

OF BILL

Prohibit Immi- Two Years Has of Majority in House

Dec. 9.—Supporters of a bill to prohibit immigration for two years won every preliminary vote in the house today...

record vote that came in two hours of debate was carried by advocates of restricted immigration, 181 to 9. This vote, taken on a motion of a special rule to limit debate on the measure to four hours, was taken by the bill's proponents as an indication of the attitude of the house. Opponents of the measure disputed this contention, however.

of the four hours allotted to debate had been consumed in the house adjourned late in the afternoon. Another two hours of general debate will follow tomorrow, and then the bill will be allowed only five minutes each. Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee, who introduced the bill, said that disposition of the bill probably would depend on the final vote until Saturday.

of today's session was divided between Chairman Johnson and Representative B. J. Burdett, California, who led the forces friendly to the bill, and Representative Siegel, Republican, New York, and Esch, Democrat, Ohio, leaders of the opposition.

Johnson disappeared during the debate. Apparently by coincidence the majority divided itself equally between Democrats and Republicans, a member of each party leading the fight for and against the bill.

Representative Johnson, Republican, South Dakota, read a letter received, he said, "from a prominent American journalist in Europe" describing scenes of crowds besieging consulates and declaring that the consuls "were doing a noble job in holding off the gangs, but must be helped and legislation which will be passed in their hands."

BANK CLOSES DOORS

Savings Bank of Abbeville Suspends Business

Abbeville, Dec. 10.—The County Savings Bank of Abbeville closed its doors today temporarily. It was announced that the bank is thought to be insolvent because of inability to meet its obligations promptly. The directors thought it best to suspend business for the present. The bank was organized about one year ago with a capital of \$25,000.

Officers of the bank are: Dr. G. A. ... president; Albert Henry, vice president; and R. E. Cox, cashier.

NEGRO BATTLES YORK OFFICERS

Swiss Army Rifle Accounts for Damage

Beck Hill, Dec. 10.—Probably not in many a day have county officers been so excited as that of Sheriff Fred Quinn, State Constable Johnson and Constable Frank Allen and Sheriff Gobner Anderson of Cherry yesterday afternoon when 45 caliber bullets from a Swiss army rifle were sent sailing by the heads of the officers. The marksman, Clemens Crawford, had an off day, missing every shot and making off through the woods, but leaving his artillery in possession of the officers, who were armed with only revolvers and a small caliber rifle.

Crawford, a burly negro, is wanted on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, while resisting arrest, also for other alleged minor offenses. A reward of \$50 has been offered for his capture and it is expected that this will be increased.

MARINE SERVICE O. K.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The military situation in Haiti and Santo Domingo from the point of view of the marine corps is "extremely satisfactory," Major General Lejeune, commandant of the corps, declares in his annual report to the secretary of the navy made public today.

A year ago, the bandit situation in Haiti was "quite serious," General Lejeune says, but the present brigade and gendarmic commanders have handled the situation in "masterly fashion" and now banditry has been almost completely suppressed.

There has been no serious banditry in Santo Domingo in the last year, General Lejeune says adding that on his recent visit he found the marines stationed there to be in efficient condition.

The "after effects" of the world war have nearly disappeared from the marine corps, the commandant continues. He believes that both officers and men have overcome the relaxations and unrest which followed the war and that they are working unceasingly to maintain the efficiency of the corps at its highest standard.

General Lejeune recommends that legislation be enacted which will allow the retirement of marines who served either as warrant or commissioned officers in the world war with pay of the highest grade in which they served during the emergency. He also urges the creation of the grade of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster clerk and chief pay clerk for the corps, the grades to be filled by promotions.

Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 11.—The General Motors truck plant has resumed operations partly, after months of idleness.

PRACTICAL FARM EDUCATION

New Method of Carrying Instruction to the Boys on the Farm Proves Successful

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 9.—The newest set of agricultural teachers—those who have come to the farm boys at their work in the open country are making a great success, according to A. W. Nolan, assistant professor of agricultural extension at the University of Illinois.

"Since the passage of the Smith-Hughes vocational education act in 1917, teachers of agriculture are now at work in all the states of the Union," Professor Nolan said. "These teachers are employed for 12 months in the year. They are paid partly from local funds and partly from federal funds granted by the vocational act."

"Under the provisions of this law, all students enrolling in vocational agriculture, with teachers thus employed, must carry on for six months of the year, as a required part of their course, a farm project under the supervision of the teacher."

