



WILSON GETS LAW REVISION

BROTHERHOODS PUT COMPROMISE UP TO WILSON

Signs Shown of Some Sort of a Compromise on the President's Railway Legislation—Peace Debate Deferred.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—The railway brotherhood leaders today placed before President Wilson, in writing, their proposals for a compromise on his railway legislation program, and he began considering them.

The labor leaders proposed instead of a law to prevent a strike or lockout pending an investigation; that provision be made for the investigation by a mixed board of employes and employer. This, they say, would settle every dispute.

The action of the senate interstate commerce committee yesterday in voting down the President's plan a second time was taken by some officials as a sort of forerunner of some sort of compromise.

Cummings Does Not Press Action.
Senator Cummings did not press his resolution today to set aside time in the senate for special discussion of the President's peace address and the senate got to work early on appropriations legislation.

President Wilson, in his conference with Senator Stone and other Democrats at the White House last night, discussed his address in a general way. There was discussion also of plans to prevent any concerted effort to sidetrack important legislation with a long peace debate, but the main purpose, it was said today, was designed to clear the way for harmonious legislative action between now and March 4. The impossibility of getting through his railway labor plan as originally proposed was pointed out to the President as well as a poor agreement on water power legislation.

Tonight senate Democrats will consider those subjects.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN JAPAN BEGINS

(By the Associated Press.)
Tokio, Japan, Jan. 25.—The emperor has dissolved the house of representatives.

A political crisis developed at the opening of the diet on Tuesday. The chief reason was the appointment of Field Marshall Count Terauchi as premier by the emperor last October.

This appointment was a surprise both in and out of Japan and was criticised unfavorably by leaders, who contended the premier did not command support. He is regarded as a representative of the radical militarist faction in Japan, although in an interview to the Associated Press after his appointment he disavowed any policies of aggression. Japanese newspapers said he did not command a majority in parliament and predicted that the outcome would be dissolution of the house.

WOULD HAVE EACH OF CONGRESSMEN A SOLDIER

Washington, Jan. 25.—In endorsing universal and compulsory military training before the senate military sub-committee today Robert R. McCormick, of Chicago, major in the Illinois national guard and newspaperman, said proper military legislation would not be enacted until all members of Congress had actual experience or had relatives in the army or navy. General public conception of military needs, he said, was a condition precedent to adequate military legislation.

Thaw is Recovering.
(By the Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Harry K. Thaw is making progress in recovering from self-inflicted wounds here but it will be at least two weeks before he will be able to leave the hospital.

U-BOAT ARRIVES OFF NEWPORT, R. I.

(Bulletin 3.30 p. m.)
Newport, R. I., Jan. 25.—An unidentified submarine, heavily laden, is lying off the shore between Judith Point and Beavertail, where she arrived shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

WANTS ATTITUDE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

The industrial department of the Commercial club is anxious to learn the attitude of High Point on the "daylight saving plan," which is being fostered in several cities in the country, representatives of which recently met in Washington to discuss the matter.

Study of the plan elicits the information that the clocks are to be moved forward one hour. This will give an hour more daylight. In the afternoon work would stop an hour earlier, and during the winter, just about sundown. According to press reports the proposition has met with favor in many of the larger cities, and it is thought probable that if other towns and cities advocate the measure, it will be come general throughout the country.

GOVERNOR BICKETT WILL GET INCREASE

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The recent action of the legislature in increasing the salary of the governor from \$5,000 to \$6,500 was declared constitutional today by Attorney General J. S. Manning in his first opinion rendered since assuming office. It had been contended that since the governor was elected for a term beginning January 1st and the law prohibited an increase in the chief executive's salary during his term of office, Governor Bickett could not benefit through the action of the legislature. The legislature passed the law before the inauguration of the governor.

HIGH POINT BAKERY IS SOLD AT AUCTION

D. Rones Bid in Fixtures of Establishment Today for \$425, the Sale Being Subject to the Purchase of a Mixing Machine.

The fixtures of the High Point bakery, the establishment which was closed when the proprietor, Benno de Elbe, left the city during the night about a month ago, were sold under foreclosure proceedings today and were bid in by D. Rones, the price being \$425, plus \$125, a total of \$550. There is a mixer in the bakery which originally cost \$335 and he had paid \$200 of this amount when he decided to depart. In the event Mr. Rones pays the remainder the sale goes through and he will take over the bakery, as the manufacturers of the mixer holds a mortgage on the machine for the balance due.

