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OPPOSITION BASED ON STATE'S RIGHTS

PALMER BILL PASSES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY THE VOTE OF 232 TO 44.

PURELY A CHILD LABOR ACT

Would Bar Products Made in Whole or in Part By Children From Interstate Commerce.

Washington.-The Palmer bill to bar products of child labor from interstate commerce was passed by the house 232 to 44 after a lively debate and the issuance of a writ of arrest or absentees to suppress a filibuster. Opposition to the bill, led by Representative Byrnes of South Carolina. was based on the contention that it interfered with the state's rights.

The measure declares it unlawful for producers, manufacturers or dealers to ship or deliver for transportation in interstate commerce the products of mine or quarry made wholly or in part by children under 16 years old, or products of mills, canneries, workshops, factories or manufacturing establishments made by children under 14 or those between 14 and 16 who work more than eight hours a day, or more than six days a week or after 7 o'clock at night.

Inspection by the Department of abor would be authorized and fines of from \$100 to \$1,000 or imprisonment from one month to a year, or both imposed for violation. When Representative Palmer proposed suspension of the rules to pass the bill several Southern members protested and started a filibuster marked by repeated points of no quorum, roll-calls and rulings.

JANUARY EXPORTS OF COTTON.

300,000 Bales More Exported This Year Than During Last January.

Washington-Cotton exports were beyond normal proportions during January. The quantity was more than 300,000 bales greater than last year, according to the monthly report of the census bureau.

Cotton used was less than the usual January total, as 500,000 fewer spindles were operated during the month. Manufacturing establishments held less cotton January 31 than they did a year ago but in independent warehouses, the quantity on hand was greater by 1,800,000 bales.

Exports included 585,534 bales to the United Kingdom; 217,982 bales to Italy: 99.913 bales to Germany, 70,-901 to France and 397,845 bales to all the other countries. Total exports for the six months ending January were 2,500,000 bales less than during that period last year.

England Causes All Trouble.

Washington-Count Bernstorff, the German embassador, presented to the state department a note from his government, announcing that Germany will consider recession from its announced intention of attacking the British merchantmen, if Great Britan will withdraw its efforts to prevent foodstuffs from reaching Germany's civilian population.

The note declares that Germany's plan to attack British merchantmen was a retaliatory measure adopted because of al'eged violations of international law by Great Britian in tryng to starve the non-combatant popplation of Germany and that the latter sovernment is ready to withdraw from ts purpose as expressed in the naval war zone decree as far as it applies o merchant vessels as soon as Great utrals expresses her willingness to urn to the usual practices of interlational law on the question of food-

Germany Replies Friendly.

Berlin-By wireless to Sayville .-The German reply to the American lote is reported to be firm in tone, hough friendly in form," says a statenent issued by the Overseas News

War Costing Allies \$10,000,000,000. London-In a statement explana-

pry of the arrangement made at the cent conference between the finance linisters of France and Russia, and imself in Paris, David Loyd George old the House of Commons that the xpenditures of the allies during the urrent war would be two billion ounds sterling (\$10,000,000,000) of hich Great Britian was spending ore money than her two allies. The resent war, Mr. Loyd George said, as the most expensive in material en and money ever waged.

MRS. FANNIE CROSBY



Fannie Crosby, well known hymn writer, died a few days ago at her home in Bridgeport, Conn. She was in her 95th year and continued to write hymns until a short time before her death.

HAS A COMPROMISE BILL suppl

SHIPPING BILL IN AMENDED FORM TO BE PUT THROUGH HOUSE.

And Will Press it to Last, Even to Extent of Calling Extra Session .-The Compromise Plan.

Washington.-A compromise proposal designed to extricate the Administration ship-purchase bill from the deadlock that has blocked its passage in the Senate and to avert an extra session was put forward by House Democrats through Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, chosen majority leader of the next House.

The new plan, which proposes the passage of the shipping bill as a temporary emergency measure was developed at conferences on the House side of the Capitol while the Senate marked time with both opponents and supporters of the measure sparring for advantages. An adjournment of the Senate advanced the plans of the Democratic leaders to force a cloture rule that would end the determined

As announced by Representative Kitchin the compromise contemplates passage through the House next week of the bill suggested by Senator Gore with an amendment that would terminate the Government's activities in the shipping business two years after the close of the European war, Despite President Wilson's announced determination to stand by the Senate bill in its present form, Representative Kitchin said House leaders, anxious to avoid an extra session, proposed to put this measure before the Senate and give the President an opportunity to accept it in the event of

the failure of the pending bill. The desire of both Republicans and Democrats to avoid an extra session, Representative Kitchin thought, probably would give the proposed plan sufficient support to get it through before March 4.

DACIA FINALLY SAILS.

