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Fast Work Of Congress Is Impressive

(Special to The Journal)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—One of the notable differences between the present Congress and all others is shown by its work in the short time it has been sitting, is its great efficiency. Nearly everybody expected to hear nothing but campaign speeches by the various speakers, at least for a time.

Instead Congress got right down to business and passed six important bills right off the reel and now is winnowing the chaff out of some nine thousand other bills that have been sent to committees for preliminary action. A lot of the credit for the efficiency displayed is due Speaker Cramer, who has shown great ability in his new office, while still more is due to the fact that the Senators and Representatives realize that voters will not be satisfied with mere words. The consequent way in which the lawmakers are tackling the various problems facing the country has astounded the wise acres to say nothing of the country at large.

One curious thing about the present Congress is the fact that the Senate is proving more radical in its tendencies than the Lower House. For some 135 years the Senate was the home of dignified statesmen, but the change in 1913 to the popular election of Senators instead of their selection by the state legislatures, seems to have worked a change, and one finds many of the demagogues and radicals in Washington occupying seats in the Upper House, while the conservatives rule the House of Representatives.

There is a growing impression that before the present Congress dissolves it will have made important changes in the financial set-up of the United States. Already the Federal Reserve Act is under consideration and it is not unlikely that broader powers will be granted that part of the Government in order to enable it to become more responsive to modern business conditions.

One of the crying needs of the present day is a system to make land mortgages more liquid. Real estate banks depend only on Government securities for stability, but when there is no market for land it becomes difficult to renew mortgages or raise money on land. This results in a cessation of building operations, one of the most important of all times to insure general prosperity. It is likely that the Federal Reserve banks will be granted additional power to loan money on long-term paper, and to waive the clauses in mortgages making it obligatory on them to foreclose on defaulted mortgages.

Another expected action by Congress is the sanction of the National Credit Corporation, which proposes to loan half a billion to real estate owners. The bill will be rushed through Congress, it is said, as soon as the Ways and Means Committee can settle upon the most promising plan. This Act alone is expected to bring out a vast amount of money now lying idle from hidden hoards and reduce unemployment materially.

Investigation of the Farm Board's activities, now in the hands of the Senate, is expected to be broadened to allow the Lower House to take part in the probe. Talk of a separate investigation by the House of Representatives is dying down, the feeling being that it would only double the expense without gaining added benefits. It is being freely said here that such an investigation will be held and that it will continue for from two to four months. Sentiment toward the Farm Board and the Marketing Act has changed considerably in recent weeks and is said to be changing to the belief that they have accomplished a lot of good for the farmers, who are demanding their continuance. Anyhow, talk against them is dying away.

It is also said that most of the talk against the high salaries paid to cooperative executives is largely Congressional bluster and has little support from the voters, who do not feel the men are being overpaid, particularly as the Board's books are said to show that their salaries are not coming from Government sources.

Man Gets Good Price For Burley

O. D. Moses of Jackson County received an average of 17c per pound for his burley, which he sold, this week at Saunders' Warehouse, in Asheville.

The high price which Mr. Moses received was due to good quality of the weed, and careful preparation for market, it is said.

Mr. Moses was pleased with the price which he received for his crop.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, Jan. 13, 1892

Hon. W. A. Dills was in town Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Morris returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Quallatown.

Mr. J. S. Forster returned to his home in Asheville, Tuesday, accompanied by his wife's sister, Miss Spurgeon Dills.

The Asheville Kaolin Company was recently reorganized, and the following new officers elected: R. H. Reeves, President; J. H. Elwell, of Boston, Secretary and Treasurer; A. J. Lyman, city, and Mr. Hall, of Webster, Directors; Albert G. Glover, the former President, has severed his connection with the company and has returned to Boston.—Mountain Home Journal.

Married: In Sylva, on Sunday, Jan. 10, at the home of the groom's father, Miss Cogdill, of Swain Co., to Mr. Will Farley, A. M. Parker, Esquire, officiating. Near Sylva, by Rev. W. Ensley, at the residence of the bride's father, Miss Mary Monteith, to Mr. Sherman Davis.

