

MR. COOPER'S NEW BILL  
Full Text of His School Board Measure in Senate.

The following is the full text of the bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator W. B. Cooper to enlarge the County Board of Education and after the first two years to elect the members of the board.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

"Section 1. There shall exist in the county of New Hanover a Board of Education composed of five members to be known as the Board of Education of New Hanover county.

"Section 2. That the members of the said Board of Education provided for in the preceding section shall be composed of the following persons, to wit: J. G. L. Gieschen, B. Solomon, Jos. J. Loughlin, W. E. Perdue and John R. Hanby. The said named persons shall serve for two years from the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the general election for the members of the General Assembly and county officers of New Hanover county for the years one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and under the rules and regulations of said election, there shall be five members of the said County Board of Education for New Hanover county elected, two of whom shall be nominated and elected for a term of two years from the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and three of said members shall be nominated and elected for a term of four years from said date and the election of the successors for both those elected for two years and those elected for four years shall be nominated and elected for a period of four years at the regular biennial general elections for members of the General Assembly. Should a vacancy in said Board of Education occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the term of any member thereof, his successor shall be elected by the remaining members of said board to serve until the term of said member shall have expired. Said Board of Education shall elect their own Chairman who shall be a member of the body and shall elect their own secretary.

"Section 3. That the said County Board of Education shall have entire and exclusive ownership and control of the public school interest and the property in New Hanover county, but they shall not supersede the school committees in the various townships outside of the City of Wilmington, said school committees shall report to said County Board of Education and be under their control. Said board shall prescribe the laws, rules and regulations for their own government not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall employ and fix the compensation of officers and teachers of the public schools of the City of Wilmington annually, but said board shall not employ officers and teachers for the public schools outside of Wilmington. Said board shall take an accurate census of the school population of New Hanover county as required by the general school law of the State and do all other acts which may be necessary and lawful in conducting the public schools of Wilmington and New Hanover county. Provided, that no member of the Board of Education shall be in any way directly or indirectly interested in the sale of any books, school apparatus or other school supplies for the public schools of the City of Wilmington.

"Section 4. That the moneys which shall belong to the public schools of New Hanover county shall be turned over to the auditor of New Hanover county, who shall be treasurer ex-officio of the said County Board of Education. The said moneys received as aforesaid shall be held by said auditor as a separate fund to be disposed of under the direction of the aforesaid County Board of Education whose warrants signed by the chairman and countersigned by the secretary of said board shall be sufficient voucher for said auditor in any settlement required of him by law. The said auditor shall furnish annually to the said board as a time to be fixed by said board, a statement supported by proper vouchers of all moneys received and disbursed on account of the public schools of New Hanover county for its approval.

"Section 5. That the general bond now required by law of the aforesaid auditor shall be double the amount received to the credit of said Board of Education on account of public schools.

"Section 6. That the Board of Education shall be a body corporate by the name and style of the Board of Education for New Hanover County, and by this name be capable of receiving gifts and grants, purchasing and holding real and personal property, selling and transferring same or giving mortgages on same for school purposes, prosecuting or defending suits for or against said corporation.

"Section 7. That all laws or clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

"Section 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

Making a Personal.

(Pittsburgh Dispatch.)  
In a letter to a German friend in Berlin George Bernard Shaw wrote: "Into what a repulsive situation has civilization brought itself? It renders itself. Imagine you and me at war with one another. Can there be anything more senseless?"

Isolation and ignorance make war possible. The habit of thinking of other nations as an entity rather than as individuals is the cause of the misunderstandings that lead to war. We in this country know from association

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that our neighbors of German, British or other extraction are much like ourselves. It is only when nations personify fantastic conceptions of other peoples that trouble follows. These "yellow perils," these contemptuous conceptions of our Latin-American neighbors, spring from exactly the same attitude of mind that drove the warring nations of Europe at each other's throats. The greatest obstacle to the progress of world peace is the conjuring and perpetuation of these national Frankenstein creations that sooner or later bring disaster upon their creators. The first step toward the abolition of war will be the recognition of other peoples as individuals rather than as a distorted mental figment. When humanity comes to imagining "you and me at war" there will be an end to war.

Carnation Day in Washington. Washington, D. C., January 29. Pink carnations adorning the lapels of Senators, Representatives, officials and private citizens bespoke the observance today of McKinley's birthday. The carnation was the favorite flower of the late President, and he was hardly ever seen without one of the blossoms in his buttonhole. Many gifts of carnations from his hands are treasured throughout the country.

Boxing Bouts Tonight. Bob Moha vs. Gus Christie, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee. Joe Shugrue vs. Joe Rivers, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee. Tommy Shay vs. Young Riley, 10 rounds, at Chicopee, Mass. Ed McGoorty vs. George Brown, 10 rounds, at Kenosha, Wis. Dan McDonald vs. Geo. Robinson, 10 rounds, at Portland, Me.

