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ARMY BILL PASSED WITHOUT ROLL CALL

MEASURE PROVIDES THAT BY JULY 1 REGULAR ARMY MUST BE REDUCED TO 115,000 MEN. CARRIES A TOTAL OF \$288,000,000.

Washington, March 29.—Without roll call the house today passed the army appropriation bill carrying approximately \$288,000,000 to meet military and non-military expenses of the war department during the coming fiscal year.

As sent to the senate the measure provides that by July 1 the enlisted strength of the regular army must be reduced to 115,000 men, exclusive of 7,000 Philippine scouts and the number of officers decreased to 11,000.

The principal changes made in the bill by the house were the elimination of a provision that all troops stationed in China and a part of those on duty in Hawaii, the Panama canal zone and on the Rhine should be returned to the United States by July 1, and the adoption of an amendment increasing by \$15,000,000 the amount carried as a lump sum toward continuation of work during the coming fiscal year on various river and harbor projects.

Just prior to passage of the bill Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, demanded another on the amendment, increasing the rivers and harbors item which was adopted Monday without a roll call by a 158 to 54 vote. The house acting on the demand decided by a vote of 172 to 75 to retain in the bill amendment which increased from \$27,635,260 to \$42,815,661 the amount provided for various improvement.

A second vote also was demanded on three amendments which increased national guard appropriations but the three items remained in the bill by safe margins. An amendment increased from \$9,000,000 to \$11,000,000 the army drill pay allowance for national guards. Another by \$100,000 the \$800,000 provision for the care of national guard animals while the third removed a restriction, carried in the bill that none of the money was to be used in caring for more than 4,000 horses and mules.

The bill was sent to the senate practically in the form in which it was drafted by a subcommittee of which Representative Anthony, Republican, Kansas was chairman. Except in a few instances attempts to amend the measure were frustrated.

The chief reverse suffered by the sub-committee was the adoption of the rivers and harbors amendment, offered by Chairman Dempsey of the rivers and harbors committee also opposed an amendment by Representative Rogers, Republican, Massachusetts, to eliminate the provision for withdrawal of certain troops stationed outside continental United States but Mr. Anthony agreed to its adoption.

As framed the bill carried \$270,353,000, approximately \$116,000,000 less than the amount appropriated for war department activities during the current fiscal year and a reduction of nearly \$88,000,000 from budget bureau estimates. House amendments added about \$18,000,000 to the total.

The bill was the first annual supply measure passed by the house this session. Two appropriation bills—the naval and department of justice—state department measures—have not yet been acted upon by the house.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR COX

R. E. Cox went to Greenwood last night to take the Knight Templar Degree in Masonry. He thinks it fine, and his regret this morning is that his mother cannot take the same degree.

ABANDON HOPE OF HALTING STRIKE

AMONG THE DEMANDS OF THE MINERS IS ONE OF \$5.20 A DAY FOR UNSKILLED LABOR. MINERS LAY DOWN THEIR TOOLS AT MIDNIGHT FRIDAY.

New York, March 30.—The hush of idleness seems today to be already descending upon the unionized coal industry of the nation, and the anthracite miners and operators sub-committee on wage negotiations abandoned all hope of halting the strike set for April 1, and entrenched themselves for a long struggle over the conference table.

Strike notices have been posted in both the bituminous and anthracite fields, Phillip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced. Union miners, 595,000 strong, will lay down their tools at midnight tomorrow, when their present working contract with the operators will expire, he said.

While expressing a hope for speedy negotiations of a new contract for the anthracite workers, neither miners nor operators would predict today that such an agreement would be reached before the nation began to feel the pinch of a coal shortage.

"We have been asked to substantiate our demands for higher wages, and we must have time to do so," said labor members of the committee of eight.

"We are content to wait until the miners have fully presented their case. Then it will be our turn to come to bat," said the operators.

With these comments, they resumed discussion of the mass of data on costs of living, wage increases, hazards of the industry, mechanical production and market profits, on which the union men base their 19 demands. Among them they are stressing the demand for a 20 per cent increase to contract laborers; a minimum of \$5.20 a day for unskilled day laborers; the check-off system by which the miner operator collects the workman's union dues and a uniform wage scale for machine operators.

To these demands the operators have thus far made but one answer—"wages in the anthracite industry must come down."

What percentage of reduction they will demand, the operators have not yet revealed.

FLYING AMERICAN FLAG

United States Ships Carry 50 Per Cent of Cargoes

Washington, March 30.—Ships flying the American flag carried 50 per cent of the foreign commerce of the United States during February, the Shipping Board announced today. American ships carried 67 per cent of the exports. The total cargo tonnage moved in the month by American and other vessels was 4,864,000 tons.

In tank ship cargoes alone, the American ships moved 81 per cent of the total or 92 per cent of the import movement, which constitutes four-fifths of this trade.

