

PEACE TREATY MUST GO INTO CAMPAIGN

Senate Deadlock Can Not Be Broken

DEBATE STOPS SOON

Leaders Have Apparently Reached Conclusion That Nothing Can Be Done Now.

Washington, March 1.—Convinced that for the present their labors to break the peace treaty deadlock are a waste of time senate leaders moved today to get the treaty out of the way of pressing legislation and to let the issues raised by the ratification fight into the political campaign for decision.

Under the plan agreed to and apparently acquiesced in by all elements of both parties, compromise negotiations on the crucial reservation to Article 10 are to be dropped, re-adoption of the Republican reservation program of last session is to be completed as a formality, and the final vote on ratification is to be taken to put the treaty out of the senate and into the campaign.

Some senators predicted tonight that the final vote, which will record another failure to ratify would come within the next three days. Among most of the leaders however, the prediction was that the smoldering debate would take at least the remainder of the week to burn itself out in spite of general cooperation to keep it sharply under control.

The decision to hasten action was reached when the Republican leaders, convinced the Democrats would block ratification unless the Article 10 reservation were modified, determined to stand by their guns and insist that the reservation go into the ratification resolution without any change of substance or of language. In this reaffirmation they acceded to a demand by the Republican irreconcilables opposed to ratification who had intimated that they might adopt methods of their own to wreck the Republican

program if they saw signs of weakening on Article 10.

The coup of the irreconcilables in thus bringing the treaty fight to a truce was a virtual repetition of the move by which, several weeks ago, they ended the bi-partisan compromise negotiations by bringing pressure to bear on the Republican leaders when an agreement seemed imminent. Holding the balance of power, their votes have to be counted on by the Republicans to adopt any of the proposed reservations, and in addition they are understood to have pointed out that if their counsels were disregarded, they easily could talk the treaty over into the campaign under the senate's rule of unlimited debate.

In fact a program of extensive debate already had been inaugurated by the irreconcilables, members of the group having held the floor several hours each day during last week's sessions. Under today's agreement they are expected not only to discontinue that program but to vote with the Republicans as they did last session in adopting reservations.

The senate took no action on the treaty during today's session which was cut short by adjournment on account of the death of Senator Bankhead. Under unanimous consent the vote to have been taken today on the domestic questions reservation was put over until tomorrow.

JERSEY "WETS" WIN VICTORY; BEER BILL PASSES SENATE

With Galleries Jammed as Never Before and Crowd Wild With Applause, "Drys" Lose Battle.

Trenton, N. J., March 1.—The New Jersey Senate tonight passed by a vote of 12 to 9 the compromise beer bill providing for the manufacturing, selling and transporting of beverages containing not more than 3 1/2 per cent alcohol by volume. Under the provisions the bill, after being enacted into law, will not become effective until after peace has been officially proclaimed.

The measure, which passed the

House last week, went through the Senate after references had been made to the State Senate in 1863 condemning President Lincoln for his emancipation of the slaves; after it had been stated that the State of New Jersey would become a traitor to a great cause, and after the Anti-Saloon League had been excoriated for its lobbyism in antagonism to a move to have the beer law in the State so that the Attorney General could fight for State's rights on the question before the United States Supreme Court. It was the most tense night in the Senate within a quarter of a century.

With galleries jammed as never before with men and women and the floors of the chamber packed to a point of suffocation, the debate surged along until Senator Simpson, from Hudson, brought forth tumultuous applause by declaring that it was up to the Legislature to act on the concurrent powers vested in it on the liquor question by the Volstead act.

Previous to the passage of the beer bill the Senate defeated by a vote of 4 to 13 an amendment by Senator Haines, introducer of a recent 5 per cent beer bill, which would allow the people of the State to vote on whether or not they wanted 3 1/2 per cent beer.

The Senate also defeated an amendment by Senator Sturgess of Gloucester, increasing the amount of fine and length of imprisonment for the first violation of the 3 1/2 per cent beer law. The vote was 4 to 14. Governor Edwards is expected to sign it tomorrow morning.

NAVY SELLS 152 VESSELS

Washington, March 1.—Secretary Daniels informed the Senate today that in disposing of excess war tonnage the navy had sold so far 152 vessels, most of them small craft of practically no commercial value. Although no condition relative to foreign ownership attached to the sales, he said, only one of the ships had been placed under a foreign flag.