Died: In Dillsboro on Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock A. M., Mrs. Margaret M. Potts. She was nearly 77 years of age.

It began to rain Monday morning and rained almost without ceasing for three days and nights. The streams have been very high, the Tuckasee river reaching a point several feet higher than has been reached for many years. The damage, while quite serious at some points, has, so far as we know at present, not been so disastrous as might have been expected. One end of one of the small trestles below Beta, together with about forty feet of the embankment was washed out. At Dillsboro, the track just above this place is slightly damaged, and at Dillsboro the damage to the track is more serious. Owing to the break above us no train has reached here since Tuesday. Scott's Creek was on a regular "tear" but beyond drowning a hog in a pen and some chickens roosting in some bushes, no serious inconvenience was experienced. At Dillsboro, from Dr. Candler's drug store down the lower part of the town was entirely submerged. The water was up to the door of the drug store and over the counters in the store of T. B. Allison and Co. In Squire Watkins' store the water did not quite reach to the top of the counters. Thursday at noon a boat was being used to go into the store of T. B. Allison and Co., and paddled about between the counters. Now the water is rapidly subsiding and we hope our troubles from this source are over.

District Meeting To Be Held Here

There will be a meeting of the Kingdom Extension workers of the Methodist church of the Waynesville District at the Sylva Methodist church, tomorrow, Friday, beginning at two o'clock. Pastors and leaders of the church in the district are expected to attend the meeting. Rev. D. H. Rhinehart will conduct the devotional exercises. Dr. J. W. Perry will speak, representing the general headquarters. Rev. W. B. West, representing the board of missions, will speak, as will Rev. E. J. Harbison, representing the hospitals, Mr. J. A. Porter, for church extension, Mr. H. A. Dunham, for Christian education, and Presiding Elder L. B. Hayes on behalf of the commission on benevolences.

Conference For Schools Is Organized

(By John Parris, Jr.)

A Great Smoky Mountains Athletic Conference loomed on the sport horizon this week. As a result of the meeting of the "Four Schoolmasters Club," in Dillsboro last week, plans were made to hold a meeting at Cullowhee this week and elect officers for the Conference.

Schools from the counties of Jackson, Haywood, Macon and Swain are to be in the Conference. There is a possibility that Cherokee, also, will be admitted. Most of the schools were represented at the meeting. The meeting which is to be held at Cullowhee will have representatives from the various schools of the above mentioned counties.

There must be six schools in the Conference. The schools that are being admitted to the Conference have already made applications for places in the organization.

Perhaps this organization will better sports conditions in Western N. Carolina. That is one of the purposes of the organization. It will also add greatly to bringing the schools closer in relation to each other. There have been several attempts to accomplish this, but none of them proved successful.

At the next meeting of the Conference all matters governing eligibility, officials of the game, by-laws, etc., will be taken up. It will probably take two weeks to settle everything and set the Conference in motion.

JIM SUTTON PASSES

Jim Sutton, of Dillsboro, died, last Thursday in the Angel Hospital, in Franklin, shortly after having been received there.

Mr. Sutton had been a patient in the C. J. Harris community hospital for several days, before being removed to Franklin.

The funeral and interment were at Locust Field cemetery, Friday, by Rev. Thad Watson and Rev. W. W. Green. Mr. Sutton is survived by his widow and several children, and a number of other relatives in this county.

STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

DEMOCRATS CHOOSE CHICAGO

A \$200,000 offer by Chicago for the Democratic convention won approval of the party's national committee in Washington on Saturday, June 27 is the opening date, 13 days after the Republican convention opens in the same city. Robert Jackson New Hampshire, was chosen committee secretary.

TARIFF PASSES HOUSE

The tariff bills drafted by a house-senate Democratic committee, passed the house on Saturday by 224 to 182, 12 Republicans voting for it. It is expected to pass the senate but to be vetoed by the president from whom it would take the right to change tariff rates.

ROOSEVELT TO MANILA

Theodore Roosevelt, governor of Porto Rico, was announced Saturday by President Hoover as governor general of the Philippines to succeed Dwight F. Davis, resigned.