Loss Money Made

Washington, March 30.—Because the government is making less money a reduction of 500 in the staff of approximately 5,900 employees of the bureau of engraving and printing has been ordered, it was announced tonight by Secretary Mellon.

MRS. CULBRETH SICK

Mrs. I. E. Culbreth has been very sick at her home on Magazine street for the last few days.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 17 3-4 on the local market today.

OPERATORS OPEN THEIR CONTEST

PRESIDENT OF ONE COMPANY SAYS MEN ARE MOST PROSPEROUS IN UNITED STATES. OPPOSE NINETEEN DEMANDS OF MINERS

New York, March 30.—With a preliminary declaration that "residents of the anthracite mine region are the most prosperous in the United States," operator today launched before the subcommittee on wage contract negotiations their fight against the 19 demands of the miners as a basis for settlement of the strike set for April 1.

Speaking for the operators, S. D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, produced figures setting forth that bank deposits in the anthracite district had increased \$75,000,000 in the last two years. This, he said, clearly indicates that the miners already are receiving the "saving wage" upon which they base their demand for a 20 per cent increase for contract work and \$1 per shift for day labor.

Phillips Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, countered with a denial that the operators' figures, compiled by the national industrial conference board were based on facts. The industrial board, he said, is "a clear cut, open shop, anti-union organization, but are colored and thoroughly unreliable."

Mr. Warriner admitted that the data of the industrial board had been gathered at the request of the operators and said the coal producers had contributed funds to the organization. He denied, however, that the coal operators were members of the board.

The conference of the arbitration committee today failed to take any action which would halt suspension of work at the anthracite mines Saturday, Secretary Gorman announced when the session ended.

The saving wage demand of the miners was still the point at issue, it was said, with union delegates maintaining that costs of living in the anthracite regions had been on the up-grade while wages were at a standstill.

Will Close on Good Friday

New York, March 30.—The New York stock exchange will suspend operations on Good Friday, it was announced today. Most other local exchanges will also observe that day.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS, SELECT LOT FOR HIGH

The Board of Trustees of the City Schools met yesterday afternoon in the office of Chairman Barnwell to consider the matter of building the new high school. Mr. Preacher, the architect from Augusta selected for the work sometime ago, was present. After going over plans Mr. Preacher returned to Augusta and will be in Abbeville again within ten days to make further plans with the Board.

The Trustees selected the Cabell lot on Chestnut Street for the High school building. The price to be paid for it is \$7,000. The architect, it is understood, says that the erection of the building on this lot will save some \$2,500 as against another lot where much excavating has to be done.

After paying incidental expenses and other expenses connected with the bond issue and the past due indebtedness of the district for repairs, the money from the bond sale was ordered distributed amongst the several banks in the city.

Superintendent Fulp was re-elected as Superintendent of the schools,

AUSTRALIA GIVEN 25 YEARS TO PAY

"TIME TO LOOK AFTER OUR OWN PEOPLE," SAYS DEMOCRATIC MEMBER—\$25,000,000 FLOUR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY HOUSE

Washington, March 30.—The joint resolution already adopted by the Senate authorizing a twenty-five-year extension for payment by Austria of \$25,000,000 for flour purchased through the United States Grain Corporation was adopted late today by the House.

The vote, 142 to 50, was taken after a bitter partisan debate and after the defeat of a motion by a vote of 187 to 115 to send the measure back to the ways and means committee. Members advocating this move insisted action should not be taken until the subject was considered by the debt commission.

Representative Longworth, Republican, Ohio, in presenting the resolution said it released Austrian assets pledged for payment to the United States, if substantially all of the other creditor nations waived similar liens upon Austrian assets. The loan, he said, rested upon an entirely different basis from Allied loans and no interest had been paid because Austria lacked income sufficient to meet her own government expenses.

In his attack on the resolution Representative Garner, Texas, declared there was no information to be laid before Congress respecting the need of postponement. He insisted its passage would set a precedent "which will turn to plague you Republicans in handling the Allied debt."

Asked if it were "an emotional bill," Mr. Garner said:

"Well, a very charming lady named Mrs. Todd has interviewed everybody concerning it, but I don't know if you call that emotional."

There was a round of applause from both sides of the chamber when Representative Walsh, Republican, Massachusetts, who offered the motion to recommit, declared the time had come when Congress ought to pay attention to the needs of its own people instead of trying to aid those who sought a few years ago to overthrow this government.

Child Drinks Lye

Manning, March 30.—The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morris died yesterday morning from the effects of drinking some lye water that had been left in the room.

THE SIAMESE TWINS DIED IN HOSPITAL

DEATHS OCCURRED WITHIN FEW SECONDS EACH OTHER. TWINS WERE 42 YEARS OF AGE AND ONE WAS A WIDOW WITH 11 YEAR OLD SON.

