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## TAX LEVY INCREASED.

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS CALL FOR A STATE TAX LEVY OF EIGHT AND ONE-HALF MILLS.

Senate Still Fighting to Retain Quarter Month Provision in Prohibition Bill—Houses are Far Apart—No Adjournment Tonight.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—The general appropriation bill, carrying 8 1-2 mills and a total of \$2,951,000 for all purposes, went to free conference this afternoon. The committee on the part of the senate is Senator Nells Christensen, of Beaufort; Senator Alan Johnston, of Newberry, and Senator J. W. McCown, of Florence; on the part of the house, Junius T. Liles of Orangeburg, and Victor E. Rector, Darlington.

The senate bill carries an increase of one-half mill over the measure as adopted by the house an increase in the total general appropriation of \$250,000.

The house, by the narrow margin of one vote this afternoon, refused to recommit the bill putting the election of game warden in the general election. A direct vote on the measure will be taken late this afternoon.

The senate settled down to strategy for session into next week. The Richey bill, which was wiped from the senate calendar, with other second reading bills last night, was restored today, as machinery for conciliatory amendments on which the two houses can compromise on liquor legislation. The houses are far apart. The DuRant bill left the senate providing for one quart of liquor on a physician's prescription. It was returned to the senate bone-dry. The upper house is not disposed to cut out liquor altogether or to allow shipments of beer.

Adjournment not likely before late into next week.

## PLANT FOR CHURCH PAPER.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—An effort to raise \$10,000 toward purchase of mechanical equipment for The Southern Christian Advocate, owned by the two South Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. This action was decided upon by the board of managers of The Advocate at a meeting held recently in Columbia. The Advocate is now printed in Anderson by arrangement with a job printing house. The journal owns neither editorial quarters nor mechanical facilities. The Rev. W. C. Rirkland is the editor.

## SENTRY KILLS MAN.

Member of Second South Carolina Infantry Shoots Man Who Would Not Halt.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—Sentry from the Second South Carolina infantry, on outpost duty, shot and killed an unidentified American civilian last night who refused to halt at challenge. The sentry has been arrested.

## GERMANY'S PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED.

State Department Makes Public Text of Proposed Amendments to Treaty Washington, Feb. 17.—The text of Germany's proposal to amend the Prussian-American treaty so as to place all Germans in America and Americans in Germany on the same basis as other neutrals regarding their property and freedom of movement was made public by the State department today. There is no indication here that immediate action will be taken.

## REBEL HEADQUARTERS CAPTURED.

Cuban Administration Claims That Backbone of Revolution is Broken. Havana, Feb. 17.—It is officially announced that Col. Pujol's forces have occupied Ciego Avila, the rebel headquarters in Camaguey province. The rebels fled, breaking into small bands. Administration officials claim that the backbone of the uprising in Camaguey has been broken.

## TO RELIEVE PAPER SITUATION.

Paper Manufacturers Submit Scheme to Federal Trade Commission. Washington, Feb. 16.—It is authoritatively announced that paper manufacturers have submitted a plan to the federal trade commission to relieve the paper situation. The details of the plan will be announced later.

## GERMANS HAMPER RELIEF.

### RESTRICT MOVEMENTS OF SHIP AND CARGOES.

Let Americans Stay, but Make Their Efforts Far Less Successful Than Before by New Regulations.

London, Feb. 16.—While restoring American control to the relief work in Belgium, the Germans still are hampering the work by restricting the movements of relief ships and their cargoes. They have cancelled the safe conducts for those vessels, reports received here say, and have absolutely prohibited the transport of merchandise between Great Britain and Holland. The Germans permit vessels to approach and leave Rotterdam by the North sea route, but this passage way is so full of British and German mines as to be almost impracticable.

The purchasing activities of the commission overseas amounting to 100,000 tons of foodstuffs monthly already have been suspended for a fortnight. Obstructions raised by the Germans have held up 160,000 tons of foodstuffs. Under existing conditions the suspension means more than 75,000 tons has been lost to the hungry people of Belgium, while the demurrage and other charges on detained ships exceed 50,000 pounds sterling and increase at the rate of 1,000 pounds daily.

## CHARGES RAILWAY FAILURE.

Southern Hardwood Traffic Association Alleges Failure in Moment of Crisis.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Resolutions adopted at a meeting here today of the directors of the Southern Hardwood Traffic association, called to consider action regarding the existing embargo in effect on Northern and Eastern railroads and addressed to the interstate commerce commission, went forward to that body by mail tonight. The resolutions declare that "the transportation system of the nation is facing a critical period in its history." The commission is urged in the resolutions to take such immediate action, however drastic as may be necessary in its judgment to afford prompt relief and insure to the American public a transportation system adequate to meet the commercial and military necessities of the nation.