"A teacher of agriculture literally lives with the boys during the summer months, directing their work, study and business in connection with their farm projects. The boys in these classes are usually organized into vocational clubs under which auspices trips are taken to sales, fairs, universities, agricultural exhibits, and good farms. All of this reacts to the moral and social as well as the vocational and agricultural education of the boys."

"For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, nearly 2,000 schools had established departments of vocational agriculture and over 45,000 boys had enrolled in the work, carrying on farm practice as required. The Federal Board reported for the year that the income from the project of the boys carrying on the farm practice was approximately \$1,000,000, a sum of money larger than the federal grant to the States for carrying on the work in agriculture."

RESULTS OF THE FOURTH RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—Marked revival of interest in the peace time program of the American Red Cross on the part of chapters that have done little or no Red Cross work since the war is the outstanding feature of early reports received at southern division headquarters on the result of the Fourth Red Cross Roll Call.

For the past two years since the signing of the armistice, there have been a number of Red Cross chapters which have allowed their interest to die down, although the majority of chapters in the division carried on the peace work of the Red Cross with enthusiasm. A number of chapters which were chapters in name only, were so impressed by the peacetime work of the Red Cross, as demonstrated by their sister chapters, that they decided to hold a roll call this year. Only fifteen of them have reported at division headquarters as successful and more are expected to be added to the list as further reports are received.

Thus, the Roll Call not only will enable many chapters to give their communities Red Cross service on a bigger and better scale than ever next year, but it will bring Red Cross service to a number of communities that have been without it since the war.

Reports received thus far show that several chapters exceeded their last year's record and some doubled the number of members they got in the third roll call. So successful have these chapters been in enrolling members that their programs for 1921 will include many phases of health work, social service and other Red Cross activities not possible for them last year. Fifty per cent of the dollar membership fees went to the chapters in the Fourth Roll Call, to be extended in chapter service for the communities where the money was subscribed.

Nothing definite on the result of the Roll Call as a whole can yet be given out, it is stated at headquarters, since less than twenty per cent of the chapters in the south have made their reports yet, and most of these are incomplete. While most chapters conducted the Roll Call from November 11 to November 26, some are still working, others have not yet held the Roll Call, and a big percentage are engaged in tabulating the returns.

Judging from the early reports, however, Red Cross officials are convinced that the south made as good a record on the roll call as any part of the country and that next year will see as much, if not more, Red Cross work done in the south as last year.

One of the outstanding features of the Roll Call in the south was the fact that the southern division had the first chapter in the country to get its quota. Thomasville, N. C., reported an oversubscription early in the morning of the day the Roll Call began, and national headquarters at Washington has officially acknowledged its leadership.

On the basis of early returns, Atlanta will lead the southern division, composed of the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida, in the number of members enrolled. Atlanta got 21,000 members. Most of the other big cities have not yet reported, but they are not expected to better this mark unless they break all past year's records. Tampa, Fla., and Perry, Fla., made an unusually fine showing by getting more Red Cross members than they had before the war. West Point, Ga., which was helped by the Red Cross in two floods last year, showed its appreciation by enrolling a record number. One Committee of West Point women enrolled more members than the entire city gave the Red Cross last year, and others yet to be reported are expected to swell the total considerably.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—The first meeting of Socialists in Japan was broken up by the police.

MORE HOSPITALS NEEDED

Surgeon General Cumming Recommends Additional Facilities For Treatment of Former Service Men and Women

Washington, Dec. 11.—Additional hospital facilities for the treatment of former service men and women and the appointment of administrative heads for three major agencies, the work risk insurance bureau, the federal board of vocational education and public health service are recommended to congress in the annual report of Dr. Cumming, surgeon general of the public health service. He reiterated the firm belief that adequate hospital construction plan must be undertaken by the government for the care of ex-service men and women, who will require treatment for a long time.

LYNCHING BEE IN CALIFORNIA

Mob Takes Three Men From Santa Rosa Jail and Hangs Them in Cemetery

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 10.—Geo. Boyd, Terence Pitts and Chas. Valento, who were charged with killing three officers, were taken from the county jail early this morning and hanged by a masked mob. The men were identified by a woman as members of the gang who attacked them. All three were ex-convicts. Armed men surrounded the jail and forced the guards to turn over the keys. They then took the prisoners from their cells, carried them in automobiles to cemetery and hanged them to trees by the lights from the automobiles. The mob then quietly disbanded.

AMERICA AGAIN INVITED

Asked by Technical Commission to Name Member of Advisory Board

Geneva, Dec. 11.—The commission on technical organizations has invited the United States to name members of the international advisory committee to study the question of opium traffic.

