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Review of Legislation Enacted and Proposed up to Date.

### HUB EVANS' LONE WHISKEY BILL

He Wants a Gallon a Month—Gentleman From York Would Make Flirting a Misdemeanor.

(By Harold C. Booker.)

Columbia, Feb. 3.—Neither branch of the General Assembly was in session today, both houses having adjourned on Friday until Tuesday night. Today is salesday and all of the members wanted to be at home for the day.

When the senate reconvenes tomorrow night it will find the compulsory education bill from the house awaiting its attention. Also it will find a bill from the house providing for the election of the chief game warden by the general assembly. The bill providing for the abolition of the State tax commission and the substitution thereof of a State board of tax assessors composed of fourteen members, one from each judicial circuit, is another bill that has been sent over from the house for the consideration of the upper body.

The senate has sent over to the house for its consideration a joint resolution providing for an election on the question of holding a constitutional convention. This will probably come up in the house this week. The resolution passed the senate by a big vote and many think that it will get by the house also.

It is probable that good roads legislation will be taken up in both houses this week. Senator Christensen of Beaufort will Tuesday night introduce in the senate a bill providing for an election on the question of issuing \$25,000,000 worth of bonds for the construction of permanent roads and a companion bill making certain changes in the highway commission and otherwise paving the way for such a bond issue.

Similar bills have already been introduced in the house by Representative Burgeson of Charleston.

Friday night Dr. S. C. Byrd, president of Chicoora College, brought the Chicoora student body down to the capitol to see the general assembly in session. When he got down there he found that both houses had adjourned early in the afternoon. Over in the senate chamber two of the senate clerks and two newspaper men were loitering around when the student girls walked in, headed by the president. Some one suggested that a special session of the senate be held. The girls fell for the idea and elected one of their number as president and another as reading clerk and proceeded to hold a session.

The first matter brought up was woman's suffrage. This was discussed pro and con and a vote finally taken, which showed that a majority of the girls wanted woman's suffrage.

Next the compulsory education bill was taken up and discussed pro and con and a vote showed that a majority of the girls favored compulsory education.

Finally the house bill by Representative John R. Hart of York to prevent young men from flirting with college girls was taken up. All of the discussion on this was one-sided—the girls were all against it. Finally, Dr. Byrd, the president, got up and made a strong statement in support of the bill. As soon as he sat down one of the girls demanded the previous question. The president then asked all who favored the bill to arise. Not a girl arose. The president then asked all who opposed it to arise and every girl arose. "I killed the bill," laughingly remarked Dr. Byrd.

The girls had a big time of it and the two clerks and the two newspaper men who happened to be in the senate chamber enjoyed the evening very much also—especially the two clerks, who happened to be single.

Only one whiskey bill has been introduced at the present session of the general assembly. Its author is Representative "Hub" Evans of Newberry and he wants to change the law so a man can get a gallon a month instead of a quart a month as at present. The bill has been referred to the police regulations committee, which is about the last that will ever be heard of it. It has about as much chance of getting through this legislature as the Kaiser has of becoming president of the United States.

The prohibitionists have not made any effort this session to pass a bonedry law. They are content to wait for national prohibition, which will be here soon. They will probably give their support, however, to the bill introduced in the house by Representative John R. Hart, of York, to prevent the purchase of patent medicines and flavoring extracts for use as beverages.

Columbia is beginning to miss the soldiers. The men are not seen on the streets in such large numbers and the cafes and soft drink stands which they patronized so freely report a great falling off in business. It is expected that some of the numerous eating places that have opened up here in the past eighteen months will shut up shop.

Health authorities are very much encouraged over the flu situation and express the belief that the epi-

## BAN PLACED ON THE U-BOATS

Submarine War Ships Will Be Outlawed by League of Nations.

### PRES. WILSON AND LORD ROBERT CECIL AGREE

Construction of League of Nations in Process of Construction—Economic Force to Replace Arms.

London, Feb. 3.—The abolition of submarines as warships may be decided upon by the league of nations committee during the coming week, according to the Paris correspondent of The Mail. It is said this was one of the several understandings reached during the conference Friday between President Wilson, Col. House, General Smuts, and Lord Robert Cecil and it will probably be proposed among the first planks of platform at this week's sessions, during which it is hoped the league's constitution will be definitely formed.

The correspondent says it is hoped the economic weapon may take the place of all other weapons in future wars.

### Train Wreck in France

Eight American Soldiers Killed and Thirty Injured in Collision.

Troyes, France, Feb. 3.—Eight American soldiers were killed and thirty injured when an American troop train collided with two German locomotives in the station at Montieramy, near here. The men were enroute to Brest for transportation home.

