

COMPROMISE BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Cummins-Esch Compromise Measure Got Through Saturday by a Vote of 249 to 150. Four North Carolina Members Voted for the Measure While Six Voted Against It.

The compromise Esch-Cummins railroad bill was approved late Saturday by the house, which adopted the conference report after four hours debate, says a Washington dispatch.

The house adopted the conference report by a vote of 249 to 150—a clean margin of 99 votes.

Adoption of the conference report came after the house had defeated, 228 to 171, a motion to recommit. Chairman Esch, of the interstate commerce committee, in charge of the fight on the floor, then called for the previous question and there was a buzz in the chamber as the voting began.

There never was any doubt as to the outcome, leaders said, although the effect of pressure from labor leaders against adoption of the bill was variously interpreted.

Representative Kitchin, democrat, of North Carolina, in the closing argument against the bill, declared that labor leaders had caused at least a dozen members who were opposed to it to rally to its support.

During the debate, in which more than a score of representatives took part, Chairman Esch declared that the railroads would be handed back to their owners on March 1, regardless of whether Congress enacted legislation meanwhile, he warned the house that defeat of the bill at this stage would put half the railroads of the country in the hands of receivers in three months.

Representative Pou, democrat, of North Carolina, painted a more gloomy picture by declaring that the country would see the greatest financial disaster in years if it gave up the roads without enactment of laws which would give them the right to earn a fair return.

Representative Kitchin said his opposition was not in "compliance to the demands of Mr. Gompers." He attacked the "insidious propoganda" which he said railway interests had conducted and declared the question of government ownership was not involved.

"Whether this report is adopted or rejected," he said, "we have it from Mr. Esch that the roads will go back to their owners on March 1."

Representative Crisp, democrat, of Georgia, said the bill contained nothing unfair to labor but that labor would oppose any legislation returning the carriers to private operation.

In opposing the bill, Representative Denison, republican, Illinois, said his attitude was not an indorsement of government ownership or the Plumb plan but his objection was to the financial provisions.

Mr. Denison opposed fixing a rate of return on rail investments for two years, declaring it was "paternalism pure and simple." He declared the provision against reduction of wage rates during the next six months "was a step toward socialism." He also contended the division of excess earnings was unconstitutional.

Messrs. Pou, Godwin, Small and Hoey voted for the measure while Kitchin, Brinson, Stedman, Robinson, Doughton and Weaver voted against it.

German Minister Appears in Paris.

Paris, Feb. 20.—For the first time since the resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Germany Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, the German charge d'affaires, was present today at a reception to the diplomatic corps at the Elysee palace.

Baron Keishiro Matsui, the Japanese ambassador, speaking on behalf of the diplomatic corps, expressed its ardent wish for the greatness of France. President Deschanel, in reply, asserted that the government, parliament and people of France would lead all their aid in the effort to re-establish peace, bring back an era of tranquility and respect for treaties.

President Deschanel has received telegrams from the heads of nearly all the governments, felicitating him on his assumption of the presidency.

REAR ADMIRAL PEARY DEAD AT WASHINGTON

Discoverer of the North Pole Succumbs After Illness Lasting Several Months—Daniels Pays a Tribute.

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, retired, discoverer of the north pole, died at his home in Washington Friday, says an Associated Press dispatch, after a two years' illness of pernicious anemia.

It had been known to the explorer's family for weeks, but kept from the public, that his life was despaired of, but no one thought the end so near and his sudden death was unexpected.

Tribute to the achievements of Admiral Peary was paid by Secretary Daniels in the following message of sympathy to Mrs. Peary:

"Voicing the sentiments of the whole navy, I desire to express deep sympathy in your bereavement. If any earthly comfort can help you in this hour it must be the assurance that the whole country sorrows with you and that all over the world there will be profound regret at the death of your distinguished husband. He had the honor to accomplish the realization of a great ambition and to receive the plaudits of all nations. His great achievement brought particular distinction to the American navy of which he was an honored and distinguished officer."

Gift of \$80,000 for Wilmington Church

Wilmington, Feb. 20.—Announcement was made today that Mrs. James Kenan Wise has made a gift of \$80,000 to the Church of the Covenant, a Presbyterian church of this city. The funds will be used for the construction of a Sunday school annex, the second floor of which will be used for club rooms for boys and girls.

Another feature of the new building made possible by the gift of Mrs. Wise will be the installation of a modern gymnasium in the basement of the building and facilities for motion pictures of an educational nature.