Expects to Be Captured During Voy-

age Across Seas. Norfolk, Va.-The American steamof cotton for Germany, which goes via Rotterdam.

Great Britain has threatened to size the ship, questioning her trans-Britian, either of its own volition, or fer from Germany registry and she The Overseas News Agency says that as a result of representatives from already has been the subject diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Great Britain. It been blown up by the explosition of generally is expected a British cruiser will take her somewhere before she arrives in European waters, and that the case will be fought out in a prize court.

Germany Needs More Money. London.-Germany financiers have been summoned to a conference in Berlin with the finance minister who considers that a new loan of \$1,200,-500 is required for the continuance of the war, says an American dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph. It is hoped that a large portion of this loan, the message adds, will be subscribed by the Krupps and other leading German firms in exchange for new army contracts.

Investigate Mexican Situation. Washington.-Commission as President Wilson's personal representative to investigate conditions in Mexico, Duval West, of San Antonio, Texas, was on his way to the southern republic.

FOOD UNHAMPERED

HINTED BY AMBASSADOR THAT WARFARE ON MERCHANT SHIPPING BE RELAXED.

BUT ONLY ON CONDITIONS

Conditional Contraband Designed For Civil Population is Not to Be Molested.-War Zone Measures.

Washington. - The importance which the German Government attaches to the unrestricted shipment of foodstuffs for its civilian population was emphasized at the State Department by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who conferred with both Secretary Bryan and Counsellor Lansing. While no formal statement regarding the Ambassador's call was issued by the Department. It was said afterward that he had hinted that warfare on merchant shipping might be relaxed if Germany could be assured of a continuous food supply for her non-combatant popula-

The position of the German Govern ment, it was explained, is that the proclamation of a war zone and campaign against enemy merchant ships was simply a retaliation against England's alleged violations of the Declaration of London in hindering conditional contraband for civilians from reaching Germany. This, according to the German Ambassador, is no less inhumane than the campaign on merchants vessels.

While declining to authorize any statement, officials admitted that the American note to Germany was open to the construction that no vessels, either belligerent or neutral, should be sunk unless previously visited and an opportunity given for the taking of passengers. It was reiterated that while the rules of international law clearly compelled such steps, the position taken was based largely on humanitarian grounds.

An official who helped prepare the American note to Germany pointed out that the strong warning tone of the communication was not intended as a threat, but was a friendly act in a spirit of precaution lest the sinking of an American vessel with Americans aboard inflame public opinion in the United State to a degree which could not be estimated in advance.

ENGLAND CELEBRATES VICTORY

Great Britain Has Advised Using American Flag for Emergency.

London.-Berlin is celebrating the evacuation of East Prussia by the Russians , which is hailed in the German capital as another great victory for Field Marshal von Hindenberg; England is not attempting to hide her elation at the success of her airmen's raid on the German positions in Belgium, and all Europe is eagerly discussing the American notes to Great Britain and Germany and contemplating what the replies wil be.

Great Britain has already intimated that British merchant ships have been advised to use neutral flags only in case of emergency, and no general use of such flags is anticipated. The German minister of the Hague has issued another warning to neutrals to the effect that in view of the alleged declaration of all the British ports as war ports and the use of neutral flags by British ships it would be dangerous for neutral merchantmen to er Dacia finally sailed with her cargo visit the proscribed waters after January 18.

> Serbian Fortress Blown Up. Berlin.-By wireless to Sayvilleaccording to Italian newspapers, the

> Smallpox in County Jail. Charleston, W. Va.-The Kanawha county jail here was quarantined when four cases of smallpox were found among the prisoners. Seven prisoners were taken to the state penitentiary at Moundsville after having been exposed to the disease here.

ed by Austro-Hungarian artillery.

Albanians Invade Serbia.

London.-A large force of Albanians have crossed the Serbian frontier into the Department of Prisrend, forcing the Serbian troops and local the Orduna left Liverpool and were a Reuter dispatch from Nish, Serbia.

Cotton From Wilmington. steamer Ellin sailed from this port delay was caused by presence of a for liverpeol with a cargo of 5,550 arrived here from Savannah with a nart cargo to complete loading.

J. W. RAGSDALE



W. Ragsdale, congressman from Sixth District of South Carolina is faithful to his post at Washington during discussion of ship purchase bill, although his wife is very sick at their home in Florence, S. C.

SENATE WORKS 56 HOURS

REPUBLICANS SUCCEED IN FORCE ING ADJOURNMENT AFTER 56 HOURS SESSION.

Democrats Discuss Several Plans Bu it is Generally Believed Bill Cannot Be Brought to a Vote.

Washington. - Republicans and Democratic insurgents fighting the Government ship bill, with the aid of quarters as well as among the Ambas-Senators Norris and Kenyon, Progres- sadors and Ministers of belligerent sive Republicans who have supported and neutral nations. the measure, forced the Senate to adjourn after the longest continuous session in its history. Debate had lasted 54 hours and 11 minutes.

