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## TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS

Roads to Finance Themselves by Private Loans—War Finance Corporation May Be Able to Advance Money to Railroads—Difficult Task Is Ahead—Director General Hines Will Try to Carry Out Improvement Program; Financial Machinery Must Be Manipulated.

Washington, March 5.—The government today determined to retain control of the railroads despite the failure of Congress to provide funds for the railroad administration and to have the roads finance themselves for the next few months through private loans on the open market or through advances by the war finance corporation.

Efforts will be made to maintain operations on a normal scale and carry on as much of the improvement plan as possible to avoid throwing employees out of work or otherwise disturbing industrial conditions. No attempt will be made to solve the problem by raising rates.

These assurances were given by Director General Hines in a public statement and in an address to the conference of governors and mayors meeting here. At the same time, it developed the war finance corporation has about \$337,000,000 resources available, and much of this may go to the railroads to supplement the sums they can borrow until Congress meets again and has opportunity to appropriate funds.

After protracted conferences between Secretary Glass and other officials of the treasury and war finance corporation, it was stated means would probably be developed to keep the railroads' securities off the money market as much as possible and minimize interference with the forthcoming victory liberty loan.—Associated Press.

## NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

Johnston County Club Meets in Interest of Graham Memorial.

Chapel Hill, March 5.—The Johnston County Club at the University of North Carolina met in the club room of the Y. M. C. A. Monday, March 3, 1919. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Gillian Wilson—President.  
William Sanders—Vice-President.  
Frank Ray—Secretary.  
Houston Reynolds—Treasurer.

The plan for the Graham Memorial was endorsed and plans were made whereby each member of the club could co-operate with the Directors of Johnston County in making her contribution.

The Proposed Students' Activities Building is to house the Y. M. C. A., the Philanthropic and Dialectic Literary Societies, and serve as the center of student activities. A special feature of the building will be a big club room, a place for the alumni when they visit the University, a general meeting place for students and student organizations.

At present there is no place to receive visitors, unless such visitors are alumni, and know of the accommodations offered at the Y. M. C. A., the "Old Well," and Pickard's Hotel. Dr. Graham had planned such a building before his death and as a fitting memorial we are glad to have an opportunity to help erect such a building.

William Sanders was appointed a member of the General Committee from the student body for the Graham Memorial. We wish him much success in his undertaking.

## Mrs. Pedin Entertains.

On last Saturday evening, March 1, Mrs. James L. Pedin very delightfully entertained a number of her friends in honor of her guests, Misses Lola Crech, Addie White, of Pine Level; Bettie Sasser and Annie Boykin, of Rains Cross Roads.

After the arrival of all the guests several interesting games were played, boys and girls each drawing numbers from different boxes in order to obtain their partners.

The Victrola furnished plenty of lively music during the evening. Those present to enjoy the occasion were Misses Bettie Sasser, Addie White, Lola Crech, Annie Boykin, Mildred Pedin, Nellie Massengill and Ada Radford. Messrs. David Pedin, Chester Poole, Otis Strickland, Edwin and Junie Crech, Noble Pedin and Jimmie Radford.

The guests departed at a late hour, declaring Mrs. Pedin to be a most charming hostess.

Pine Level, Route 1.

## OFFICERS OF OASIS PATROL.

Shriners Plan to Operate Special Train to Big Selma-Smithfield Ceremonial May 22.

Charlotte, N. C., March 6.—At a regular meeting of the Arab Patrol of Oasis temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in the Masonic Temple last night Captain E. B. Graham announced the appointment of officers for the patrol for the current year, and plans for the coming "picnic ceremonial" to be held at Selma-Smithfield May 22 were begun. It is now planned to operate a special train from Charlotte on the night of May 21, picking up a car at Salisbury, carrying the Nobles from the western part of the State, and another at Greensboro for the Nobles of that city, Winston-Salem, High Point and that section, arriving in Selma next morning. Returning, the train will leave Selma late Thursday night, reaching Charlotte Friday morning.