MUST STOP REPARATIONS

Chancellor Bruening on Saturday declared it impossible for Germany to continue payment of reparations and that to maintain them "must lead to disaster, not only for Germany but for the whole world."

U. S. INVOKES TREATY RIGHTS

On Friday the United States invoked the rime-power treaty as a bar to further military operations by Japan in China. Great Britain on Saturday declined to invoke the treaty but asked Japanese assurance the open-door policy will be adhered to.

DAWES TO LEAVE LONDON

Charles G. Dawes announced Monday he will resign as ambassador to Great Britain after serving on the Geneva disarmament conference in February. Dwight F. Davis and William M. Butler are mentioned as choices for Dawes' successor.

To Improve Mail Service In County

Mr. C. Huneycutt, Chief Clerk Railway Mail Service arrived in Sylva last week to complete investigation of the proposed through mail route Cashiers to Sylva via Highway No. 106.

Mr. E. L. McKee accompanied Mr. Huneycutt over the routes affected and tentative schedules were prepared for both main and branch lines. Mr. Huneycutt feels sure that the service will be inaugurated and heartily approves the proposed new route.

Mails will leave Cashiers about 7:30 A. M., arriving in Sylva at about ten o'clock and will leave for Cashiers immediately after the arrival of morning train from Asheville and arrive at Cashiers about 1:30 P. M.

Mails will leave East La Porte and Tuckasee about noon, for Rich Mountain and Wolf Mountain, enabling the people both on Caney Fork and East prong of Tuckasee to get Asheville morning papers the same day.

The old mail route from Cullowhee to Cashiers will be cut off at Erastus. Mails leaving Erastus about 7 A. M. to connect with through mail at Cullowhee returning in the afternoon. The change will go into effect July 1st, the expiration of present mail contracts. Bids due January 19th, on old routes, will probably be returned and new bids asked for.

The change will not affect double daily mail service to Cullowhee and East La Porte.

STOLEN CAR IS FOUND IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The automobile belonging to S. R. Fowler of Sylva, which was taken from his garage at the point of a pistol, on Christmas night, has been recovered in Birmingham, Alabama, according to advice that Mr. Fowler has received from police in that city. The only damage that the car has received, according to the information given Mr. Fowler, is a broken windshield.

Lyric To Show Benefit Picture

Next Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21, the Lyric Theatre will present a benefit picture show, for the B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

A large crowd is expected to see this show, which will be featured by "Heartbreak," and Episode No. 3 of "The Vanishing Legion."

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Oulahan

A few days ago the President of the United States took time off from his arduous duties to attend the funeral of a newspaper reporter. A hundred more of the highest officials in Washington, members of the Cabinet, foreign diplomats, joined Mr. and Mrs. Hoover in paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of Richard Victor Oulahan. I think it is the only occasion on which a simple reporter of the news has been so honored.

Dick Oulahan could have held almost any public office he might have aspired to, he could have been editor-in-chief of almost any great newspaper, but he preferred to remain a reporter in the city of his birth, writing every day for the New York Times the news of Washington so truthfully and in such a dignified manner that he won the respect of everybody in public life, while his personal charm and character made presidents and ambassadors his personal friends.

Dick Oulahan was my schoolmate fifty years ago. His life and career were the model upon which many young newspaper men tried to shape their own.

Murders

With all the publicity that New York and Chicago gang murders have got, the public has a notion that those cities must be dangerous places to live in. But an Alabama college professor who has been collecting the facts about murder in the United States reports that there are 77 cities in which there are more murders in proportion to population than in New York, and 39 that have a higher percentage of murders than Chicago. There are more murders in Memphis, Tennessee, in proportion to population, than any other American city.

There is no such thing in any American city as gangs of murderers roaming at large and shooting total strangers because they don't like the color of their neckties, though some such impression of life in the big cities seems to be prevalent.

I have knocked around this world a good deal, and as a newspaper reporter have had to go into some pretty tough districts at all hours of day and night, but I never found it necessary to go armed, nor have I ever known of a sober, peaceful citizen tending strictly to his own business being killed except by a lunatic.

