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BORAH SCORES ALLIANCE TALK

Sees War In World's Belief In Anglo-American Alliance. Pittman for Spending Billions To Make World Safe for Civilization.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, warned the senate today that America was risking war by permitting the world to believe it was in an alliance with Great Britain.

Other nations "practically without exception" believe the United States and Britain are building up their navies under a "tacit alliance," Borah asserted.

The result, he added, was a world "practically gone mad" in an armament race similar to the one that led to the World War.

Chairman Pittman, Democrat, of Nevada, of the senate foreign relations committee, quickly took issue with the ranking Republican member of his committee, contending that America was avoiding "alliance, either for offense, or defense."

An alliance, he argued, would make naval building less necessary. Construction was necessitated, he added, "by the very fact that our policy calls for no military alliances."

"The cheapest thing this country can do," Pittman asserted, "would be to spend a few billion dollars for national defense to preserve the civilization, humanity and morality of the world."

Meanwhile, the house naval committee heard testimony that construction of superdreadnaughts by the United States depends largely upon verification of reports that Japan is building battleships "very much larger" than the 35,000-ton type permitted under the 1936 London naval treaty.

Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations, said that if such reports proved true about Japan or any other sea power, it was "almost certain" the treaty nations would follow suit.

He testified on a proposed \$800,000,000 naval expansion program designed to carry out President Roosevelt's recommendation for a 20 per cent increase in the fleet.

Only Great Britain, France and the United States are bound by the treaty, but Leahy said they could invoke an "escape" clause and build larger ships if any other country disregards the 35,000-ton battleship limitation.

He said information had been published in Italy that Japan had some 43,000-ton capital ships under construction but, despite the efforts of its intelligence services, the United States had been unable to get any official data on the Japanese warship program.

Under President Roosevelt's expansion program, the United States would get three additional 35,000-ton battleships, but Leahy indicated further tonnage authorization might be necessary if bigger ships were decided upon. The Roosevelt program would authorize a total of 47 warships and 22 auxiliaries.

Although he reiterated that the Roosevelt program was essential, Leahy told the committee he was "unwilling to admit" that any foreign power could destroy the navy, adding that this would be necessary before an invader could land on the continental United States. He said, however, that Britain's fleet was "much more powerful" than that of the United States.

The usually frank exchange between Borah and Pittman, the senate's two leading spokesmen on foreign affairs, took place during a general senate debate over American policy.

Pittman, replying to a demand yesterday from Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, for a clarification of the policy, asserted that it was already clear. The administration, he said, had never strayed from its course of "non-interference, non-intervention in the affairs of others governments."

Johnson immediately asked whether American foreign policy was that outlined by Pittman, or the one suggested by the president in his Chicago speech calling for a "quarantine" of warring nations.

The Californian contended that by virtue of the president's Chicago speech, and the inconclusive Brussels conference, America was "in the pusillanimous position of having threatened a country and not carried through."

Senate To Speed Money Measure

Branch Gets Bill From House. No Hearings Are Planned By Ward Committee.

Columbia, Jan. 31.—The appropriations spotlight in the general assembly shifted Friday to the senate when that body received the \$12,351,698 state money measure passed last Friday by the house of representatives.

The bill, carrying appropriations for the 1938-39 fiscal year, was given a first reading and referred to the finance committee for overhauling but that group, Chairman S. M. Ward, has already served notice, will waste no time on its report.

In order to expedite enactment of the measure, Ward has announced that his committee would hold no hearings, as is the general custom, and would get to work immediately on revising the bill to its own liking.

The move was announced as an effort for a short session. The bill was already through the stormy house channels in a comparatively brief time due to night sessions and the fact that the ways and means committee had its draft ready before the legislature convened.

Final determination of the bill's total will, however, as usual, be mainly in the hands of the free conference committee that will be appointed to iron out senate and house differences.

The total of the bill as it now stands was the highest in the history of the state, exceeding by \$1,300,000 the \$11,019,390 total of the 1936 measure. Receding from that figure since that time because of depression and post-depression retrenchment, the appropriations were now on the way towards a new peak.

