

SHIP AND PORT BILL PASSED DURING DAY BY THE LOWER HOUSE

House Voted Unanimously For the Bill.—The Measure Passed the Senate Several Days Ago.

ALL AMENDMENTS WERE DEFEATED

Bill as Passed on the Second Reading Exactly Like the Senate Bill.—Senate Has Number of Bills.

Raleigh, Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The port commission bill was passed by the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly today, 96 to 0.

The measure provides for creation of a commission to be in charge of port development, and for a referendum on the question of issuing \$8,500,000 in bonds for port development and purchase and operation of a ship line if the latter step is deemed necessary.

Immediately after passage of the port commission bill the House took up the resolution dealing with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Railroad. The resolution which has received endorsement by the Senate provides for investigation into the feasibility of acquiring the railroad from its present owners, and deals with the possibility of instituting suits on behalf of the State to acquire the property.

Principal Work Completed. Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The North Carolina General Assembly today completed the principal work for which it had been called into special session—the handling of port development legislation on the basis of the report of the state ship and water transportation commission, and the repeal of an amendment to the constitution dealing with the inviolability of the sinking fund, but the repealer and the passage of a substitute amendment.

In the House the port commission bill as sent to that body by the Senate was ratified. In the Senate the repealer amendment to the constitution exempting gasoline and automobile license taxes from the provisions of the sinking fund law was ratified and ordered engrossed.

The bill is a substitute for the constitutional amendment which was repealed finally last night. The bill repeal had provided that all sinking fund amounts of the state should go to the general sinking fund, but the repealer exempts the funds of the gasoline and automobile license taxes which may be used for the retirement of highway bonds.

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The port commission bill carrying a provision for submission to a statewide vote at the November election was expected to be finally passed in the House of Representatives today. The measure was passed 96 to 7 on its second reading in the lower house last night, and only the constitutional requirement that of three readings on three different days prevented its being finally passed and sent to the engrossing clerk at that time.

The House voted down all amendments offered, and advanced the measure in exactly the form that it came from the Senate. An effort was made to amend it to provide that the port commission should not be appointed until after the voters had ratified the measure; to eliminate the provision permitting the purchase of ships and to insert the word "bonds" on the ballots to be used in the election. The vote was decisive against each.

The bill as it now stands and as it probably will pass, carries a provision creating a port commission to build seaports terminals and if necessary to acquire and operate a state ship line. It provides for an issue of \$7,000,000 of bonds for port development, and authorized \$1,500,000 for the ship line to be used only if needed.

The constitutional amendment providing for the inviolability of sinking funds, one of the measures for which the extra session was called, was passed by the Senate last night and sent to the engrossing clerks. The upper body vetoed efforts to abolish its veto power of the state board of charities, and public welfare, and to displace the book on Americanism written by Dr. E. C. Brooks in the public schools of the state. The House voted down a constitutional amendment designed to recast the judiciary of the state, abolishing the rotation of judges, and providing individual superior courts for counties with 50,000 or more population.

Favorable Report for Carr Bill. Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The Carr bill to change the date of the primary election

DAMAGED MACHINES STILL HOLDING UP FLIGHT OF AIRMEN

Bad Weather Delayed Voyage of Cruiser Richmond Which Was Carrying Repairs for Damaged Plane.

SCOUT AIRPLANES WERE NOT USEFUL

Such a Gale Was Blowing They Could Not Be Used to Help Airmen and Flight Was Abandoned.

Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The American round the world fliers had made all preparations to start this morning on their long and hazardous hop to Frederiksdal near Cape Farewell, east Greenland, but unfavorable weather conditions again forced them to abandon their intention. A gale delayed the arrival here of the United States cruiser Richmond, which is bringing spare parts with which the machines can be repaired.

The Richmond, which was to have arrived at 4:50 o'clock this morning, will not arrive until 9 o'clock, and the necessary repairs to the planes will take at least two hours.

Realizing the probable delay in the arrival of the Richmond, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder had made preparations for sending the material which will be needed to the planes at Reykjavik by means of the scout airplanes on board the cruiser but the plan was abandoned because a heavy gale was blowing there this morning, and because of uncertainty regarding the landing of the scout planes.

The Richmond arrived at 9:04 o'clock this morning and spare parts for the damaged planes were immediately brought ashore. The fliers will not leave today because of the strong gale. It is uncertain when the Richmond will depart.

