the bill, the gentleman from Bertie, "should have a monument erected to him on the Capitol Square," and Representative Wright added "surrounded by a fence."

The Matheson golf course did not appeal to Representative Henry Page and after Mr. Grier of Iredell expressed the wish that the house pass the measure, Mr. Page wanted Moore county exempted. Mr. Grier thought this would imperil the purpose of the bill and objected to the exemption.

WILSON MAY BREAK ANOTHER PRECEDENT

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson, it became known today, is considering breaking another precedent by not calling the newly-elected senate in extra session on March 5 to confirm cabinet nomination. The president may not call congress together unless it is necessary.

TWO FISHING SHIPS ARE REPORTED SUNK

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 20.—The Newfoundland fishing schooners Mayola and Dorothy have been sunk, Lloyds announced today.

MINISTERIUM MEETS

The reformed church ministerium for the churches in this part of the state met here yesterday with Rev. W. W. Rowe. Present were Dr. Murphy of Hickory; Rev. A. S. Peeler of Lenoir; Rev. Jno. C. Peeler of Conover; Rev. W. H. McNairy of Lincoln; Rev. H. A. Fesperman of the South Fork Charge, and President J. D. Andrew of the college. The latter gave sermon outlines and an interesting paper was read by Mr. McNairy.—Newton Enterprise.

VESSEL SUNK IS NOT AMERICAN SCHOONER

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 20.—The nationality of the schooner Dorothy reported sunk by Lloyds today was not disclosed by that agency. Some of the London newspapers, however describe the vessel as an American ship.

FORMERLY AMERICAN

(By Associated Press.) St. John's Newfoundland, Feb. 20.—It is believed here that the schooner described as the schooner Dorothy was the Newfoundland vessel Rose Dorothea. The latter was returning to this port from Portugal with finishing chalk. She was formerly owned in Massachusetts, but a year ago was sold to Newfoundland interests and transferred to British registry.

PORTO RICAN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—The Porto Rican citizenship and civil government bill was passed by the senate today.

NEWTON LUTHERAN PASTORATE LETTER

Rev. V. L. Fulmer, pastor, has the following in the current issue of the Catawba Lutheran:

The schedule of service at Beth-Eden is as follows: Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and every Sunday night Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45.

DEATH AT CLAREMONT

Mrs. Nancy Sigmond died Saturday February 17 and was buried Sunday at Claremont. Surviving are several children, among them Mr. Marcus Sigmond, who served the south in the War Between the States.

MERCHANTS MEET ON THURSDAY NIGHT

The annual meeting of the Hickory Merchants' Association will be held Thursday night at 7:30—8 o'clock as announced on the cards—and Miss Downer, the secretary wants every member to be on time. As soon as the business is transacted the members will have a theatre party, and it is hoped to conclude in time to see the whole show. Mr. Geo. E. Bismarck has been president for the past two years.

CONDUCTORS COME CLEAR AT TRIAL

(By Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Feb. 20.—Fourteen passenger conductors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad were acquitted at a lodge trial here yesterday on the charge of having violated rules of the Order of Railway Conductors through the institution of a lawsuit to prevent a strike of railway men last December.

HUNGRY WOMEN GERMANS TAKE A. JONER YORKE PENFIELD ASKS AUSTRIA TO STATE HER POSITION

CRYING FOR BREAD

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 20.—The cry of housewives unable to meet the advancing cost of food was heard in the city's seat of government today when several hundred women from the tenement district stormed the city hall screaming, "We want bread!"

DOUBLE WEDDING TO BE CELEBRATED SOON

Conover, Route 2, Feb. 20.—Friends of Miss Mabel Keisler will be interested to learn that she is to be married February 25. It is to be a double wedding—Mabel Keisler to Will Peters; Ethel Price to Floyd Peters, all of Conover, Missouri, where the young people expect to make their homes.

ESPIONAGE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—The administration's espionage bill providing severe penalties for spying on matters of national defense and punishing conspiracy to violate American neutrality was passed by the senate today. It already had passed the house.

BENJAMIN N. DUKE IS ILL AT DURHAM

(By Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 20.—Benjamin N. Duke, the local tobacco magnate, said to be suffering from a nervous breakdown, was brought here today from Jacksonville, Fla., in a private car. Mr. Duke, accompanied by Mrs. Duke, was en route to Palm Beach, but it was decided to bring him to Durham. Members of the family reported that he was resting "quietly."

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES	Open	Close
March	16.23	16.15
May	16.44	16.34
July	16.40	16.43
October	15.97	15.93
December	16.08	16.11

HICKORY SCENES TO APPEAR IN MOVIES

Mr. G. S. Gullette, representing the Empire Film Company of New York, was in the city today arranging to take a number of films of Hickory scenes and business enterprises for the purpose of showing them throughout the union.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Rain this afternoon; generally fair and somewhat colder tonight and Wednesday, moderate to fresh west winds.

OUTPOST OF BRITISH

(By Associated Press.) Official reports from the war offices today told of many trench raids but recorded virtually no operations of great importance. The "feeling out process" is being employed on the entire Franco-Belgian front and in a lesser degree on the eastern fronts.

WILSON SEEKS POWER ENFORCE NEUTRALITY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary of State Lansing and Assistant Attorney General Warren urged to the senate judiciary committee today to press a bill to enable the president of the United States to protect American neutrality. The bill is designed to prevent the escape of armed vessels interned in American ports.

DR. MOTT AND SONS

Capt. T. A. Mott spent a few days here with his father, Dr. J. J. Mott, leaving yesterday for Hickory to visit relatives. Capt. Mott has recently been transferred from Detroit, Mich., to Richmond, Va., where he is doing recruiting work for the United States Marine service.

