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\$128,037,602 VOTED WITH TWO BATTLESHIPS

33 Democrats For Big Navy, 24 Republicans Oppose.

TWO FLEET COLLIERIES ALSO

On Fitzgerald's Motion Bill Was Amended to Make Eight Hours Builders' Working Day at Ship Yards.

Washington, D. C.—By the decisive vote of 162 to 110, fourteen being present and not voting, the House authorized the construction of two battleships to cost \$6,000,000 each. Thirty-three Democrats voted for two battleships and twenty-four Republicans against the proposition.

This action was taken previous to the passage of the Naval Appropriation bill, carrying \$128,037,602. This amount is about \$3,000,000 less than was recommended by the Navy Department. In addition to the battleships the bill also provides for the construction of two fleet colliers and four submarine boats.

The Committee on Naval Affairs had reported in favor of authorizing two battleships. Tawney (Rep., Minn.), chairman of the Appropriations Committee, offered an amendment providing for only one battleship, while Hobson (Dem., Ala.) proposed an amendment providing for three. Hobson contended that three battleships would give no increase, but would provide only for the ordinary depreciation in the naval force. By an almost unanimous vote the House rejected this proposition.

Speaking in favor of his one-battleship plan, Tawney reiterated his statement that seventy-two per cent. of the revenue of the country was being expended for wars that had passed and for preparation for wars to come. He thought one battleship sufficient to maintain the proper strength of the navy. Thomas (Rep., Ohio) proposed an amendment for four battleships, but the House voted it down almost unanimously. Tawney's amendment for one battleship also was lost by a vote of 104 to 138. At least thirty Democrats voted with the Republicans against Tawney's plan.

Fitzgerald offered an amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 131 to 15, under which two battleships and two fleet colliers must be built by firms working under the eight-hour law.

Thirty-three Democrats voted with the Republicans for two battleships, while twenty-four Republicans joined the Democrats in favor of one battleship.

Democrats voting for two battleships were Aiken (S. C.), Alexander (Mo.), Ansbury (Ohio), Bartlett (Nev.), Burleson (Tex.), Carlin (Va.), Clark (Fla.), Cox (Ohio), Craig (Ala.), Cravens (Ark.), D. A. Driscoll (N. Y.), Gill (Md.), Gillespie (Tex.), Goldfogle (N. Y.), Hamill (N. J.), Harrison (N. Y.), Hobson (Ala.), Hughes (N. J.), Humphries (Miss.), Jones (Va.), Martin (Col.), Maynard (Va.), Moon (Tenn.), O'Connell (Mass.), A. Mitchell Palmer (Pa.), Pou (N. C.), Pujio (La.), Ranch (Ind.), Robinson (Ark.), Rothermel (Pa.), Sherley (Ky.), Sulzer (N. Y.) and Talbot (Md.).

Republicans voting with the Democrats for one battleship were Barthold (Mo.), Crow (Mo.), Davis (Minn.), Gardner (Mich.), Goebel (Ohio), Grenna (N. D.), Hamer (Idaho), Henry (Conn.), Howland (Ohio), Lawrence (Mass.), Lenroot (Wis.), Lindbergh (Minn.), McCall (Mass.), Morse (Wis.), Murphy (Mo.), Nelson (Wis.), Norris (Neb.), Nye (Minn.), Prince (Ill.), Stafford (Wis.), Tawney (Minn.), Terrill (Mass.), Volstead (Minn.) and Wilson (Ill.).

FOSS BROTHERS SIT IN HOUSE.

Day State Democrat Led to Desk by Republican From Illinois.

Washington, D. C.—The Democrats of the House indulged in a demonstration when Eugene N. Foss (Dem., Mass.) was escorted by his brother, Representative Foss (Rep., Ill.), to the Speaker's desk in order that the oath of office might be administered to the new member, who succeeds the late Mr. Lovering, Republican.

Republicans remained in their seats quietly as the Democrats rose en masse applauding and cheering.

On the front row of the Speaker's gallery a sweet-faced old woman joined in the applause. She was the mother of the two brothers who were the center of attraction. Her two daughters-in-law sat on either side of her and joined in the demonstration.

DESTROYER MAKES 36 KNOTS.

The Reid Establishes a New Record For Naval Vessels.

Pensacola, Fla.—Maintaining a speed of thirty-six knots an hour for two hours the torpedo-boat destroyer Reid, Lieutenant Dorrige, established a new world's record for speed by a naval vessel. The vessel was on her final speed test and aboard were representatives of the Naval Board of Inquiry of Washington, D. C.