Chicago, March 30.—Josefa and Rosa Blazek, the "Siamese twins," died at a hospital here early this morning. Josefa's death occurred first and was followed in a few seconds by the death of her sister. Physicians had declared early in the night that in the event of the death of one of the sisters the other would die quickly as their brother, Frank Blazek, had refused to permit an operation which would sever their bodies.

The twins had been in the hospital ten days. Josefa was ill with yellow jaundice and that was followed by pneumonia. Shortly before her death Rosa was afflicted with bronchitis.

Preparations had been made for the severing operation and the physicians were ready to make every effort to save the life of at least one of the women.

Hope of saving the life of Josefa was abandoned at midnight according to Dr. B. H. Breakstone, chief of the surgical staff at the hospital.

Dr. Breakstone explained that a delicate operation would have been necessary. Before their death he had expressed the opinion that the physiological affinity of the twins was so vital that if one should die the other might also succumb before the band of flesh and bone that joins them could be severed.

Although the twins possessed separate respiratory and cardiac systems Dr. Breakstone explained that they had only one set of secondary digestive and procreative organs.

Rosa was once married, her name being Rosa Blazek Dvorak. She is survived by a normal 11 year old boy. Her husband was a captain in the German army and was killed in action in 1917. She was married 15 years ago. Josefa never married.

The twins were the second offspring of a normal parentage in Czechoslovakia forty-two years ago. There were four other children, all normal and all still living. The father is said to be alive, his age being 85 years. The mother died a year ago at the age of 65 years.

During a tour of the world the twins acquired considerable wealth. They died without making a will, although their attorney, J. L. Triska, has been at the hospital several days in the hope that they would be in condition to dictate the document.

LITTLE HOPE EXPRESSED

For Recovery of Former Emperor Charles.

Lisbon, March 30.—There is little hope that former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, will survive his illness, according to advices received here today from the Island of Madeira. In addition to pneumonia there are cerebral complications. The doctors have resorted to the administration of oxygen.

The one-time emperor has made his will.

A MOUNTAIN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bowie and children left yesterday for an automobile trip through the mountains of North Carolina. They will be gone ten days. A trip up the French Broad River and through North Carolina when the dogwood and mountain laurel is in bloom is a delight, and can only be compared in beauty to the famous Magnolia Garden near Charleston.

DR. HARRIS OPERATES

Dr. J. C. Harris is in Abbeville today to perform an operation at the Memorial Hospital.

TREATIES ADOPTED IN BIG LANDSIDE

SENATORS VOTE 74 TO 1 TO LIMIT NAVIES—PACT TO OUTLAW SUBMARINE WAR ON MERCHANT SHIPS PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Washington, March 30.—The two arms conference treaties limiting the navies of the great powers and restricting the use of submarines and poison gas were ratified in a landslide of approbation today by the Senate.

To the naval limitation covenant declaring a naval building holiday and fixing a ratio of capital ship strength for the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, the Senate gave its final assent by a vote of 74 to 1, and then almost without debate it accepted, 71 to 0, the pact designed to prevent submarine operations against merchantmen and to outlaw chemical warfare altogether. No amendments or reservations were proposed to either.

The only negative vote was cast against the naval treaty by Senator France, Republican, Maryland, who said he regarded naval reduction as a dangerous expedient under present world conditions. Every other member of the "irreconcilable" bloc who was present cast a vote in the affirmative, although Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, told the Senate he regarded the treaty as only a beginning and Senator Johnson, Republican, California, declared he accepted the fortifications "status quo" provisions for the Pacific with "grave misgivings."

A speech assailing the poison gas articles of the submarine and gas treaty was made on the Senate floor by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, chairman of the military committee, but before the ratification roll call he left the chamber and did not vote. The New York Senator disagreed with the statement in the treaty text that use of gas in warfare had been "justly condemned by the general opinion of the civilized world," and argued that chemical warfare had not proved actually more brutal than other accepted methods of destruction, and expressed a fear that the treaty pledges would be violated in any emergency.

As soon as the two pacts had been disposed of administration leaders brought formally before the Senate the general Far Eastern treaty. Debate on it will begin tomorrow, with indications pointing to opposition from a small group of Senators who believe that China's interests were not sufficiently protected. It is the hope of the leaders, however, that both this pact and the Chinese tariff treaty, the last remaining covenant will be ratified during the present week.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gregory and Misses Ruth and Lucile Gregory arrived in the city today from Williamston and will make their home in Abbeville in the future. The Bradley house on Wardlaw street has been purchased for a home and the family will live there. Mr. Gregory expects to make many improvements on the place at once.

Mr. Gregory is the owner of the local Telephone Company, and is a man of business ability, and to have him bring his family to live here is an addition to the town in a business way, and socially.

MAYOR'S COURT

Sadie Boyd, Annie Mims and Allen Boyd failed to appear before the Mayor's Court on charges and forfeited bonds of \$12.50 each. Bennie McElroy, beating train, fined \$5.00 and sentence suspended. Walter Bowie, loafing and loitering, fined \$5.00.