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## PENSIONS MEASURE PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE DURING DAY

**Bill Provides That Revenue Shall Be Raised for Veterans by Tax on Motion Picture Admissions.**

### PHARR OPPOSED THE MEASURE

**Also Demanded a Roll Call Vote, Declaring Viva Voce Third Reading Vote Was Out of Order.**

(By the Associated Press)

Raleigh, March 7.—The House passed on final reading today the bill to grant Confederate Veterans additional pensions for which the revenue would be raised by a tax on motion picture theatre admissions. The measure was then sent to the Senate. The final vote was 80-82.

Final action came on the measure only after Speaker Pharr had led a parliamentary fight for reconsideration which the first of its kind this session. The Speaker, who was absent from the chamber when a viva voce third reading vote was taken, made the point that there had been no roll call and that the measure was a roll call bill. He called for reconsideration of the vote which was done, and the final vote was by roll call.

The purpose of the fight, it was said, evidently was to get into the records the stands of representatives on the measure. On the roll call Speaker Pharr cast a may vote.

The House then passed without discussion the measure providing for issuance of bonds for permanent improvements at institutions, carrying a bond issue of approximately \$4,000,000.

### Appropriation Bill in the Senate.

Raleigh, March 7.—After taking up its local calendar, the Senate considered an appropriation bill as a special order today. Senator Seawell, of Lee, sent forward an amendment to increase the general educational fund from \$2,080,000 to \$2,630,000, and the school equalization fund from \$1,500,000 to \$2,100,000. This brought on a lengthy debate.

The House passed the education investigation commission bill sponsored by the Governor and then took up the consideration of the school equalization fund of \$1,500,000. At this juncture Speaker Pharr indicated he had "an important announcement" and requested the sergeant-at-arms to round up absentees.

### WILKINSON OPPOSED BY THE CATAWBA PEOPLE

**Newton Folks Want Feimster Named as Sixth District Road Commissioner.**

Charlotte, March 6.—Friends in this section of W. C. Wilkinson, of this city, sixth district highway commissioner, today started a flood of telegrams pouring into Governor McLean's office at Raleigh, urging that he reappoint the Charlotte man of the highest commission.

The sudden activity in behalf of Mr. Wilkinson was started by announcement that Catawba county citizens, 3,000 strong, had signed and forwarded a petition to the governor urging the appointment of W. C. Feimster, of Newton, as a member of the commission from this district.

Mr. Wilkinson admits that there was a strong sentiment against him in Catawba county and said he was aware of the petition being sent to Raleigh by citizens of that section.

Location of a State highway some time ago, was given by Mr. Wilkinson as the probable reason for the opposition to him in Catawba county. He says he placed the road from Statesville to Conover, instead of from Statesville to Newton, as desired by many Catawba county citizens.

### PRESIDENT IS INVITED TO CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION

**Invitation Extended to President by Senator Overman and Representative Bulwinkle.**

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, March 7.—An invitation was extended today to President Coolidge to attend the celebration to be held in Charlotte, N. C., on May 20th, in commemoration of the signing 150 years ago of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

Senator Overman and Representative Bulwinkle who extended the invitation were told by the President that he hoped he might be able to accept.

Participation by the federal government in the celebration was authorized under a resolution passed by Congress.

### Want M. Simons Made President.

(By the Associated Press)

Berlin, March 7.—The major parties in the Reichstag have agreed to frame a measure appointing Dr. Walter Simons president ad interim of the German republic. Dr. Simons is a former foreign minister, and now president of the Supreme Court at Leipzig.

**President May Name Commission.**

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, March 8.—President Coolidge is considering favorably the proposal to name a commission to investigate the Muscle Shoals, Ala., property with a view to recommending means for its disposal to Congress next session.

**Minimum Wages for Women Workers in the London, England, Textile Industry, Have Been Fixed at 27 Shillings, and for Men at 65 Shillings a Week.**

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### GUNNERS IN AIR CAN'T TOUCH TARGET IN PLANES

**Thirty-Nine Shots and Thirty-Nine Misses Recorded—Single Machine Gun Hit.**

Fortress Monroe, Va., March 6.—Two anti-aircraft three-inch guns, manned by men of the 61st antiaircraft battalion fired 39 times today at sleeve targets towed by Martin bombers from Langley field, without scoring an actual hit. The targets measured 10 feet in length and four in diameter. They were towed at elevations ranging from 3,000 to 6,000 feet.

After the three-inch rifles ceased fire, eight .30 caliber Browning machine guns took up the target work with the planes dropping to altitudes averaging about 1,000 feet. They were joined later by the anti-aircraft .50 caliber machine guns. The single hit found by inspectors when the target was examined proved to be that of a .30 caliber bullet fired by the Brownings.