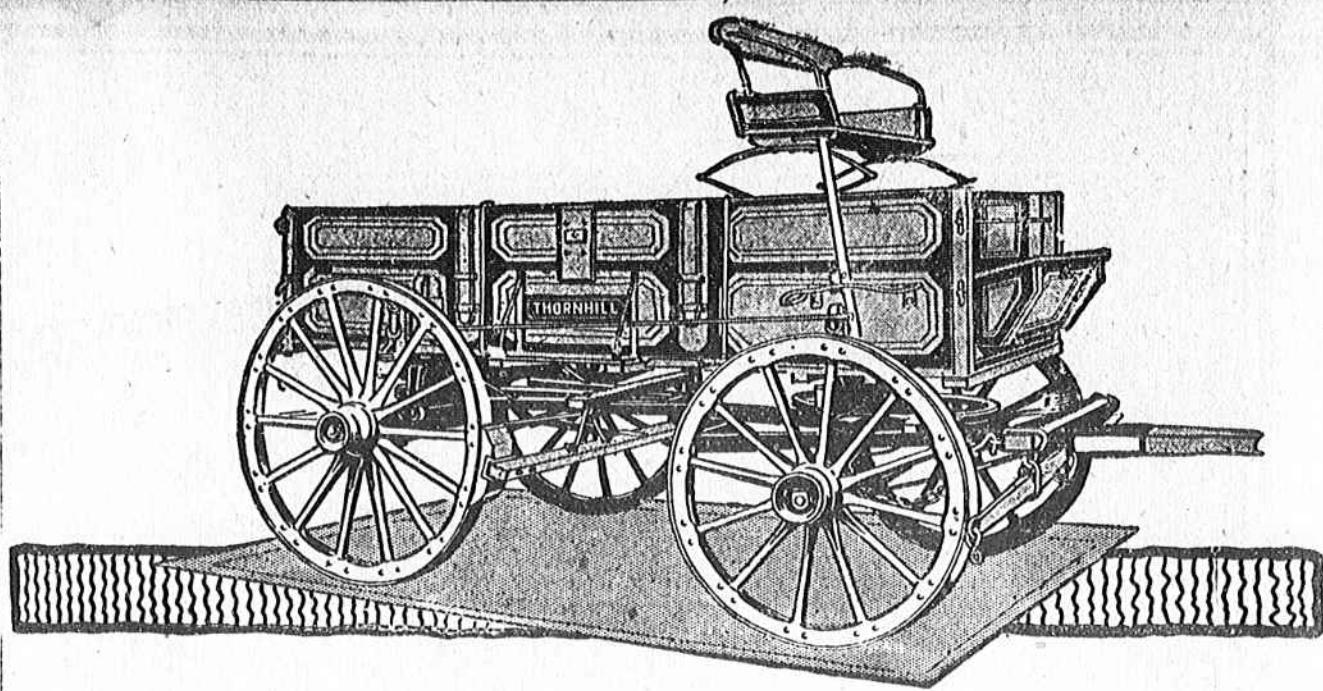
The largest ship disposed of was of 3,000 tons displacement. Prices ranged from \$150 to \$501,000.

PRAISE FOR SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Washington, March 1.—The savings division of the treasury department was notified today that the South Carolina legislature had adopted a concurrent resolution congratulating the schools' authorities of the state on their active interest in teaching thrift and encouraging the sale of thrift and war savings stamps. This makes the seventh state, the department announced, to take official legislative action for the promotion of thrift instruction in its schools.

A \$25,000 COTTON FIRE

York, March 1.—Cotton valued at approximately \$25,000 was totally destroyed this afternoon in a fire which partially consumed the cotton warehouses of the Hill Banking and Mercantile Company at Sharon. The fire, it was said, was caused by sparks from an engine. There were approx-



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NOT FOR PROHIBITION

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—National prohibition was denounced and congress was asked to repeal the 18th amendment in a resolution adopted here today at the tenth district Republican convention.

About one-third of the convention was composed of women. The resolution was cheered lustily when introduced. It declares national prohibition an infringement on state's rights as guaranteed by the constitution and asks that hereafter proposed constitutional amendments be submitted to the people for ratification.

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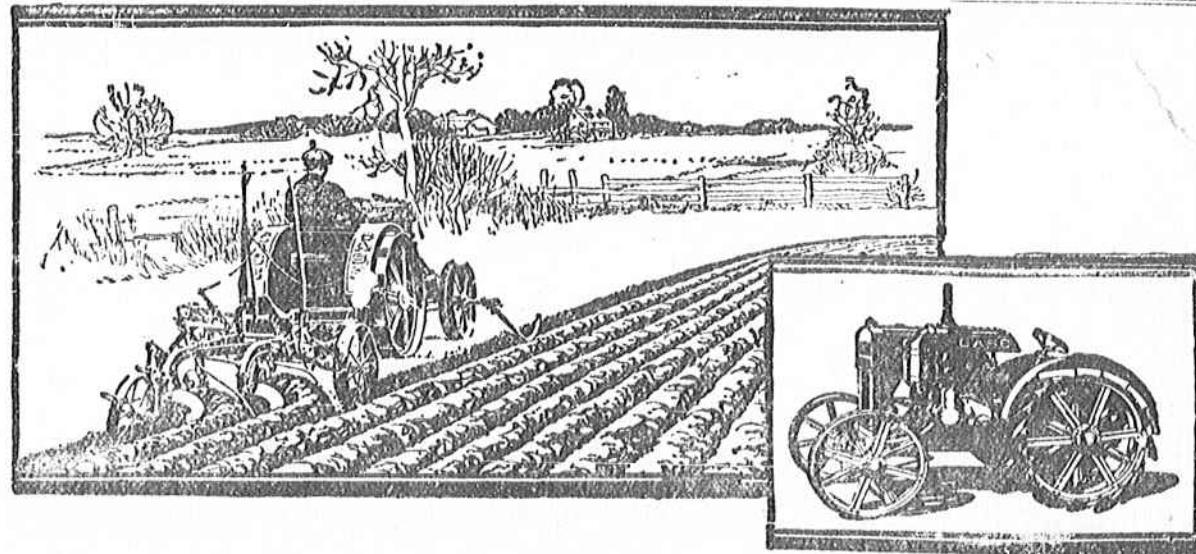
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