

CHILD LABOR BILL HALTED.

HOUSE REFUSES TO PASS IT TO THIRD READING.

Vote is Taken Practically Without Discussion—Billions Prescribed in Four-Year Term—May Yet be Enacted.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—Like a bolt from a clear sky to proponents of the measure was the action of the house last night in refusing, on a ye and naye vote of 48 to 42, to pass to third reading the McCullough child labor bill, increasing the minimum to 14 years. The "clincher" was not put on and it was said last night that a final effort to save the bill would be made today.

There was practically no discussion and all the preliminary work in modeling the bill, which was brought over from last year, had argued in favor of its passage. The action of the house was the more noticeable by reason of the fact that Gov. Manning's special message of last night, in which he urged the passage of the bill, had been read a short time previous to the consideration of the bill; the house had also refused, 24 to 26, to continue the bill, which would have had the effect of killing it.

Mr. McCullough pointed out that South Carolina is one of five States that have a low limit of child labor. He maintained that it would not harm cotton mills and that even if it should the bill ought to be enacted into law, as the health and growth of a child is more important than the income of a cotton mill.

He also brought out that the law would work in conformity with the compulsory education law. He maintained that the law would extend great privileges to the children in cotton mills, mines and factories, which the provisions of the bill affect.

One section of the bill provides that the age of children under 16 working in cotton mills be sworn to; this does not prohibit a child of 16 from working.

Mr. Lee moved to recommit the bill, which motion was tabled on motion of Mr. Johnstone. An amendment by Mr. Graydon striking out the section calling for sworn statements on the age of working children under 16 was accepted on a division vote of 48 to 19. An amendment by Mr. McCullough to make the law effective July 1, 1916, was accepted.

The house refused to continue the bill on a division vote of 34 to 20. The motion was made by Mr. Nunn.

AT WORK IN THE HOUSE.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—After the house last night refused passage from second reading of the bill prohibiting the employment of all children under 14 years of age in mines, factories or textile establishments in South Carolina, a substitute measure was introduced in the lower body this morning in the shape of a compromise. This would make the provisions of the bill operative only in those districts that have voted in compulsory education, and also it will disallow the employment of children under 13 years of age after July 1 of this year and under 14 years of age after July 1st of next year.

The bill placing the election of the game warden in the hands of the general assembly passed to third reading. The bill requiring weekly pay days for textile and lumber plants was passed and ordered sent to the senate. The house passed 39 uncontested local measures and gave final reading to ten measures that were to be ratified.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The senate today adopted an amendment to the State-wide prohibition law reducing the amount of intoxicants allowed to be shipped into the State to one individual, from one gallon to two quarts a month. The amendment introduced by Senator Carlisle, of Spartanburg, which carried by a vote of 24 to 18. A previous amendment by the same senator, attempting to make a quart a month the maximum was defeated by two votes.

The Verner bill prohibiting usurious rates of interest in South Carolina passed to third reading and was ordered sent to the house this afternoon by a vote of 16 to 23.

WILL RUN FOR OFFICE.

It has been announced that Mr. George L. Dickson, of this place will make the race for the office of County Superintendent of Education the coming summer. Mr. Dickson is a man who enjoys the confidence and respect of those who know him and will doubtless give a good account of himself in the campaign. He states that he is receiving very gratifying reports from various sections of the county.—Lake City News.

Little Boy Drowned.

Newberry, Feb. 8.—The 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Elmore, who live four miles north of Newberry, fell into a rock quarry near their home this afternoon and was drowned.



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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING.

Will Not Be Held with State Teachers' Association, but on March 16, 17 and 18.

Spartanburg, Feb. 8.—Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of the State Teachers' Association, has received a letter from R. T. Hallum, president of the County Superintendents' Association, announcing that that association will not hold a meeting during the State teachers meeting in Columbia March 16-18. This will leave the superintendents free to attend all of the sessions of the State Teachers' Association. The county superintendents pledged themselves, says Mr. Hallum to send out literature to all teachers under their jurisdiction concerning the meeting in March. R. T. Hallum of Pickens, is president of the county superintendents and R. A. Rouse, of Chesterfield, secretary.

