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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL FIXED BY HOUSE

AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATIONS IS REACHED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

\$38,000,000 ARE CARRIED

Virginia Will Receive \$438,434; North Carolina's Part is \$709,775; and South Carolina Will Get \$355,000 as Her Share.

Washington. Final agreement on the annual river and harbor appropriation bill was reached by the house committee. The measure carries \$38,155,339, of which something over \$19,000,000 is for new projects and the remainder for continuing or maintaining existing projects.

Chairman Sparkman will report the bill at once with the hope of having it taken up as soon as the pending postoffice bill is disposed of. An adverse minority report will be made by Representative Freer of Wisconsin.

The bill carries \$438,434 for Virginia, of which \$311,434 is for new projects; and \$355,000 for South Carolina, of which \$120,000 is for new projects. These figures do not include \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the inland waterway between Norfolk and Beaufort Inlet; and \$3,000 for the maintenance of the inland waterway between Savannah and Beaufort, S. C.

The new projects are as follows: Virginia—Norfolk harbor \$270,000, Tangier Channel \$16,434, Pagan River \$25,000.

North Carolina—Shallow Bag (Manteo) Bay \$28,000, Beaufort harbor \$15,900, Scuppernon River \$31,800, Northeast River \$25,375, Newbegun Creek \$5,000, Thoroughfare Bay \$6,200.

South Carolina—Charleston harbor \$50,000, Congaree River \$50,000.

Virginia—Mattaponi River \$2,000, Pamunkey River \$3,000, Rappahannock River \$10,000, Nananzmond River \$6,000, James River \$56,000, Appomattox River \$50,000.

North Carolina—Shallow Bag (Manteo) \$500, Cape Lookout harbor of refuge \$425,000, Beaufort harbor \$4,500, Beaufort Inlet \$14,000, Morehead City harbor \$2,000, Roanoke River \$2,500, Scuppernon River \$3,500, Pamlico and Tar Rivers \$4,500, Contentnea Creek \$1,000, Neuse River \$2,000, Trent River \$4,000, Waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet \$15,000, Northeast River \$3,000, Black River \$2,000, Cape Fear River at and below Wilmington \$115,000.

South Carolina—Winyah Bay \$150,000, Charleston harbor \$50,000, Great Pee Dee River \$5,000, Congaree River \$30,000.

NEW CRISIS HAS ARISEN IN POLITICS OF RUSSIA.

New Premier, Prince Goltzine, a Strong Reactionary, Makes Significant Statement.

Petrograd, via London.—The political situation during the last two months, for which the word "crisis" seems entirely inadequate, has taken a new turn with the resignation of Alexander Trepoff from the Premier's office and of Count Ignatieff, Minister of Public Instruction, and the appointment of a new Premier. The official announcement of this change, which has fallen upon the country, continuously excited and emotionally exhausted by the drama of swift changes and vicissitudes, hardly created the effect which would have been natural under other circumstances.

This time, the tide has suddenly shifted and is running strongly in the reverse direction. Prince Goltzine, who succeeds Trepoff, is a member of the extreme conservative group, who always manifested the strongest reactionary principles and as a member of the Imperial Council has always shown little sympathy for the progressive tendencies of the new regime. The ostensible reason for his replacement of Trepoff was the apparent inability of the latter to preserve a strong, united Cabinet.

WOMAN EXECUTED BY VILLA SOLDIERS AT PARRAL.

Juarez, Mexico.—A telegram was received here by Miss Maria Chavez from her brother, Guillermo Chavez, which read: "Our mother was executed by Francisco Cilla's forces Jan. 4." The girl's mother was Mrs. Celsa Caballero, a widow, living in Parral. The telegram added that the Villa officers, thinking the widow was wealthy, demanded a forced loan and upon being refused, they ordered the woman shot by a firing squad.

PROHIBITION SEEMS SURE FOR CAPITAL

BILL TO ABOLISH SALOONS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFTER NOV. 1, 1917.

PASSES SENATE 321 TO 55

Friends of Sheppard Bill Say it is Certain to Get Majority When it is Brought Up in House.—Party Lines Abolished.

Washington. The Sheppard bill to abolish saloons in the National Capital after November 1, 1917, was passed by the senate and now goes to the house, where its friends claim it is assured of passage. The vote in the senate was 321 to 55.

While the measure prohibits the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia, it permits unlimited importation for personal use. An amendment which would have submitted the proposal to a referendum of citizens of the District lost before passage by a tie vote, 43 to 43.

The vote on passage follows: Ayes. Democrats—Ashurst, Beckham, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Johnson, of South Dakota, Kern, Kirby, Lea, Martin, Myers, Overman, Pittman, Ransdell, Robinson, Shafroth, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith, of Georgia; Smith, of Maryland; Smith, of South Carolina; Swanson, Thomas, Thompson, Vardaman, Walsh, Williams—321.