Will Hop Off Tomorrow. Reykjavik, Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The American round the world fliers and Lieut. Locatelli, Italian aviator, who will accompany them on their flight to the North American continent, will take off on the long lap to Frederiksdal at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, it was decided today.

CATHOLIC DIGNITARIES MEETING AT BELMONT

Called There to Choose an Abbot of Bishop Hall.

Belmont, N. C., Aug. 20.—A group of dignitaries of the Catholic Church gathered here today for the called meeting of the abbey council of the Order of St. Benedict, in the United States, to choose an abbot of Belmont Abbey and college, succeeding the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Leo Haid, Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest of Newark, N. J., was expected to preside at the meeting.

Rev. Vincent Taylor Chosen. Gastonia, Aug. 20.—Rev. Vincent Taylor, A. S. B., pastor of St. Benedict's Catholic Church of Greensboro, N. C., today was elected Abbot of Belmont Abbey, near here, on the fourth ballot, by the Abbey Council of the Order of St. Benedict in the United States at a called meeting held at the Abbey.

Davis Planning "Solid Shot" in Speech at Seagirt. New York, Aug. 19.—The address which John W. Davis is to deliver at Seagirt, N. J., next Friday is regarded by many of his advisers as one of the most important he will make in his campaign as the Democratic presidential candidate.

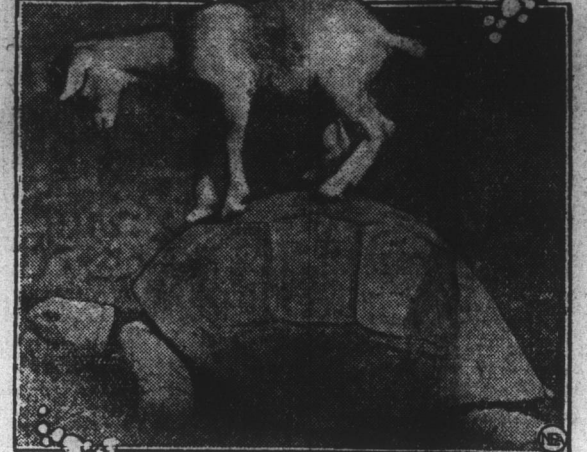
It will be Mr. Davis' first public utterance since President Coolidge enunciated what he regards as the issues of the contest and while the subject matter is a carefully guarded secret, it is designed to be a "solid shot."

Devoting much of his time today to perfecting the text, Mr. Davis called in to conference several of his closest advisers. Some of these declared afterwards that in their judgment, "it is even stronger" than the acceptance speech at Clarksburg 10 days ago. Besides giving attention to the Seagirt speech, Mr. Davis conferred with party leaders regarding campaign financing and organization plans and altogether he had a busy time of it during the first day he had spent at his personal headquarters here since last Friday.

Interruption of his sessions to meet newspaper correspondents, Mr. Davis praised the acceptance address delivered last night by his running mate, Charles W. Bryan.

Mrs. Gaston Dead. Chicago, Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, founder of the National Anti-Cigarette League, died today in a Hinsdale hospital.

GOAT AND TORTOISE PALS



This lent a trained animal act, but a pasture which the young Swiss goat and the 100-year-old tortoise themselves originated at the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens. They have struck up a strong friendship, and the goat delights in jumping on and off the turtle's back.

UNSKILLED LABOR IS NEEDED IN THE STATE

With Exception of Winston-Salem Shortage Reported in the State. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Aug. 20.—A shortage of unskilled labor prevails throughout the state, with the exception of Winston-Salem and Greensboro where labor is in the surplus, according to the compiled reports of the various branch offices of the state-federal employment service made to the director, M. L. Shipman, for the week ending Saturday, August 16th.

All points, however, report that domestic help is in demand and Asheville adds a needed supply of hotel waiters. Greensboro reports that the operation of the mills on half time has seriously affected its labor situation, making the skilled workers of the mills in the surplus class and increasing the unskilled labor class as the mill workers seek work in the unskilled field when there are no openings in their lines.

Winston-Salem makes the most pessimistic report of all. The state-federal employment office of that city reports that the outlook is not good and that registrations are numerous with very few placements.

According to the statement issued from the director's office, there were 644 placements, 450 men and 194 women, and 822 requests for help, 520 men and 302 women. The department, it was said, had 686 requests for help, 520 men and 166 women, and referred 721 applicants 544 men and 187 women.