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE SOUNDED THIS AFTERNOON

A false alarm of fire was sounded this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Box 21. When the firemen arrived at the box two small boys, one aged three years and the other four, were found. The three-year old boy was named Eshelman and the four year old lad, Pike or Price. One of the boys is thought to have turned in the alarm, but which one could not be ascertained as each accused the other.

Rejects Peace Offer.
(By the Associated Press.)
Manchester, England, Jan. 25.—The labor conference today rejected by a vote of more than 3 to 1 a resolution favoring the immediate offer of peace proposals.

Weather.
Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight; moderate west and northwest winds.

GERMANS GAIN RIGA SECTOR'S CHIEF POSITIONS

Only in the Riga Region On the Russian Front is Any Activity Indicated in the War News Today.

(By the Associated Press.)
The heaviest fighting now in progress in any of the war areas is on the Russian front in the Riga sector, where the Germans recently took the offensive and drove back the Russians in the region of the great Tirul marsh.

Berlin says today that the attack netted the Germans Russian positions on a front of six miles with more than 1,700 prisoners and 13 machine guns. Russian reserves were unable to check the advance.

Attempting again to advance over the frozen ground, which has made the efforts in this region possible, the Teutons have sustained reverses, according to Petrograd. Northwest of here they opened a heavy artillery fire and then attacked but failed to make headway. A similar result met attacks between the marsh and the river Aa and here, in a counter attack, the Russians dislodged the Germans and drove them back.

The fighting extended to the southeast of the river near Kalnzem, which lies 20 miles southwest of Riga. Here the Russians, after taking the offensive, were caught in a counter-offensive of the Germans and compelled to retire a third of a mile.

Elsewhere there has been little but artillery, patrol and air fighting. Quiet apparently prevails all along the Rumanian front, where the severity of the weather has checked all operations except intermittent bombardments.

Greece has formally apologized to the entente in compliance with demands for the events of last December when Greeks fired on the entente forces at Athens.

Is Oldest Odd Fellow.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 25.—Dr. N. D. Hill of this city, who is believed to be the oldest Odd Fellow in point of membership in the United States, celebrated his ninety-third birthday anniversary today and was the recipient of congratulations from many members of the Odd Fellows in Empire lodge No. 104, at Philadelphia 70 years ago last October. He joined the local lodge in 1877 and for more than 35 years has served as its secretary.

Wheat.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat advanced sharply today influenced by the fact that the British chancellor's speech was construed by many traders as a denial of the President's appeal for peace. Opening prices which ranged from 1/8 to 2 cents higher with May at \$1.85 to \$1.86 1/2 and July at \$1.54 to \$1.54 1/4 were followed by a reaction and then fresh upturns.

Much Gold for Argentine.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 25.—It became known here last night that the three steamers under American registry which have sailed in the last two months for South American ports from Baltimore carried \$5,000,000 in American gold coin for the Argentine and that they will be followed by others carrying \$20,000,000.

Dr. Vincent Succeeds Rockefeller.

New York, Jan. 25.—Dr. George Vincent, head of the University of Minnesota, was elected president of the Rockefeller foundation at the annual meeting here yesterday. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the former president, was elected to fill the newly created position of chairman of the board of trustees.

Aged Minister is Dead.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 25.—The Rev. William Bell Williams, aged 90, oldest member of the Episcopal clergy in Richmond and probably in Virginia, is dead here after an active ministerial life. He founded the Laurel reformatory for boys.

Brings Down 27 Naches.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Lieutenant George Guymere has brought down his 27th airplane, the war office announced.

GERMAN RAIDER IS HAMBURG LINER CAP ORTEGAL

She Slipped Out of Hamburg and Made Way Into Atlantic Capturing and Arming British Ships.

(By the Associated Press.)
Montevideo, Jan. 24.—(Delayed)—It is reported here that a German raider that has been operating off the Brazilian coast is neither the Moewe nor the Vineta, but the Cap Ortegal, Hamburg-South American liner.