Republicans—Borah, Brady, Clapp, Clark, Cummins, Curtis, Dillingham, Fall, Fernald, Gallinger, Gronna, Jones, K. Nyon, McCumber, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Page, Poindexter, Sherman, Smith, of Michigan; Smoot, Sterling, Sutherland, Townsend, Watson, Works—57.

Total ayes, 55. Democrats—Bankhead, Broussard, Culberson, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hughes, Hastings, James, Johnson, of Maine; Lee, Lewis, Martine, Newlands, O'Gorman, Phelan, Pomerene, Reed, Saulsbury, Smith, of Arizona; Stone, Tillman, Underwood—22.

Republicans—Brandegee, Colt, Dupont, Harding, Lippitt, Lodge, McLean, Penrose, Wadsworth, Weeks—10.

Neither the vote on the referendum amendment nor that on the passage of the bill was on party lines. There were 26 Democrats and 17 Republicans voting for the referendum and 22 Democrats and 21 Republicans voting against it. Most of the Republicans of the so-called Progressive group voted against it.

HARRY THAW INDICTED ON CHARGES OF KIDNAPPING

Slayer of Stanford White Breaks Into Limelight Again—Man Said to be His Bodyguard Also Held.

New York.—Harry K. Thaw, who was legally released 15 months ago from an asylum for the insane where he was sent after he killed Stanford White, was indicted here, charged with kidnaping Fred Gump, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., a youth of 19, and assaulting him with a whip.

With him was indicted on the kidnaping charge a man described as George F. O'Byrnes supposed to have been employed by Thaw as a bodyguard. Word was received that O'Byrnes had been arrested in Philadelphia and detectives were then looking for Thaw.

The complaint alleges Thaw enticed the youth to his rooms at a hotel here Christmas night and there beat him with two whips three different times until he bled and became almost unconscious.

Testimony describing the whipping of young girls by Thaw made up some of the most sensational chapters in the numerous actions on the question of Thaw's sanity after his acquittal of the murder of White on the grounds of insanity and his commitment to the Mattewan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. Alienists for the state testified that whipping was a mania with Thaw.

RESIGNATION OF RUSSIAN PREMIER IS TENDERED

London.—According to the Reuter correspondent at Petrograd both Premier Trepoff and Count Ignatieff, minister of public instruction, have resigned. Prince Goltzine, a senator and member of the council of the empire, has been appointed premier. Senator Kulkchitsky has been appointed minister of public instruction. Mr. Neratoff, deputy foreign minister, has been appointed a member of the council of the empire.

Villa and Forces Flee.

El Paso, Texas.—Carranza forces now occupy Jimenez, Santa Rosalie and Parral, while Villa and his staff have fled to the State of Durango, over the branch railroad from Parral to El Aro.

OFFICIALS DENY RESPONSIBILITY

LANSING AND TUMULTY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PEACE NOTE BEFOREHAND

PREST WILSON ENDORSES

Maze of Intimations and Heated Colloquies Mark Session of Committee of Inquiry—Lawson Fails to Substantiate Stories.

Washington. Through a bewildering maze of intimations and heated colloquies which turned the hearing into an uproar, the House Rules Committee wrestled for several hours with Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, with out obtaining any definite information to substantiate the stories of a leak to Wall Street in advance of the President's peace note.

Earlier during the session Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson, whose name was mentioned by Representative Wood in the rumors he laid before the committee last week, appeared to give an emphatic statement, endorsed by the President, that he had no knowledge of the peace note before it was given to the press. He also denied the report repeated by Representative Wood that Mr. Tumulty and Bernard Baruch, a New York broker, had conferred in a New York hotel a few days before the note was made public.

Mr. Tumulty denounced the action of Representative Wood in making public charges based on a letter from an unidentified man, and declared from the witness stand, looking Representative Wood in the face, that he was still awaiting the Congressman's apology.

WEBB-KENYON PROHIBITION BILL HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Victory is Most Sweeping Ever Won in Fight Against Liquor.

Washington.—In the most sweeping of all decisions upholding prohibition laws, the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional and valid the Webb-Kenyon law prohibiting shipments of liquor from "wet" to "dry" states. It also sustained West Virginia's recent amendment to her law prohibiting importation in interstate commerce of liquor for personal use.

After having been vetoed by President Taft, who held it unconstitutional, and having been re-passed by Congress over his veto, the law was sustained by the Supreme Court by a vote of 7 to 2. Leaders of the prohibition movement declare it is to their fight second only in importance to the proposed constitutional amendment.

Lawyers for liquor interests who heard the decision admitted it upheld and applied the law "in its fullest sense."

"BUFFALO BILL" FACES DEATH AS CALMLY AS ON THE PLAINS.

Denver, Col.—Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) dying in Denver, faced death in the same manner that he has faced it many times on the plains of the West in conflicts that made his name famous.

