

## GOV. ROBERTS CERTIFIES SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

### Mails Copy of Legislature's Action to Secretary of State Colby Following New Writ Obtained by Advocates of Suffrage—How Thing Was Done

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 24.—According to Frank M. Thompson attorney general of Tennessee, Governor A. H. Roberts at 10:20 o'clock this morning certified Tennessee's ratification of the federal suffrage amendment, sending the certification to Secretary of State Colby by mail.

### ANOTHER ANGLE

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 24.—Chief Justice R. L. Lanston of the supreme court of Tennessee today granted a petition of certiorari and supersedeas in the injunction case filed by anti-ratificationists to prevent the certification of the legislature's action to Washington.

The petition was filed before the supreme court if the state by the attorney general, Frank M. Thompson. Judge Lanston ordered all records in the case brought before the supreme court for hearing. The case has not been heard in the lower courts.

The first bill asking for an injunction was filed Saturday and granted. An amended bill was filed yesterday in the same court and a second injunction granted by Judge Langford. It was expected that a hearing would be set for this week.

The petition for a writ of certiorari and supersedeas was filed by Attorney Frank M. P. Thompson, who argued it before Chief Justice Lanston at his residence last night. After argument by the attorney general, it is said the chief justice granted the petition, which Attorney General Thompson said vacated the existing injunction. The attorney general this morning advised the governor that the proceeding left the matter entirely open and the certification was then made.

Opponents of certification charge that the proceeding violates the rule of the supreme court in that the effect of the writ was not given a chance to be heard.

## FINANCE ACT IS PUT THROUGH SENATE

(By Max Abernethy.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 24.—Work on the finance bill, the so-called "tax" bill, of the constitutional amendment bill and adopted the bill of Senator Humphrey providing for a referendum of the statewide primary law. Amendments were made to the constitutional amendments bill which moves from the discretion of the legislature the right to tax the income on solvent credits up to 20 per cent rather than let this kind of property take its course with other property. This amendment offered by Senator Gavin, Republican of the county, on Monday night, was voted down. Senator Gray today, however, said he was afraid the decision among the Democrats themselves would jeopardize the income tax amendment and other amendments provided in the bill and moved a reconsideration. This was done and the motion offered again. The vote was 41 to 7. Those voting against the bill were Senators Brown, Long, of Halifax, Patterson, Ross, Seales, Thomas and Williams. Only Senators Williams and Long of Montgomery voted against the amendments, as they were finally amended.

The primary referendum law had little opposition in the senate, but opponents of the measure expressed the opinion that it would be killed in the house.

The bill increasing the fees of the notaries also passed its final reading in the senate today and is now on its way to the law books, having passed its three readings in the house.

## AVIATORS REACH NOME FROM NEW YORK TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Nome, Alaska, Aug. 24.—The four United States airplanes from Mircola, N. Y., to Nome, arrived here from Ruby, Alaska, at 5:30 yesterday afternoon. The actual flying time from New York was 55 hours, Captain Sinclair Street, head of the expedition, announced. The hop off on the return trip will be made in a few days.

## CLAIMS GERMANY HAS SHIPPED SUPPLIES

London, Aug. 24.—Germany has shipped supplies and ammunition to soviet Russia, according to a correspondent of the London Times, who insists that Leon Trotsky, bolshevik minister of war and marines, visited East Prussia some time ago in spite of denial from Moscow.

## REGULAR BATTLE RAGES BEFORE COMMITTEE

(By Max Abernethy.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Cumberland county citizens, for and against a board of audit and finance for their county, staged a free-for-all fist fight in the senate chamber of the capitol yesterday afternoon when former Representative A. S. Breece called present Representative George McNeill a liar at a hearing before the committee on counties, cities and towns.

The Cumberland county folk had been granted the opportunity of presenting argument for and against a bill which would provide a board of audit composed of three members yesterday afternoon by the senate committee. After the preliminaries had been arranged providing for 30 minutes' argument from each side the discussion was opened by Representative McNeill, who stated that while a candidate for re-nomination he had introduced a bill such as he had introduced would be enacted if his efforts could be counted upon. Following this pledge, he stated, the court house "ring" immediately arrayed themselves against him and succeeded in defeating him by a narrow margin, a second primary being necessary to do so. Petitions asking for a board of audit for the county was circulated and presented through the press, Representative McNeill stated.

Leading the fight against the passage of the bill was former Representative Breece, who told the committee that there was no popular demand for a board of audit that the voters of the county had expressed themselves as opposed to the bill in the recent primaries when Representative McNeill was defeated and he urged that the bill be reported unfavorable since only the minority faction was sponsoring it. He was supported by C. J. Cooper in his contentions.