Placements were classified as follows: Skilled, 80; unskilled, 281; clerical and professional, 52; industrial, 8; and domestic, 114. City placements were given as follows: Asheville, 127; Charlotte, 96; Greensboro, 90; Raleigh, 60; Wilmington, 186; and Winston-Salem, 76.

A. R. KEPLEY HELD UNDER \$1,000 BOND

Is Alleged to Have Run Over And Killed Stokes Ford, Aged Negro, in Salisbury. Salisbury, Aug. 19.—A jury summoned by Coroner H. H. Newman today held A. R. Kepley, a white farmer of the Crescent section of Rowan county, for further investigation by a grand jury, under \$1,000 bond for the killing by an automobile of Stokes Ford, a 70-year-old negro man. The affair occurred last evening at the corner of Bank and Long streets in a residential section of this city.

The negro man was crossing Long street when hit by the car which an eye witness said was making 25 to 30 miles an hour, and which knocked the negro about 20 feet. Death occurred a few minutes after.

Kepley did not stop his car but sped on, it is alleged. The eye witness got his number and reported to the police and Kepley was arrested at his home near Crescent, some distance east of Salisbury, an hour later. He admitted hitting a man but told the officers he did not know he had hurt him.

Girl Dangerously Wounded Was Wife of Her Assailant. Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 19.—Miss Viola Nash, who was shot and dangerously wounded last Friday while in the company of Robert J. Whiddon, was married to Whiddon a short time before the shooting, according to Sheriff J. G. Ramsey of Alachua county. The new angle to the case came to light today, Sheriff Ramsey says, when he was informed by Judge Paul Thompson, of Gadsden county, that the couple was married recently in Quincy, Fla.

Neither Miss Nash nor Whiddon will make a statement. Miss Nash is reported to have a fair chance for recovery. Whiddon is being held in jail, and is either insane, or feigning insanity. He refuses to eat or do anything, it is said, but smokes cigarettes almost incessantly.

The production of gold in the Transvaal in May was the largest in any month in twelve years. Its value was about \$16,718,000.

PARTY LEADERS ARE GETTING MACHINERY IN FIGHTING SHAPE

Democratic and Republican Leaders in Cabarrus Planning Now for the Coming Campaign.

DEMOCRATS HAVE ENTERED FIELD

But So Far No Republican Candidate Has Made Announcement.—Will Williams Resign?

Political machinery in Cabarrus county is being oiled and tightened preparatory to the Fall election battle. The battle in Cabarrus is always a bitter and determined one and for this reason the leaders of the two parties are getting their best guns trimmed and cleaned far enough in advance of election day to assure them free action in the crisis of election week proper.

The destinies of the two parties in Cabarrus this year are in the hands of Major W. A. Foil, Democratic Chairman, and H. S. Williams, Republican chief. These same leaders commanded the forces in the election two years ago in which Major Foil carried his party to victory for the first time in many years. Both leaders are recognized as astute politicians but Mr. Williams is generally conceded the edge by reason of the fact that his organization has always functioned almost without hitch from one election day to another, while Major Foil has been forced always to stir up his cohorts with the approach of election day.

No one seems to know who the various county officers are going to offer for the various county offices. So far as the known members of that party have made no announcements and for that reason it is impossible to determine just the opposition the Democrats will have. Former Sheriff Howard Caldwell, one of the most popular of the Republicans in the county, is interested in a hardware business now and is not expected to take up politics again. Friends of former Sheriff Spears declare he had enough of political office and will not enter the race. There are rumors, however, that Paul Farr will be voted for by many of his friends, and it is also rumored that J. Lon Towell, former superintendent of the county home, would enter the race unless he gets a federal appointment. If any one candidate has the backing of the real Republican machine in the county the fact has not been disclosed even in uncertain terms.

The Republicans will hold their county convention on September 6th, the day the Democrats are holding their county convention. Their county convention will be held the following Saturday, and when they meet in convention they will know the opposition they will have in the election. It is said that many of the delegates to the convention as chosen in the primary, will be uncommitted so they can cast their ballots as they deem best after the Democratic candidates are known.

The Democratic voters have the opportunity already to decide on certain candidates for several of the present officeholders are candidates for re-election and in addition former candidates for certain offices are in the field again. L. V. Elliot, resigning as a candidate as a candidate to enter the field. Mr. Elliott is seeking re-election and so far he has no opposition in his own party.

Miss Margie McEachern, who polled one of the largest votes received by any candidate two years ago, is in the field again. Miss McEachern is seeking her party's nomination as county treasurer, and so far she has no opposition. She was the only woman candidate in the field two years ago and she proved a capable politician. She received votes from persons in all walks of life.

