

## FOES CONTINUE FIGHT ON BILL

Snell Scores Plan To Give Roosevelt Power. Coalition of Democrats and Republicans Resumes Bombardment.

Washington, April 5.—A coalition of Republicans and Democrats, unopposed by administration concessions on the government reorganization bill, resumed their bombardment of that measure today and successfully resisted all efforts to cut short the debate.

"You will pretty near crush the last hope for the American people for relief of business if you pass this bill," Representative Snell, the Republican floor leader, shouted to the house. "Nothing should be done to raise the issue of further concentration of power in Washington when we are in the worst depression in history."

Representative Lanham, Democrat, of Texas, said the bill was "wrong in essence." Reorganization, he asserted, should be undertaken through a careful congressional investigation of the governmental set up, rather than turned over to the president.

Meanwhile, the leadership of both sides was anxiously counting noses in the expectation that tomorrow would bring another test of strength on the bill, or possibly two of them.

Administration leaders intend to move that debate be closed when tomorrow's session begins, a procedure sure to result in a roll call vote. Last week, such an effort was easily defeated by the opposition.

If the opposition should fail to keep the debate open tomorrow, it intends to move to "strike out the enacting clause,"—the language which says "be it enacted, etc." and gives every bill its effectiveness. If that attempt prevailed, the bill would be dead.

Today's efforts to end debate were all of the type that required the unanimous concurrence of the house. Before the day's consideration of the bill began, four such attempts were made by the managers of the bill. While Speaker Bankhead unsuccessfully pounded his gavel for order, each such effort was blocked by objections from both the Republican and Democratic seats.

Then, at the close of the day, Representative Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, asked unanimous consent that debate be considered ended. The objections were renewed by Representative Hoffman, Republican, Michigan, and Church, Republican, Illinois.

Opposition leaders said they would be joined tomorrow by Representative Summers, influential Texas Democrat, whose speech as chairman of the judiciary committee last summer helped kill the administration's court reorganization bill.

Snell said the proponents of the bill had "refrained meticulously from discussing its provisions." He added that the amendments accepted by the administration at the insistence of the opposition "do not seem to be as important as some of the provisions" remaining.

The concessions in question would permit any reorganization order issued by the president to be set aside by a majority vote of congress, and would prevent the transfer of the bureau of education to the proposed new department of public welfare. Supporters of the bill have said, too, that they might be willing to accept an amendment to exempt the veterans' bureau from all reorganization orders.

Frank Gannett, chairman of the National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government, made public a telegram he sent to Representative Warren, Democrat, North Carolina, denouncing as "false and libelous" remarks Warren made on the house floor about the committee.

In the debate last week, Warren asserted Dr. Edward Rumely, executive secretary of the committee, was directing "propaganda" against the bill. He also said, referring to the thousands of telegrams house members received, "We know they are getting names from telephone directories, and that names of fictitious or dead persons are being signed to messages of opposition."

Gannett said neither Rumely nor the committee had sent an anonymous telegram.

Representative Ramspeck, Democrat, of Georgia, said in the debate today that if the house retained provisions calling for abolition of the civil service commission, "you ought to change the name of the new head from civil service administrator to patronage administrator."

Representative O'Connor, Democrat, New York, referred to the amendment accepted by the administration as "bait" in a radio speech tonight.

Mrs. S. B. Bannette and daughter Ann, have returned from a weeks visit to Mrs. Bannette's sister in Mississippi.

## President Plans Big Spending

Reported "Pump-Priming" To Pep Business May Be Like Early New Deal Days.

Washington, April 3.—The Roosevelt administration, confronted with ever-deepening business recession, was believed last night to be contemplating resumption of large-scale "pump-priming" reminiscent of early New Deal days.

Support for expanded government spending was gaining strength in administration circles despite views of a small but powerful group of presidential advisers who insist that the business recession will soon be arrested and that an upturn will be evident by summer.

Considerable significance was attached to conferences between President Roosevelt and Works Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins at Warm Springs, Ga., last week. It was generally believed that the two talked of the relief outlook for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Mr. Roosevelt in January hoped the appropriation would not exceed \$1,000,000,000. Since then business has slumped sharply. Some officials estimate that between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 will be needed.