The membership of the association represents 120 manufacturing concerns in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, shipping normally over 250,000 cars of forest products annually and employing approximately 15,000 laborers. The directors at the meeting today said a complete shutdown must come unless relief is given very soon.

## ASYLUM VISITORS REPORT.

"Impressed More Than Ever With Efficiency" of Superintendent, Dr. Williams.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—Gov. Manning has sent to the general assembly the following report from the board of visitors of the State Hospital for the Insane:

"We met today and in a body visited and inspected the above institution. We are exceedingly pleased with the improvements made on the buildings. We urge that the improvement on the women's ward be done as early as possible. There is a great contrast between the women's department and the men's department. We further suggest that a separate department for the feeble minded be erected, and that this class be taught or trained in whatever way may improve their condition, that they may become able to support themselves. We found the condition of the dairy to be ideal. We are more than ever impressed with the efficiency of Dr. Williams, the superintendent, in successfully discharging the duties of his office."

## AMERICAN LINER SAILS.

Philadelphia Homeward Bound From Europe With Passengers.

London, Feb. 16.—The Philadelphia, the first American vessel to leave Europe since the beginning of the new submarine campaign, sailed Wednesday. The ship carried 95 passengers, of whom 38 are Americans. The Philadelphia is unarmed and the report of the sailing was delayed.

A license to marry has been issued to W. L. Evans, Sumter, and Miss I. Viola Ardis, Mayesville. A colored couple to secure a license was Daniel Singleton, Wedgefield, and Gertrude Pitts, Sumter.

## Ordered To Disable Interned German Ships

### Captain Polack of North German Lloyds Says He Was Ordered By Member of German Embassy To Disable Machinery of Steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie.

Boston, Feb. 17.—Captain Charles A. Polack of the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie declared in the federal court hearing today that he had been ordered by a man officially connected with the German embassy to disable the steamer's machinery. He said this was done to prevent the ship being used by the United States in the event of war with Germany.

He declined to give the name of the man giving him the order. Captain Polack said he was in Hoboken, New Jersey, when he received the order and telegraphed the chief engineer here to disable the machinery. The work of destruction was done on January 31st and February 1st.

In declining to give the name of the man who gave him the order, Captain Polack said he was an officer of the German navy and might be tried for treason in Germany if he did so. He also said that the order to disable the steamer was given in the presence of Capt. Moller, superintendent of the German Lloyds in the United States. The hearing is being held in preparation for the sale of the vessel.

## VOCATIONAL PLAN PASSED.

Conference Report on Wilson System Approved by Senate.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The conference report on the administration vocational education bill was adopted in the house today and as soon as the senate has taken similar action the measure will go to President Wilson for his signature.

As amended in conference the bill provides for administration of the new system by a board comprising the secretary of agriculture and the commissioner of education and one representative of manufacturing and commercial interests, one representative of agricultural interests and one representative of labor, to be nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate.

The system of specialized education in agriculture, trades and industries would be administered in cooperation with the State, each of which would be required to appropriate an amount equal to the federal fund allotted to it.

## NEWS FROM BATTLE FRONT.

Berlin Reports Repulse of French Attacks—French Gain in Alsace.

New York, Feb. 17.—French attacks on the Aisne front west of Berry-au-Bac in the Champagne region south of Ripont have been repulsed, according to Berlin reports.

Paris reports a French attack penetrating Herman Salient at Ammerzweiler, Alsace, capturing prisoners.

Apparently the Germans have not followed up the attack reported yesterday in which a half mile of ground over a front a mile and a-half long was gained in the Champagne.

The British steamer Lady Ann is reported sunk. She struck a mine.

## PLENTY OF TIME YET.

Tillman in No Hurry to Make Announcement.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Tillman has received many letters from persons in South Carolina on the subject of his again being in the race for the senate as brought out by the statement of Congressman Ragsdale a few days ago. Asked today whether he would or would not again offer for the place, Senator Tillman said: "I will have time to die and come to life five or six times before it is necessary to announce for another term."

St. Paul, Feb. 16.—The Minnesota house today passed the State-wide prohibition bill passed by the senate yesterday after concurring in the amendment extending the time the law would become effective from January 1, 1920, to July 1, 1920.

## FOOD NOT ONLY PROBLEM.

### GERMANY IS HAVING SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH TRANSPORTATION.

Railroads and Rolling Stock Have Deteriorated During War as All Available Workmen Have Been Pressed into Service of Munition Factories.