This made more uncertain than ever the fate of the bill which the Administration has pressed so urgently on Congress. Many members of session seemed inevitable. There were some, however, who still hoped there yet might be time to dispose of troops against the invaders. appropriation bills and the ship-purchase measure in some form before March 4.

Adjournment came on a motion interior points. made by Senator O'Gorman, carried 48 to 46 after Senator Norris, deploring the filibuster, had proclaimed his conclusion that opponents of the bill could filibuster it to death.

Though disappointed over the loss of support from the Progressive Republicans, Administration leaders of the Senate would not admit the cause but declares these positions were was lost. Anticipating a break in the Senate, President Wilson had conferred throughout the day with House leaders on plans to get the bill before the House and such a course may be taken, though Senate Republicans in- and under adverse circumstances from sist their fight will continue until the the standpoint of the weather. Britend of the session no matter what the ish airmen, buffeting snow in the air, Administration forces may accomplish in the House.

Hardwick, sought a compromise with a conference after their commitment damaged. The raid was made to preof the bill. Some of the insurgents vent the development of submarine then would propose that the bill be bases and establishments which might amended to provide that the proposed further endanger British warships and Government ship-purchase enterprise merchantmen. should terminate at a stated period after the close of the European war, its powder magazine after being shelland that purchase of interned ships of belligerents be prohibited.

SHIPS SEEK "SAFETY FIRST."

Another British Ship Flies Stars and Stripes to Protect Passengers.

which arrived here from England, said to have been wounded, the Orduna flew the American flag for nearly 24 hours on January 31 while passing through the Irish sea.

The Orduna was to have sailed will break all previous records. from Liverpool Saturday, January 30. but did not depart until 10:30 the Wilmington, N. C .- The Greek next morning. Passengers heard the Mersey.

GERMANY AND GREAT **CRITAIN GET NOTES**

DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED.

WAITING FOR THE REPLIES

Believed That Great Britain Will Give Assurances She Will Not Sanction Use of Neutral Flags.

Washington.-Reading of the official texts of the two notes from the United States to Germany and Great Britain developed in intense interest among officials and diplomats in the question of what would be the nature of the replies from the two belligerent Governments.

That Great Britain would give assurances of no intention to sanction the general use of neutral flags by British merchant ships was the belief of many officials. But the widest sort of speculation, based on a variety of conceptions of German's plans to waging a submarine war on merchant ships, was heard as to the probable JANUARY TOBACCO SALES response of the Berlin Foreign office.

Count von Bernstori, the German Ambassador, declined to discuss the note to Germany as he had received no advices from Berlin concerning it.

The British Embassy also was silent. What excited most attention in Congress and among diplomats, however, was the serious tone of the notes even though qualified by the polite terms of diplomatic usage. The determination of the United States Government to have the American flag used only by ships entered to fly it and the warning that Germany would be held "to a strict accountability" if American lives or vessels were lost in the attacks on merchant vessels in the newly-delimited sea zones of war, practically were the sole topics of dis cussion in executive and congressional

RUSSIAN INVASION CHECKED Moving Back From German Territo-

ry, Also In Poland. London-The Russian incursion into east Prussia appears to be as short lived as were the previous Russian raids into German territory. German's both houses concluded that an extra superb equipment of stragetic railways have enabled her within a few days to throw immense bodies of

> In the present case the German soldiers appear to have been rushed into east Prussia from both Poland and

> The situation in the Carpathians looks favorable to the Russians who in spite of snow blocked roads, are pressing against the Austrian defenses at three of the most important passes. Berlin admits the Russians have entered Hungarian territory at several points in the Carpathian district most dearly bought.

Big Spectacular Aerial Attack. London.—Aerial warfare was waged on the largest scale in its history swept over cities of Northern Belgium held by the Germans, droped bombs Insurgent Democrats led by Senator no Ostend, Bruges and other places. Thirty-four aeroplanes and seatheir colleagues by which the party. planes of the British navy took part could be united in a renewed effort to in the operations and all returned to pass the bill. The plan suggested their base, without casualties to their was that the warring Democrats hold drivers, although two machines were

Although no submarines were seen the British admiralty statement indicates that the raid had satisfactory results for considerable damage is said to have been done to German positions, railway lines and railway sta-

At various points the airmen were received by a German fire from anti-New York .- Passengers on the Cu- aerial guns and rifles. None of the nard Liner, Britisr Steamer Orduna, airmen is reported by the admiralty

Citrus Fruit Record Broken.

Tampa, Fla-Shipments of citrus The Stars and Stripes ,they said, fruits from Folrida this season total were hoisted Sunday, an hour after more than 20,000 carloads, according to figures announced here. Present authorities to withdraw, according to not hauled down until early Monday, estimates indicate this year's crop

FLASHES FROM THE WIRES.