The Colonel was warned of the approach of the end of his life by Dr. J. H. East, his physician and friend. He had summoned the physician to the home of his sister, where he is spending his last hours. When Doctor East walked into his room, Colonel Cody said:

"Sit down, doctor, there is something I want to ask you. I want you to answer me honestly. What are my chances?"

Doctor East turned to the scout: "There is a time, Colonel," said he, "when every honest physician must commend his patient to a higher power."

Colonel Cody's head sank. "How long?" he asked simply. "I can answer that," said the physician, "only by telling you your life is like the hour glass. The sand is slipping gradually, slowly—but soon the sand will all be gone. The end is not far away."

Colonel Cody turned to his sister, Mrs. May Decker: "May," said he, "let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral." Then the man who made history in the West when it was young began methodically to arrange his affairs.

HONOLULU EXEMPTED FROM COAL EMBARGO

Honolulu.—That the British admiralty has exempted Honolulu from the recent coal shipment embargo was indicated when notification was given that the motorship City of Portland was on its way here from Australia with 2000 tons of coal. Representations to the British government that British trans-Pacific shipping would suffer if the supply of bunker coal here failed, were believed to be responsible for its modification.

GOOD RELATIONS EXISTS WITH U. S.

GERMANY IMPRESSES CORDIALITY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY

GERARD GUEST AT DINNER

American Ambassador is Entertained at Dinner in Berlin and Likened to the Dove of Peace That Was Sent Out From Noah's Ark.

Berlin via Cayville.—A large number of the leading personages of Germany says the Overseas News Agency were present at the dinner given in honor of James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, by the American Association of Trade and Commerce of Berlin. The dinner was addressed by Ambassador Gerard by Vice-Chancellor Seiffertich, by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and by Arthur von Gumbler, the director of the Deutsche Bank, and in all the speeches the cordial relationships existing between the governments of the United States and Germany were emphasized.

Ambassador Gerard, who was taken by Director van Gwiner to the peace days of Noah's Ark, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as saying that "never since the beginning of the war have relations between Germany and the United States been so cordial" and that he had "brought back an olive branch from President Wilson."

Vice-Chancellor Hefflerich said he was pleased to know that Ambassador Gerard had visited the United States "where he had an opportunity of describing the real state of affairs in Germany," and Foreign Minister Zimmermann declared he "felt sure the friendly and trust future relations between both countries, as announced by Mr. Gerard will continue."

A telegram expressing the "sincerest wishes" of the association "in this crucial time" was sent to President Wilson, and another message was forwarded to Emperor William.

Doctor Hefflerich, in his speech as quoted by the Overseas News Agency, called attention to the increase in commerce between Germany and the United States.

CARRANZISTA SAYS EARLY ADJUSTMENT WILL BE MADE

Personal Representative of Mexico's First Chief is Confident of Early Settlement.

New York. Niffero Zambrano, treasurer of the de facto government of Mexico recently sent to Washington by General Carranza as his personal representative, and who came here issued a statement in which he predicted an early settlement of the border difficulties. He based his belief, he declared, on the fact that the American government is considering seriously lifting at an early date, for the benefit of the Carranza government, the embargo on the shipment of arms into Mexico, the recall of Gen. Pershing's expedition and the sending to Mexico of Ambassador Heffler.

Mr. Zambrano said he had called on Secretary Lane and Judge George Gray of the American commission, with whom he discussed the American situation. He let it be understood also that he was received by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing. As the result of his visit to Washington, Mr. Zambrano said he had reported to General Carranza that prospects for an early adjustment of the existing difficulties are very bright.

TAUSSIG ACCEPTS PLACE ON TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington.—Prof. Frank W. Taussig of Harvard accepted a place on the tariff commission and probably will be made chairman. The other four members will be announced later.

Professor Taussig is a teacher of political economy and has written extensively on the tariff. It is understood the administration had difficulty in persuading him to accept.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

The Salisbury Equal Suffrage League has sent a letter to North Carolina senators and representatives at Washington asking if their aid can be relied upon in regard to equal suffrage legislation.

Demonstration in milk and soil testing for farmers will form a new departure in moonlight school instruction in Wake county.

Walter Davis, well known and a prosperous young farmer of Pinkney, Wayne county, was killed this week while felling a tree in the forest on his plantation.

The tenth annual convention of the N. C. State Optometric Society will meet in Raleigh January 23 and 24.

Citizens of Gaston county will ask the General Assembly to change the Gaston-Cleveland county line again.

The pupils in the public schools of Fayetteville are undergoing medical inspection.

The State Convention of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will be addressed by former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan in the First Baptist church, at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first session January 15. The only other out of the state speakers will be Judge S. D. Weakley, of Alabama, who drew the bill which the Anti-Saloon League is championing; S. J. Peters, Richmond, Va., prohibition commissioner of that state.

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