The officers of the patrol are as follows: Emeritus First Lieutenant Louis D. Sutherland, First Lieutenant W. C. Norman, Second Lieutenant H. C. Dockery, First Sergeant O. B. Robinson, Second Sergeant John F. Blythe, Secretary B. W. Barnett, Treasurer J. W. Cuthbertson, Quartermaster W. A. Nisbet, Assistant Quartermaster C. R. Crumley, Rev. Leonard Gill, chaplain; Dr. S. R. Thompson, surgeon in chief; R. L. Little, chief milker of camels; A. P. Felts, first assistant milker of camels; Frank Henderson second assistant milker of camels; T. R. Pegrum, supervisor of the harem; T. E. Austin, sand heater; R. M. Person, camel tamer; Casey Caldwell, pyramid inspector; W. A. Nisbet, mystical electrical conjurer; Leake Caraway, slinger of the sacred ball.

Committee on reception and entertainment of novices: L. D. Sutherland, A. P. Felts, O. B. Robinson, B. W. Barnett, Frank Henderson, T. E. Austin, G. B. Caldwell, F. D. Lethco, D. C. Carmichael, and R. M. Person.

Captain Graham, who is commander of the Oasis Temple band, announced the appointment of Robert Lee Kesler to succeed himself as director of the band and the reappointment of Thomas Griffith to be business director. Other officers for the band will be announced later, according to Captain Graham.

## GIFT FOR CONGRESSMAN POU.

The Rules Committee of the House of Representatives today presented to its retiring chairman, Representatives Edward W. Pou of North Carolina, a \$60 cane as a testimonial of its appreciation of his services and the esteem in which he is held by members of the committee. Representative Phillip Campbell a Republican of Kansas, who will likely succeed to the North Carolina Congress as chairman of the Rules Committee, made the presentation to Representative Pou. He stated that the gift was in recognition of his services in piloting the committee through the difficult period of the war. Representative Campbell stated that while differences had arisen in the committee no unpleasant incident had marred the chairmanship of the Tar Heel representative. Congressman Pou has served as a member of the committee for eight years, acting as chairman for two years. The token of appreciation of his services is a costly walking cane. The handle is made of rhinoceros tusk, and the end of the cane is tipped with ebony bevel. A gold band encircles the cane.—S. R. Winters in Wednesday's News and Observer.

## Red Cross Home Service Notes.

The Home Service division of the Johnston County Red Cross met last Wednesday in Smithfield at the County Home Service headquarters in A. M. Johnson's office and laid plans for carrying out the demands made on it now and for the next two years.

The following person will do well to get in touch with the Home Service worker in their nearest town or with A. M. Johnson at Smithfield: Nellie Barnes, Clayton, regards allowance; Rev. W. H. Freeman, Clayton; Mrs. Herman E. Higgins, Benson; C. C. Higgins, Smithfield; Henry Pearce, Kenly; Mrs. Richard Brown, Princeton; James Kennet Massey's aunt, Selma. It is important and urgent that these persons get in touch with us before it is too late. Also any person knowing these parties can do them a service by getting them in touch with us that we might aid them in their claims. The Red Cross and Home Service will also get in touch with the persons or cases nearest them and report them to the county headquarters without delay.

A. M. JOHNSON,  
County Chairman.

## IT'S ALL OVER WITH THE 65TH CONGRESS

Great War Body, With Much Work Undone, Has Passed Into History. Partisanship Rampant During the Closing Hours—Republican Filibuster Stopped Passage Half of Appropriation Bills.

Washington, March 4.—A bitter controversy between President Wilson and the Senate over the League of Nations and a filibuster by a few Republican Senators seeking to force an immediate extra session marked the passing at noon today of the Sixty-fifth or great war Congress.

Called in April, 1917, to throw America's weight into the conflict overseas, the Congress held three momentous historic sessions. Partisanship lay dormant during the war, but it broke forth in the last session to culminate in a final filibuster which successfully blocked passage of half of the fourteen regular appropriation bills, including the \$750,000,000 Railroad Administration revolving fund, and the huge army, navy and merchant marine budgets.

Although unsuccessful in their efforts to record the Senate in favor of amendment of the constitution of the league of nations as now drawn, the Republican Senators left in the record a resolution approved by 39 of them opposing acceptance of the charter in its present form. Republican Leader Lodge and other spokesmen said this was notice to the President and the peace conference that the necessary two-thirds majority in the new Senate for ratification of the present plan could not be obtained. Democratic leaders privately expressed belief amendments would be made soon after the President reached Paris.

