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RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE STATES AN AMENDMENT FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION DEFEATED

Party Lines Were Wiped Out in the Struggle. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann Fought Shoulder to Shoulder at the Head of the Forces Opposing Resolution—197 Members Voted for and 189 Against It.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—After more than ten hours of debate the house of representatives shortly before midnight tonight was ready for a roll call on the Hobson resolution to submit to the States an amendment for national prohibition.

Party lines were wiped out in the struggle. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder at the head of the forces for the resolution. And when the vote came, or the 197 standing for the resolution, 114 were Democrats, 68 Republicans, 11 were Progressives and four were Progressive-Republicans.

It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring of recent days in Congress, and after votes on several amendments that the final vote was reached. Representative Hobson had closed the general debate, participated in by all the house leaders.

Although advocates of the resolution predicted it would receive a majority vote many of them, including Mr. Hobson, conceded that it would not receive two-thirds necessary for passage.

Before the roll call began Representative Hobson presented an amendment to his resolution authorizing "Congress and the States concurrently" to enforce the prohibition provision by "careful legislation." It was adopted without division. An amendment by Representative Adamson giving the States absolute control of legislation under the proposed prohibition amendment was voted down, 32 to 179.

Representative Hobson made a final spectacular move.
"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I wish to ask whether any member of this house who has a financial interest in the question now pending, who owns stock in distilleries or breweries, who owns a saloon or who has property leased to liquor interests, can under the rules vote on this question?"

The speaker explained that, according to precedent if a member was affected as one of a class, the rules would not prevent his voting, but that the question was left to the member himself.

Representative Henry, of Texas, opposed the amendment.
"This question is one which must be left to the individual States," he said.
"I love my country, but I will never support a constitutional amendment that will send a horde of federal spies, satraps and inter-meddlers into Texas."

Representative Heflin, of Alabama, declared State control of the liquor traffic was making good progress in Alabama and argued against surrendering to the federal government the reserved powers of the States which saved the South in the days of reconstruction.

Representative Saunders, of Virginia, supported it and argued against the contention that it would "rob the States of reserved powers."
"The fear of gentlemen that an army of federal spies and informers and officials will invade the States is but a poor argument," he said.
"The army is there now, spies, informers and all. It is under the internal revenue bureau."

"There are 13 men in the Indiana delegation in this house who will vote against the resolution," he said, "but I can point out to you one man who will support the Hobson resolution who drinks more liquor in 12 days than those 13 men do in 12 years."

Representative Dupre, of Louisiana, closing the opposition warned southern members who proposed to vote for the resolution that they would be forced to "grand and lofty tumbling," when confronted with the problem of giving the federal government authority to enfranchise women of the States.

Representative Hobson declared supporters of the resolution were more consistent than his opponents in respecting rights of the individual States.

Representative Hobson replied to a speech of Representative Heflin, who declared that Hobson had been defeated by Representative Underwood on a prohibition issue in the recent senate primary campaign in Alabama. He declared Underwood "did not fight alone," and asserted that liquor interests opened four headquarters in the State and fought to defeat Hobson.

"The forces of Wall Street and the administration forces all endeavored to beat Hobson," he said.
Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, supported the amendment.

Representative Hobson took the floor to make the concluding speech in support of the amendment. He argued particularly against the Morrison amendment, asserting that Congress already had all of the authority which that measure sought to confer.

In conclusion Representative Hobson declared that although the resolution might not secure the necessary two-thirds vote in this congress, prohibition would be made a national issue in the 1916 campaign and "we will have an administration that will not oppose this amendment either in open or under cover."

When the resolution was read for amendment, Republican Leader Mann presented an amendment to submit the prohibition amendment to conventions to be called for that purpose.

Representative Hobson opposed the Mann amendment, declaring it would "place obstacles in the way of adoption of the prohibition amendment."

The Mann amendment was voted down on a rising vote, 137 to 193. This was a first vote of the night. A demand for a yeas and nays vote, made by Mr. Mann, was seconded and the roll call was started.

After the defeat of the Mann amendment Representative Hobson offered

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Soldiers Killed in Railroad Wreck

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.—(1:45 a. m.)—Nearly one thousand Austrian soldiers are reported to have been killed or injured in a collision of two troop trains near Kalisz, Russian Poland, according to Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent.

The trains are reported to have met while running at full speed, as the result of accidental opening of a switch. Many of the cars were reduced to matchwood and the passengers crushed.

PETITIONS POURING IN FOR PARDONS

Office of Governor Bleaswamp With Requests for Pardons Last Few Days.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBIA, Dec. 22.—Petitions for pardons are pouring in on Governor Bleaswamp's desk. This morning he received 32 petitions in the space of two hours and 30 people called in person to urge that he grant clemency to either kinship or friends of theirs in the penitentiary or on the chain-gangs.