Twenty years ago in 1918 general appropriations totaled only \$3,376,130 but in eleven years—in 1929—they had more than trebled to a total of \$10,679,876. The total of the previous year had fallen just short of the ten-million mark.

After the 1930 peak, appropriations steadily declined and reached lows of \$9,043,790 in the 1933-34 act, which was for 18 months as it was the first measure passed after the state's fiscal year was changed to run from July through June, and of \$6,548,704 in the act for 1934-35.

From those figures, however, appropriations once more began inching up and reached a total of \$10,326,323 in the act for the current year.

Observers of the appropriations figures, however, point out that separate items in the bills of the last few years have generally been less than formerly—it is the increased number of departments, they say, that has caused the larger totals.

Teachers' Meet In Laurens Saturday

The Laurens County Teachers Association will meet in the Laurens high school auditorium Saturday, Feb. 5 at 10:30, with President W. E. Monts of this city, presiding.

The topic for discussion will be "A County School Library Program." The speaker will be Miss Agnes Crawford, State Director W. P. A. Library Program.

Departmental meetings will follow. In the high school group Miss Sarah Kennerly, librarian, Clinton high school, will discuss "The Function of the Library in the High School." Miss Fanny T. Tabor of the Greenville County Library, will speak to the Elementary School group on "Developing Appreciation for Books." The Primary school division will be addressed by Miss Aliene Franks, teacher of the first grade, Laurens. Her topic will be "Classroom Libraries in the Primary Grades."

The next meeting will be held in Clinton on March 8.

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Kiwanians Feted At Goldville

W. A. Moorhead Is Host To Local Club. Musical Program Presented and Dinner Served.

Members of the Clinton Kiwanis club were guests Thursday evening of Kiwanian W. A. Moorhead at Goldville. The meeting was held in the attractive new girls' club house, with only one member of the club absent.

The members were heartily welcomed by Mr. Moorhead, who spoke of the new building and its purpose. He stated that the mill management is vitally interested in the boys and girls of their community, and that the building had been provided as a recreational center for the young people. He then announced that a special musical program had been arranged for the occasion under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Hagan Smith. G. N. Foy, a member of the club and head of the Joanna school, presided and announced the numbers.

The program opened with a selection by the girls glee club. A piano solo was given by Miss Grace Martin, and a violin selection by Miss Annette Moorhead. Margaret Caldwell, a member of the fifth grade, sang two songs and scored a big hit with the audience. Other selections were given by the glee club, the program being a most enjoyable one and rendered in a highly creditable manner by those who took part.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the gathering went to the Joanna Inn where a sumptuous banquet dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Mamie White.

The club had as its guest of honor, Aug. W. Smith, Jr., of Greenville, lieutenant governor of division 9 in the Kiwanis Carolinas district. President R. E. Ferguson presided and interesting reports were heard from several committees for the new year. A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was extended Mr. Moorhead and Mrs. White by the club.

The club received and cordially welcomed P. B. Mitchell, superintendent of the Joanna Cotton Mills, as a new member.

Davis To Offer For Re-election

John D. Davis, of this city, serving his first year as clerk of court, announced definitely this week that he expects to be in the race this summer for re-election.

Mr. Davis, a native Clintonian, is filling a part term of the late Thos. W. Bennett, his appointment having been made until the next general election.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Davis said he has been most cordially received by the public since assuming the position, and has been quite busy familiarizing himself with the work and duties of the office. "I feel in offering," he said, "that I can be of service to the citizens of the county and pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office at all times in a prompt, efficient and impartial manner."

Joanna Mills Back On Full Time

After an eight weeks curtailment period, the Joanna Cotton Mills, Goldville, went back this week to their full-time schedule. The mill, as before, is now operating on two five-day, 40-hour shifts.

Track Meet To Be Held Here

Coaches Fix May 6-7 for Annual Event. Tennis Tournament Is Scheduled To Begin May 11.