President Wilson spent an hour at the Capitol before adjournment. Later he formally announced, despite the death in the filibuster of the railroad and other bills, he would adhere to his refusal to call the new Congress before his return from France, and criticized "a group of men" for their obstruction. As a result of the filibuster which held the Senate in continuous session for 26 hours, the President had little to do at the Capitol except to sign the \$1,000,000,000 wheat guarantee bill and exchange leave takings with friends.

Because of the President's decision on the extra session, members who crowded outgoing trains tonight felt assured Congress would not again assemble much before June 1. Leaders predicted then it would remain in continuous session until the 1920 political conventions. During the recess business will be virtually suspended, except for resumption tomorrow of the Overman committee's propaganda investigation and the meeting of the House Republican committee on committees.

With the ending of Congress scores of statements on the results of legislation and the league of nations were issued by members, with Democrats and Republicans disputing responsibility for failure of important measures. Most Republican members urged the calling of an early extra session.—Associated Press.

## Clayton Township Board of Agriculture Meets.

Wednesday afternoon over 100 folks attended the Township Board of Agriculture meeting at Powhatan school. L. H. Johnson, secretary, called the meeting to order and presided. Mr. A. M. Johnson and Mr. Winters, a soil specialist from Raleigh, talked on improving the soil with lime and legumes in connection with pictures as illustrators. Miss Jones held a meeting with the women and girls relative to home problems. The township meeting will be held there after this the fourth Friday of every month. Powhatan school is one of the best equipped three-room schools in the county, and neatest, says Mr. Johnson.

## Jurors for March Court.

The following is the list of jurors for the March term of the Superior Court which convenes in Smithfield next Monday, March 10:

C. B. Parrish, S. W. Booker, J. H. Alford, W. T. Hinton, A. H. Jones, J. H. Johnson, C. G. Wiggs, John W. Capps, A. T. Cannaday, W. Turner Bailey, Seth W. Lassiter, J. A. Keen, A. J. Rose, Victor Austin, Paul E. Whitley, A. D. Ford, J. E. Tart, C. L. Sanders, J. T. Price, W. S. Crech, D. T. Luceford, W. L. Lassiter, S. H. Hooks, James H. Watson, W. S. Smith, Moses Crech, D. O. Uzzle, J. F. Watson, A. V. Driver, Vine Edwards, W. A. Brummitt, A. G. Powell, S. H. Alford, W. A. Massey, Archie Barbour and P. T. Duncan.

## ROAD BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Measure Known as Pharr-Matthews Bill Gets By on Second Reading. Some of the Features of the Bill

At Tuesday night's session of the House the Pharr-Matthews substitute to the Redwine Road bill passed on second reading 95 to 8.

From Wednesday's News and Observer we take the following features of the bill:

"Briefly, county administration of road building is the only new thing in the Pharr-Matthews bill that hasn't been in the others. It raises the automobile license tax from the present scale to \$10, \$15 and \$20, and provides for the assimilation of the funds in the State treasury department. After matching such convict labor as can be employed in road work, dollar for dollar with Federal aid, such remaining amounts as the State would require to meet the Federal apportionment to North Carolina would be raised under short term notes.

Like all the later bills, the Pharr-Matthews bill would provide for a highway commission of four members from various sections of the State, one from the minority party, and one to be employed for whole time. To the commission would be delegated the apportionment of the automobile tax fund but the counties are to do the work unless they request the highway commission to do it for them. There is an admitted defect in the maintenance clause of the bill adopted last night but it will be cured with an amendment when the bill comes up on third reading today, after which it will be sent to the Senate. There is every reason to believe now, it was the sense of members last night, that "conference and re-conferences" will result in the passage of some road legislation this time. The Senate will have four days, three to pass it in and the fourth for conferences. But there is nothing to keep the General Assembly from running the clock back hours and even days to get it done."

## Peacock-Henkin.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Miss Esther Louise Henkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Henkin, and Mr. Rupert Clyde Peacock, formerly of Smithfield, N. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Riverdale, last evening, at 7 p. m., the Rev. J. M. Presler, of the First M. E. church, officiating. The bride's gown was of white georgette and satin. The bridal bouquet was of lilies of the valley and white orchids. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Horton Peacock, sister of the groom, of Smithfield, N. C., was dressed in white crepe de chine, and carried a spring flowered bouquet of Killarney roses. The best man was Mr. Arnold Henkin, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was followed by a dinner served to relatives and friends. A handsome white bridal cake adorned the center of the table. The color scheme was pink and white. The wedding gifts were many and valuable.

