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IMMIGRATION BILL IS VETOED SECOND TIME BY PRESIDENT WILSON

IS NOT CHARACTER TEST

Provision as to Enforcement Holds Possibilities of International Complications—Former Vetoes by Taft and Cleveland.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson today vetoed the immigration bill passed recently by Congress, because of its literacy test provision.

It was the second time that President Wilson had vetoed an immigration bill because of the literacy test, and for the same reason similar measures were given vetoes by Presidents Taft and Cleveland.

The President's veto message to the house, in which the bill originated follows:

"I very much regret to return this bill without my signature.

"In most of the provisions of the bill I should be very glad to concur, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that the literacy test constitutes a radical change in the policy of the nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of character, of quality, or of personal fitness, but would operate in most cases merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the county from which the alien seeking admission came. The opportunity to gain an education is in many cases one of the chief opportunities sought by the immigrant in coming to the United States, and our experience in the past has not been that the illiterate immigrant is, as such, an undesirable immigrant. Tests of quality and of purpose cannot be objected to on principle but tests of opportunity surely may be.

"Moreover, even if this test might be equitably insisted on, one of the exceptions proposed to its application involves a provision which might lead to very delicate and hazardous diplomatic situations.

"The bill excepts from the operation of the literacy test 'all aliens who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to be secretary of labor that they are seeking admission to the United States to avoid religious persecution in the country of their last permanent residence, whether such persecution be evidenced by over acts or governmental regulations that discriminate against the alien or the race to which he belongs because of his religious faith.'

"Such a provision, so applied and administered, would oblige the officer concerned in effect to pass judgment upon the laws and practices of a foreign government and declare that they did or did not constitute religious persecution. This would, to say the least, be a most invidious function for any administrative officer of this government to perform, and it is not only possible but probable that very serious questions of international justice and comity would arise between this government and the government or governments thus officially condemned should its exercise be adopted.

"I dare say that these consequences were not in the minds of the proponents of this provision but the provision separately and in itself renders it unwise for me to give any assent to this legislation in its present form."

When the message was read in the house it was ordered to lie on the table until Thursday morning, and champions of the bill began laying their plans for an effort to override the veto. Chairman Burnett announced tonight that he would move for a vote Thursday. Two years ago the house lacked only four votes of the necessary two-thirds majority to pass the bill over the veto. No action was taken by the senate.

The bill which the President vetoed today passed the house last March by a vote of 308 to 87, and the senate in December by 64 to 7.

The painting of the court-house is almost completed, and adds much to the attractiveness of the building. In fact the interior has been wonderfully improved, and the outside appearance will look much better when completed.

PERSHING'S FORCE ABANDONS WATCH

Villa, With Strengthened Force is Expected to Make Desperate Effort to Occupy Territory Left Vacant; May Relieve More National Guardsmen Now on Border.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The final act in the entrance into Mexico of 12,000 American soldiers as a result of the Villa massacre of 17 Americans at Columbus, N. M., on March 9, 1916, was written today with official announcement by the War Department that Gen. Pershing had been ordered, and actually had started, to bring his troops back to the United States.

Secretary Baker issued the following announcement: "Gen. Pershing has been ordered to bring his troops out of Mexico. The movement is to be an immediate one and is probably already under way."

Later advices to the department said that the troops already had begun the evacuation of Colonia Dublin, 110 miles from the border, where they had been concentrating during the past few weeks. The last American soldier is expected to recross the border in about a week.

No official information is at hand as to whether Villa or Carranza troops will occupy the territory left vacant by the Americans, but the belief is strong here that the bandit, who is credited with at least 8,000 well armed men and who is now at least four times as strong as when the American troops went across the border, will make a desperate effort to take the territory, particularly for its moral effect.

Presbyterian Announcement
Midweek prayer services Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The session will meet as usual on this date for the reception of members.

Regular services next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. The Lord's Supper will be observed at morning services.

A Men's Bible class has recently been organized to which all men are cordially invited.

DECLARE TEN PER CENT DIVIDEND

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Roxboro—Dr. Baynes Elected President.

The stockholders of the Bank of Roxboro meet in their 13th annual meeting last Saturday afternoon.

The reports of the different committees were read and approved. The reports showing one of the most successful years in the history of this bank.