The anti-spending group, headed by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Reconstruction Finance Corporation Chairman Jesse H. Jones stood by their argument that "things aren't as bad as they look" and that resumption of pump-priming would be an expensive, unnecessary policy.

A treasury official said most members of the president's inter-departmental business study committee believed that for the present the Glass bill expanding Reconstruction Finance Corporation's lending powers was an adequate antidote to the economic recession. The bill has been passed by the senate and is scheduled to be taken up by the house Monday under a unanimous consent agreement.

"Some members of the committee feel that the expanded RFC should stimulate business sufficiently to encourage business and industry to put to work their vast supplies of idle funds," the official said.

But other government officials, who also preferred to remain unnamed, were not convinced by this argument. They contended that big business had no need of RFC loans and that what was required was some suitable agency to "tide-over" funds for small business enterprises.

## Little Business Meet Is Called

State Council To Be Formed At Gathering Called To Be Held In Columbia April 13.

Columbia, April 5.—Small business men of South Carolina have been invited to meet in Columbia Wednesday, April 13, to form a state council as part of a national organization of small business men.

The meeting was called by the committee of five which attended the recent small business conference at Washington sponsored by Secretary of Commerce Roper.

They were: Dr. W. K. Gunter, Gaffney; J. Ross Hanahan, Charleston; E. E. Childs, Columbia; C. G. Timberlake, Hartsville; with J. K. Breedin of Manning as alternate.

Breedin said admission to the meeting would be by card. He said cards would be sent on application from the state headquarters of the federation of commerce, agriculture and industry.

## Wasson To Run For Judge Of Probate

J. Hewlette Wasson of the Hickory Tavern community, now a senior at Presbyterian college here, stated yesterday that he had definitely made up his mind to offer for judge of probate this summer. Mr. Wasson stated that since entering college he has planned to offer for the position and has been pursuing a course of study that would best prepare him for handling the duties of the office.

## DEAN BROWN HONORED

Dean Marshall W. Brown of Presbyterian college has returned from Dallas, Texas, where he spent the past ten days attending the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Dr. Brown was honored at the meet by being elected chairman of the annual conference of academic deans.

## IN SPARTANBURG SUNDAY

A group of Presbyterian college students was in Spartanburg Sunday to present a special program at the evening service of the First Presbyterian church.

## COUNTY TEXTILE PAYROLLS REACH \$2,990,610 FOR YEAR

Figures For 1937 Show Increase of \$864,000 Over 1936. County Taxes Paid Total \$116,829.08, and 50,359 Bales of Cotton Consumed By Cotton Mills At Laurens, Clinton, and Goldville.

Payrolls of cotton mills in Laurens county reached nearly \$3,000,000 in 1937, rising \$864,000 over 1936, a survey just completed by the Cotton Manufacturers' association of South Carolina shows.

The figure for 1937 ranked well above the 1929 total and was more than six times higher than the figure for 25 years ago.

In addition to payroll increases the survey showed that textile mills of the county paid \$116,829.08 in school district, county and state taxes.

Of the \$337,435.85 paid on the 1937 tax levy up to March 1, 1938, the mills paid 31 per cent, nearly one-third, it was shown by the report.

Consumption of cotton by the mills came to 50,259 bales in 1937, an increase of more than 15,000 over 1936. The figures showed that the five mills consumed 13,000 more bales than farmers of the county produced. An interesting comparison made by

the survey showed the trend of payrolls and employment for the past 25 years. While total payrolls were increasing 526 per cent from 1912 to 1937, the average number of employees rose only from 1,538 to 4,005.

Total payrolls for textile mills of the county, over a 25-year period, were listed as follows: 1912, \$477,104; 1916, \$629,957; 1929, \$2,196,296; 1936, \$2,125,788; 1937, \$2,990,610.

Other figures given in the survey showed that the plants used in 1937 a total of 25,825 tons of coal, consumed horsepower at the rate of 12,133 a year. The mills have capital invested of \$8,336,415, number of looms 6,685, spindles 266,428, and a total village population estimated at 9,400 persons.