Sheriff R. V. Caldwell, Jr., is out for re-election. He was the first candidate to enter the field for the sheriff's office but W. H. Fowler, of Kannapolis, has now entered the field. Mr. Fowler was a candidate two years ago, being defeated by W. P. Mabery for the nomination. Sheriff Caldwell was not a candidate two years ago, but having been made Sheriff after serving as deputy, when former Sheriff Mabery resigned, Mr. Fowler had informed friends several weeks ago that he would enter the field again this year and his announcement came as no surprise. It is probable that no other candidates will make the race against Mr. Fowler and Sheriff Caldwell.

It is probable that the present county commissioners will get the endorsement of their party if they choose to make the race again. They have not announced their candidacies but it is very probable that they will go into the primary favorites.

There are rumors here that Chairman Williams will resign before or just after the Republican county convention. He was re-elected several months ago but there was some opposition to him and according to persistent rumors he is ready to step down now that the postmaster appointment has been favorably decided for him. Buford Blackwelder, who was offered in opposition to Mr. Williams when the latter was re-elected chairman, is slated to become his party leader in the county when the present chairman steps out. L. A. Weddington is popular with every faction of the Republican party in the county and is recognized as one of the smartest politicians in the county but he won't have the chairmanship; J. Harvey Dorton, one of the real leaders in his party, died several weeks ago; Howard Caldwell could handle the job but probably can't give it the time required; and other leaders are said to

LA FOLLETTE MOVEMENT IS ATTACKED BY DAWES

Battle Between "Progressive Conservatism" and "Dangerous Radicalism." Evanston, Ill., Aug. 19.—The national campaign of 1924 was declared by Charles G. Dawes, in accepting the Republican vice presidential nomination tonight, to be a contest between "progressive conservatism" and "untried and dangerous radicalism."

The nominee, speaking to several thousand gathered on the lawn of his home here, asserted the former position to be that represented by President Coolidge, the latter to be exemplified by the La Follette independent candidacy, and "interposed, the Democratic party, with one conservative and one radical candidate on its ticket, hoping to get votes by avoiding the issue."

Contending that "a formidable attack has been launched on the fundamental principles of the constitution," Mr. Dawes characterized the La Follette movement as "the chief opponent" of the Republican national ticket and said he considered adherence to the principles and fundamentals of the constitution the foremost issue in the November election.

This issue was stressed by the nominee in his address, but he also discussed two other questions at equal length—the league of nations and the world court.

He announced his stand on the Republican platform declaration against any entrance into the league and assailed the Democratic position as "an invitation to again enter that fog of debate known as public referendum." He commended the proposal of the present administration for adherence to the permanent court of international justice, declaring "it is to our national interests and the interests of the world."

Mr. Dawes also broke his silence on acceptance by the allies and Germany of the reparations plan bearing his name, declaring its credit belonged to President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes.

With the experts' plan inaugurated, he asserted, "France, England, Germany, Italy, Belgium and all Europe turn toward a new and peaceful life with hope and happiness, rather than despair in their hearts, and prosperity ahead."

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Firm Today at Advance of From 10 to 20 Points on Covering. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 20.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 10 to 20 points on renewed covering, proffered by relatively steady Liverpool cables, tropical storm uncertainties and complaints that the drought was still unrelieved in some parts of Texas. October sold up to 25.95 and December to 25.45, but at these prices the market was some selling for southern and local accounts and there were reactions of 10 or 12 points from the best.

Cotton futures opened firm, Oct. 25.95; Dec. 24.50; Jan. 25.38; March 25.90; May 25.75. COTTON SEED CRUSHED During Year Ended July 31 the Total Amount of Seed Crushed Amounted to 3,304,424 Tons. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—Cotton seed crushed during the year ending July 31 totaled 3,304,424 tons, compared with 3,241,357 in the previous year, the census bureau announced today. Cotton seed on hand at mills July 31 totaled 21,624 tons compared with 12,799 a year ago.

With Our Advertisers. The Standard Buick Co. carries a full line of Buick Parts and will be glad to supply you what you need. Racine tires—for quality have no superior. Sold by the Southern Motor Service Co. Victory hats for the opening announcement of Eildred's new millinery department. The newest advance fall hats at Fisher's. Prices range from \$1.95 up. New prices on Hood tires. These tires are sold by Ritchie Hardware Co. and are the best made, they say. See ad. Robinson's—fancy dry goods and women's wear.