The Cap Ortegal is said to have evaded the British fleet from Hamburg.

According to the story the converted liner captured two British steamers, which had sailed from the river Platte, took them to a port on the west coast of Africa where they were armed and manned and then started them to raid the south Atlantic shipping.

The Cap Ortegal is a vessel of 7,819 tons. She was built in Hamburg in 1904 and prior to the war plied regularly between Hamburg and South America.

SENATE PASSED AGE OF CONSENT BILL TODAY

General Belief is That the Bill Affecting the Patent Medicines Will be Defeated.—School Board Questions are Again Up and Given an Airing.

(Special Legislative Service.)
Raleigh, Jan. 25.—In long sessions today the senate passed the bill raising the age of consent from 14 to 16 years and the house killed the first of the recommendations offered by the commission on judicial reform providing for amending appeals from magistrates' courts. Both houses received continued bills providing for the election of school boards and some for superintendents, Burke county sending down a big memorial demanding that the system be changed.

It was announced in the house that although the house committee has voted 7 to 5 against the favorable report of the bill regulating the sale and advertisement of patent or proprietary medicines out of consideration for the senate committee which has not voted and will hear further argument. The house decided to report it without prejudice. Prophecy is made that the act will be defeated.

The house spent half of its session debating the recommendation of the judicial commission providing that in appeals from magistrates who have no jurisdiction the clerks of court may correct the judgment to conform to constitutional requirements. The house voted down the measure.

HARRY H. PATTON GETS THE OFFICE AT PISGAH FOREST

Washington, Jan. 25.—Harry H. Patton has been appointed postmaster at Pisgah Forest, Transylvania county, vice Mallie English, resigned, and Miss Penelope Musgrave appointed postmaster at Saulston, Wayne county. Wm. F. Morrell has been appointed rural carrier at Marion, N. C.

Send Observers From China.

(By the Associated Press.)
Peking, Jan. 25.—After more than two years' delay China has finally arranged to send military observers into the European war zone. General Wang Tsai-li, former vice-chief of the general staff and one of the most confidential advisers under the late President Yuan Shi-kai, was designated as an observer early in the war, but because of the unsettled internal affairs in China and the difficulty in selecting a competent staff, did not go to Europe. All arrangements for his departure have now been completed and he has been authorized by President Li Yuan-hung to leave at once.

Cancels Order.

(By the Associated Press.)
Tokio, Jan. 25.—According to the requests of Japanese manufacturers, Great Britain has cancelled the order prohibiting the importation of hosiery and haberdashery into the United Kingdom. The continuance would have meant a great loss to Japanese exporters.

50 ARE KILLED; 200 INJURED IN QUAKE

London, Jan. 25.—Fifty natives were killed and 200 others injured in an earthquake on the island of Bali, in the Malay archipelago, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News. More than a thousand houses and factories and the native temples were destroyed. The governor's palace was damaged.

NEW SEA FIGHTER TAKES TO WATER EARLY TODAY

Dreadnaught Mississippi, One of World's Largest, Added to Uncle's Sam Fleet of Battleships.

(By the Associated Press.)
Newport News, aV., Jan. 25.—The battleship Mississippi, building here for the United States, was successfully launched at 11:27 a. m. today in the presence of Secretary Daniels, other visitors and a crowd of more than 15,000.

Miss Camille McBeath, of Meridian, Miss., christened the new vessel.

Only the shell of the great sea fighter took to the water but even without armament and machinery it represented an expenditure of nearly \$8,000,000. When she is ready to take her place in the battle fleet the government will have spent almost twice that amount on her.

The Mississippi was laid down in April, 1915, and will be ready to be commissioned late next fall. Except for slight modification in certain principles of design, the Mississippi will be a duplicate of the two dreadnaughts Pennsylvania and Arizona, recently commissioned.

The new battleship will have a maximum speed of 21 knots, and will displace 32,000 tons on trial and 33,000 when fully loaded, and will have a length over all of 624 feet. Its engine will be of the Curtis turbine type, productive of an estimated horsepower of 32,000. Like the other latest battleships, it will be equipped with oil-burning boilers.