### Railroad Wins Suit

United States Supreme Court Reverses Georgia Case.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Georgia supreme court decrees denying the Central of Georgia Railroad injunctions to restrain the State comptroller general from collecting back taxes for the years 1908 to 1914 inclusive, on its lease hold interest in certain subsidiary properties, was today reversed by the supreme court in deciding the appeals brought by the railroad.

### Public Land Bill

House and Senate Agree on Bill to Dispose of National Wealth.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Long existing controversies in congress over the policy looking to opening and development of oil, gas and coal lands in western States and Alaska, was adjusted today with the reaching of an agreement by the house and senate conferees on the oil leasing bill.

### Shipping Hogs to Baltimore

Three Car Loads of Sumter County Hogs Shipped Last Week.

Through the cooperative efforts of a number of Sumter county farmers with Farm Demonstration Agent J. Frank Williams as the wheel horse of the team, there were shipped last week 180 Sumter county raised hogs averaging 220 pounds each to Baltimore live stock yards. Sumter county is raising a lot more pork than can be consumed on the local markets or at home, and Farm Demonstrator Williams has to hustle to get rid of the surplus hog meat.

He started out to get one car of hogs. He had more than one car load sent in but not enough for two cars. He then phoned around the county to get enough hogs to fill the second car. He had more than enough sent in to fill car no 2. He had then to try for more hogs for car no. 3. He had more than enough sent in for the third car. He was in quandary at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening as he had plenty for the third car and not quite enough for a fourth car. He was phoning hog raisers from the Chamber of Commerce to hold up until Monday.

A farmer in the Sumter Chamber of Commerce remarked to the secretary, "That man Mr. Williams is a funny sort of a fellow. In 1915 he came to my neighborhood and was kicking because Sumter county didn't raise enough hogs to feed the county one week. Now he is crying because we got so many hogs he don't know what to do with them."

demie has about spent its force. It did not claim anything like as many lives but at the same time the situation has been very distressing.

South Carolina has never had as dreadful visitation from disease as from the flu. There is scarcely a family in the State but that has been called to give up some member by the disease. In some instances whole families have been wiped out of existence.

## HUN CONGRESS MEETS THURSDAY

Constituent Assembly Will Convene Next Week and Organize for Business.

### PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY TO BE ELECTED FRIDAY

Body Will Then Adjourn to Permit Committees to Discuss Proposed Constitution.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Since Thursday no one has been allowed to enter the city of Weimar without permission, says a Zurich dispatch to The Petit Parisien.

The opening session of the German constituent assembly has been fixed for next Thursday. On Friday the president of the assembly will be elected, after which the assembly will adjourn to permit the committees to discuss the proposed constitution of the German republic.

## PEACE TERMS TO BE PRESENTED

To Be Handed Germany This Month With Renewal of Armistice.

### STEP TOWARD RETURN TO THE PEACE BASIS

Germans Will Be Given an Opportunity to Know What Conditions They Must Meet.

Paris, Feb. 1.—The preliminary peace terms will probably be presented to Germany along with the conditions for another renewal of the armistice this month, if the plans are not changed. Recognizing the need for the return of the world to a normal peace time basis, the nations associated against Germany are considering thus making a start toward the actual peace treaty. This decision is reflected also in the examination now under way to determine what American troops it will be necessary to leave in occupied territory.

### Charleston Navy Yard Cut

Committee of House Makes Tremendous Reduction in Navy Yard Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 31.—When the tremendous cut in the Charleston items in the naval appropriation bill was made public here today, this cut being from a total of \$705,000 to \$223,000, Senator Smith said that he would give the matter his immediate attention and make what investigation might be necessary.

"I have been informed," said Senator Smith, "that this bill of the house committee cuts the Charleston Navy yard very serious and if I find that there has been any discrimination I shall use my best efforts to have the situation corrected and Charleston placed on a footing with other places. I recognize, of course, that a large part of the estimate asked for was submitted when the war was going on and that now, since the signing of the armistice, so much may not be necessary but this cut seems to be very large."

Chairman Padgett, of the house committee said that practically every navy yard in the country has suffered similar cuts.

This action of the committee was a surprise here as it has been expected that there would be some substantial increase for Charleston.

### Butter Going Down

Thirty-Eight Cents Wholesale Kansas City.

Kansas City, Jan. 31.—Butter quotations on the local market today showed a decline of seven cents from yesterday's prices. Creamery butter came down to 39 cents wholesale, the lowest quotation on this kind of butter here for several months.

Eggs also declined, quotation registering a drop of four cents under yesterday's prices. First were wholesaling today at 38 cents.