The following report was submitted the stockholders by the Cashier:

Resources.	
Loans	\$239,159.70
Overdrafts	710.69
Stocks and Bonds	13,500.00
Banking house and fixtures	10,700.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Interest Account	1,375.00
Cash and due from banks	84,121.22
Total	\$352,566.61
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided profits	9,766.80
Cashier's checks outstanding	55.25
Deposits	307,744.56
Total	\$352,566.61

The stockholders elected Mr. W. F. Long director, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. E. J. Tucker. At the meeting of the directors directly after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting, Dr. R. S. Baynes was elected President; Mr. T. E. Austin, Vice-President; W. F. Long Cashier, and B. G. Clayton, Assistant Cashier.

A ten per cent dividend was declared, payable February 1st, 1917.

The first North Carolina Infantry will be sent from El Paso, Texas, to Asheville and mustered out from there. The exact date they will leave the border has not been determined.

S. E. Burgess, division passenger agent for the Southern at Philadelphia, Pa., will succeed Mr. E. H. DeButts as division passenger agent at Charlotte. Mr. DeButts goes to same position in Washington, D. C.

FARMERS SHOULD FEEL JUSTLY PROUD OF THE LOCAL MERCHANTS

Cohesive Spirit to Exist Between Farmer and Merchant is Absolutely Essential to the Welfare of Both.

The farmers who have the honor of doing business with the Roxboro merchants should more than feel proud of the fact. The Roxboro merchants are without a doubt as progressive as any. And, while they understand that most of their business comes from the farmer, every care is exercised in giving the farmer just exactly what he wants.

The coming about this the first Industrial Edition to appear in connection with the Roxboro Courier was made possible by the Roxboro business men, and the giving to the farmers such valuable information as this paper conveys would be worthy of a town much larger.

Co-Operation.