The Reid is one of the new type of vessels recently completed and more than exceeded the Government requirements. Her record exceeded the previous world's record by more than a mile an hour.

INDICTMENT OF GLASS TRUST

Pittsburg Concern and 16 Officials Charged With Conspiracy.

Organized to Control Trade—Realized a Profit of \$150,000 in Less Than a Year.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The Imperial Window Glass Company, a corporation of West Virginia birth, which lacks but one week of being a year old, and sixteen officials were indicted by a Special Federal Grand Jury here on three counts: First, conspiracy in restraint of the hand-blown window glass trade in the United States; second, engagement in illegal competition; third, attempt to monopolize interstate trade.

The officials and directors of the Imperial Window Glass Company, as named in the indictment, are: President, Myron L. Case, of Maumee, Ohio; vice-president, M. J. Healy, Bradford, Pa.; and treasurer, J. G. Sayre, Morgantown, W. Va. Directors—Thomas Spillane, New Bethlehem, Pa.; G. W. Morenus, Kane, Pa.; Thomas Camp, president Smithport Window Glass Company; W. L. Graham, Masontown, Pa.; Felix Steinberger, Clarksburg, W. Va.; J. H. Brewster, Weston, W. Va.; J. G. Sayre, Morgantown, W. Va.; C. P. Cole, Lancaster, Ohio; O. C. Teague, Utica, N. Y.; Frank Bastin, Vincennes, Ind.; F. R. Wear, Kansas City, Mo.; A. Hudson, Chanute, Kan., and U. C. Baker, Carey, Kan.

The secretary of the company, J. R. Johnston, of Pittsburg, was not named in the indictment. He appeared as the principal witness for the Government, and may receive immunity from criminal prosecution. He produced before the jury a mass of books and papers, letters and other data. The presentation, however, was based as well on the testimony of a number of other witnesses, who had been summoned from many Western cities.

The indictment sets forth that the company, incorporated in West Virginia, has acted as a selling agency and has prevented competition "by persuading and inducing corporations, partnerships and individuals in the window glass trade to enter into contract with the agency to sell its entire outputs of hand-blown window glass," and that the defendants were able "to establish, fix and maintain arbitrary, unreasonable and non-competitive prices for window glass, greatly in excess of prices which would prevail if said defendants had not engaged in unlawful conspiracy."

The Imperial Window Glass Company is capitalized at \$250,000, of which amount \$176,000 is paid in. During the four days' inquisition, testimony, it was officially learned, was to the effect that the company had cleared \$150,000 net over and above all expenses.

The companies which were permitted by the alleged agreement to sell only to the Imperial Company number sixty-six all told, representing a capitalization of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Of these companies it was testified that twelve were kept closed, the idleness involving an expense of \$137,000 a year.

ROOSEVELT'S MAIL ALL FREE.

Franking Privilege For All Former Presidents and Their Widows.

Washington, D. C.—Former President Roosevelt and all other former Presidents of the United States and their widows will have the franking privilege under the terms of a bill passed by the House by a vote of 110 to 76.

Mr. Sisson, of Mississippi, offered an amendment excluding from the franking privilege all political correspondence. It was voted down, 44 to 86.

"Knowing the former President as well as we do," shouted Rucker, of Colorado, "we should provide an additional appropriation for the post-office service."

Sisson then moved the recommitment of the bill, with instructions to the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads to report it with an amendment excluding political correspondence from the franking privileges granted by the bill.

The motion was defeated on a roll call, 91 to 166, many Democrats voting in the negative with the regular Republicans and "insurgents."

SPENCER CONFESSES MURDER

In Residence of Mrs. Dow When He Killed Miss Blackstone.

Springfield, Mass.—Bertram G. Spencer, who was arrested at Handy's meat packing house in Hampden street, confessed to Captain John H. Boyle, of the Detective Bureau, that he is the murderer of Miss Martha B. Blackstone, whom he shot and killed in the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow on Round Hill, at the same time shooting Miss Harriet Dow in the head.

He declared that he fired on impulse and without wishing to injure either woman. The many burglaries, however, to which he also confessed were committed, he said, partly to procure money, but principally to gratify a desire for excitement.

F. N. HOFFSTOT IS INDICTED AS BRIBE GIVER

Accused of Paying \$52,500 to Pittsburg Councilman.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD CITY

Transaction Occurred in New York to Prevent Indictment—Emil Winter, Bank President, Acknowledges in Court His Guilt.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The promised sensation in the graft crusade came, and even Pittsburg, accustomed as it is to revelations of moral turpitude on the part of its leading citizens, was astonished. The Grand Jury indicted the following:

Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the German National Bank of Allegheny, and president of the Pressed Steel Car Company.

