

THE ANTI-JUG BILL PASSED THE SENATE; UP TO THE VOTERS

Referendum Amendment In the Measure--Election On Ratification To Be Held On Second Tuesday In August

(By Brevard D. Stephenson) Raleigh, March 2.—The Senate today passed the anti-jug bill with referendum amendment, 26 to 24, the election on ratification to be on the second Tuesday in August.

BOLD ROBBER IS IN THE TOILS

Entered Home of Thomas Francis Yesterday Afternoon—Caught Another robber has been foiled in his attempt to rifle the home of a New Bern merchant. This occurred yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Thos. Francis heard a noise on the second floor and went to learn from what source it came.

SEN. A. D. WARD WOKE UP SENATE MONDAY NIGHT

His Argument On The Prohibition Measure A Thriller

THOMPSON THERE

He Spoke Against The Measure Favored By New Bernian (By Brevard D. Stephenson) Raleigh, March 2.—Two of the strongest speeches of the spirited debate Monday on the prohibition measure were by Senators A. D. Ward and Frank Thompson from the Seventh District, who spoke on opposite sides of the question.

FRENCH AVIATORS PERFORM FEATS OF GREAT DARING

War Office Issues A Note Giving Them Much Praise

ONE INSTANCE

Airmen Performed Service Which Was of Importance Paris, Mar. 2.—French aviators during the past ten days have accomplished some brilliant feats, says a note issued by the war office. One aviator on February 17 discovered the location of twenty-one German batteries, and the next day located a heavy battery which immediately was bombarded, causing an explosion of caissons. A night aerial bombardment of the barracks at Metz also is described in the note.

KNOTTY PROBLEM IS RURAL CREDITS

Ship-Purchase Bill Is Also Causing Much Comment

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Two knotty problems, rural credits legislation and the administration ship-purchase bill, today confronted congress in the tangled rush of business to be disposed of before expiration of the session at noon Thursday. The rural credits plan, attached to the agricultural bill now in conference, and the ship bill, before the house as a report from a conference committee, both threatened to complicate the steady grind of appropriation bills.

SINGAPORE IS YET IN UPROAR

Conditions There Are Still In A Very Serious Condition

Manila, March 2.—Conditions are still serious at Singapore as the result of the mutiny among Indian troops early in February, according to steamer passengers arriving here from the west. Executions are taking place every day in the public squares of Singapore, they declare, while hundreds of mutineers still are at large. It is considered possible an entire regiment was involved in the revolt.

SAMUEL HARRIS MEETS HIS DEATH

Fell From Small Boat In River—Couldn't Swim

Newse river claimed its fourth victim for this year last Saturday, when Samuel Harris, colored, was drowned at Pitch Kettle, a point about twenty miles above New Bern. The victim and three other colored people were crossing the river in a small canoe, and the load proved to be so much for the craft, and a slight tilt sent it to the bottom of the river. There were several people on shore who saw the boat sink, and they at once went to their rescue, but by the time they had saved the three survivors, Harris had gone down the third time. His body was recovered in a short time, but all effort to restore life was fruitless.

MRS. CHAPMAN TO VISIT WILMINGTON

Noted Singer Is to Give Concert In That City

Wilmington, N. C., March 2.—Mrs. Margaret Chapman, who came to visit New Bern a few weeks ago and who has since charmed so many music lovers with her wonderful singing, will on Friday night appear before an audience at Wilmington and the music lovers of that city are anticipating a rare treat.

SLICK CROOK IS NABBED IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, March 2.—G. B. Balto, a salesman for a Richmond furniture house, was arrested Tuesday morning charged with running a lottery. He has been working—perhaps also "doing"—Raleigh for his firm, his method being to organize clubs, each member paying so much and the winners of lucky numbers getting the furniture.

A WEDDING OF INTEREST

Fort Mill, S. C., March 2.—An event of more than usual interest in the social circles of Fort Mill was the marriage last Friday of Miss Carrie Cora Culp and William L. Boyd, which took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Augusta Culp, in the presence of a large number of the friends and relatives of the couple.

THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE IS ENLARGED

Raleigh, March 2.—By a House resolution the powers of the Carter-Abernethy investigation committee are enlarged to the authority of a court, with the authority to summon witnesses, hear evidence and otherwise make a probe into the private conduct of both officers. The House committee may meet in Raleigh and other portions of the purpose of taking evidence.

BOYCOTT JAP PRODUCTS

Chinese Society Takes This Action

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 2.—A nation-wide and ultimately world-wide boycott on Japanese products is the announced aim of a Chinese society organized here to-day. The embargo has been started by Chinese-Americans in an attempt to force Japan to recede from her demands on the Chinese government.

THE LOCAL ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

Albert T. Willis Chosen As Exalted Ruler of B. P. O. E.

The annual election of the officers of New Bern Lodge B. P. O. E. No. 764 was held last night and resulted as follows: Representative to the Grand Lodge, Virgil Walker.

IS BURIED HERE

The body of William E. Pearce, who died at Norfolk on Monday, was brought to New Bern yesterday afternoon and interred in Cedar Grove cemetery, the service at the grave being conducted by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church.

FRANCE LOSES TRADE

Heavy Decrease In Her Foreign Exports Washington, March 2.—Consul General Thekkara at Paris cables the department of commerce that the foreign trade of France in 1914, excluding gold and silver coin and bullion, was \$2,156,628,836, a loss of \$796,670,418, as compared with 1913. Imports were valued at \$1,223,227,837, a decrease of \$399,915,000, and exports amounted to \$823,712,836, a loss of \$396,750,671.

NUMEROUS PRISON REFORMS MADE

"Good Words" Tells of A Few Recently Put In Effect

Atlanta, Ga., March 2.—An interesting resume of recently accomplished prison reforms is given in the current issue of "Good Words," the paper published monthly by prisoners in the federal penitentiary here. The number marks the third anniversary of the publication.

GOVERNOR CRAIG GRANTS A PARDON

Raleigh, March 2.—Governor Craig has pardoned Janie Neell of Rowan, who was sentenced in 1911 to four years in prison for abduction, and Columbus Rowe of Greene sentenced in 1911 to serve four years in jail for second degree murder. Rowe's pardon was recommended by Solicitor Abernethy, who prosecuted him, and Judge Wheeler, who tried the case.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

The Next Great Reform In Russia New York, March 2.—Compulsory education will be the next great reform to be accomplished in Russia, according to a letter received in this city from an officer of the household of Emperor Nicholas. The letter says that M. Kasso, minister of instruction and religion, is formulating a compulsory education decree to be issued when the war is over and to be in full effect throughout the empire after a period of five years.

TRANSFERRED TO NEW BERN

Engineer's Office of Commercial Statistics to Be Moved Wilmington, March 2.—Effective about April 1st, the office of commercial statistics of the local United States Engineer's Office will be moved to New Bern, which is more centrally located in the district than Wilmington. Mr. Perry has charge of securing statistics on all water traffic over such waters as the government is improving. His duties require him to visit frequently all projects in the district.

MARINE NEWS

The gas freight boat Reyno arrived in port yesterday from North Harlowe with a cargo of beef and country produce. The gas freight boat Esie May arrived in port yesterday from North Harlowe for a cargo of merchandise.

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THE COAST GUARD CUTTER PAMUNC

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