Mother of President Attended Salem.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 20.—G. T. Gaines, of Knoxville, Tenn., is here visiting his two daughters, who are students at Salem College. Mr. Gaines stated that the great grandmother of the daughters was educated here more than one hundred years ago, that the wife of President Polk, undoubtedly the greatest woman Tennessee ever produced, was a student at Salem College, entering that institution in 1818.

She came across the mountains from Tennessee on horseback to begin her studies here. Mr. Gaines is an ardent advocate of Herbert Hoover for President.

TWO COUNTIES ARE TO HAVE NAVIGABLE CANAL

New Hanover and Brunswick Will Connect Cape Fear and Brunswick River.

Wilmington, Feb. 22.—At a meeting of a committee representing the boards of county commissioners of New Hanover and Brunswick counties here Saturday it was tentatively agreed that a canal will be constructed along the causeway leading to the Cape Fear ferry on the Brunswick side of the river. The canal will connect the Cape Fear and Brunswick rivers and will be navigable by boats of small draft. W. S. Fallis, state highway engineer, attended the meeting and went on record in favor of this proposition.

The causeway will be constructed by two counties with state and federal aid. Construction work will start within the next 60 days, it is believed, as Mr. Fallis stated that plans will be in such shape as to be offered bidders within 30 days. The ferry boat which will be used here is being constructed by a Morehead City shipbuilding firm and will be launched during the next few days.—Greensboro News.

Child Badly Burned.

Stantonsburg, Feb. 20.—Doris, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Speight of Walstonburg, caught fire while playing around an open fire at her home and was badly burned. She would have been burned to death only for the brave efforts of her 16-year old sister who wrapped her in blankets and smothered out the flames.

MAN AND HIS WIFE DIE ON THE SAME DAY

Mr. John Lee Died at Three in the Morning and His Wife Before Three in the Afternoon of Influenza-Pneumonia.

Mr. A. R. Lee, who lives in Ingrams township, near the Hockaday mill, was in town yesterday and told us of the serious situation in his neighborhood caused by influenza.

One of his neighbors, Mr. John Lee, died early last Friday morning, of influenza-pneumonia. Before three o'clock in the afternoon his wife had succumbed to the same disease. They were buried the next day in the Jim Lee graveyard. They leave three small children, the oldest of which is about six years old. These four children are all sick with influenza with no one in the home to wait on them.

Mr. A. R. Lee and Mr. Addison Lee, who was also here yesterday, say the situation in their section is very serious. Mr. Pharoah Blackman's family of eight, and some relatives who are at the same home, altogether about fourteen in all, are all sick except two. There are other families where nearly every one is sick with none to wait on them. Mr. Lee reports that Mr. John Lee had eleven nice fattening hogs that went without feed for a week before Mr. Lee died. In another family there was no one able to look after the stock and the mule went without food and water for two days. The condition in that neighborhood is very serious and some help is very badly needed. People get sick and go for two or three days without any attention, because no one happens to pass their way.

Child Burned to Death.

Fayetteville, Feb. 20.—Eugene Akers, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilsie Akers, was severely burned when his clothing caught fire from matches with which he was playing, and died yesterday morning. Mrs. Akers left the child and his small sister in a bedroom of the home in Robeson street. She heard the child's screams and found his clothing ablaze when she rushed to his aid. Burnt matches were found on the floor of the room.—News and Observer.

Old Man Died Suddenly.

On Friday night, February 13th, Mr. Gaston Langley died suddenly when he was nearly through shaving himself. He was supposed to be in good health and after supper decided to take a shave. He fell back in his chair and died without ever speaking again. He was buried at the Dunn graveyard about three miles south of Four Oaks. He had recently moved to one of Mr. W. B. Johnson's farms about four miles from Smithfield. He lived last year in Wilson's Mills township. He was seventy years old.

Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

A campaign to get subscriptions for stock for the Pitt County Memorial Hospital will be put on March 7. The prevalence of influenza and attendant cases of pneumonia have made the need of a hospital felt.

Mr. John Sanders of Dunn Dead.

Mr. John Sanders, a native of Johnston county, died at his home in Dunn Saturday, February 14. Mr. Sanders was a deaf mute but that did not keep him from numbering his friends by those who knew him. He was about 48 years old.

School Building Burned Down.

Mr. Haywood Barbour, of Elevation township, was here last Saturday and told us of the destruction by fire of Spilona school house on last Monday, February 16th. The fire started from a defective flue in the smaller room of the building. It occurred at the noon hour and was a great surprise. It broke up the school for the present. The desks from the large room were saved. It is said that another building will be erected at the same place. The Spilona school is a two teacher school.