Manufacturing shade cloth, shirt-making, rayon fabrics, dress goods, novelties, tobacco cloth and hosiery, the output of the county's mills was valued last year at \$12,000,000, according to the survey.

## Smith Seeking Quick Payment

South Carolina Senator Advocates Cotton Subsidies Be Advanced To Farmers At Once.

Determined to provide for the immediate payment of the \$130,000,000 in cotton subsidies to farmers, Senator E. D. Smith said yesterday he would offer this plan as an amendment to the agriculture appropriation bill when it reaches the senate next week. He will also seek to amend the bill to provide for a payment of \$1.25 a bale on government loan cotton to farmers who would transfer title to the government.

Smith fought both of these measures successfully through the senate last week but house members rejected them in conference. Secretary Wallace has approved Smith's plan for the immediate payment of the subsidy. The other Smith amendment, however, is being resisted but Smith contends that the increase in cotton allotments means a crop this year of between 12,000,000 and 14,000,000 bales, provided, of course, seasons are good. With the present large carry-over, he says this will mean low prices for growers next year and also a reduced crop.

"My amendment," the South Carolina senator said, "will probably take 6,000,000 bales of cotton off the market and freeze it. The grower will get \$1.25 a bale and storage, interest and insurance charges on the cotton which the government loans will stop. But the most important benefit which will come to the farmer will be that when he moves on the market with his new crop, the price will probably be much higher than if this government loan cotton is not lifted off the market and the trade assured it will not be offered for sale until the available surplus is reduced."

## Cromer Votes 'No' On Expense Bill

Senator C. A. Cromer of this county, voted against the measure to pay legislators five cents a mile for their weekly trips to and from Columbia, according to a statement made by the senator while at home for the weekend. Senator Cromer said he would favor such a bill if it were made applicable at the end of the present term of legislators, but that he was opposed to voting himself extra pay.

On a roll call vote in February by which the house passed and sent the "extra pay" bill to the senate, Messrs. Huff and Wasson voted for the bill. Representative Milam was not recorded in the vote.

## Mrs. Bailey Gives Seminar Room

Mrs. C. M. Bailey of this city, has contributed funds for the equipping of a specially prepared seminar room in psychology and philosophy at Presbyterian college. The gift is a memorial to her husband, the late C. M. Bailey of this city, a lifelong friend of the institution and member of its board of trustees until his death.

The room Mrs. Bailey is equipping will be finished in walnut panelling with a 16-foot walnut table, and specially constructed walnut chairs, with green leather upholstery. It will be used for forums, general discussion groups and seminar work, in addition to its regular use as a class room, college authorities have announced.

## Congress Amends Agrarian Program

Changes In Cotton and Tobacco Programs Included In Act Sent To President.

Washington, April 4.—The house passed and sent to the White House today amendments to the new farm act intended to improve the cotton and tobacco programs.

After little debate, the members completed congressional action by adopting a joint senate-house conference report on the legislation. The amendments, if signed by the president, would:

1. Increase the cotton acreage of each state by 4 per cent to correct certain inequities.
2. Increase the flue-cured acreage allotment of each state by 2 per cent for the same purpose.
3. Fix federal benefit payments for early potatoes at 5.4 cents a bushel.
4. Fix a 5,000-acre minimum acreage for states in which the cotton production has been at least 3,500 bales annually.
5. Make eligible for federal cotton price adjustment payments any farmer whose commodity was destroyed by fire or flood.

Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the agriculture committee told the house the provisions would result in an increase of about 425,000 bales in the national cotton production contemplated under the recently-passed farm act.

The amendments would fix a cotton producer's acreage allotment at not less than 50 per cent of his 1937 acreage. If he cooperates with the agriculture department in the new program, he would be allotted, in addition, 50 per cent of the acreage he diverted from cotton last year.

During consideration of the amendments, Representative Taber, Republican, New York, charged that the government uses compulsion to obtain approval of its farm policies.

He exhibited a copy of what he said was a poster placed in the Greenville, Miss., courthouse, urging cotton farmers to produce records of their plantings in recent years. Taber said the poster warned all farmers to "come in this year" with those reports.