### Georgia Loses Camp

Camp Benning at Columbus Will Be Abandoned.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate military committee today adhered to the previous recommendation of the war department for the abandonment of the small arms, machine gun and tank training project at Camp Benning, Columbus, Ga., by a vote of seven to five.

## MILLION MEN LEAVE ARMY

Demobilization of the American Army Has Been Carried on Rapidly.

### GENERAL OFFICERS NOW BEING DISCHARGED

Regular Army Officers Resume Their Place and Rank in Regular Establishment.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The demobilization of the army passed the million mark the past week. Gen. March announced today. Demobilization has proceeded to such a point that general officers are being discharged from the war organization. Gen. March announced the honorable discharge of 33 generals, all except four being regulars who will return to their rank in the regular establishments.

## PLAIN TALKS TO CONFERENCE

No Division of German Colonies Among the Allies, Says Mr. Wilson.

### WILL NOT BE PARTY TO PEACE OF LOOT

President of United States Uses Plain Language in Supreme Council.

Paris, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The crisis in the peace negotiations over the disposition to be made of Germany's colonies seems to have passed, momentarily at least. It is too early to say President Wilson's view has prevailed in its entirety, but in American quarters there is confidence that a compromise plan, which has been accepted in principle, will be worked out with details which will be acceptable to the American viewpoint.

When the supreme council of the peace conference meets today it will have before it the very plain statement made by President Wilson at Wednesday's late session. So particular was Mr. Wilson to have an exact record of what he had said that soon after entering the meeting he summoned one of his personal stenographers and kept him at his side during the discussion.

What he said did not appear in the official communique, nor has it been disclosed with any official authority, but it may be stated that it was a very clear reaffirmation of the principles for which the president had previously contended. In phrases stripped of diplomatic niceties, it is understood Mr. Wilson told the members of the supreme council he would not be a party to a division of Germany's colonial possessions among the powers which now hold them and become party to a league of nations which in effect, would guarantee their title. There are inferences that the president even referred to a peace of "loot." The net result of the past two days of discussion on the colonial question, in the opinion of many Americans has been to clear the atmosphere generally and to force a clear definition of aims on all sides.

The opinion is rather generally expressed that with this question settled it will be much easier to go on to other subjects that are awaiting attention. Whether the compromise program of internationalization will meet President Wilson's views depends wholly, it appears, upon the way in which the details will be worked out. This working out was expected to be taken up, in some measure at least, at today's supreme council session.

### Ship on the Rocks

American Transport With British Troops Ashore on English Coast.

London, Feb. 1.—The American transport Narragansett is ashore on the English coast, high on the rocks, with a heavy sea running and falling snow, but reports to American army headquarters are that the vessel is in no danger and will be floated. Life boats and tugs are taking off the troops which are reported to number about two thousand, of whom sixty are Americans. The transport had been loaned to the British to take to England British troops on leave.

Southampton, Feb. 1.—All troops aboard the transport Narragansett which is ashore off Bembridge, have been removed by tugs and life boats, despite the snow storm and high seas.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Several casual companies containing Georgia soldiers are due to arrive at New York February 8th on the battleship North Carolina.

## HINES AGAINST RAIL OWNERSHIP

Director General of Railways Testifies Before Senate Committee.

### DOES NOT BELIEVE IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

But Advocates Consolidation and Strict Government Supervision.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Director General Hines, testifying today before the senate interstate commerce committee for the first time since his appointment as railroad head declared he did not believe in government ownership, but in the organization of a few big railway companies, subject to close governmental supervision.

### Cotton Mill Strike

Operatives in Horse Creek Valley Demand Eight Hour Day.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—Three of the cotton mills in the Horse Creek Valley may be closed as a result of operatives' demand for an 8 hour day. About 1,500 operatives may be affected.

The management of the Graniteville mill discharged twelve officers of the union Saturday. The Hickman Mill at Graniteville shut down Saturday and the operatives of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company are expected to walk out this afternoon.

### The Bolsheviki Capture Kiev

Ukrainian Capital Falls Into the Hands of Red Terror.

Warsaw, Friday, Jan. 31.—Kiev has been taken by the Bolsheviki. General Petlurski troops partially going over to the enemy.

### Greece Presents Claims

Premier Venizelos Makes Statement Before Supreme Council.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Premier Venizelos, of Greece, before the supreme council today made a statement on the claims of Greece. He will continue his presentation at tomorrow's session.

### War on Roumania

Ukrainian Army Preparing for Attack on Neighbor.

London, Feb. 3.—Ukrainian troops are preparing to attack Roumania which is said to have mobilized to meet the assault, according to Copenhagen advices to The Daily Mail.