Has New Housing Corporation.

Rocky Mount is to have a new housing corporation. Stock to the amount of \$140,000 has already been sold.

TO SPEND A MILLION ON CAMP BRAGG

Senate Bill Orders Sale of Camps Taylor, Eustis and Gordon and Extensions at Camp Bragg.

The bill to authorize sale of three large army camps and to provide for fulfillment of war-time contracts for purchase and equipment of numerous other military posts was finally agreed to in conference Friday, and the conference draft was agreed to by the senate. The house is expected to act within a few days, says a Washington dispatch.

In its final form the measure directs the sale of Camp Taylor, Ky., not later than June 30, 1921, and of Camp Gordon, Ga., and Camp Eustis, Va., subsequent to that date. Among the projects for completion of which appropriations are made are:

Real estate and construction at Camp Benning, Ga., \$835,000, and real estate, roads and building at Camp Bragg, N. C., \$1,173,000.

Red Cross Still Busy.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 23.—During the year 1919 the American Red Cross helped 179,007 service men and their families in the southern division, comprising the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida, according to a report made by division headquarters today.

The cases included only those under the jurisdiction of Red Cross Home Service, and did not include Red Cross work at canteens, camps and other military centers. The majority of cases were those of service men who needed help.

This service was of varied kinds—all the way from finding a lost soldier in France for his family in the states, to helping men to get their Liberty bonds and allotments; and from looking out for the folks at home while the boy was in uniform, to getting in touch with the boy when he came back and aiding him to take hospital treatment or vocational educational training of the government.

Pershing Ashamed of Illiteracy.

Chattanooga, Feb. 19.—General John J. Pershing, here for an inspection of Fort Oglethorpe, declared at a luncheon given in his honor today that he was ashamed at the revelations of illiteracy shown by tests of men called in the selective service and emphasized the duty of Americans to support education and bring the benefits of good schools to every family. General Pershing said the record showed that fully 25 per cent of the men drawn in the draft were illiterate, a fact, he said, which should cause every American shame.—Charlotte Observer.

Child Pawed to Death by Horse.

News comes that a horse belonging to Mr. Joseph Capps on the farm of Mr. W. L. Lassiter broke out of a lot on Friday, February 13th, and finding a little girl two years old, a daughter of Mr. Leonard Ferrell, knocked her over and pounded her to death. It is said that when this horse is loose from harness he seems to want to be in mischief. The little girl lived only about four minutes after the horse left her. Her little body was buried in the graveyard at St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist church.

To Lay off Cemetery at Pisgah.

Rev. R. L. Gay asks us to state that on Saturday, March 6th, the members of Pisgah church and the people of the neighborhood are requested to meet at the church to help lay off the cemetery. It is desired that a systematic arrangement may be had and that some one be appointed a keeper to look after the cemetery and say where graves should be made.

Washington "Dollar a Year Man."

"Dollar a year" men were numerous in the days during the recent war. They were too patriotic to accept pay for war work yet the laws compelled them to receive a salary. But how many know who was the first dollar a year man? None other than the Father of our Country—George Washington. He was the first to serve the nation through stormy war times and refuse pay for it.

OPENING GUN OF CAMPAIGN FIRED BY THE REPUBLICANS

Elihu Root Outlines The Platform on Which the Party Should Go to the Polls.

The following extracts from a communication to Friday's Wilmington Star gives Elihu Root's idea of what the government should be. His remarks were delivered at an unofficial Republican State convention in New York City. The account says:

"The opening gun of the republican national campaign was fired here tonight in a keynote speech by Elihu Root at the unofficial republican state convention, in which he outlined the platform upon which he believed the republican should go to the polls next November.

"Mr. Root brought the assembled delegates to their feet cheering time and again in his denunciation of the democratic administration, especially in his references to what he termed the autocratic conduct of President Wilson.

"The principal proposals put forward by Mr. Root were:

"Decentralization of the President's executive power, ratification of the peace treaty with Senate amendments, reform of the league of nations covenant by a Congress of nations at the call of a 'republican president immediately after March 4, 1921,' limitation of the right to strike, taxation revisions and universal military training.

"More important than all," Mr. Root said, "is the necessity that we shall restore our republican form of government, with the liberty of the individual citizen preserved by limitations upon official power and put an end to the dictatorship which we created in order to carry on the war. By a series of statutes unprecedented in scope and liberality, with singleness of purpose and patriotic devotion worthy of all praise, the American people conferred upon the president powers broader and more autocratic than were possessed by any sovereign in the civilized world.