The main battery of the Mississippi will be twelve 14-inch 50 calibre rifles, placed three to the turret. In addition, there will be twenty-two 5-inch, 51 calibre rapid-fire guns, four 3-inch anti air craft rifles, two 21-inch torpedo tubes submerged, and the usual saluting guns.

TRIES TO ASSASSINATE FORMER MINISTER JUSTICE

Japanese Assassins Come Near to Getting the Life of Yukio Ozaki, Former Minister of Justice When He Addressed a Meeting to Ask Premier to Resign.

(By the Associated Press.)
Tokio, Jan. 25.—An attempt was made to assassinate Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and leader of the constitutionalist party, while he was addressing a mass meeting called to demand the resignation of the cabinet.

While Mr. Ozaki was speaking two men armed with short swords sprang on the platform and tried to stab him. They were overpowered and arrested. Two others tried to assault the minister and were badly beaten by the audience. Yukio Ozaki demanded that Premier Terauchi resign on the ground that his administration was unconstitutional.

Yukio Ozaki was formerly mayor of Tokio. He visited the United States in 1910 and a dinner was given in his honor at Washington by President Taft. He became minister of justice in the Okuma cabinet in 1914.

CIGARETTE SMOKING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

If Bill Gets By in West Virginia the Smokers of Cigarettes Will Be Liable to a Fine of Five Dollars If Caught With One in Their Possession.

Charlestown, W. Va., Jan. 25.—Cigarette smoking in West Virginia would be a criminal offense and possession of cigarettes would be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$5 if a bill introduced in the state house of delegates becomes a law.

The bill prohibits anyone or firm to either sell or give away cigarettes, papers or tobacco. The bill prohibits also any person having cigarettes in his possession.

Foreign Trade Council Meets.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 25.—The fourth annual convention of the national foreign trade council opened here today. James A. Farrell, president of the United States steel corporation, presided.

Problems fundamental to America's future commercial supremacy will be discussed with after the war as the basis.

WILL RESUME LEAK HEARING MONDAY

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 25.—Stock exchange brokers who have been requested by the house rules committee to produce records of the transactions of their customers are partly responding, it was announced today by Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee. Mr. Whipple and Chairman Henry were busy today with the committee's expert accountants in preparing for the resumption of the inquiry Monday or Tuesday.

BURLINGTON MAN BUYS PEPSI-COLA COMPANY

M. C. Price Has Purchased the Local Bottling Company and Will Shortly Move It to Sherrod Building, Where New Machinery Will Be Installed.

M. C. Price, of Burlington, has bought the Pepsi-Cola Bottling company, of this city, and in about 10 days will move the plant to the Sherrod building, on East Commerce street, next door to the post-office. He stated this morning that he will have a thoroughly sanitary plant, equipped with modern bottling machines and each bottle will be thoroughly washed and sterilized before being filled which will insure the consumer a beverage that will be absolutely pure and wholesome. Pepsi-Cola is strictly a home product, the syrup being manufactured at New Bern and then bottled under the most favorable conditions in High Point. The public is cordially invited by Mr. Price to visit and inspect the plant just as soon as it is moved.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS BIG ROAD AID AMOUNT

Second Apportionment of the Federal Aid Fund for the States to Build Rural Post Roads Announced Today—North and South Carolina Get Sums.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—Apportionment of ten million dollars to aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, the second annual distribution in accordance with the federal aid road law, was announced today by Secretary Houston. The funds are of the apportionment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

The following amounts are received by southern states: North Carolina, \$228,763; South Carolina, \$148,615.

TO FILL PULPIT AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. William H. Hardin, of Salisbury, will fill the pulpit at St. Mary's Episcopal church next Sunday morning and will conduct the Holy communion service. The members of the congregation are asked to take note of services and the celebration of the communion.

Cotton.

New York, Jan. 25.—The cotton market opened steady today with first prices 5 points lower on January but generally 11 higher. Demand was limited and the market turned easier. May sold off from 17.23 to 17.15 before the end of the first hour or back to about last night's closing.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 17.27, May 17.22, July 17.16, Oct. 16.20, Dec. 16.23.