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DEBATE CONCLUDED ON PACIFIC TREATY

PLANS MADE FOR FINAL VOTE TODAY WITH LEADERS AGREEING THAT RATIFICATION SEEMS CERTAIN—VOTE THREE TO TEN

Washington, March 23.—The senate concluded tonight its long debate on the four power Pacific treaty and prepared for its final vote tomorrow with leaders on both sides privately agreeing that ratification by a narrow margin seemed certain.

A display of oratorical fireworks, scarcely surpassed in spectacular effect even during the Versailles treaty fight, brought the debate to an end. Both opponents and supporters of the pact summed up their four weeks of argument in a running cross fire of discussion that lasted all day and until late at night but apparently did not change a vote.

Estimates of the outcome made tonight by senators placed the ratification majority at from three to ten votes.

A dozen or more reservations and amendments also must be voted on tomorrow but the administration managers are confident of defeat of all of them except the "no alliance" declaration framed by the foreign relations committee and accepted by President Harding. A final effort to secure administration acceptance of a second reservation extending the privileges of the treaty to outside powers failed during the day.

Making their last stand, the treaty's opponents marshalled all their oft-repeated arguments against the four power arrangement as an alliance and injected several new issues that caused momentary sensations and led to bitter exchanges. A recent speech by Trotsky serving notice that the new international group should not forget the red army of Russia was quoted by Senator Borah (Republican) of Idaho.

Allegations that the pastor who opened the arms conference with prayer was compelled to omit the name of Christ were thrown into the debate by Senators Reed (Democrat) of Missouri, Hitchcock (Democrat) of Nebraska and others.

In an arraignment of the treaty as a return to the old balance of power system, Senator Glass (Democrat) of Virginia declared it was a step toward war instead of peace.

For the treaty supporters Senators Lenroot (Republican) of Wisconsin, Kellogg (Republican) of Minnesota and others insisted that no alliance was proposed and that amity in the Pacific for many years to come would be insured by acceptance of the treaty. They argued that the opposition had misrepresented the terms of the treaty and the situation it would create, and asserted that rejection of the four power plan would jeopardize the whole program of the arms conference.

DR. W. S. CURRELL

Dr. W. S. Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, who is to give a parlor lecture this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Greene to the members of the Book Club, arrived in the city this morning and was met at the station by a committee composed of Mrs. R. C. Philson, Mrs. E. C. Horton, Mrs. C. E. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fulp, and taken to the Eureka Hotel where he will stop while in town.

Dr. Currell visited the city schools this morning and made an address to the 11th grade on "Literature and Character," after which he was driven over the city by Mrs. T. G. White.

COTTON MARKET

Local cotton market was steady at 18 cents today with little offered.

PASSAGE BONUS BILL IS CERTAIN

Washington, March 23.—Passage of the four billion dollar soldier's bonus bill by the house before adjournment was made certain today with the adoption of a resolution providing for consideration of the measure under a suspensin of the rules.

The vote on the resolutions was 221 to 121 and was without a roll call. Previously the house had adopted a motion for the previous question by a roll call of 276 to 126. As the roll call proceeded, there was more than the usual hubbub on the floor and those in the crowded galleries, strangers to congressional customs, looked down in surprise as the members milled about, talking and laughing while the clerk read the 435 names on the list. Those voting were forced to shout at the top of their voices in order to have their vote heard at the clerk's desk.

There was a breaking of party lines on the vote for the suspension resolution. Many of the democrats who voted in the negative on this motion were counted upon to support the bonus bill on the final vote and leaders were confident that more than the two-thirds majority required under the rules would be obtained.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee was at once recognized by Speaker Gillett for a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, whereupon the house launched into four hours of discussion. Some members were only given one minute, others two minutes, others three, but by unanimous consent, all had leave to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record during the next ten days.

FATE OF CHANDLER TO BE KNOWN SOON

Brothers of Defendant Testify—Plea of Insanity is Made For the Defendant.