Emil Winter, president of the Workmen's Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Allegheny.

Another sensation followed. In open court President Winter acknowledged the truth of the charge that he had given \$20,000 to bribe former Councilman Morris Elstein, by saying that he had no defense to offer. Sentence was postponed.

The indictments against Hoffstot include two counts of bribery and one of conspiracy to defraud the city. The presentment reads that Hoffstot shall be ordered to appear as witness, "and in case he does not do so immediately that the District Attorney of Allegheny County proceed forthwith to extradite him."

The more startling findings of the Grand Jury's presentment, made public, are:

1. That Frank N. Hoffstot paid to Charles Stewart, a former Select Councilman, \$52,500.

2. That the money was a bribe used in influencing the votes of Councilmen to pass an ordinance naming three banks in which Hoffstot was interested as official depositories of the city's millions.

3. That the late James W. Friend, at that time an official of the Pressed Steel Car Company, was an associate in the transaction.

4. That the original plan which Friend had was to obtain the services of William A. Blakeley, now graft prosecutor, as a stakeholder of the bribe money; but Blakeley declined, and warned all parties of the criminality of the proposition.

5. That the transaction took place in New York City in June, 1903, in order, if possible, to avoid criminal liability in Allegheny County.

Mr. Hoffstot, who lives at No. 145 West Fifty-eighth street, New York City, and has a summer home at Sands Point, L. I., when asked what he had to say in reference to his indictment, said:

"I always leave business behind me at the office."

The office of the Pressed Steel Car Company is at No. 24 Broad street. District Attorney Whitman would not deny that indictments were in preparation against Mr. Hoffstot in New York County, but said anything on the subject must come from District Attorney Blakeley, of Pittsburg.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Bishop Cortland Whitehead, of the Pittsburg Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, appointed a day to be observed by Episcopalians throughout Allegheny County "with special prayers and sermons on civic righteousness, corporate repentance and confession, intemperance and political chicanery, graft and fraud—on any topic, indeed, which bears on the present deplorable situation in Pittsburg."

The Bishop sent long notices to all the clergy of the diocese, and suggested the use of a series of special prayers which he sent.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WIN.

Milwaukee Carried by the Largest Plurality on Record.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Social Democrats, led by Emil Seidel, candidate for Mayor, swept Milwaukee in the municipal election by approximately 8000 votes, the largest plurality of any party in a similar contest in the history of the city.

The Social Democrats will control the Common Council, having elected all six Aldermen-at-Large and carried fourteen wards out of twenty-three. V. J. Schoenecker, Jr., Democrat, who ran second, was about 8000 ahead of Dr. J. M. Boffel, Republican.

BANDITS KILL TWO BANKERS

Gallop Through McKees Rocks, Pa., After Getting \$5000.

Woman Shot While Trying to Protect Teller of Looted Bank—Towns in State of Terror.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Four masked men robbed the Victor Banking Company, at McKees Rocks, a suburb six miles below Pittsburg, and got away with \$5000, after shooting down and killing the manager and the cashier of the bank and wounding three other people, one a woman. The men stepped from the shadows outside the bank as those inside were about to close it for the night, and while two of the men stopped outside with drawn revolvers and warned away all passing pedestrians, the others entered the building and began to shoot. The men killed were:

Samuel Friedman, the manager, hit by three bullets while he was trying to protect \$5000, which lay on the counters of the bank.

Ignatz Schwartz, the cashier, died an hour or so later in the McKees Rocks Hospital.

The injured were: Mary Enco, employe of bank; slightly injured trying to save Friedman and Schwartz.

Robert King, citizen; shot down in street by robbers as they ran with the plunder; at McKees Hospital; will live.

Andrew Milko, mill workman; hit by stray bullet.

McKees Rocks and Schoenerville, an adjoining town, were kept in a state of terror for nearly half an hour during and after the bank robbery, for, once on their horses, the four robbers rode up and down through the town, shooting right and left. It was then that King was shot down and Milko wounded. They each tried to stop the wild ride of the bank robbers.

The Victor Bank is situated in a place lonesome after nightfall. It is on the dividing line between Schoenerville and McKees Rocks, and has done a heavy trade with workmen from the plants of each town. It is a bank for foreigners, and also has conducted a steamship agency. Pay day at most of the works had occurred, and there was about \$25,000 in the bank. Only \$5000 of it appeared on the counters, however, the rest being locked in the big safes. It was customary to keep the bank open until 10 o'clock for several evenings after pay day, but business being slow it appears that the manager, who also acted as teller, and his cashier, decided to close for the night about 8:30.