At the conclusion of Mr. Breece's address Representative McNeill asked permission to propound a question. The permission was granted and then came the question: "Didn't you serve as registrar in the primary?"

"That hasn't got anything to do with this matter. I refuse to answer."

"Didn't you register twenty-nine voters between the primaries?" Representative McNeill queried.

"No, I didn't."

"You told me you did."

"You're a liar!"

The fight was then on. Representative McNeill rushed across the chamber to the center of the aisle and struck Mr. Breece with his fist somewhere in the general direction of the face. The men grappled and although out-weighted considerably the Cumberland representative upheld his side of the battle remarkably well.

Supporters of the two champions joined in the melee, at first apparently for the purpose of separating the contestants, but the task was more than they had anticipated and within a dozen seconds the riot call was sounded by Chairman Tobe Connor. Principals in the mix-up were Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, father of the representative, and Bob McNeill's brother and several other sympathizers of the proposed piece of legislation. Mr. Breece was ably supported by another Breece and three or four anti-McNeill men.

While Chairman Connor pounded the desk for order disinterested parties managed to hold the contestants apart and order was finally restored with the assistance of the sergeant at arms. Senator Stacy moved that the argument be stopped and that the committee go into executive session. The motion carried and the chamber was cleared of all persons except members of the committee.

With the smoke of battle cleared somewhat a substitute bill was drawn providing for an audit for Cumberland county, the board of commissioners to have authority to employ the auditor or auditors at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The audit must begin within 30 days and will cover the period beginning with December, 1918.

## NORTH WILKESBORO POPULATION 2,363

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Census figures announced today included: North Wilkesboro, N. C., 2,363.

## RAILROADS ARE NOW FACING TEST

(By W. S. Mann.)  
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Washington, Aug. 24.—A real test of the new Cummins railroad law will be made within the next few months and upon the results of this test will depend in large measure whether there must be further legislation by congress in the aid of the railroads. If the railroads do not pass the test favorably, it may result, too, in further talk of government ownership. The test will lie in the manner and measure in which the investing public subscribes to the new issues of railroad securities.

The railroads must have money. They need millions for equipment and extensions to meet the increased traffic demands and to replace old stock. They must get it largely through the issue of securities. The roads have been waiting until the interstate commerce commission should fix the new freight and passenger rates as provided in the Cummins law. The commission has now acted. It is reported that the issue of new securities by the roads of the country in the next three or four months will reach a total of \$400,000,000. This is only part of the amount which the roads need. But it is a round sum. The securities will be sold to the public and the public must purchase these securities if the roads are to get the money they need. If the public does not come forward, necessarily the roads will be in a hole.

It has been suggested that if the public does not invest readily in the railroad securities when they are offered, the government may have to get behind the roads with its credit. Although this would not necessarily lead to government ownership, there seems little doubt that the advocates of government ownership would take the opportunity to urge that the government go the entire route and acquire and operate the roads.

**Can Make 6 Per Cent.**  
Under the law the roads are entitled to make a return of not more than 5 per cent on the aggregate book values of the group. The strong roads will benefit under the policy but the weaker may have difficulty with their securities. It is necessary to the commerce of the country that these weaker roads obtain the assistance they require. Some of them do a very important part of the business of the country, though they may not be financially strong.

**Go to Bankers.**  
It is expected that the railroads will go to the bankers for assistance in floating their loans, to a great extent. The bankers buy for resale and for quick sale. The business is done on a small margin, out of which must come the selling commission. The bankers therefore are comparatively and other expenses, and the bankers' profit therefore is comparatively small. The banker, too, must use good judgment in purchasing securities from corporations, whether they be railroad or industrial corporations, else he stands to lose. The banker's profit therefore is very different from the financing of government securities. In the case of government securities, there is a definite security, which can be offered under the provisions of the law authorizing the issue, to the public for purchase.

**Banks Must Buy.**  
With the securities put forward by the corporation, it is practically impossible to sell them, according to financial experts, through competitive bidding by the public, especially in times like the present. It is necessary, therefore, to make arrangements for handling the securities through the banking houses in large part, or at least it has been so in the past. The banks must make their arrangements, it is said, practically simultaneously with the announcement of the issue of the securities, and must know in advance if they can buy them and in what quantities. In this way they are able to make all arrangements for offering them to the public. In this way the railroads are able to get their securities off their hands in big blocks, and the banks distribute the risks attendant upon the transaction through their syndicate.

## NEW YORK BAGGAGE MEN ARE ON STRIKE

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Aug. 24.—Baggage was piling high at railroad stations here today as a result of the strike of baggage men of the New York Transfer and Westcott Express Company. The strike for more pay and shorter hours began at midnight and managers say they are unable to meet the demands.