Committee of armaments has recommended disarmament in three stages: First, an agreement between the powers not to make further increase in armaments; second, the gradual reduction of armaments; third, complete disarmament, except for necessary police purposes.

BRADLEY SUCCEEDS HEYWARD

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Tatum Gressett, full back on the University of South Carolina team was today elected captain of the eleven for 1921. Gressett was one of the best men on the 1920 team. He is the man who kicked the field goal that beat Clemson 3 to 0 last week.

W. R. Bradley, who has been chief deputy collector of internal revenue under D. C. Heyward, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Heyward, who has tendered his resignation to the president. The president has received Mr. Heyward's resignation and accepts it effective December 31. Mr. Bradley will serve to the end of the present administration.

MOTHERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The mothers of Italy are appealing to you, the mothers of south Carolina, as did the mothers of Belgium in 1914.

It is the same distressing cry—"Give us milk, that our babies may live!"

With beating heart we went to the succor of the "Babes of Belgium;" what shall our answer be to the desolate mothers of Italy?

The need is urgent. Five hundred thousand babies are suffering from hunger and the hunger diseases. The whole child life of Italy is endangered, and disaster can only be averted by sending milk in sufficient quantities to tide them over this crisis; and we must ask ourselves this question: are we willing to make this sacrifice to send it?

Milk is the very exlixir of life to the baby; but in Italy there is no milk, a milk famine exists, war and disease having left the nation without cattle or milk goats.

Will you help to save these babies? Will you interest your neighbor, your club, your church society, the women of your city and community in saving these babies?

It is the work of the Good Samaritan. Your babies have all that a tender mother's love can give them—the same mother's love "Over There" is powerless, there is little to give. It is your privilege now to give for that other mother.

Upon your answer waits the hope of many a sad mother in Italy. Checks may be sent to Miss Jane B. Evans, Florence, S. C., or to The State, Columbia, S. C.

WILDCAT MEET IN CHARLOTTE

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Members of the "Wildcat" Association, the 81st division organization, are advancing the idea of having their 1921 reunion on July 4, next. The reunion is to be held in Charlotte, and advices received here indicate that the Charlotte reunion committee and the business interests of Charlotte favor the July 4 date. This year the reunion was held September 20-21. The 81st division was recruited largely of men from the Carolinas and Tennessee.

W. S. Beam, a former sergeant major in the 81st is chairman of a committee in Charlotte in charge of the reunion plans.

BUYING MORE INSURANCE

Records Show That More Than Ten Billion Dollars Worth of New Insurance Was Issued This Year

New York, Dec. 10.—A person holding a policy in any one of the American life insurance companies himself subject, indirectly, to the imposition of five, and perhaps six, federal taxes, E. E. Rhodes, vice-president of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., at its fourteenth annual convention told the association of life insurance presidents here today.

Although emphasizing the multiple taxation of life insurance, Mr. Rhodes urged that it is far better that insurance men shall sincerely and wholeheartedly cooperate with the government in finding a reasonable basis of taxation than that they should take an antagonistic position towards all plans that may be presented.

"What is the position of one who has sought insurance protection, in so far as federal taxes are concerned?" asked the speaker. "In the first place, he pays a tax at the rate of eighty cents per \$1,000 of insurance for the privilege of insuring his life. In the second place, he pays a personal tax upon so much of his income as is required to pay the premium, is again taxed when it reaches the company of which he is a member. In the fourth place, if the assessment of an excess profits tax is upheld by the courts the premium is again taxed. In the fifth place, so much of his premium as is held by the company for contingencies is again taxed as a capital stock tax. In the sixth place, when the amount insured is paid to his estate it is again taxed."

"This is taxation with a vengeance. The insured is caught coming, standing still and going, in a transaction which he does not enter into for profit and in which there can be no profit."

Devoting his attention further to a consideration of Federal Income Tax Law, Mr. Rhodes not only called into question its constitutionality, so far as it affects life insurance, but gave an analysis of the inequality which he said results to the various companies from the actual operation of the law.

"The Income Tax Law applied to life insurance companies," Mr. Rhodes declared, "fails to meet some of the most important criteria of sound methods of taxation. It does not bear equally upon different companies. It does not provide any certainty of income to the government. The amount of tax is not easily determinable, and when determined it is not, as implied, a tax on net income. The tax is collected only at heavy expense to the government and to the companies."

"It is not at all clear that in so far as life insurance companies are concerned the present law meets the constitutional requirements."

Mr. Rhodes took a definite stand in opposition to the theory that premiums should be taxed as income of the insurance companies.