On last Friday Presbyterian college was host to the South Carolina Coaches association which met in Leroy Springs gymnasium to arrange schedules for the various sports of the coming spring season. Coach Tatum Gressette, of The Citadel, who is president of the association, was in charge of the meeting.

Among those present were Coaches Jess Neely and Bob Jones of Clemson; Dr. Charles N. Wyatt, faculty chairman of the Furman Athletic association; Coach Setzler of Newberry; Athletic Director Jules Carson and Coach Robinson of Wofford; Coach Jake Todd of Erskine, and Athletic Director Bill Harth of Carolina. Also present from Carolina was "Catfish" Smith, who is the newly appointed baseball coach at the university. Athletic Director Walter A. Johnson represented the Blue Hose coaching staff at the meeting.

The association succeeded in formulating the baseball, tennis, and golf schedules of the various state colleges, and also finished incomplete track schedules for the coming season. These schedules are to be released next week.

The coaches unanimously agreed to hold both the South Carolina intercollegiate track meet and the state tennis tournament at Presbyterian college.

The track meet will begin with the freshman events and varsity trials on Friday, May 6. Varsity finals will be run off as usual on the following night, Saturday, May 7.

The annual tennis tournament will begin on Wednesday, May 11, and will continue through Saturday, May 14. In former years only varsity matches have been held, but the association decided to have both a varsity and a freshman tournament this year.

Having completed other minor business, the coaches proceeded to Judd dining hall where they were guests of the college at lunch.

New Registration Required This Year

J. C. McMillan, of this city, chairman of the county registration board, called attention several days ago to the fact that this is the year for new registration and that all old registration certificates are out of date.

Under the law, he said, new registration is required every 10 years. The present books were opened in 1928 and will have to be discarded this year.

The board met in the court house the first 15 days of January, as required by law, and will be opened the first three days of each succeeding month of the year, except November, the month of the general election. Under the law, the books cannot be opened during the thirty days prior to the general election.

Other members of the board are W. T. Crews of Laurens, and A. W. Sims of Waterloo.

Increase Benefits For Small Farms

Conferees Agree On Higher Scale for Them While Setting Limit On Large Growers.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senate and house conferees on the farm bill said today that they had agreed to limit large benefit payments and to increase the size of checks to small farmers.

An original proposal to make \$10,000 annually the top figure was modified, they said, so that individuals and partnerships farming in several states would receive this amount for complying with the federal farm program in each state.

However, a corporation could not receive more than \$10,000 for compliance throughout the country.

The provisions agreed upon would apply to producers of major crops other than sugar. Benefits for sugar growers are controlled by separate existing legislation.

Senator Pope said that the payment limitation probably would reduce government checks to "from 50 to 100 larger land-owners," including many insurance corporations.

He said that the increase in checks to small farmers would be financed by using 10 per cent of available benefit funds. Since \$500,000 is expected to be available this year, he said, \$50,000,000 would be used to step up checks under \$200.

He said that farmers who otherwise would receive \$20 or less would get an automatic increase of \$8; those otherwise receiving \$20 to \$40 would get \$12 additional; those in the \$40 to \$60 class, an increase of \$12 plus ten per cent of the payment above \$40; those from \$60 to \$186, a flat increase of \$14; and those from \$186 to \$200, enough to bring the sum to an even \$200.

Agreement also was reported on the creation of farmer committees for administration of the program.

Under the agreement, county farm committees, charged with allocating acreage and paying out benefits, would be elected by all the farmers of a county.

State farmer committees, operating programs within the states, would be appointed by the secretary of agriculture from names suggested by county groups.

McMillan Named Laurens Mayor

Defeats W. Henry Franks. Several Changes In Aldermanic Races In Tuesday's Primary.

Laurens, Feb. 1.—In the city primary election here Tuesday L. S. McMillan was nominated for mayor over W. Henry Franks, incumbent, by a vote of 1,006 to 695, according to the complete though unofficial count.

In the race for public works commissioner, T. P. Kendrick, incumbent, led with 788 votes, with W. G. McDaniel 530, and Fred D. Wallace 343. A second race between Kendrick and McDaniel will be had.