No one realizes the need of co-operation more so than the mer-

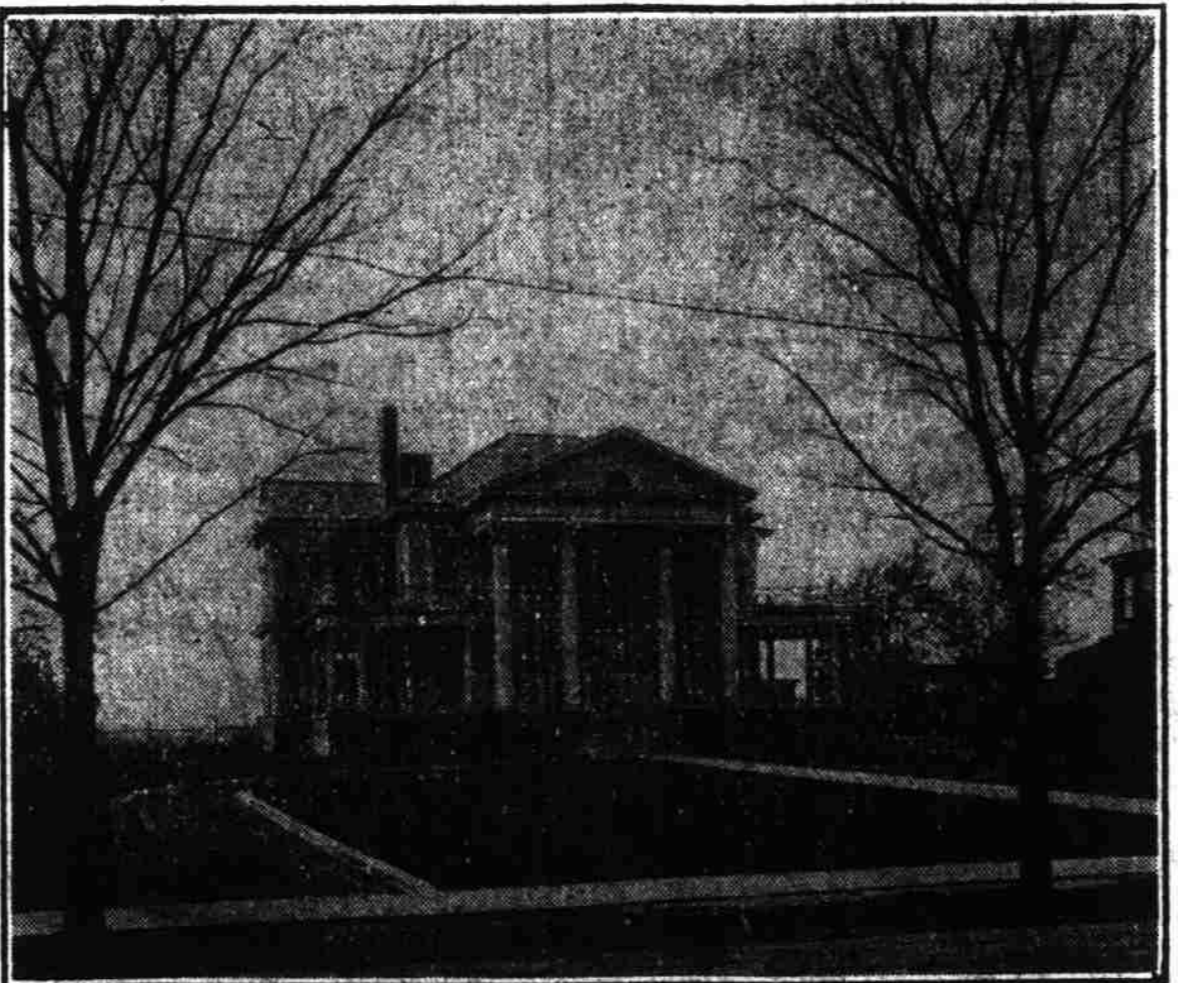


MR. L. M. CARLTON'S RESIDENCE, ROXBORO, N. C.

chant; it is a daily thought laid into his head by coming into contact with the farmer. Not because the farmer does not know or understand, but for the simple reason that the masses of people of the country are scattered to extent of making "organized farm co-operation" impossible. The merchant realizes if this could be done that his business and the farmers business would secure a great increase. And, the merchants being more or less congested can offer any organization that they have (Person County Business Association), as a medium by which the farmers can be enlightened from time to time as regards progressive phases of farming. However, appreciation for this can be shown by the farmers by using the information given to them by the organized merchants.

A Farmer's Town.

The town which offers a trading and distributing point for the farmer is as much his town as it is the man's town who lives within the corporate limits. Roxboro merchants know that what supports a town is the taxes paid to it by the various industries



MR. J. A. LONG'S RESIDENCE, ROXBORO, N. C.

in it, and Roxboro being more of an agricultural center than anything else, the merchants attribute most of the taxes paid to the town as coming from the farmers.

Patronize Home Merchants.

Every Roxboro farmer should practice keeping as much of his money at home as possible. For it is the merchant who gives to him a town to visit. If the merchant should not have in stock just the article wanted, let him do the mail ordering, he can get it for you in the length of time that it requires you to get it, and he makes his profit, yet the article does not cost you one cent more than if you order it yourself.

Let your local merchant be your information bureau, he is steadily studying the events of the day for no other purpose in mind than to enlighten those who ask him. He is always posted with reference to his line and the information that he can give you is of more value than all of the mail-order catalogues put together can give. Remember, that it is the merchant that gives to your body breath, and that it is you that gives to the merchant breath.

BIG TOBACCO BREAKS ON LOCAL MARKET

Over 200,000 Pounds Sold Last Week On the Roxboro Market—Prices Continue High.

Sales on our market for the past week were the largest since the first of the year. Over 200,000 pounds being sold at good prices.

The first of the week showed a fair amount of wrappers and good cutters, but the sales the latter part had only a few fine tobaccos. Wrappers and good cutters showed some decline during the early part of the week, but common tobaccos and smokers still continue firm, smokers showing some advance in price. The market as a whole still continues firm, closing with an average of \$20.63 for the week, which was above the average for the year. It is expected that all the tobacco in this section will be sold by March 1st.

It is very gratifying to note that while most of the markets in the old belt will show from 15 percent to 30 per cent decrease from last year, Roxboro will lose not over five per cent if any at all.

Morris and Clayton Capture Two Stills.

On last Wednesday, another one of those days when the last thing expected was some looking for blockade stills, but that is just what Deputy Marshal R. W. Morris and Melvin Clayton was looking for, and they succeeded in capturing two. These stills were located near Lawson's Chapel, and was ready to do a good business. There were two men at the still but only one of them was captured, John Jones, who had just come to go to work to run off the 1800 gallons of beer which they had on hand. The other party succeeded in getting away after firing a shot at Deputy Morris. He was near enough to have made better aim of his shot, but doubtless was so excited at seeing these two gentlemen present that he did not have a very steady hand.

MEXICAN ELECTION ON MARCH 25TH.