Berne, Feb. 17 (By Staff Correspondent Associated Press).—Although the food problem is the most serious question in Germany, transportation is presenting real difficulties. At the beginning of the war Germany's railroad was splendidly equipped, but the deterioration of rolling stock is causing hardships. The failure to keep up railroad repairs has been due to pressing all available workmen into munitions manufacture and the shortage of oil. Trains are used primarily for troop movement and foodstuffs have been moving by rivers and canals.

## COUNTY SUPPLY BILL PASSED.

Senate Begins Discussion of Appropriation Measure—No Changes Made From Committee Report.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—The senate today passed the county supply bill and began a discussion of the appropriation bill. The appropriations proposed by the finance committee were sustained thus far without exception. The law enforcement fund of \$50,000 and \$11,000 for the State Hospital for the Insane, the law building appropriation for \$40,000 have not yet been reached. The militia appropriation increase from \$15,000 to \$30,000 was approved, along with the restoration of the salary of George Brown, mill school supervisor, to \$2,000. This was \$2,000 last year, but the house last week cut it to \$1,500.

## WILSON THREATENED ACTION.

News Print Paper Manufacturers Brought to Terms by Threat of Remedial Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 17.—It became known today that the news print manufacturers agreed to permit the federal trade commission to determine a fair scale of prices only when confronted with the alternative of personal action by President Wilson and an extra session of congress to pass remedial legislation.

It is said Secretary McAdoo at the president's direction summoned one of the principal manufacturers and informed him that the government did not propose to remain idle while the alleged restraint was imposed on the press.

## MORE COLONELS CREATED.

Gov. Manning Adds Six New Members to His Staff.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—Eugene H. Blake, of Greenwood; B. P. Davis, of Barnwell; W. H. Keith, of Timmons-ville; J. C. Duckworth, of Williams-ton; G. D. Walker, of Johnston, and E. A. Hill, of Tucapau, have been appointed lieutenant colonels on the staff of Gov. Manning.

## PRINT PAPER INVESTIGATION.

Officers of Paper Manufacturing Companies Before Grand Jury.

New York, Feb. 16.—Officers of the news print paper manufacturers' association, comprising sixty-eight companies and individuals, began testifying before the federal grand jury investigation of paper prices for alleged restraint of trade. The publishers will be called later. The investigation will probably last a month.

## NEW YORK PROTECTED.

Steel Net to Guard Against Submarine Attack.

New York, Feb. 17.—A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile submarines has been put in place.

## DRASTIC PROHIBITION

### POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES SENATE WITH MURKIN AS TO WHETHER IT IS TO BE "DRY" OR "WET"

Its Terms Will Prohibit Shipment of Whiskey into States for Any Purpose—Has to Go Back to House for Concurrence or Disagreements of Amendments.

Washington, Feb. 16.—With its added drastic prohibition legislative provisions, the annual postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$332,000,000 was passed by the senate today after a week of vigorous debate. It was sent back to the house, which will ask for a conference on the amendments.

The senate wrote into the bill a provision making it a criminal offense to ship liquor into States which prohibit its manufacture and sale, thus nullifying the statutes of certain prohibition States permitting the importation of limited quantities of liquor for personal consumption.

Another provision would bar from the mails letters, postal cards, circulars, newspapers and other publications containing liquor advertising in States having laws against such advertising; violation to be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months for the first offense or more than one year for the second offense.

Determined efforts made by the postoffice committee to increase second class mail rates and establish 1 cent postage on drop letters were made and bitterly contested and the proposals finally were thrown out on a point of order.

## FISTICUFF IN THE HOUSE.

Two Greenville Members Soon Separated by Brother Soolins.

Columbia, Feb. 14.—Representatives W. B. Stafford and Oscar K. Mauldin, of Greenville, engaged in a short fist fight on the floor of the house of representatives tonight, just before the house session began. Other members of the house separated the Greenville members before any damage was done.

The incident grew out of a story in the local afternoon paper, in which Mr. Mauldin was reported as having charged bad faith against Mr. Stafford as the result of a motion by the latter this morning to recommit the Cothran bill, reducing the membership of the Greenville county Charities and Corrections board from seven to five. Mr. Mauldin, in opposing the resolution, said the bill had been agreed upon by all the Greenville delegation and that he was tired of the Greenville members promising one thing "and then coming here and doing another."