Representative McFarlane, Democrat, Texas, arose to say cotton farmers had approved marketing quotas for this year by a 92 per cent majority in a recent referendum.

## County Medicos Meet In Laurens

With the president, Dr. F. K. Shealy of this city, presiding, the Laurens County Medical association held its monthly meeting last Monday evening at the Laurens hospital with a number of physicians present.

Papers on medical subjects were presented during the evening by Dr. Roy P. Finney of Spartanburg, Dr. T. L. W. Bailey and Dr. George R. Blacklock of this city.

## Time Extended For Taxpaying

An act passed last week by the general assembly and signed by Governor Johnston on Wednesday, extended the time for the payment of 1937 property taxes to May 1, with no additional penalty than that now in force, which is 3 per cent.

After May 1 the taxes go into execution with a penalty, all told, of 7 per cent.

## County School Contests Held

Expression, Declamation and Spelling Winners Named In Exercises Here Friday.

Under the sponsorship of the Laurens Teachers' association, the annual county-wide school contests in expression, declamation and spelling were held in Clinton on Friday morning. Because of heavy rain throughout the day, field day sports scheduled for both morning and afternoon were postponed.

In the high school expression contests, first place went to Miss Jean Simmons, Gray Court-Owings, second to Miss Frances Ruth Edwards, Clinton, and third to Miss Mildred Miller, Mountville. High school declamation: Andy Nance, Cross Hill, first; Joe Stroud, Gray Court-Owings, second; Jimmie Winebrenner, of Mountville, third. High school spelling: Miss Ruth Shapton, Clinton, first, 100 per cent; Miss Frances McGill, Cross Hill, second; Miss Bernice Wheelchel, Joanna, third.

Grammar school expression: Opal Smith, Joanna, first; Nancy Bolt, Laurens, second; Jean Copeland, Clinton, third.

Grammar school declamation: Lindy Harris, Clinton, first; Bobbie Chapman, Cross Hill, second; Jimmie Sitgreaves, Laurens, third.

Grammar school spelling: Margaret Hartsell, Ford Junior high school, first; Louise Anderson, Laurens, second.

Primary expression: Lillian Dixon, Renno, first; Ann Owens, Clinton, second; Jean Martin, Gray Court-Owings, third. Declamation: Pierce Bull, Ford Junior high, first; Richard Todd, Laurens, second; Homer Jacks, Joanna, third.

Tests in reading from first to seventh grades were given here at a previous date, with the following results: First group, Bobby Hudgens, Laurens; Caroline Huffman, Clinton, and Sonny Austin, Cross Hill; second group, Dan Owens, Clinton; Rachael McGill, Cross Hill, and Dale Blakely, Laurens.

Elementary: third grade, Betty Jean Smith, Laurens; Myra Leaman Adair, Clinton; Anne Grey, Hickory Tavern; fourth grade, Robert F. Floyd, Cross Hill; Clifford F. Barnes, Trinity Ridge; Mary Lou Few, Clinton; fifth grade, John Ray Cox, Ford Junior high; Jimmie Sitgreaves, Laurens; Vivian Alford, Clinton; sixth grade, Edward Barker, Clinton; Charles Pitts, Laurens; Edith Stillwell, Hickory Tavern; seventh grade, Ella Cathcart, Ford Junior high; Marcia Galloway, Clinton, and Mary McGill, Cross Hill.

## Lutherans Plan Special Services

Next Sunday (Palm Sunday) preaching services will be held at 11 a. m. at St. John's Lutheran church. On Monday and Tuesday evenings following at 7:30, special Lenten and preaching services will be held. On Easter Sunday services will be held at 11 o'clock, followed by the Holy communion.

Members of the church are urged by the pastor, Rev. M. R. Wingard, to be present, and to the public the church also extends an invitation to attend these services.

## NEGRO WOMAN HELD

Laurens, April 4.—A coroner's jury Monday held Stella Mills, Negro woman, in connection with the fatal shooting late Sunday of her husband, John Mills, following the alleged whipping of her child, step-daughter of Mills.