Prohibition

Anti prohibitionists are incurable optimists. Finland has just repealed its prohibition law and American "wets" are jubilant.

How little chance there is of any such action in this country is clearly indicated by a poll of the entire membership of both houses of Congress taken by International News Service. Only 155 members of the House of Representatives were willing even to submit the question of repeal to a popular referendum. It

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Dillard

Funeral services for Mrs. Ralph Dillard, who died early Sunday morning in the C. J. Harris community hospital, were held Sunday afternoon at East Sylva Baptist church by Rev. R. F. Mayberry, Rev. Ernest Jamison and Rev. D. H. Rhinehart. Interment followed in the Dillard family cemetery.

Mrs. Dillard is survived by her husband, three small sons, four brothers, Ellis Beasley, Zach Beasley, Arran Beasley and Hayes Beasley, and one sister, Mrs. Paul Sheppard.

Meeting Of Farmers To Be Jan. 23

A meeting of the farmers of Jackson County will be held in Sylva on January 23, beginning at 1 P. M., at which plans for the year's work in the county will be laid out, and addresses will be made by leading agriculturists, workers from the extension department, and interested people.

The purpose of the meeting will be stated by A. J. Dills and Miss Margaret Jane Cobb.

A summary of the 1931 work in the county will be given by the county agent, Mr. E. V. Vestal.

The 5-10 year farm plan will be presented by Mr. Bruce Webb.

The 1932 program for Jackson County will be discussed by the district farm agent, the district home agent, and F. R. Farnham, dairy specialist.

A general discussion will be held, led by R. C. Hunter, Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Dan Tompkins, E. E. Brown, Supt. M. B. Madison, Dr. H. T. Hunter, Mr. Robert Harris, Mrs. E. L. McKee and others.

Following the general meeting, there will be meetings of the Mutual Exchange, of the County Working Committee, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Members of the Farm Board of Jackson County, the Directors of the Jackson County Mutual Exchange, County Working Committee, Newspaper editors, Superintendent of Schools, Directors and officials of the Red Cross, College officials, Bankers, Members of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club, will be specially invited guests at the meeting.

ORGANIZE JACKSON COUNTY CLUB AT TEACHERS COLLEGE

(Special to The Journal)

Cullowhee, Jan. 14.—A meeting of the Jackson County Club at West-

ern Carolina Teachers College was called today for the purpose of reorganization. Roy Watson of Sylva was elected president, Miss Willa Mae Dills of Sylva was elected vice president and J. O. Terrell of Whit-tier was elected secretary-treasurer. The Jackson County Club has more members than any county organization on the campus. Counting those who have enrolled for the winter quarter, the enrollment in the club has reached about forty.

takes 218 to make a majority in the lower house of Congress. Thirty-two senators, or exactly one-third were in favor of a referendum. And the question of legalizing beer could muster only 125 representatives and 21 senators to its support.

I think that that proportion is a fair reflection of public sentiment in the United States. The anti-prohibitionists are indulging in what Emerson called "wishful thinking."

Wages

The International Labor Office of the League of Nations set out to compare "real wages" in European industry with American wages. "Real wages" means the actual purchasing power of the workers' earnings in terms of commodities. As was expected, the investigators report that living costs in European cities are excessively high and that few European workers are able to buy more than the bare necessities of life even in the best of times.

If this investigation results in increasing wages and giving overseas workers a greater purchasing power it will help a lot toward restoring economic prosperity in Europe, and that will help all the rest of the world.

Davis

Several weeks ago in this column I called attention to the public career of Norman H. Davis and suggested that he was a good man to keep an eye on. President Hoover has just appointed him as one of the American delegates to the General Disarmament Conference to be held in Geneva, February 2nd. Mr. Davis is already a member of the Finance Committee of the League of Nations. Few Americans are better informed on European affairs and international finance.

Mr. Davis is a Democrat, and if a Democrat should be elected President this year there is little doubt that he will hold a high position in the next administration.