The two who entered the bank appear to have walked right up to the cashier's window and shot Schwartz down in his tracks, then grabbed the piles of money, which they stuffed into bags slung over their shoulders. Friedman, who was evidently in the back part of the bank tending to the big safes, was seen to come rushing out of the bank after the four men, and as he paused on the steps of the bank he was shot dead. Three of the attacking party appear to have shot him at once, as he fell dead in his tracks. There evidently had been a struggle with Friedman inside the bank before the robbers got away with the money, for tightly grasped in his hand was a bunch of bills which he appeared to have torn from one of the robbers.

Mary Enco, who had been employed as a domestic about the bank in the day time, was in the neighborhood and she came running and threw herself on one of the robbers as he was about to shoot into the body of Mr. Friedman as he lay on the ground. The robber tossed her to one side and ran on.

DEMOCRATS SWEEP CHICAGO.

Mayor Busse Condemned Because of Various Scandals.

Chicago, Ill.—In the Aldermanic elections the Democrats returned twenty-one out of thirty-five members, giving them a majority of six in a body of seventy members.

It is repudiation of the Mayor Busse administration, which has become involved in all kinds of graft scandals. It is a rebuke also to Governor Deneen, who lost three of his four wards, all of which were formerly Republican.

In addition to local issues Colonel James Hamilton Lewis and former Mayor Edward F. Dunne injected national issues into the campaign. Both assailed the tariff and the high cost of living, and told the voters that even in a municipal election they could rebuke the Republican Administration.

KILLED FRIEND, SLEW HIMSELF.

Connolly Turned On Himself Weapon Which Took Fracella's Life.

Trenton, N. J.—As John Connolly, a watchman; Frank Fracella, a cabman, and Roy Accord, a detective, were chatting together at the Trenton Junction railway station, Accord exhibited his revolver. Connolly took the weapon, pointed it at Fracella, and said:

"How would you like to get a load from this?"

As he spoke the weapon was discharged and Fracella, shot through the heart, fell dead. Connolly in a tright ran around the end of the station and shot himself dead.

The killing of Fracella was clearly unintentional, as he and Connolly were friends.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

N. C. Chief Dismissed in Missouri.

The entire population of St. Louis is aroused over the dismissal of this city's scholarly chief of police, Edmond P. Creecy, a native of Edenton, N. C., whose father, the late Robert P. Creecy, was owner and publisher of The Elizabeth City Observer. Many call Creecy's dismissal outrageous.

The newspapers are demanding fair play for him. The Times says: "At the most, nothing has been proven against the suspended chief except that he appears to have lacked judgment and penetration."

The police board spread upon its records the statement that "Creecy had no guilty knowledge or connection in any shape or form with the Police Relief Association shortage."

Society of the Cincinnati.

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati at Raleigh, the old officers were all re-elected, a number of new members admitted and the convention brought to a close with an elaborate banquet.

The officers are: President, Hon. Wilson G. Lamb, Williamston; vice president, Hon. John C. Davis, Baltimore; secretary, Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Raleigh; assistant secretary, John Bradley Lord, Brooklyn, N. Y.; treasurer, Walter D. Carstarpen, Plymouth; assistant treasurer, Col. Benahan Cameron, Raleigh; chaplain, Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Sold Diseased Cow.

Mr. J. M. Cross of Charlotte, who has taken many shipments of cattle to Fayetteville from Mecklenburg county, was tried before Squire Overby, charged with false representations in the sale of a cow. Mr. J. W. Johnson testified that he purchased a cow from Mr. Cross, which the latter guaranteed to be sound, and free from disease, that two weeks later the cow died from disease. Mr. Cross was bound over to court in the sum of \$60 which he gave.

North Carolina Postmasters.

The following North Carolina Presidential postmaster appointments were confirmed by the Senate:

Mary W. Yarborough to succeed Rufus R. Harris at Louisville.

O. D. Wallace, to succeed Carlos McLeod at Carthage.

Albert Miller, to succeed himself at La Grange.

Charter Granted.

A charter is issued for the Carolina Banding Machine Company, Winston-Salem, capital \$125,000 authorized and \$24,000 subscribed, by E. G. Hester, F. H. Fries, W. F. Shaffner, W. C. Briggs, William O'Brien and others.

Size of an Editor's Fish.

Editor Boylin of The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, is authority for the capture of a German carp in the Pee Dee river by Sam Davis, and the fish is reported to weigh 27 pounds. Davis claims to have caught it with a hook and line.

The Army of Census Takers.