Capt. Brewer of the American steam-German submarine in the vicinity, er Wilhelmina, bound for Germany bales of cotton taken on here. She The American flag was raised, they with a food cargo, said that the voysaid, shortly after Orduna cleared the age from New York was the roughes he had known in 25 years experience | Wilson95c-100

WEATHER FORECAST.

Movements Due and Their Local Effects For the Cotton States Feb. 21 to 28.

Carothers Observatory Forecast Sunday, February 21; Monday, Feb. 22.-The week will open with warm weather in the South; minia ranging from 40 degrees along the Mason & Dixon line to 60 degrees on the Coast, with mixima generally in the 70s. It will be generally

unsettled. Tuesday, Feb. 23; Wednesday, Feb. 24; Thursday, Feb. 25.-A cool wave will develop in the South Tuesday, bringing minimum temperatures around 40 degrees, but actual frosts are only expected in Eastern Cotton Belt Wednesday or Thursday.

Friday, Feb. 26; Saturday, Feb. 27; Sunday, Feb. 28.—General rains will immediately set in, with probably tornadic storms in parts of the South. A cool wave will overspread Western Cotton Belt Friday and the remainedr of the South Saturday, with clearing weather and light frosts over the cotton Belt, except on the immediate

Winston-Salem Heads the List Almost Doubling Any Other Market in State.

Raleigh.—The leaf tobacco warehouses of the state last month sold, according to reports filed with Major Graham, commissioner of agriculture, 22,997,399 pounds of tobacco.

Winston-Salem took the lead with 4,848,912, practically double that of Wilson, which lead the markets in the east.

The size of the sales of other towns which sold more than 1,000,000 were made in the following order: Durham, Oxford, Rocky Mount, Henderson and Greenville.

Total

Towns,		Total.
Winston-Salem		4,848,912
Wilson		2,477,641
Durham		1,477,654
Oxford		1,289,342
Rocky Mount		1.048,653
Henderson		1.033.371
Greenville		1,032,504
Reidsville		957,518
Greenville		853,506
Mt. Airy		621 476
Stoneville		530,592
Zebulon		526,756
Greensboro		480,612
Fuquay Springs		475,935
Kinston		430,906
Farmville		430,846
Burlington		403,008
Walnut Cove		390.294
Louisburg		386,519
Warrenton		379,140
Madison		323,186
Apex	: ::	317,447
Wendell		257,258
Creedmoor		241,499
Youngsville		222,663
LaGrange	3.5	208,251
Snow Hill		206,485
Elkin		195,000
Pilot Mountain		192,889
Mebane		189 949
Smithfield		168,463
Goldshoro		
Goldsboro Statesville		131,148;
WWarsaw		42,805
Robersonville		44 4 44
Washington	1	
Spring Hope		17.097
Total		22,997,399
Total for January, 1914		9,833,478
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MARKET REPORTS.

Cotton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week.

As reported to the Division of Markets. North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture, Raleigh,

Agriculture, i	taleign.			
	of mid- cotton.	cotton	price of ed meal n.	r ton
		per	pri seed ton.	ds of
Town	Price dling	Price	Cash cot. per t	Pounds given
Farmville	8c	42-45c	30.00	
Jacksonville Kelford	7%-8%c	35-40c	28.00	196
Moyock New Bern Windsor	7%-8 c	42c 24-30c 30-36c		200
South Ea	7%-7%C Istern N	40-45c	30.00	200
Fayetteville	54-84	40-45c	30.00	200
Maxton			27:00	
Battleboro				200
Louisburg		35-40c		200
Raleigh	.8 84c	42c	80.00	200
Scotl'd Neck.	7% -7%c	42-44c		200
Smithfield	8c	40-43c		
Tarboso	7%-8 c	40-45c	30.00	200
Wilson	- 8c	45e	20.00	200
North Ce	entral N		arolina	
Charlotte	8 -81/4 c	36-39c	29.00	200
Cleveland		32-40c	Pic I	200
Concord	-814c		29.00	200
Gibson		36-46c	30.00	200
Monroe		40-43c	29.00	200
Newton	8c			190
Mooresville		30-35c		190
Statesville	8c	36c	29.00	
Norfolk, Va	. 8-81/6C			

RETAIL PRICES OF CORN FOR THE PAST WEEK.

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g		No. 2	No. 2
t	Town		Yellow or Mixed
p	Charlotte Elmore	90-95c 1.00	79-95c
	Greensboro	1.00	99c
0	Monroe Moyock	1.10	
	New Bern	1.00	
1-	Raleigh1		95-100
y	Scotland Neck	95c	85-90g
7-	Smithfield	1.00	. 1124
t	Wadesboro		A PA