The incident created a great deal of interest on both sides of the Capitol. Mr. Mauldin said that Mr. Stafford came to him tonight and asked if he meant to call him a liar. "I told him that I meant what was in the afternoon paper," said Mr. Mauldin. "He asked me again and I told him that I did," added Mr. Mauldin. In speaking of the actual encounter, Mr. Mauldin said:

"He scratched at me and I hit him once or twice, whereupon we were separated."

Mr. Stafford said: "I went to Mr. Mauldin and asked him if he meant to say what he was reported as saying in the afternoon paper. If he meant to say that I lied. He said 'yes.' Then I hit him in the face. Then he hit me over the head two licks and I got him in the mouth and held him there and hit him several licks in the stomach. We were then separated."

## TURKEY IS FRIENDLY.

Tells Ambassador Elkus They Desire Cordial Relations to Continue.

Washington, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Ambassador Elkus says that Turkey has given him an expression of friendship for the United States and a desire that cordial relations may continue. No reference was made to Turkey supporting the German submarine policy.

## PANAMA CANAL TRAFFIC.

Nearly Three Thousand Vessels Have Passed Through Canal.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Two thousand, seven hundred and eighty vessels passed through the Panama canal from the opening, August, 1914, to January 1. Their gross tonnage was more than thirteen million and their cargoes amounted to more than 11,000,000 tons.

## RICHARDSON WINS BY 1 VOTE.

### HOUSE PASSES BILL EXTENDING WARDEN'S TERM.

Cothran and Hughes, Richey and Searson Among Spokesmen of Opposed Views.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—After a hard fight into which the question of factionalism was more than once injected, the house yesterday afternoon passed on third reading the game warden bill, which as amended takes from the Audubon society the duty of recommending the chief game warden, puts the question in the general election and retains the present warden until the fall of 1918. The passage vote was 54 to 48. A similar bill has passed the senate.

When the bill was up for second reading there was a lengthy debate. Yesterday on third reading there was a motion to recommit, which the house rejected by one vote, 53 to 52.

"Gentlemen, I insist that a more determined effort has never been made in the legislative history of the State to hold a man on a job when he was not wanted," said Representative T. P. Cothran of Greenville. "The governor does not want this bill, does not want the incumbent and will not reappoint him."

Representative Martin of Orangeburg stood by the chief game warden. "I simply take the position that it is nothing but right and fair if he has made a good game warden, acceptable to the legislature and to the people; that it is not right, not fair to cut off his head for being pernicious in politics."

"I am tired of debating this question," said Representative Searson, who favored the present game warden, "and I think we should settle it once and for all as affects the present game warden and the present governor."

Representative Hughes of Oconee made a vigorous speech, declaring that if an official was pernicious in politics, he should stand or fall with his side.

"This is a slap in the face of the governor," said Mr. Hughes. He declared also that those who were supporting the present chief game warden were doing so through personal friendship. He asked the question: "If Gov. Blease had been successful and the game warden had been active for Gov. Manning, how long would the game warden have remained in office?"

Representative Fromberg of Charleston said that if the legislature did other than endorse the present chief game warden, the people of the State wouldn't stand for it.

"This is no factional fight with me," said Representative Byrd of Laurens; "I never supported Gov. Blease." Mr. Byrd thought Mr. Richardson had done his duty and on this ground, Mr. Byrd said he supported Mr. Richardson.

Representative Richey of Laurens said he wanted to go away with the knowledge that he had not injected politics into any fight that had come up. He said that Representative Hughes was being made a tool of and that Representative Cothran backed by the governor of South Carolina was trying to inject politics into a fight to cut off the head of one of the most efficient officials in the State.

The legality of the matter was discussed by Representative N. G. Evans of Edgefield, who said that a man should not be legislated out of office and that a man should not be legislated into office. "All this hullabaloo about Bleasism and Manningism is beneath the dignity of this house," said Mr. Evans. He said that it was the legislature's duty not to tie the hands of any part of the government, especially the executive. Mr. Evans had a copy of a report from W. W. Bradley, State auditor, on the chief game warden's office for June-December, 1916, and he analyzed it, criticizing the amount spent for traveling expenses and automobile and boat hire.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—The Victor-Monaghan Mills of Greenville has been commissioned with a capital of \$6,400,000. The petitioners are: C. F. Haynsworth and A. G. Hart. The principal offices of the company will be at Greenville. The company will do a general cotton milling business.

Havana, Feb. 16.—Several rebels were killed in heavy fighting last night at Hoyo, Colorado, seventeen miles west of Havana.

Havana, Feb. 16.—President Menocal in a proclamation issued last night denies the intention to persecute his political opponents as is charged in rebel proclamations.