Greenville, March 23.—The fate of Jeff Chandler, charged with murder of his wife and mother-in-law, on February 25, will in all probability be decided tomorrow by the jury, the defense having completed its case this afternoon and Solicitor Smeak having started rebuttal. Testimony was that Chandler had asserted that his wife was unfaithful and unfit to rear his children was introduced by the defense. The contention that mental stress from this was one of the exacting causes of mental unbalance was one of the features of the day. The testimony was made by two brothers of the defendant, George and J. Arch Chandler.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to expert testimony by six physicians, each of whom answered hypothetical questions relative to insanity.

MRS. CLARK HOWELL DIES

Wife of Editor of Atlanta Constitution Passes Away
Atlanta, March 23.—Mrs. Clark Howell, wife of the editor and general manager of the Atlanta Constitution, died at her home here tonight of pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

Mrs. Howell was the daughter of the late Hugh M. Comer of Savannah and a niece of former Gov. B. B. Comer of Alabama. Besides her husband and mother she is survived by four sons and four sisters and brothers.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

Dr. John I. McCain, professor of English at Erskine College, was in Abbeville today on business. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mildred McCain. Dr. McCain is one of the most distinguished educators in the state and his Abbeville friends are always glad to see him here.

ARBUCKLE TRIAL MOVES FORWARD

ALICE BLAKE BREAKS DOWN ON STAND—CASE HELD UP UNTIL WITNESS REGAINS HER COMPOSURE—NURSE GIVES TESTIMONY.

San Francisco, March 23.—Alice Blake, testifying for the prosecution in the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, broke down today during her recitation of the events at the party in Arbuckle's hotel suite which preceded the death of Miss Virginia Rappe. Court recessed until she had regained her composure.

In answer to charges by defense council that she had been coerced and intimidated, Miss Blake said on re-direct examination that nothing the district attorney had said or done had affected her veracity.

She said she had come to the district attorney's office voluntarily and had not been under his surveillance since two weeks before the first trial.

Miss Blake, attorneys said, probably would be the most important of the prosecution witnesses because of the absence of Zey Prevost, show girl, who occupied the stellar position in Arbuckle's two earlier trials. Miss Prevost is in New Orleans and reported to be too ill to come here.

Miss Grace E. Halston surgical nurse at the Wakefield sanitarium, testified that Miss Rappe had been received there September 6 and died September 9. She said she saw bruises on both arms and one leg of the film actress and when asked to describe the bruises in detail, she did so, over the protest of the defense.

George W. Blum, police photographer, identified photographs of the actress' right arm and others showing two bruises of her face and of her legs.

Arbuckle avoided looking at the photograph of the girl's face.

District attorney Brady offered a motion that the testimony of Miss Prevost at the first two trials be read into the record. It will be passed upon later.

EXPORTING OF COTTON

Staple Being Carried By American Ships in Gulf

Washington, March 23.—Ships flying the American flag operating from Gulf ports are carrying 56 per cent of the cotton exported compared with 15 per cent a year ago, Vice President Smull of the shipping board, announced today.

Shipping board operators in the Gulf ports, he said, are making requests for more ships, and the shipping board has adopted a policy of granting their requests, provided they increase their freight rates so that they will not lose money which would occur, in the view of shipping board officials, under the present rates.

In connection with the coal strike which is imminent for April 1, Mr. Smull said that, although no consideration had been given to transporting coal from England nor had any requests been made the shipping board could probably take on cargoes of coal from England at a freight rate of approximately \$2.20 a ton. It would be only a minor charge and could be done because coal would have a better ballast than any other for those ships which would have to return in ballast.

ELECTION DECLARED.

The Democratic Committee met Thursday and declared J. Moore Mars elected mayor, and M. B. Syman, J. M. Gambrell and J. S. Cochran elected aldermen.

PARCEL POST CAUSE OF DEFICIT IN P. O.