Mr. Peacock is a prominent young buyer of the firm of Marshall-Field & Co., of this city, having been associated with them for quite a number of years.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Henkin, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hugh Peacock and son, William Hugh, Jr., of Chicago, and Mr. Montague Currie of Houston, Texas.

The happy young couple have purchased a home and will continue to live in this city.

Mr. Peacock is one of our Johnston county young men. He has been in Chicago for nearly ten years, and we are always glad to hear of the success of our boys. We wish for him a life of usefulness and pleasure.

## New Lawyer in Charlotte.

Mr. B. F. Wellons, of Smithfield, N. C., who was stationed at Camp Greene as Judge Advocate, has been discharged from service and has opened a law office in the Law Building. Mr. Wellons is an academic graduate of the University of North Carolina, and in law of the University of Virginia. He is to make Charlotte his home in the future. During his sojourn at Camp Greene he has made a number of friends in the city, and so enters upon his professional career here as one who knows and is known.—Charlotte Observer.

Dr. D. E. Everett, a well known dentist who had been practicing his profession in Raleigh for the past forty years, died Tuesday afternoon and was buried in Goldsboro Wednesday.

## FAILS TO CONFIRM WARREN.

Will Be Given Recess Appointment by President—Western Carolina Judge-ship May Be Sent From France.

Washington, March 4.—The nomination of Thomas D. Warren for district attorney failed of confirmation. The President will give him a recess appointment.

President Wilson told Senator Overman today that he might not wait until he returned here from France to appoint the judge of the western district. He indicated that he would send the appointment from over there.

Senator Simmons today told Mayor McNinch that it would be impossible for him to go to Charlotte May 16 and speak in Charlotte schools. He was invited by Professor Harding and Mr. McNinch.

Representative Webb has been invited to go with a party of Congressmen to Porto Rico April 12. The invitation was extended by the Porto Rican Assembly and transmitted through Resident Commissioner Davila today.—H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.

## FARMER CALLED FROM HOME.

He Is Shot By Negro; Bloodhounds Find Guilty One, Who Confesses Assault on Johnston Man.

While sitting with his family at his home six miles from Benson, Dexter Barnes Tuesday night was called from the house and greeted with a load of bird shot as he stepped out of the door. He was painfully wounded, a number of shot lodging in his face.

Several hours later bloodhounds from this city led officers to Ernest Stewart, a negro, who confessed, according to the officers, that he did the shooting. He was found in possession of the gun from which the load of shot was fired. The negro had nursed a grudge against the farmer for over a year, it is said.

The dogs trailed the tracks for over a mile and found him at his home, where half a dozen other negroes were keeping Stewart company. The bloodhounds, after entering the room, picked out Stewart from among the others.—News and Observer.

## Jurors for April Court.

The County Commissioners, at their meeting here Monday drew the following jurymen for the April term of Johnston County Superior Court:

First week: J. R. Hinnant, Joe D. Crech, A. D. Atkinson, Wiley W. Rose, L. P. Johnson, M. Gower, D. J. Yelington, E. E. Farmer, C. L. Barnes, C. M. Stanley, Q. C. Parker, J. A. Hobbs, John J. Denning, H. M. Grizzard, L. W. Richardson, J. M. Sanders, C. H. Woodall, W. O. Grimes, P. W. Barbour, L. Z. Woodard, Needham Aycock, T. S. Ragsdale, J. Willis Lyndon, and C. S. Stewart.

Second week: H. D. Stevens, T. I. Hudson, Wiley L. Crech, A. C. Johnson, J. M. Wall, L. A. Johnson, W. H. Martin, W. H. Brown, J. Loyd Stephenson, M. M. Woodard, J. T. Edger-ton, F. H. Corbett, W. W. Stewart, R. H. Hudson, Tillman Dunn, J. Lisbon Lee, W. T. Holland and J. S. Temple.

## Could Not Make Coffins Fast Enough.

Mr. W. D. Thomas, who went from Johnston a few months ago to a farm near Whitakers, N. C., was here Wednesday and called to see us. He is on the land of Mr. W. R. Mann, who owns much of the stock of Hearne Brothers' coffin factory at Whitakers. He says the factory there has not been able part of the time to supply the demand for coffins on account of the many deaths from influenza. Men went there on trucks fifty to one hundred miles to get coffins to bury the dead. One undertaker who had thirteen corpses and no coffins for them went to Whitakers and begged that enough might be sold him to bury them.