"Peace has come in fact, if not technically, but the war powers of the executive still continue. They should be brought to an end. It is not a simple thing, for new conditions have been created which should be dealt with at the same time by statutes adapted to the conditions of peace and subject to the limitations of power of our constitutional system.

"There is a double, immediate purpose to be served. One, to restore the habit of freedom. It is dangerous for a people to acquire the habit of bowing to power without limits. They soon become subservient and then character essential to freedom degenerates. The other is to stop a multitude of interference, ill-judged, although well meant, with the natural course of business, through which alone natural laws can operate to restore normal conditions."

BURKE COUNTY SELLS BONDS.

Money Will Be Used For New County Home and Road Work—\$107,000 Sold at Par.

Burke county sold bonds Wednesday to the value of \$107,000, the biggest that has been made in one time in county for the purpose of building roads. The Hanchett Bond company, of Chicago, were the purchasers, their bid being par with accrued interest. The amount was divided as follows: \$40,000 for a county home and general road work in the county; \$67,000 for township roads. This is divided as follows: Lower Fork, \$17,000; Quaker Meadows, \$20,000; Upper Creek, \$20,000; Jonas Ridge, \$10,000.

Another County Home.

Another North Carolina county is to have a beautiful and modern county home, Stanly county having let the contract for a \$75,000 county home. Cabarrus county recently completed a new home for the poor, crippled and the needy, and it has been an untold blessing to the entire community, as well as a thing of extreme beauty.—Concord Times.

Press Association to Waynesville.

Charlotte, Feb. 20.—Waynesville, N. C., was selected tentatively as the next summer convention city of the North Carolina Press Association at a meeting here today of the executive committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEE IS FOR TRAINING

Slender Majority Votes to Report Favorably on the Principal Involved—Final Vote Was 11 to 9.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Universal military training as a part of the future military policy of the United States was approved in principal today by the house military committee, which decided by a margin of two votes that the army reorganization bill should make provisions for such a plan, effective July 1, 1922.

The close committee vote of 11 to 9 coming as a three-hour debate in executive session, was regarded as indicative of the bitter fight to be made in the house later when the reorganization measure gets the right of way. Opponents of universal training, despite today's defeat, confidently predicted they would win out when the proposal reaches the house. The senate also must vote on the universal training question as its reorganization bill, now pending, includes such a provision.

Opponents of universal training during debate in the committee declared reporting of the proposal was useless because of the Democratic caucus having gone on record against it and with many Republicans, including Floor Leader Mondell, openly against the scheme. Opinion as to the country's reception of the plan varied with the sentiment of its supporters and opponents.

Lee H. Yarborough Dead.

News was received in Raleigh yesterday of the death of Lee Hapwood Yarborough, of Clayton. Mr. Yarborough was about 65 years old, and was well known to many of the older citizens of Raleigh, he being a native of the vicinity. He was an alumnus of Trinity College, having been a student in that institution when it was located in Randolph county. In early life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Later he removed to Clayton and engaged in merchandizing, also being interested in several industrial enterprises. A few years ago he was appointed postmaster of Clayton, but had held that position only a short while when he was prostrated by a severe stroke of paralysis, which totally disabled him for the remainder of his life. Throughout this overwhelming affliction, with health and prospects wrecked, he was patient and uncomplaining, thankful for the ministrations of his devoted wife and many warm friends in Clayton. He left no children.

Mr. Yarborough was a son of the late Edward Yarborough, Jr., an officer in the War with Mexico, and a grandson of Colonel Edward Yarborough, a famous hotelier of his day, who founded the Yarborough Home in this city. Colonel Yarborough's father was Captain Edward Yarborough, of Salisbury, an officer of the Continental Army, who was one of the organizers of the Order of the Cincinnati in 1783. Lee H. Yarborough was his hereditary representative in that organization. Maternally, Mr. Yarborough was a grandson of Dr. John Lee Haywood, a physician in the early days of Raleigh.

The funeral services will be conducted from Mr. Yarborough's late residence in Clayton this afternoon at 3 o'clock.—News and Observer, 20.

Bonds of the First Three Issues.

First, second and third Liberty Bonds may now be converted into 4-1-4 per cent bonds. Those desiring to have their bonds converted may have it done by turning them in to the First National Bank. See their ad elsewhere in this issue.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Johnston, North Carolina, to be held at Selma, North Carolina, on March 12, 1920, to fill the position of rural carrier at Selma, North Carolina, and vacancies that may occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977.