## ATTENDS EYE CLINICS

Dr. Felder Smith has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where he took part in the three-day educational eye clinics of the Southeastern Congress of Optometry, April 3, 4 and 5. Mrs. Smith also attended the Southeastern Congress Auxiliary meetings.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY  
SAVE A LIFE!  
So Far This Year There  
Have Been**

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FATALITIES  
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AUTOMOBILE  
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LAURENS  
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**Let's Strive To Make  
1938 a Safe Year On  
the Highways.**

**This date last year, 6.**

## AID SOUGHT BY LOYALISTS

Franco's Army Has Catalonia In Death Grip. Government Must Have Arms and Munitions To Stave Off Surrender.

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, April 6.—Loyalist Spain, ripped in half by the insurgents' war machine, made a frantic last minute appeal to Britain and France today for arms and munitions to answer the enemy's ultimatum for an unconditional surrender.

Catalonia, seat the loyalist government, struggled in a strangulation grip as insurgent armies completely circled it and left only the Mediterranean—dotted with insurgent warships—as a chance of escape.

The insurgent generalissimo, Francisco Franco, threatened to blast Barcelona from the map unless there was a complete surrender, frontier dispatches said.

To London and Paris went urgent loyalist notes, asking for abolition of the international non-intervention committee with its "intolerable injustices" to permit arms and munitions shipments to the loyalist armies.

Talk of a surrender, the loyalists said, was "fantastic."

To the south of his 165-mile front Franco's siege guns along the Ebro watershed ripped up the Barcelona-Valencia coastal highway and railroad to slice the "lifeline" of loyalist Spain.

Catalonia's four provinces were completely cut off from six government-held provinces south of the bottle-neck at Tortosa which the nationalists have encircled.

Madrid and its 1,000,000 men, women and children were isolated. Nearly 150,000 government troops under General Jose Miaja sworn to die in defense of the former capital were marooned. Their ammunition was said to be meager and insurgents, jubilantly asserted that soon there would be no more shells to feed the loyalist guns defending Madrid.

A new "last stand" loyalist government, with Premier Juan Negrin as virtual dictator, rejected any discussion of surrender and government buildings in Barcelona were being converted into virtual fortresses for resistance against Franco's armies.

President Manuel Azana of the loyalist government and his wife were reported to have fled northward from Barcelona, under Franco's threat to annihilate the city.

"The war is won!" Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Salamanca headquarters proclaimed in an official radio broadcast.

The insurgents' southern wing, hammering across mountains and down the broad Ebro valley to the Mediterranean, brought the coastal lifeline of the loyalists under fire of their siege guns.

The Barcelona-Valencia road along the coast was virtually severed under the fire of Franco's guns planted on the watershed along the Gadesa road north of Tortosa but the loyalist defenders of the seaport still held out valiantly and desperately and the Italian "Black Arrow" brigades and foreign legionnaires of the insurgents were unable to seize the ancient town.

Terror and panic in Barcelona was said, in frontier dispatches, to be increasing by the hour.

Bespectacled Loyalist Premier Juan Negrin became virtual dictator as the 21 months old civil war blazed toward a finish.

As premier, war minister and minister of finance and economics the 46-year-old Negrin sought to restore order and the panic caused by the slicing of loyalist Spain in half.

The United States embassy and consulate moved to San Andres Del Lavaneras, 30 miles north of Barcelona toward the French frontier.

Reports that Franco is contemplating an ultimatum to the loyalist governments' northern base at Burgos and come to the frontier by the round-about way of Lisbon, where pro-Franco sentiment is strong.

The generalissimo was said to have proposed that the loyalists be given "reasonable time" in which to surrender without conditions in order that the useless shedding of more Spanish blood be averted. Its massed violence upon Barcelona, already torn and stained with the bloodshed of repeated aerial bombardments, that brought protests from foreign governments and the Vatican.

## Presbytery To Meet This Month

The spring meeting of South Carolina presbytery will convene with the Thornwell Memorial church of this city on Tuesday, April 19th at 9:30 a. m. The presbytery comprises the counties of Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens and Newberry, with delegates expected from all Presbyterian churches in this area.