## Clip Liberty Bond Coupons March 15.

"Liberty Bond interest coupons may be invested in Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps," says a statement just issued by the Treasury Department. Postoffices throughout the country have been notified to accept as cash, coupons representing interest due on Liberty Bonds, and the Savings Division of the Treasury Department has been notified accordingly. This ruling makes it possible for all holders of Liberty Bonds to reinvest their non-interest-bearing coupons at once.

C. C. Carlin, who was elected to Congress from the Eighth Virginia district last November, has notified the Governor that he will not qualify and asks him to take steps to fill the vacancy.

## TORNADO STRIKES ALABAMA CITY

One Known Death and Property Damage Estimated at Half a Million Result.

Eufaula, Ala., March 5.—A tornado which struck Eufaula late today caused one known death and property damage estimated in first reports at half a million dollars. Nearly every resident in the city appears to have been damaged and a number of business houses were razed.

The body of E. J. Searcy was recovered tonight and it is thought there was more loss of life.

The city, with a population of nearly 6,000, was left in darkness and it was not thought there would be any reliable accounting of the loss of life until daylight. Three men, Dr. W. P. Dickinson, Dr. J. L. Adams, and S. F. Lawton, traveling insurance man, were said to have been buried under the debris of the McRae building, from which the body of Searcy was extricated.

Telephone connection was cut off and the only telegraph wire working tonight was one railroad line. Darkness and confusion caused by trees and debris strewn over the streets made work of searching the ruined buildings difficult.

## JOHN A. GRIMES AS ALTERNATE

May Get to Naval Academy at Annapolis—Congressman Pou to Remain in Washington for a Few Days

The following paragraphs taken from the Washington letter in yesterday's News and Observer, are of interest to the people of this section: "F. Hunter Crech, formerly a lawyer of Smithfield, now associated with C. C. Daniels, of New York city in the practice of law, was presented to the Supreme Court of the United States today. He was presented to the court by ex-Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Crech, after spending several days in Washington, left tonight for New York City. Mrs. Crech has just completed a visit of several weeks in Johnston county and Buies Creek visiting relatives and friends. She joined her husband here Monday.

Representative Edward Pou has nominated John A. Grimes, of Smithfield, as an alternate to Berry K. Uphow, of Raleigh, for appointment to the Navy Academy at Annapolis. "Young Grimes is a son of former Sheriff W. F. Grimes, of Johnston county. Representative Pou has nominated Harry T. Rowland, of Middleburg, Vance county, as a candidate for the Military Academy at West Point.

"Representative Pou states that he will remain in Washington for two or three weeks, keeping his office open for the purpose of answering inquiries from soldiers and sailors."

## Johnston Banks Oversubscribed.

The report of the subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan in the Fifth Federal Reserve District as compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond shows that the banks of Johnston county more than subscribed their quota of that loan. The amount asked for from the county on a per capita basis was one million dollars. The banks reported that the total amount subscribed through them was \$787,000, which was more than the quota of the banks based on the banking resources. All the fourteen banks of the county sent in a goodly number of subscriptions, though some of them did not reach their quota. Two banks in the county more than doubled their quota.

The total number of subscriptions was 1,424, which shows that 2.85 per cent of the population subscribed to the Fourth Liberty Loan. The amount per capita was \$15.74. The largest number of subscriptions through any bank was 383 through the First National Bank of Smithfield; the second largest number was 185 through the Clayton Banking Company. The smallest number of subscriptions turned in was 22. At the time of the Fourth Liberty Loan the banking resources of Johnston county was placed at \$3,142,000.

## Death of Mr. E. L. Parker.

Mr. E. L. Parker died Wednesday, March 6, at the home of his father, Mr. E. E. Parker. Influenza followed by pneumonia caused his death. He was buried Thursday afternoon at the Robert I. Lassiter graveyard, the funeral being preached by Rev. Jno. E. I. -nier. He leaves a wife and children. His wife before her marriage, was Miss Nellie Lassiter, a daughter of the late R. I. Lassiter. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Will H. Lassiter, of Smithfield.