Coast artillery officers who plotted the bursts of the three-inch guns, however, pronounced three of the 39 shots as "estimated hits." They declared that more would have been effective against an enemy bomber had the shells fired been of the high explosive rather than the shrapnel variety.

On the first run made by the towing machine, 17 shots were fired by the two guns. Three of these were "estimated hits." On the second run, only seven shots were fired, two being estimated within 100 yards of the target; the third trial nine shells were turned loose, eight being plotted short by 130 to 180 yards while the fourth run brought six shots, none within the danger zone of the target.

An undoubted troublesome factor for the gunners in these tests was the high wind which prevailed over the waters. The Martin machines towed the targets on lines 1,800 feet long and swept with the winds across the front of the battery at extraordinary speed under prevailing weather conditions, their speed being estimated by experienced flyers of the army and navy who observed the flights at 100 miles an hour and greater.

**COPELAND PREFERRED STONE IN THE CABINET**

**Senators Say Warren 'President's Baby'—Take a Shot at Mr. Mellon.**

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 6.—Royal S. Copeland, United States Senator from New York, addressing delegates to the Democratic State Convention here last night, declared that he "wished Harlan F. Stone might have been confirmed as Attorney-General."

"I had rather that Stone might be Attorney-General than Chas. B. Warren," the speaker asserted. "Mr. Warren's bent of mind is not such as to permit him to understand the manipulation of the aluminum trust. Of course, we will confirm Warren's appointment in a few days. But he is the President's baby. Let him bring him up, I don't want to."

Senator Copeland lashed what he termed the President's interference in legislative affairs. He declared that it is not the President's function to swing votes by giving buckwheat cake breakfasts and trips on the Mayflower to members of Congress.

"Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, is not in Washington for his health," the speaker charged. "He is there to take care of the aluminum trust."

The Senator characterized Vice-President Dawes' first appearance as presiding officer of the Senate Wednesday as a "most pathetic spectacle."

### PEACE PRESERVATION ACT PASSED BY HOUSE

**Action Taken in Japan to Keep Communists From Becoming Active in That Country.**

Tokyo, March 7 (By the Associated Press).—The peace preservation act, also known as the anti-Bolshevist law, providing for imprisonment for nearly every form of communist activity, was passed by the House tonight, while a heavy police guard surrounded parliament. The law is designed to check communist propaganda and is said by government officials to be a direct result of the Japanese-Russian agreement.

**Legal Action in Teapot Scandals Actually Started.**

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 6.—Steps to take the legal measurements of the Teapot Dome scandal actually got underway here today after repeated postponements.

The first material step was made known when Owen J. Roberts and Atlee Pomerene, special government counsel, received advices from El Paso, Texas, that a subpoena had been served there on Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, who was responsible for leasing the great naval oil reserve in Salt Creek, Wyo., to the Mammoth Oil company, one of the Harry Sinclair interests. The subpoena served on Fall makes it mandatory for him to appear as a witness, counsel said.

Harry F. Sinclair, head of the Mammoth company, will arrive here tonight. He has reserved 40 rooms in the leading hotel in Cheyenne to quarter his entourage.

### Open Session.

Washington, March 7.—The Senate voted today to consider in open session the nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general.

The doors were opened over the protest of administration senators by a vote of 46 to 39. The senate just before had voted 39 to 38 to override a ruling by the president pro tempore, Moses, that a two-thirds vote would be necessary for an open session.

### Nova Scotia Has Coal Strike.

(By the Associated Press) Sydney, N. S., March 7.—A complete stoppage in Nova Scotia has resulted from the strike called at 11 o'clock last night of members of District No. 12 United Mine Workers of America.

A spring is a round piece of wood thrust between the spokes of the wheel of coal-mining cars that have no brakes.

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## Lost in Jungles



## SENATOR BORAH AND OTHER SENATORS IN INSURGENTS' FIGHT

**New Senate Was Not Organized Because Sen. Borah and Others Wanted Radicals on Some Committees.**

### WERE READ FROM PARTY RECENTLY

**Despite That Fact Fight Is Being Made Now to Have Them Recognized in Some Fashion on Committees.**

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, March 7.—Objection from their own ranks prevented the republican majority today from completing the organization of the new Senate.

When the republican organization brought in its slate of assignments, relating the insurgents in places of minor rank, Senator Norris, republican, of Nebraska, and Borah, republican, of Idaho, blocked action.

### Borah Fights For Insurgents.

Washington, March 7.—Objection to the action of the republican organization in removing four of the republican insurgents from their committee ranks, was voted today in the Senate by Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho.