The program for the department of superintendents of the State Teachers' Association has been announced by the president, Prof. William C. Bynum, of Georgetown. This department will hold its meetings on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock and Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock during the days the State Teachers' Association is in session in Columbia March 16, 17, and 18.

The program for the superintendents' department meetings follows: Thursday, March 16, 4 P. M. President's address, W. C. Bynum. The Attitude of the School Toward Home Study, J. C. Daniel. The Backward Pupil and What to Do With Him, D. R. Riser. General discussion.

Friday, March 17, 9 A. M. Open discussion on the following subjects: Status of the high school principal and his relationship to the superintendent of schools, introduced by E. W. Hall; 2. The teaching of English in the primary grades, introduced by Miss Trix Barber; 3. The superintendent's part in his teacher's

meetings, introduced by R. B. Cheatham.

Friday Afternoon, 3:30. The Teaching of Science in Our Schools, George Harris Webber. The Superintendent's Responsibility for a Teacher's Efficiency, S. H. Edmunds.

What can we do to make the standards in the teaching of English and literature definite and uniform in the public schools of South Carolina? R. S. Bailey. General discussion. The officers of the department of superintendents are: William C. Bynum, of Georgetown president; R. A. Gentry of Ridgeway, vice president; W. E. Black of Lexington, Treasurer; L. M. Bouknight of Latta, secretary.

PROTECTORATE FOR HAITI.

United States Would Take Control of Turbulent Republic. Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate foreign relations committee voted unanimously today to ratify the treaty establishing a protectorate over Haiti. If congress ratifies the treaty it will place the United States in charge of Haitian financial affairs.

Death of Dr. Anderson.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 9. A telephone message received here today told of the death at his home in Summerton of Dr. W. W. Anderson this morning at 8:15 o'clock, aged about 70 years. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Summerton.

Dr. Anderson was a well known citizen of Clarendon county. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. D. O. Rhame, Mrs. Julia Cantey, Mrs. Mary Plowden, and Miss Sallie B. Anderson, and three sons, Messrs. John, William and Frank Anderson.

Dr. Anderson was a native of this county and lived in the Stateburg neighborhood until his removal to Summerton twelve or fifteen years ago.

YOUNG WOMAN BURNED.

Miss Lucille Lemmon Suffers Painful Accident at Dillon.

Dillon, Feb. 7.—Miss Lucille Lemmon, demonstration agent for Dillon county, was severely burned Saturday night, while cleaning a pair of long white kid gloves. Miss Lemmon slipped the gloves over her hands and arms and after thoroughly cleaning them, she approached too near the fire and the gloves became ignited. She was severely burned before assistance arrived. The burns were painful and Miss Lemmon is suffering from the shock. Miss Lemmon came to Dillon four years ago as home demonstration agent for the county, since that time her work has been far-reaching and every community has a canning club or bread club.

Miss Lemmon is a sister of Miss Mary Lemmon, home demonstration agent for Sumter county, and Dr. C. J. Lemmon of this city. She has many friends here who will regret to know of her accident.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS.

Orangeburg, Feb. 8.—The Rev. Baxter F. McLendon began his series of revival services in Orangeburg on Sunday night. These services will last four weeks. A huge tabernacle has been erected on south Broughton street and will seat 2,000 people. This building was filled Sunday night. Mr. McLendon has been preaching powerful sermons and will do a great deal of good in Orangeburg. The singing is very fine. Services are held both in the afternoon and at night.

During the last session, Clemson College was inspected by the legislative committee, the State Board of Health, the Board of Visitors, the United States War Department, and the Office of Experiment Stations, U. S. Department of Agriculture. From all these inspections the college got good reports.

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