DR. BROWN'S LECTURE

Dr. R. Wood Brown's illustrated lecture on Mount Vernon, Washington, will be held at the Hub theatre tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to be present. The proceeds will go towards the playground fund.

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Miss Annie Houser of Hooper, Neb. who has spent some time visiting friends and relatives in High Point, Greensboro, Winston Salem and Rural Hall is now visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. O. G. Wolff on Eleventh avenue.

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Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the western division, telegraphed last night at Mrs. Funston's request to have the body forwarded here. It will arrive Friday and the burial will be Saturday or Sunday.

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Major General Pershing notified the war department today that he had assumed command of the southern department embracing the American forces on the border, which place was held by General Funston. Secretary Baker said General Pershing's succession was automatic.

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General Pershing will take command until a permanent successor is named by the war department. States forces on the Mexican border. Gen. Funston had worked at an unusual pace. At critical times in border. Ever since March, 1916, when he

OF CONCORD IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.) Concord, N. C., Feb. 20.—News reached here this morning of the death of A. Jones Yorke, one of the most prominent citizens of this city, in a hospital at Baltimore. Mr. Yorke entered the hospital Friday and on Saturday was operated on for stomach trouble. Pneumonia was the direct cause of death. The funeral will be held here Thursday.

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Mr. Yorke was in his 51st year and survived by his wife and two children. He was married in 1901 to Miss Pearl Thompson of Salisbury. Besides his other affairs, Mr. Yorke was president of five business institutions here, vice president of three and director of several others.

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More CRAWFISH WEATHER. Hickory, Route 1, Feb. 20.—Farmers are behind with work owing to the inclement weather. This certainly has been a rough time for work. The old Dutch people always contended that the first ten days of February be longed to January.

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If the last three months are a criterion for the next month, insofar as the full moon and the crawfish are concerned, look out for the first week in March, from the 3rd to the 8th, as these days are all in the suburbs of the sign of the crawfish.

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With the exception of a few old people, health is good. Dolph Whitener is in a precarious condition from rheumatism. He is confined to his bed.

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Many farmers say the oats crop is killed. I see some fields that are yellow.

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Charley Brown has moved to Tom Phillips' farm, Mr. Phillips having gone to Maiden to make wood goods at the Carolina Cotton Mill. Jacob Shuford and Luther Mosteller are running a saw mill near Rock Springs campground, where Foreman Froneberger and Richardson had that famous skirmish with the Cherokee Indians. The telephone company is making some changes, remodeling, etc.

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Mr. John A. Lentz, vice-president of the Catawba Trust Company, and well known manufacturer, has purchased the controlling interest in the Hickory Banking and Trust Company, and it is the purpose of the owner to consolidate the two banks. A meeting of the directors of the Catawba Trust Company will be held some time this week to consider the matter. The purchase was made from Mr. J. A. Martin, who turned over 191 shares at a consideration in excess of \$25,000. If the two banks are consolidated, the Catawba Trust Company will be the name of the combined interests.

PENFIELD ASKS AUSTRIA TO STATE HER POSITION

United States Wants to Know Attitude of Vienna Government in Submarine Tactics--State Department Sought Information Ten Days Ago--No Reply Yet.

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 20.—Frederick C. Penfield, American ambassador at Vienna, is said by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian minister a request for a clear and final decision on the submarine policy.

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UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—Ambassador Penfield is acting under explicit instructions from the state department in asking the Austrian government to state its position on the intensive submarine campaign.

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Such instruction was sent to the ambassador more than 10 days ago and it is possible it has been reinforced, in view of the delay to make any response, although state department officials have been reluctant to make any statement for publication on the subject.

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Unofficially it has developed that the state department is reluctant to sever diplomatic relations with Austria except in the face of some overt act.

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A break with Bulgaria and Turkey is regarded as certain to follow a rupture with Austria and deep concern for the welfare of the many American citizens in the orient is one of the influences that have affected the state department's officials in their negotiations with Austria.

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Some of the tension created by the destruction of the American schooner Lyman H. Law, as a result of the statement credited to the captain that she was a German submarine, has been removed.

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The old Petrolite case, involving an unwarranted firing upon that American ship and taking a part of her cargo by an Austrian submarine, remains the only concrete action taken by Austria against American interests.

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HICKORY BANKING & TRUST COMPANY MAY BE MERGED WITH CATAWBA TRUST CO.

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The announcement of the purchase of the Hickory bank, confirmed today by Mr. Lentz, will not come as a surprise, as it was known that steps were being taken to bring the two institutions together.

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President expresses deep regret over death of Major General Funston—Funeral

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson and other high officials as well as army officers generally expressed deep regret today over the death of Major General Frederick Funston at San Antonio, Texas, last night.

Many of them sent messages of condolence to Mrs. Funston now visiting in San Francisco.

War department and other officials stood ready today to assist in giving highest military honors at the burial of General Funston which will take place at the Presidio next Saturday or Sunday. It is believed that Secretary Baker will send a special representative to the funeral.

Only recently Gen. Funston returned from an inspection trip which took him as far as Nogales, Ariz. He also inspected the American expeditionary forces in Mexico just before they came out. These trips, with one to Brownsville, Texas, and a brief visit to Austin, Texas, last year, were virtually the only occasions when he has been absolutely from his desk since the border trouble developed. Two weeks ago Gen. Funston suffered an attack of indigestion. To use his own expression "I fought it out alone." Later he placed himself under the care of Lieut. Col. M. W. Ireland of the medical corps, southern department, and regained normal health and spirits. "For three days," Col. Ireland said last night, "Gen. Funston had been entirely well."