Results for councilmen: ward one, Herman S. Boyd, incumbent, 58; G. B. Scurry 51.

Ward two: L. H. Taylor 155. No opposition.

Ward three: W. C. Cox 205, Plato Roberts 187, J. Manley Adams 134, John Tollison 24. Second race between Cox and Roberts.

Ward four: John F. Montgomery 99, W. P. Sullivan 63, and Tom B. Davis 47. Run off between Montgomery and Sullivan.

Ward five: R. M. Brown elected with 250. B. Marvin Wolfe 144, and Fred E. Medlock 82.

Ward six: J. V. Timmerman 136, M. H. Hunter, Jr., 68.

CHAMBER TO MEET TUESDAY

The February meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Hotel Clinton, with President W. R. Anderson, Jr., in charge of the meeting.

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SENATE PASSES HOUSING ACT

Measure Gets By With Margin of Only Two Votes. Roosevelt Likely Will Sign Act At Once and Start It In Full Operation.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Administration leaders, beating off a senate rebellion by the close vote of 42 to 40, passed along to President Roosevelt today the bill designed to stimulate a vast home-building boom.

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to sign the bill quickly. Its sponsors said much activity in building, slowest-paced of the major industries, will result.

Overriding the strident criticism of a bloc that included Southern and Western Democrats, as well as Republicans, the administration men succeeded in keeping out of the bill the "prevailing wage" amendment sponsored by Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts.

This amendment would have forced the payment of prevailing wages on housing projects insured by the Federal housing administration. Its backers said that without it, the housing bill would depress wages in the building trades. Opponents declared the amendment would wreck the bill, and by leading to wage-fixing in other fields, would carry the country toward "fascism."

First major legislation of either the special or regular sessions to be sent to the White House, the bill is intended to make home-buying easier by reducing down payments and financing charges.

Through amendments to the existing FHA, down payments on homes costing \$6,000 or less will be cut to 10 per cent, and the remainder can be paid out over 25 years. The FHA will insure mortgages covering 90 per cent of the cost for a premium of one-fourth of one per cent of the diminishing balance. Interest charges will be five per cent, plus the insurance premium.

On homes costing between \$6,000 and \$10,000, the FHA will insure mortgages covering 90 per cent of the cost below \$6,000 and 80 per cent of the remaining cost. Previously, the FHA would insure only 80 per cent of the cost of large or small houses.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, author of the measure, pointed out that a provision setting up machinery for the formation of large-scale mortgage association would permit the Reconstruction Finance corporation to invest funds in such enterprises.

President Roosevelt notified the RFC last fall to set aside \$50,000,000 for that purpose. Because such an association could lend 20 times its capital, a maximum of \$1,000,000,000 would be available for mortgage investment in that field alone.

In accepting the bill minus the prevailing wage-amendment, the senate disregarded a telegram from President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, favoring the amendment.

Opponents of the amendment said it would drive investors away because the insurance might be cancelled if the contractor, over whom the investors had no control, violated the prevailing wage requirement.

Senator Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan, charged that President Roosevelt had been inconsistent on the wage question. He said the president advised congress in the special session that building costs were too high and later told congress wages should be kept at present levels.

"The net result of the defeat of the Lodge amendment," Vandenberg declared, "is actually to invite destruction of the prevailing wage on construction projects in any degree that the contractors and the builders may decree."

Senator Schwelienbach, Democrat, of Washington, disagreed with Vandenberg. He said he thought the "leaders of organized labor have a complete misconception of the amendment. It would 'do more to hurt union members than anything we could do with reference to this bill,'" he said.

Senators Smith and Byrnes, of South Carolina, supported the administration.

TAX MAN COMING

Agents of the income tax division of the South Carolina tax commission will begin their journeys over the state for the purpose of assisting income tax payers in the preparation of their returns, February 7.

WILSON NAMED

Greenville, Feb. 1.—Ralph T. Wilson, Laurens attorney, today was appointed conciliation commissioner for Laurens county. He will act as administrator in federal farm bankruptcy cases.