Taxicab drivers have called a meeting for tonight to decide whether they will call a strike in sympathy.

## COMPLETE JOURNEY.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 24.—American aviators have completed their continued flight from New York to Nome, according to a dispatch received here.

## BIG MOSCOWS ARE IN CONFERENCE TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Aug. 24.—Republican leaders of 14 eastern states were here today to attend a two days' conference with Will H. Hays, chairman of the national committee, to discuss campaign matters. Included among the members of the national committee was John M. Morehead of North Carolina.

## SANATORIUM IS URGED FOR NEGROES

(By Max Abernethy.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Governor Bickett last night sent his seventh special message to the general assembly, this one dealing with the negro problem and suggesting some remedies he would like to see the legislature make. The message follows:

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## NEWELL TO SPEAK AT MAIDEN SATURDAY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Newton, Aug. 24.—Jake F. Newell of Charlotte, Republican candidate for congress in this, the ninth district, will speak at Maiden on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 10 o'clock, at Rockett's school house in Cline's township at 8 p. m., same day. Mr. Newell will also speak at Pleasant Grove school house in Jacob's Fork township, on Monday evening, August 30, at 8 o'clock.

All the Republican county candidates will be present. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend these meetings.

## POLES INCREASE NUMBER OF PRISONERS CAPTURED

### Total Runs up to 6,300, With 200 Guns and Thousand Machine Guns—Russian Soldiers Flee Across German Border—Other Late War News Today

## ROAD SURVEYORS ARE NOW NEAR MOUNTAINS

Newton, Aug. 24.—County Attorney L. F. Klutz left Saturday for Ashe county court. On Sunday morning Mr. Klutz delivered an address before the Methodist Sunday school at Johnson City, Tenn. From Ashe county Mr. Klutz goes to Caldwell county court.

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## FARMERS MEETING BEGINS IN RALEIGH

(By the Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 24.—The initial session of the 18th annual convention of the North Carolina Farmers and Farm Women's Association, which opened here this morning, was devoted to addresses.

President Riddick of the A. and E. College, Mayor W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, Governor Pickett and Dr. Clarence Pee, were among the speakers.

Edwin T. Meredith, secretary of the United States department of agriculture, will deliver an address tomorrow night.

London, Aug. 24.—Great Britain and Italy will refuse recognition to the Russian soviet government if it does not withdraw part of its peace terms submitted at Minsk providing for a proletarian army in Poland. This was decided upon between Premiers Lloyd George and Giolitti of Italy who have been sitting at Lucerne.

A statement issued by the premiers yesterday said they would recognize the soviet until it withdrew what they described as this "sinister proposal."

## MAY CROSS BORDER

(By the Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Aug. 24.—The German border troops are calling for more troops as they are unable to control the Russians who are crossing into the country.

Among the troops escaping into Germany are many Chinese and Circassians, the dispatch says.

The commander of the 54th Russian brigade, accompanied by the chief staff and staff members, crossed the border, where troops of the Russian 18th division also are arriving.

## TAKE MANY PRISONERS.

(By the Associated Press.)  
London, Aug. 24.—Official dispatches from Warsaw say the Poles have captured 63,000 prisoners, 200 guns and 1,000 machine guns.

Warsaw, Aug. 24.—The capture of Przasnysz, 60 miles north of Warsaw, and Mlawa on the Polish frontier, 75 miles northwest of the capital, is reported in the Polish official statement issued last night. The bulk of the fourth soviet army and the entire third cavalry corps have been surrounded by the Poles, the statement says.

## COX WILL STAY IN NEW YORK FOR FEW DAYS

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Aug. 24.—Governor Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, will remain in New York over Saturday and Sunday, as the guest of former Congressman Fitzgerald after his address at the national field day of the police department.

The Democratic national committee announced today that Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, would visit Governor Cox at Columbus, O., on August 31 and deliver an address at the Ohio state fair.

The committee also announced appointment of Representative J. J. Cantrell of Kentucky as chairman of the organization committee of the Democratic campaign.

## JAPAN IS URGED TO RECALL CITIZENS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Honolulu, Aug. 24.—Recall by the Japanese government of all Japanese who have immigrated to the United States has been suggested by prominent citizens of Tokio as a means of solving the Japanese problem in America, says a Tokio cablegram to a Japanese language newspaper.

## GERMANY RECOVERS SOME FORMER TRADE

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 24.—Germany is recovering some of her pre-war trade, especially in toys, much to the dismay of British exporters, it was learned today.

Owing to the exchange rates German toys undersell English products and manufacturers have asked the British government to take steps to check the imports.