### Union Does Not Approve Strike

Strike in Lawrence Not Backed By Textile Union.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 3.—Textile operatives in large numbers joined the strike today to enforce their demands for fifty hours pay for forty-eight hours' work, under the new weekly schedule which has been generally adopted by the mills here.

The fact that the United Textile workers had withheld its sanction of the strike kept many operatives at work.

### Strike in Sweden

Workmen of Nineteen Railroads Quit Work.

Copenhagen, Feb. 3.—A serious railway strike has broken out in Sweden. Workmen of nineteen different lines stopped work last night.

### Quick Demobilization Is Ordered

Every Soldier Who Has Sickness or Trouble in Family Gets Out Immediately.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Gen. Pershing has been ordered to send home for immediate discharge any drafted or enlisted man who presents convincing evidence of sickness or other distress in his family.

If the quantity of seed distributed by the Chamber of Commerce is a correct index of acreage to be planted in tobacco, this year will be the banner tobacco year in the history of Sumter county. The seed distribution indicates an increase of between two and three hundred per cent. in the tobacco crop of Sumter county over the crop of 1918.

## WAR CASUALTIES AMERICAN ARMY

Approximately 10,000 Men Are Wholly Unaccounted For—Grand-Total 56,592.

### PRICE UNITED STATES PAID FOR WORLD PEACE

Total Casualties of Thirtieth Division 1772—List is Only 96 Per Cent. Complete.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Official tables of the major battle casualties of the American forces in France, made public today by Gen. March, chief of staff, show that approximately 10,000 men remain wholly unaccounted for, nearly three months after the ending of hostilities. The deaths, missing and known prisoners are tabulated up to January 10, for each of the thirty combatant divisions of Gen. Pershing's army. The total is 56,592, of whom 17,434 are classified as missing or captured. An appended statement shows that only twenty-nine American military prisoners were believed to be still in Germany on January 8, and that 4,800 prisoners had been checked up as returned and 118 died in captivity.

Some portion of the great body of missing men may be located as the return of the army thins out the American force in France. Indications are, however, that the majority of the 10,000 finally will be added to the roll of honor shown in the tables of those killed or died of wounds, now recorded as 39,153 men.

To that figure also must be added 1,551 men of the marine brigade, figures for which, not carried in the tables, were obtained from official sources. This brings the grand aggregate of deaths from battle up to 40,709 on returns, estimated officially to be 95 per cent complete. As figures on missing and prisoners of the marines are lacking the number of unaccounted for, which finally will be added to the roll of the dead, cannot be accurately estimated.

The army tables, however, give a total of 14,649 men missing in action and 2,785 known prisoners, making up the 17,434 missing or captured. The appended statement shows that the army rolls record 4,918 American military prisoners accounted for. Admittedly there are many possibilities of error, but the statement says it is anticipated that the unaccounted for list of 12,516 will be brought "down to less than 10,000."

The tables do not furnish any data as to the wounded or deaths other than those resulting directly from battle. A new estimate of the complete figures on American casualties, therefore, is not possible. It is significant however, that up to tonight the war department has published the names of 43,832 men killed or died of wounds, as against 39,159 shown in the 95 per cent tables. The difference is made up by additional returns since the tables were closed on January 10.

On November 12 Gen. Pershing estimated that his total killed and died of wounds would be 45,455. Presumably publication of the lists of these known deaths, and exclusive of the unaccounted for is nearly completed, having exceeded the estimate by more than 3,000, due in part to additional deaths from wounds and to the listing as dead of men formerly reported missing.

The names of 149,418 wounded had been published up to tonight, compared with a November estimated total of 139,955. Of those missing in action 11,676 have been published, against the estimated 14,260 total, and compared with the 17,434 missing and prisoners shown in today's tables.

### Fighting in Russia

Bolsheviki Troops Continue Their Pressure on Allies in Archangel Sector.

Archangel, Sunday, Feb. 2.—Bolsheviki patrols were in touch with American patrols today about fifteen miles south of Stredmakrenga. With the exception of widespread patrol activity and heavy shelling on the Vologda railway line there was comparative quiet yesterday in all sectors of the front.

### Soap Factory Fire

Explosion in Plant of Colgate and Company Does Great Damage.

Jersey City, Feb. 3.—An explosion of chemicals in the laboratory of the soap plant of the Colgate Company this morning started a fire which threatened the destruction of the entire plant. Continuing explosions made fighting the blaze difficult. It is reported that there were a number of victims of the explosion.

### Georgia Troops Arrive

Casual Company 133 Land at New York.

New York, Feb. 3.—Casual company 133, composed of Georgia troops, arrived today on the steamship Samarinda.