CHIEF POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR SAYS HE HAS KNOWN ALL TIME PARCEL POST WAS NOT PAYING EXPENSES. FINDING OUT COSTS

Washington, March 23.—Responsibility for deficits incurred by the postoffice department in the handling of the mails is attributed largely to the parcel post system, according to data collected by the joint postal commission which has been conducting a nation wide investigation into the cost of the handling of all classes of mail matter. Conclusions of the commissions are to be incorporated in a report to be submitted to congress next fall, after further investigations have been completed, it was announced today.

Members of the commission and officials of the department declared the parcel post to be indispensable to the country but asserted that some system should be devised to establish it on a paying basis. The commission has not yet determined finally, it was said, to what extent the postal deficit is attributable to the parcel post, but the fact that its operation had made inroads into postal appropriations had caused concern for some time, officials said.

The joint commission, created by congress to investigate postal conditions throughout the country with a view to suggesting and recommending needed improvements and extensions of service has held hearings in various cities, principally at congested postal centers like Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. It has been found, it was explained, that conditions in New York and Philadelphia, especially, were most unsatisfactory, and should be strengthened considerably if a fair standard of efficiency was to be maintained.

Rush B. Simmons, chief postoffice inspector, representing the postoffice department on the commission, said the fact that the parcel post system had been found not to be paying expenses was no surprise, it had been generally conceded for some time that something should be done to put that branch of the service on a sound basis. What recommendations the commission will make to congress in its report could not be forecast at this time, the members said.

SWEET POTATOE SPEAKERS

Messrs. Robertson and Hoffman To Be Here Monday.

A meeting will be held at 11 o'clock Monday, March 27th, in the store-room formerly occupied by the Cash Bargain store at which Mr. A. D. Robertson, Development Agent for the Seaboard Air Line and Mr. Hoffman, sweet potato expert from Clemson College will talk to the people on the subject of growing, gathering, curing and marketing sweet potatoes. Since the boll weevil struck this section it behooves the farmers to interest themselves in another money crop. With the proper advertising the sweet potato should become a world food. They are cheap, wholesome and delicious. What California has done with raisin bread the south can do with potato pudding.

The boll weevil will be a blessing in disguise if he can introduce the poor benighted bean-eating North to the joys of just one southern-made potato pudding.

But a southern woman recently visited every market in the City of Washington in search of a "Georgia Yam" and the market men had never even heard of such a thing.

What are you going to do about it?

REV. A. J. DERBYSHIRE ILL

Rev. A. J. Derbyshire has been confined to his home for the last week suffering with a ministerial sore throat, and his classes at school have been taken by Mrs. Derbyshire during his illness.

LOSS SHOWN IN INCOME TAXES

Washington, March 23.—On the basis of reported collections of income and profits taxes of the March 15 installment a shortage of \$200,000,000 in the estimated revenues from these sources for the calendar year 1922 was estimated today by the Treasury.

Original estimates of revenues from income and profits taxes for the calendar year, high officials said, were \$1,740,000,000 while returns from the March installment now indicate the total for the year will be \$1,540,000,000.

Final reports on receipts for March will not be in hand before the end of the month officials said but reports received from collectors so far indicate that not more than \$400,000,000 will be received as compared with approximately \$728,000,000 for the corresponding quarter last year.

Estimates for the March quarter of this year, officials continued, placed the total at \$460,000,000 so that the falling off in these receipts probably will mean a shortage of over \$100,000,000 in the revenue estimated in the budget for the fiscal year 1922. Estimates of tax collections on June 15 were originally \$315,000,000, officials explained, but with a more than \$60,000,000 drop in the March collections it was thought the decrease of the two quarters prior to the end of the fiscal year would be about \$100,000,000.

BEAUFORT STAGES LETTUCE FESTIVAL

Thousand Acre Crop Viewed By Visitors—Many Interesting Speeches Made.

Beaufort, March 23.—Beaufort's two day lettuce festival began Wednesday morning when the visitors to the "lettuce city" accompanied by a large crowd of Beaufort folks motored out to Bramlett's farm where a bountiful feast consisting of barbecued pork, rice, potatoes, lettuce, mayonnaise, relishes, bread and coffee was served.