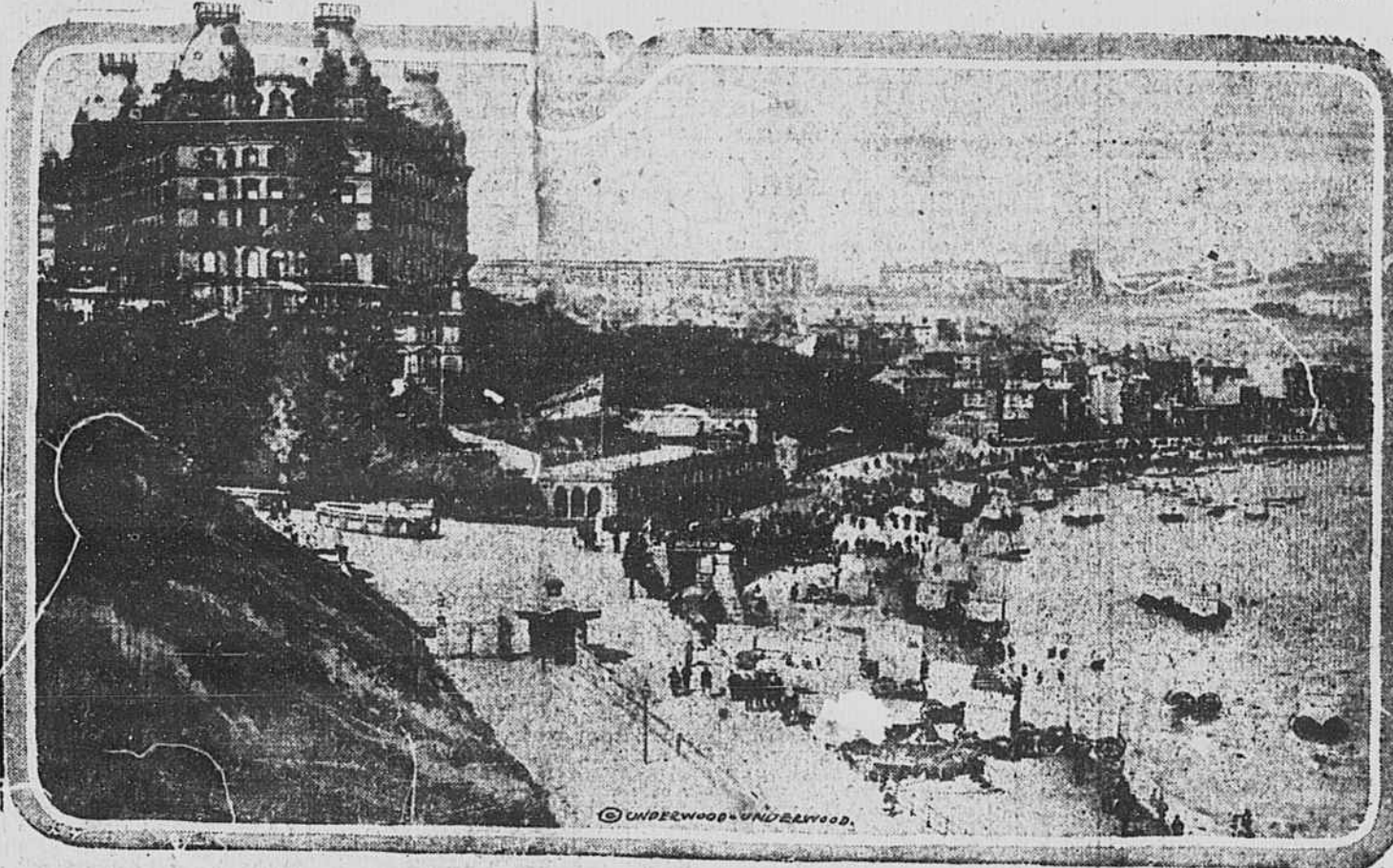
Mr. W. F. Blackburn, the private secretary to the governor said the office had been swamped with petitions for pardons in the last few days, he estimating that one comes in every four minutes.

The bearers of pardon petitions filed both the outer and the private office of the governor this morning and overflowed into the hall. It reminded one of an election occasion when a crowd of admirers call to extend congratulations to a successful candidate.

Pardons have been arriving by mail, by messenger, and in person for days past and the applications for clemency apparently are increasing with the nearness of Christmas, and the governor has not yet indicated what number he will liberate for the Christmas season or what he will do in the matter. When asked this morning he said he had not yet reached any decision.