In the Event the Office of President Becomes Vacant in First 2 Years of Term Congress Will Call Election to Fill Out Term.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 28.—The constitutional assembly has adopted an article whereby Carranza is authorized to issue a call and provide regulations for the election of members of congress, to be held the last Sunday in February. Congress will meet in extraordinary session on April 15. Congress also will act as a sort of electoral college, passing on the presidential election, and officially declaring the president elected. No mention is made as to the date of holding the presidential election, but it probably will be the last Sunday in March and it is expected that the president will take his seat May 1.

The extraordinary session of congress will take under consideration certain laws and will appoint judges and other officials who will assume office July 1, when the present officials end their terms. The term of the next president shall be considered as beginning December, 1916, so the next election will be held in December, 1920.

Death of Mr. W. Z. Bowles.

The death of Mr. W. Z. Bowles, of Durham, occurred at Watts hospital, Durham, last Tuesday night. Mr. Bowles had been sick only a short time with typhoid fever. His remains were brought here on the morning train Thursday and buried in the Antioch church cemetery. He leaves a wife, four brothers, mother and many other relatives and friends to mourn his death.

A number of people from Durham came over with the corps, attending the funeral and returned to Durham on the evening train. He was a brother to our townsman, Mr. L. T. Bowles.

Don't fail to read our ad, on page 3 in the special edition. If you are not a customer of ours, it will pay you to get in touch with us. Watkins & Bullock.

WHISKY BILL DROPPED INTO HOUSE HOPPER

TWO QUARTS A YEAR

Prohibition Fight Looms as Davis Bills—Are Presented.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—A bill to aid temperance by further restriction of the receipt of whiskey in North Carolina was yesterday dropped into the hopper of the house of representatives by Gardner, of Yancey-co. The bill is one drafted and approved in the offices of Superintendent R. Lee Davis, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League and is a little different from that circulated by Mr. Davis several days before the convening of the present general assembly.

The bill was introduced by request and was not unexpected. It had been known for several days that such a bill was in the making, and those who are to oppose it had been dreading its approach. It went through its initial reading, however, without comment; most of the opposers merely drawing a deep sigh of content over the fact that they were finally to face the issue.

The bill prohibits the receipt of whiskey except for medicinal purposes and limits this to two quarts per year. It annuls the law permitting the sale of wines and ciders by manufacturers except when such ciders or wines contain no more than two per cent of alcohol; prohibits the possession of any liquors by social clubs; makes it a misdemeanor to drink or be drunk in public and gives the state power to confiscate all vehicles used in the transportation of liquor in opposition to the law.

The only clause in it permitting the receipt of liquor in any shape or form is section 21, which says:

"That any person not a minor, may receive one shipment of spirituous liquor, not more than two quarts, or one shipment of malt liquors not more than three gallons for medical use each calendar year under the following conditions. The person may apply to the clerk of the court of the county in which he lives for a permit to receive by transportation by a common carrier spirituous or malt liquors for medical use. At such time he must make affidavit that he is a citizen of the county that he has not received any spirituous or malt liquors in twelve months that he wants this shipment for medical use only, and that he wishes to receive it at the express office nearest to his home. Such permit shall then be granted by the clerk or his duly appointed deputy, who shall affix the seal of his office thereto and said permit shall contain the name of the applicant to whom the shipment is to be delivered, the place from which the shipment is to be made, the amount to be shipped, the date of granting the permit, and the express office nearest the home of the applicant to which the shipment must be made. The said permit must be executed in duplicate. The original shall be delivered to the applicant to be sent by him to the shipper to be posted on the outside of the package containing the liquor. The permit so used authorizes the public carrier to transport and deliver the package. The duplicate must be filed in the clerk's office in the same manner that the duplicate permit for shipment of alcohol is filed.

Mr. Davis' bill will, of course, make it exceedingly hard for any citizen of North Carolina to get a drink. There is though, mighty little doubt that the bill will pass. Even those who are most bitterly opposed to it concede that there is a strong possibility of it being enacted.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AT ROXBORO.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, the Optometrist of Durham, will be in Roxboro next Tuesday, February 6th, stopping at the Jones Hotel for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. If you need the services of a specialist, be sure and see Dr. Rosenstein.

It will be with much regret to the friends of Mr. J. C. Wrenn to learn that he was taken down with a stroke of paralysis last week. We are glad, however, to report that his condition is better.