After dinner the cars lined up for a visit to several fields of Beaufort's thousand acre lettuce crop, stopping on the way to see an interesting old fort built before 1600 on Mr. Bramlett's place and also at the Home Farm dairy where Mr. Kinney served delicious sweet milk and buttermilk.

It is sincerely hoped that these festival will be an annual event and that every county of South Carolina may be represented at the second lettuce festival in 1923.

CONFER DEGREES

Geo. T. Bryan of Greenville and W. A. Giles of Belton came down yesterday to be present at the Call Convocation of the Hesperian Chapter R. A. M., at which Master and Royal Arch Degrees were conferred. A large attendance of members was present, and after the meeting a delightful supper was served them by a committee from the Parent-Teacher Association.

ERSKINE STARS SICK.

Alvin Reid, J. W. Beard and B. O. Evans, special base ball stars at Erskine, have been on the sick list and confined to the infirmary for several days. The doctor has been working over time to get them out and in shape to play in the game today.

DUE WEST VISITORS.

Mrs. M. G. Donald, Mrs. Jesse Pratt, Mrs. R. D. Purdy and Miss Eva Pratt were in the city yesterday from Due West. The attraction here named to be the millinery stores.

150 DESTROYERS DECOMMISSIONED

THOSE OF PACIFIC FLEET TO GO TO SAN DIEGO—ATLANTIC FLEET TO PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD—COST IN CHARLESTON TOO HIGH

Washington, March 23.—The 68 destroyers of the Pacific fleet ordered out of commission by June 30, will be stoted at the destroyer base, San Diego, Calif., while the 82 "decommissioned" destroyers of the Atlantic fleet will go to the Philadelphia navy yard, under orders approved today by Secretary Denby.

The plan for disposition of the "decommissioned" destroyers were worked out by a special naval board headed by Captain Kalbfus which considered that the "ideal plan" would have been to put the entire 150 vessels at San Diego. This was not found possible, however, because of the fuel cost involved in moving the Atlantic destroyers to the Pacific.

Orders for decommissioning the ships direct that those in the Pacific be placed under the jurisdiction of the commander in chief of the Pacific fleet while a special officer with the rank of captain will be in charge of those at the Philadelphia yard. Ammunition and removable equipment for each shipment is to be stored ashore, tagged to show from which ship it came, and so disposed that all can be quickly replaced on that vessel if needed.

In that connection, the report of the board said:

"The board is greatly impressed with the value of these vessels both from a military as well as a financial standpoint and is fully alive to the necessity of thorough and efficient measures in decommissioning them and for their care and preservation while out of commission.

"The board has accordingly been guided by that realization that when needed for national defense they will be requested at short notice and must be in such condition that they can be made ready for service at once."

The suggestion that all destroyers be sent to San Diego was said by the board to be the "ideal plan" because here were no disadvantages at that port either of climate or exposure to storms. A second proposal to place the Atlantic destroyers out of commission at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard, also was considered but rejected because of the higher cost of staving for them at that place than at Philadelphia.

FOR THE BONUS BILL

South Carolina Delegation is Almost Solid.

Washington, March 23.—The entire South Carolina delegation in the House today voted for the bonus bill except Representative F. H. Dominick, who took the same old stand this time which he took two years ago when the entire Palmetto delegation voted against a bonus bill. Representatives McSwain, Fulmer and Logan were not members of the delegation on the previous vote. Mr. McSwain told the House today that he would not claim or accept any of the benefits of the bonus bill if it should be enacted. He is a veteran of the World War.

Bandits Get \$100,000 in Jewelry.
Cincinnati, O., March 23.—Within view of hundreds of passers-by three bandits today held up the Liberty Loan office, in the heart of the city and escaped with diamonds and jewelry estimated by Sam Sabin owner of the pawnshop, at \$100,000.

NEWS FROM MRS. GILLELAND

Mrs. Roy Gilleland had her right limb amputated four inches above the knee yesterday at the Davis-Fisher Sanitarium in Atlanta and is reported resting well.