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WAR TEARS ASUNDER LEGAL MACHINERY

Paris, Jan. 29.—Legal procedure in France has been disorganized by the war. Lawyers and witnesses in many civil suits are at the front; many of them have fallen in battle and no one can now anticipate the extent to which cases may be confused by the disappearance of parties as well as witnesses and attorneys.

Maitre Chenu, the eloquent attorney for the Calmette family in the Caillaux case, and former chief of the order of advocates of the Parisian bar, says that death certificates are such an essential element in all legal procedure concerning inheritances, and there have been already, and will be so many more, unknown dead, that the number of probable tangled estates is incalculable.

"For the moment," Maitre Chenu adds, "judicial life in France is almost entirely interrupted and will continue to languish until the end of hostilities. We do not regret it. Legal quarrels would seem to us to be an attack upon the sacred pact of union that the war has sealed between all the citizens of France."

The business of civil courts is almost entirely confined to the sequestration of the property of German and Austrian subjects and the list, already long, grows every day, showing that the number established in business in France was far underestimated. Instead of the 20,000 sequestrations anticipated the number may reach nearer 50,000.

The practical suspension of court proceedings gives Maitre Chenu leisure to use his pen and in the Parisian press he is sparing no effort to defend the justice of the French cause.

A Larger Patriotism.

Christian Science Monitor.

How far is one justified hoping that the close of the present armageddon, directly affecting, as Viscount Bryce pointed out recently in the House of Lords, half the population of the world, will witness the appearing of a larger patriotism, not confined with frontiers, but embracing the whole world? That many, even of those who work, have been directed to promoting international peace, would not answer hopefully merely shows the necessity for guarding against the pessimistic outlook. There is, no reason for pessimism. The largest truths are taken so much for granted, like the sunshine of a summer day that they are apt to pass unnoticed, and the careless student is apt to overlook, in the record of battles and campaigns, of policies and movements which make up so much of history, the thread on which all these incidental matters are strung, namely, the power of the social idea to bring order out of chaos. It has taken many painful lessons to induce men to find a larger liberty in seeking the common good, but in a degree men have now achieved freedom to do what they are capable of by, relinquishing the freedom of the savage to do what he likes. Will the tragic results of the "insensate deviltry" on the continent of Europe prove sufficiently thought-provoking to induce men to sink the "right" they still cling to in order to reach the goal to act from a narrowly national point of view and by mutual adjustment to secure the larger freedom in which they can peacefully make their original contribution to the common good. It is not so very much to expect that men may wake from a nightmare of destruction to see that peace is as necessary to constructive and mutually beneficial work among groups of nations as it is recognized to be among the groups of individuals who make up the nations. It is necessary, and particularly in considering mankind in the future, not to lose sight of the possibilities for good, in the evil to which the senses bear eloquent testimony. Nor must the fact be overlooked that already the good will, the influence of travel, the interaction of commerce and finance, and numberless other factors have to some extent wiped out frontiers and undermined the barriers separating country from country. Those who would have nations seek peace and insure it should at least keep their thought open to further possibilities in this direction.

Society has not been made; it has grown. The policeman is a sufficient witness to the fact that even in the community the forces which have opposed the appearing of the social idea and would destroy it even now if they had any real power to do so still retain some semblance of vitality. But the policeman also bears witness, essential to walfetacoinetacoinetacoin to the fact that it has not been necessary to wait until all men were wholly good before developing a social status. The proposal that armies and navies should be merged in an international police force may be the shadow of coming events. It is easy, but not particularly useful, to criticize such a proposal. It may be that such a force would not always be used justly, any more than the police force in communities, but like the police force, it would, on the whole, mark a great development in the solidarity of mankind. The main point, however, is that if social order has grown by the help of those who have unconsciously or unconsciously sought after it, international society will not grow with the help of those who count it but a dream and this should be remembered by those who hold it too early to consider seriously, much less to plan, a United States of Civilization.

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There is a strong element in this country that would make the United States a rather dishonorable and disreputable ally of Great Britain by having the national government maintain a fraudulent neutrality that resolved all questions in favor of Great Britain regardless of the law of the facts. There is another element much smaller but much noisier that would make the United States an ally of Germany by prohibiting lawful traffic with Great Britain and her allies in munitions of war. Both of these elements want the United States to pretend to be neutral and then live a lie. The President is not of that breed.  
Many English newspapers profess to believe that Great Britain is fighting for the American cause as well as for her own cause. If that were true they might properly ask the United States to send its battleships to reinforce the British fleets and to send its soldiers into the trenches of Flanders to fight side by side with the British, French and Belgian troops; but they have no right to ask the United States to be an international sneak and hypocrite. They have no right to ask that we shall violate the spirit of neutrality while rendering a lip service to the letter of neutrality.  
Nobody in Washington knows where President Wilson's personal sympathies lie in this great conflict. Any student of his writings might safely hazard a guess, but not even the members of the diplomatic corps have been able to find out what he thinks.

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