There seems to be a very general expectation for a big batch of prisoners to be freed on Christmas day.

Scarborough Bombarded by German Cruisers.



Scarborough, on the east coast of England, is one of the greatest watering places in the British Isles, and is a city of considerable importance with a population of 40,000. It is finely situated in the form of an amphitheatre on slopes rising from the sea, and mounting a promontory jutting into the North Sea. It is a little more than 200 miles from London and 37 miles northwest of the city of York. On the headland and com-

manding a fine view of the harbor are the ruins of a 15th century castle. Near that is the ancient Church of St. Mary, consisting of a nave of what was originally a late Norman and Early English church. The fashionable pa-

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

William S. West, Former United States Senator From Georgia Dies Suddenly.

(By Associated Press.)
VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—William Stanley West, former United States senator from Georgia, was found dead in bed at his home here early today. He retired last night apparently in good health and died some time during the night.

Physicians stated that death apparently was due to apoplexy.

Mr. West was appointed by Governor Slaton to the United States senate March 2, 1914, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator A. O. Bacon. His term expired last November when Thomas A. Hardwick, then a congressman, was elected to the senate.

Mr. West was born in Marion County, Georgia, August 23, 1840, and was graduated from Mercer University at Macon in 1859.

The former senator had been prominent in Georgia politics for many years. He served several terms in the legislature. He was a delegate at large to the Democratic national convention in Denver in 1908. His wife and 14-year-old son, William S. West, Jr., survive him.

The former senator had a slight attack of indigestion yesterday, but was improved late in the day. Physicians attribute his sudden death to heart failure.

Arrested in Connection With Killing of Lawyer

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Glenn Witt and Elmer C. Oxman were arrested late today in connection with the killing of William M. Alexander, a wealthy retired lawyer, by burglars in his home here this morning. Witt is said to have confessed.

Witt showed a number of bruises, which police thought were from blows administered by Miss Penelope Alexander, who grappled with the robber after her brother, William, had been shot. Oxman had a bullet wound in his leg.

Christmas Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Snapshots of temperatures and clear skies will prevail throughout the United States, according to the weather bureau predictions tonight.

The bureau's chart map showed a fine weather everywhere except in the Gulf States, which had been darkened to indicate approaching clouds. The forecasters said nothing extreme in temperatures was expected. The mercury might run a few degrees below the seasonal averages a few degrees in some sections, they said, but nowhere was it likely to be unusually cold.

Another attempt at bank robbery was made during the morning at the First National Bank when four men were detected in an effort to force the wicket of the shipping-clerk's window, behind which \$10,000 in bills of large denomination were lying. A clerk discovered them but they calmly walked from the building before they could be apprehended.

Police Frustrate Plot to Blow Up French or British Steamship

Officers Have in Their Possession a Box Containing 75 Pounds of Dynamite Connected With a Mechanical Device Arranged to Explode Within Six and a Half Days.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The arrest tonight of four men whom the police say asserted they were Germans, frustrated a plot to blow up a French or British steamship. The police have in their possession a box containing 75 pounds of dynamite, connected with a timing device set to detonate the explosive six and one-half days from tonight. The plan, according to the police, was to ship the bomb by express, consigned to a ship at New York, the intention having been that the vessel would be blown up after it got to sea.

According to one of the prisoners, the police say, the bomb now in the hands of the officials was intended to destroy the French steamship Rochambeau due to sail from New York next Saturday. From information available here, the Rochambeau sailed from New York December 13 and was reported in European waters yesterday at that time so far away from the United States that it would be impossible for her to reach New York and said at the time designated. One of those arrested, etc.

One of the men arrested stated to the police in the presence of newspaper men that the bomb taken from them by the officers was intended to be used in blowing up the Rochambeau after she sailed from New York next Saturday. According to information available the Rochambeau sailed from New York December 13 and was reported in European waters yesterday, thus making it impossible for the vessel to leave New York on the day designated by the prisoners.

One of those arrested, Peter Langlaan, the police say, told them that while he was willing to blow up a French or English ship, he was not willing to see innocent persons die. After Langlaan had told of his part in the affair the police arrested Frank Heller, alias Hans Heller, and held him on a charge of preparing explosives to ship, in violation of regulations covering the shipment of such commodities. George Summers and George Brinkman were held as accessories and Langlaan was allowed his freedom.

Heller admitted, the police say, that he prepared the bomb. The police say Summers admitted that he knew Heller was working up some plan of explosives, but denied knowledge of the plot to blow up the Rochambeau.