The army of census takers will move upon the country next Friday, April 15, and for fifteen days they will be engaged in rounding up the population of the cities, 30 days to be given to other areas.

Wade Coble Gets Twelve Years.

Wade Coble of Julian, tried in Guilford superior court for the murder of John M. Staley, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 years.

Guilford Commissioner Found Guilty.

The attorneys in the case of John L. King, chairman of the Guilford highway commission, indicted for selling the county road-building material, agreed on the facts and asked the court for a verdict, dispensing with the formality of a jury trial. Judge Adams found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of \$5 and costs, from which verdict an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

Deaf and Dumb School.

There was a special session of the Council of State with Governor Kitchin Saturday to hear representatives of the North Carolina State School for the Deaf Dumb, Morganton, on a number of matters pertaining to the school, particularly its finances. The new primary building is just being completed that was provided for by the last Legislature. It is costing \$27,000 and is pronounced an exceptionally good building for the amount it is costing. There are now 244 children in the school and Dr. Goodwin says this session is proving one of the most satisfactory they have ever had.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

Internal Revenue Collections.

The Winston-Salem delegation who went to Washington to make a pull for the collector's office marshaled a fine array of figures. It was shown that the total internal revenue collected in the State last year was \$5,150,672 and of this sum the western district paid \$2,739,124 and the eastern \$2,411,548. The fifth congressional district paid at Winston-Salem \$2,437,560; Durham \$1,941,065 and Reidsville \$310,945, making a total of \$4,689,570. The collections for the entire State, outside of the fifth congressional district, amounted to \$461,102.

Preacher Gave Bond.

The trial of Rev. R. L. Bane and M. L. Parker of Granite Quarry, charged with burning the former's store at that place in February, was held before Esquire D. M. Miller, at Salisbury, and both defendants gave bond of \$1,200 for their appearance at the May term of Rowan superior court.

Cave-In Kills Two.

While working in a 12-foot sewer ditch in Greensboro, two negroes, Sam Gorrell and Dewitt Johnson, lost their lives when several tons of dirt caved in upon them. Another laborer, Tom Slade, had a narrow escape but managed to get out of the ditch after he had been partially buried by the cave-in.

Site For Children's Home.

C. G. Proctor, of East Durham, has given a site of fifteen acres for the \$30,000 Children's Home to be built in that place. The county offers to build a thirty-foot roadway to it. Mr. Proctor, though without children, recently gave twenty-five acres for the Pythian orphanage site, lost by change from Durham to Clayton.

Bill of \$50,000 for Monuments.

Representative Morehead has introduced a bill providing \$50,000 for monuments. Twenty-five thousand of this sum is to be put in a statue to General Nathaniel Greene, and the remainder in "monuments and tablets to the memory of other participants in the battle of Guilford Court House."

North Carolina's D. A. E. Delegate.

Mrs. F. S. Spruill has been appointed as the North Carolina delegate from the State associations to the meeting of the National Colonial Dames of America, which is to hold its annual session in Washington City, beginning April 27.

Big Fire Loss at Fayetteville.

A fire swept several thousand acres near Fayetteville, and gave the people within the fire swept territory the fight of their life to save their houses from destruction. The approximate loss is about \$10,000.

Drug Store Tax Increased.

The license tax on drug stores for whiskey prescriptions is increased from \$125 a year to \$500 by Raleigh aldermen. Also license tax on near-beer saloons from \$250 to \$500.

Cotton Mill News at Rockingham.

Pee Dee mills No. 1, and No. 2, at Rockingham, will operate but four days in each week in order to curtail production. These mills manufacture cheeks and plaids.

Robberdel No. 1 will also run on short time.

Since the Hannah Pickett closed down work has been commenced on the new weave room, and it is thought that it will be finished by fall.

The new Entwistle mill is going up rapidly and will be pushed with all possible speed.

North Carolina National Guard.

The North Carolina National Guard Association closed its business session at Raleigh Thursday and at night had the joys of a banquet at which there were addresses by Governor Kitchin, Commander-in-Chief of the State Guard; Capt. M. C. Kerth, of the United States Army, and others.

Durham was selected as the next place of meeting.

Penitentiary Guard "Not Guilty."

Not guilty was the verdict of the jury in the case of W. M. Dupree, at Raleigh, tried on the charge of having caused the death of Convict George Murphy, of Rowan county, while as a guard in the penitentiary he attempted to carry out an order to put Murphy in the dark cell for drunkenness.

Kinston Taxes "Near Beer."

At a meeting of the Kinston board of aldermen an ordinance was passed without a dissenting vote taxing near-beer saloons \$1,000 a year and also providing a stringent regulation.