Senator Borah took the floor immediately after the report of the majority committee on committees had been presented. This report previously had been approved by a republican conference, with some discussion, but with practically no opposition.

### ORDERS DEMPSEY TO DEFEND TITLE

**New York Commission Tells Him to Accept Challenge or Get on the "Black List."**

New York, March 7.—Jack Dempsey heavyweight champion, must accept or decline a challenge filed by Harry Will's negro heavyweight, within 24 hours, or take his place among the blacklisted in this State.

This ultimatum was issued by the State Athletic Commission today after a stormy session, in which both the challenges of Wills and Tommy Gibbons were considered.

The heavyweight titleholder officially was notified of the two challenges in a telegram sent to him in Los Angeles by the commission late today. The Wills challenge was given priority because it was filed one week before that of Gibbons, chairman James J. Farley, speaking for the commission, said.

"We have taken both matters under careful consideration and feel that the only way we can get any action is by taking the matter right to headquarters. Dempsey must make a decision one way or the other on the Wills challenge now."

Asked what the commission's attitude would be if Dempsey attempted to side-step the Wills challenge and accept the Gibbons challenge, Commissioner Farley said:

"We will cross that bridge when we come to it."

The commissioner said this was the first step taken in a campaign to force all inactive champions to fight or give up covering and trade selling.

The opening prices were: March 25, 75¢; May 25, 90¢; July 26, 10¢; Oct. 25, 45¢; Dec. 25, 38¢.

### COTTON MARKET

**Opened Steady Today at Decline of 4 to 15 Points—May Sold Up to 25.93.**

(By the Associated Press)

New York, March 7.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 4 to 15 points, only a partial response to very firm Liverpool cables, owing to reported prospects of rain in the southwest over Sunday.

May sold up to 25.93 at the start and October to 25.46 but the market soon eased off under heavy realizing or liquidation, and at the end of the first hour had reacted to approximately yesterday's closing quotations with May selling around 25.82.

Liverpool reported spot sales of 15,000' bales, including 11,000 American, the biggest business for months. Private cables attributed the advance there to covering and trade selling.

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### CLOSED STEADY.

New York, March 7.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net advance of 3 to 10 points. The closing figures were:

March 25, 75¢; May 25, 90¢; July 26, 10¢; Oct. 25, 45¢; December 25, 38¢.

### STOKES PROSECUTION DESTROYS ITS CASE

**Judge Gemini Tells Lawyer He Would Set Aside Conviction of Gault.**

Chicago, March 6.—Less than two hours after it had begun its cross examination of W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy New York apartment hotel owner on trial charged with conspiring to defame his young wife in an effort to obtain a divorce, the prosecution was warned by Judge Gemini that it probably had destroyed its case.

The court was so emphatic in his denunciation before the jury of the methods of Milton D. Smith, assistant state's attorney that after warning the prosecutor that he would not be certain but what the trend of the cross examination transpired so far that he would have to reverse a jury verdict against the aged millionaire.

Many New Men For High Point Team.

High Point, March 7.—Many new faces will be seen on the High Point team when the club begins spring training April 1st, according to "Duck" Smith, the new manager. Only five of the players on the 1924 team are expected to return, while approximately a score of new players will try for places on the team, it is announced.

Among the contracts that have been signed and returned to the local management are Pitchers Fennick and Jelms, Outfielders La Voie and J. Smith, and Infelder Pegram.

Smith, the new manager, will come here about March 20th, according to a statement given out by local club officials, the other members of the team returning about ten days later.

### PAY LAST RESPECTS TO BISHOP MURRAY

(By the Associated Press)

Jackson, Miss., March 7.—Students of Millsaps College paid their last respects to Bishop W. B. Murray, former president of the institution, as his body lay in the college chapel today prior to the funeral this afternoon. The body of the distinguished bishop of the Methodist Church South, who died Thursday morning at his home in Memphis, arrived here today for funeral services and burial.

**General Pershing Better.**

(By the Associated Press)

Havana, Cuba, March 7.—Gen. John J. Pershing, who was taken ill on his arrival here, with members of his mission to South America from Santiago de Cuba, last Tuesday, will probably leave his bed today for the first time since the afternoon of his arrival.

**Fall Willing to Testify.**

(By the Associated Press)

El Paso, Texas, March 7.—Declaring it was unnecessary for Federal Judge T. Kennedy of Wyoming, to make mandatory the subpoena requesting his presence at Cheyenne on Monday as a witness in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit, Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, left here late last night for Cheyenne.

**Charles D. Hills May Be Ambassador**