Systematic thrift is one element very essential to success. See ad. of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Don't worry about the price. Let the Browns-Cannon Co. do that. See new ad. Don't wait until the last day to buy your school books. Musette now has them for all grades. One word to the wise is sufficient.—H. B. Wilkinson. House and factory wiring done by W. J. Hethcox in the proper manner. A complete line of shaving necessities at Cline's Pharmacy.

President Congratulates Dawes. (By the Associated Press.) Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 20.—President Coolidge sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to Chas. G. Dawes on the vice presidential nominee's speech of acceptance delivered last night. Bandits Get About \$15,000. Kansas City, Aug. 20.—Three unmasked bandits today held up the Corn Exchange Bank here, and escaped with approximately \$15,000.

Low Water Advanced as Cause of Mountain Sloughing Away. Redding, Cal., Aug. 19.—Mount Shasta, coated with volcanic ash and a top dressing of snow, was the center of attention in the extreme northern section of California today, after a large area of ash formation and snow dropped from the base of the mountain into streams and clogged the McCloud water system.

The latest theory advanced for the unusual disturbance which has disclosed waters of the Sacramento river as far down as Dedding, is that the extremely low water marks in the stream's tributary to the Sacramento this year under-mounted the formation at the base of Mount Shasta and caused the ash crust to break from the mountain.

DAVIS WORKING ON COLUMBUS SPEECH; DAWES ACTIVE NOW

The Democratic Presidential Nominee Works on Ohio Address as He Has Completed Seagirt Address.

STRONGER EFFORT THAN FIRST ONE

This Is Way Friends Describe Address.—General Dawes Is Taking an Active Part Now in Campaign.

(By the Associated Press.) Locust Valley, N. Y., Aug. 20.—John W. Davis remained at his home here today so as to give more of his attention to the subject matter of the message he is to deliver to the democracy of Ohio August 26th and to study matters of campaign financing and organization submitted to him by those of his advisers having that work in hand.

The speech the Democratic Presidential candidate is to deliver at Seagirt, N. J., Friday is completed. It will be his first since President Coolidge delivered his acceptance address, and for that reason is regarded by many as one of the most important Mr. Davis will deliver during the campaign.

Those friends to whom he has disclosed the text declare it is an even stronger effort than that at Clarksburg on the occasion of the notification. It will be delivered at the national guard camp near Seagirt, and the New Jersey leaders who are arranging for the affair say that the Democrats of the state will be gathered in force.

Dawes Off to Maine. Evanston, Ill., Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—Having formally accepted the Republican nomination for Vice President, Charles G. Dawes entered actively into the party's national campaign today, with his departure for Maine to deliver an address Saturday at Augusta.

The Augusta address is the only one listed for Mr. Dawes on the trip undertaken today, and he will return to his home here early next week and then proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska, for another speech August 29th. His first stumping tour will begin soon afterward.

DEMOCRAT QUARTERS OPENED IN VIRGINIA

Oliver J. Sands is Chairman of Committee to Raise Not Less Than \$100,000. Richmond, Va., Aug. 19.—Headquarters from which a state-wide campaign will be directed by Oliver J. Sands, chairman of the Virginia Democratic finance committee, to raise not less than \$100,000 for the national campaign of the party, were opened in Richmond today.

Plans for the state-wide campaign for funds were discussed in detail at the organization conference.

"I am so deeply impressed with the vital importance to the government and to the people in making the present Democratic campaign a success that I experience a feeling more like religious fervor than political activity," Mr. Sands said to the committee.

Basketball League. The Y. M. C. A. will promote a city basketball league for men, a senior boys' league, grammar school leagues for boys and girls, and a Sunday School league for boys 16 to 20 years old.

The team representing commercial basketball players will play visiting teams on Friday night of each week. Each team in each league will be headed by a captain and manager. These officers will meet November 1st for the purpose of organizing and appointing officials, and establishing rules for the league. These rules will prohibit transferring players and will regulate practice periods and playing schedules. The purpose of the league is for furnishing helpful recreation for many times the usual number interested in basketball. Official cups furnished by athletic houses will be on display in prominent windows down street. These cups will be given to the teams winning in each league.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER OAT SAYS. Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

BASEBALL FRIDAY, 22ND, 3:30 P. M. Vill Heights (CHARLOTTE) VS. Gibson SATURDAY, 23RD, 3:30 P. M. Swift Vs. Gibson

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