After being confronted with his alleged conspirators, the police say Heller admitted that it was his intention to blow up some French or English ship and that if he failed with the attempt against the Rochambeau he expected to try some other vessel. He said he was a waiter out of work and wanted to "do something to help the Fatherland."

Detectives who worked on the case said tonight that Heller told them that he got the idea of a clock arrangement from reading of the operation of the McNamara brothers.

BANK ROBBERS STEAL \$2,000

Slip Money Through Receiver Teller's Window and Make Escape.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 22.—Bank robbers this afternoon stole \$2,000 through the receiver teller's window of the Central National Bank and succeeded in making their escape before the loss was discovered. A number of persons were in the bank at the time and a prearranged telephone call to the receiving teller was used to draw him from his booth while the packets of money were drawn through the window.

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SURRENDERS TO THE AUTHORITIES

Slayer of Deputy Sheriff and a 9-Year-Old Boy Gives Himself Up to County Officers.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Matt Jarrel, alleged slayer of a deputy sheriff and a 9-year-old boy at Oakley last night, surrendered late today to Boone county authorities. Deputy Sheriff Siles Nance, was killed in a revolver duel with Jarrel, whom he attempted to arrest for drunkenness. Bullets from Jarrel's revolver are said to have struck Henry Ratcliffe, Mrs. Josephine Wines and Belle Adams. Ratcliffe died late today. The women are wounded seriously. It is reported.

Jarrel, sentenced to serve six months for pistol toting, was paroled recently by Governor Hatfield.

Fear Kidnapping or Murder.

ISLAND FALLS, Maine, Dec. 22.—Harry C. Hillman, a deputy sheriff active in the enforcement of the prohibition liquor law, has disappeared and county officials today expressed a fear that he had been kidnapped or murdered. A laborer, who is said to have made threats against the deputy because of many liquor seizures, has been detained.

McLaurin Bond Has Been Adjusted

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBIA, Dec. 22.—John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, said today that his bond had been adjusted. The bond required is \$50,000. A Columbia firm was awarded the bid, the premium being \$500. Comptroller General Jones turned down the claim on the ground that it was "excessive."

Mr. McLaurin said that the company had agreed to handle the bond for \$200.

Sails With Cotton For Bremen, Germany

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Loaded almost to her rail with cotton, the Mallory Line steamer Denver sailed today for Bremen, Germany.

Not only is her hold filled with cotton, but she also has cotton stored 'tween decks, in staterooms and the social hall. The Denver carries a crew of 65 men composed entirely of Americans.

Certainly a Pass.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The immigration bill, including the literacy test, is virtually certain to be passed by the senate soon after the Christmas recess, in the opinion of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the immigration committee.

"The bill will come up automatically after the recess," said Senator Smith today, "and its friends are strong enough to keep it up until it is voted on."

HEAVY FIGHTING WITH NO RESULT

ALLIES' OFFENSIVE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM IS BEING PRESSED

PROGRESS OF ALLIES SLOW

Fighting in Flanders and Northern France Goes Steadily on Without Abatement.

(By Associated Press.)
The French premier, Rene Viviani, at the reopening of the French parliament at Paris today reiterated in behalf of the government the declaration of France's policy with reference to the European war.

"There is at this time but one single policy," he said, "to combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the definite liberation of Europe by a victory insuring peace."

The premier alluded to the treaty of September 4, last, in which the British, French and Russian governments engaged not to conclude peace separately and not to demand conditions of peace without previous agreement among the Allies, and declared:

"France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath the sword until she has taken vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French Fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored her Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it will be possible to reconstruct on a basis of justice a Europe finally regenerated."

As for weeks past, the fighting in Flanders and the north of France goes on without abatement.

Trenches are lost and won and reports from the Allies mention small gains at various points, while from German headquarters come similar announcements of German gains. Emperor William is at the western front and his presence there is taken to indicate the importance he attaches to the general movement of the Allies to drive the Germans out.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the Allies' offensive is being pressed and, while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, that attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern areas the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the Allies is extremely slow, military experts here and in France believe the gains which the general staff has reported are disturbing the German system of fortifications at vital points and will, if successfully continued, spell a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

In the east, most of the German north of the Vistula have retired across the east Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and the Pilica, the German continue their advance and announce tonight that in a fierce battle they have crossed branches of the Bzura and Rakwa rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans again are to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have held back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops back to the west to meet the Allies' offensive but it is not considered likely this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the allied fleets have been bombarding Kilit Bahar, in the Dardanelles, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the Gallipoli opposite the island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the minister of justice, who says that 4,000 rebels are in prison and that 1,500 have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country but they are without leaders and are surrendering upon the appearance of Union soldiers.

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