LLOYD GEORGE TO DISCUSS QUESTION

London, Dec. 9 (By the Associated Press).—It is announced that Premier Lloyd George will make an important statement on Ireland on the opening of the house of commons at noon Friday.

The terms of the statement were dubiously discussed at the conference between the premier, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the commons; Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, and several officers of the Irish department which was held at the premier's official residence in Downing street this afternoon, but no official indication was given tonight as to what decision had been reached.

Many reports are current in the lobbies as to what the premier is likely to say. It is believed in some quarters that he will announce the possibility that the government will declare martial law in Ireland, although at the same time indicate the readiness of the government to enter into conversations with the moderate Sinn Feiners with a view to settlement.

The parliamentary correspondent of the London Times says that the premier is expected to announce more fully than heretofore the conditions on which the government is willing to open official negotiations and may indicate how far he regards the Sinn Fein conditions acceptable. Official circles do not conceal that the premier desires a settlement, but intimate that he is uncertain as to whether the present moment is most propitious.

Both The Times and The Daily Mail emphasize the importance of the premier's interviews with Monsignor Clune. The Mail asserts that the whole position has been considerably changed by the bishop's message from Michael Collins, commander of the Republican army.

RUSSIAN IN COLUMBIA TO BUY COTTON

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Wladimir J. Trumbnikov, of Washington, a representative of Russian cotton manufacturers, is in Columbia Saturday, conferring with officials of the American Cotton association and with Governor Cooper. He is interested in the exportation of cotton to Russia. His visit to Columbia follows a conference he had with Gov. Cooper when the chief executive was in Washington last week. He will probably have some announcements to make regarding his visit here late today.

Lucerne, Dec. 11.—Official notification of the result of the plebiscite in Greece and an invitation to rescind the Greek throne immediately has been received by former King Constantine.

NAVY NEEDS MORE OFFICERS

Chief of Bureau of Navigation Urges That Personnel be Augmented to Full Strength

Washington, Dec. 9.—Declaring that the officer personnel of the navy should be augmented to full strength and placed on a permanent basis "with the least possible delay," Rear Admiral Thomas Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation in his annual report to Secretary Daniels today describes the personnel situation as the most serious problem before the navy. Even though 1,200 reserve and temporary officers are taken into the regular establishment as permitted by law during the coming year the shortage of officers May 1, 1921 will be equal to seven years output of the naval academy, Admiral Washington declares.

From present indications and unless remedial legislation is obtained the temporary appointments of 7 rear admirals, 67 captains, 154 commanders and 380 lieutenant commanders will have to be revoked July 1, 1921 due to shortage of officers, in the lower grades, the report says.

More attention must be paid to the personnel side of the conduct of the navy, Admiral Washington says, asserting that "this point of view does not now prevail."

"The attention of the navy and of all those who in any way enter into the activities of the navy must be concentrated equally on the ships and the men who man them," the report says. "The long period of material reconstruction covering new building programs has diverted too large a share of service attention from questions of personnel."

Commenting on the enlisted men situation, Admiral Washington states that the navy has very largely recovered from the post-war reaction that virtually stopped recruiting. At the rate new men are now entering the service the authorized strength will be reached by July 1, next, his report states. Due to the loss of a large percentage of the navy's older enlisted men, however, the report says that the enlisted force has not yet gained normal efficiency.

Resignations during the fiscal year from the officer force have been serious, Admiral Washington says, the line being particularly hard hit. At the end of the year there were more than 450 fewer line officers in the service than on November 1 despite the fact that a class had graduated from the naval academy in the meantime. A total of 606 officers resigned from the regular navy during the year, which 94 were line officers, leaving a shortage of about 2,400 officers in the permanent establishment.

A considerable portion of the report was devoted to the naval reserve force, an annual appropriation of at least \$500,000 for the administration of this service being recommended.

"The expenditure of money for this purpose from year to year will at first appear perhaps large," says the admiral, "but when it is considered that the maintenance of this force in an efficient state will not only save the government a large share of the amount that would be expended for the purpose if war should again find us unprepared, but will practically insure victory on the sea following a declaration of war, an insurance is gained at comparatively small cost and as such is a measure of economy."

The World War demonstrated that the navy could not rely on the merchant service for officers and men in time of war, Admiral Washington states, urging in this connection that the members of the merchant marine be given at least the fundamentals of naval training for use in time of emergency.

The naval reserve force now consists of 28,000 officers and 235,000 enlisted men, the report says, the majority of whom are interested in the work and will probably remain in the service. More than 8,000 of the officers and fully 100,000 of the men are qualified for the duties of their rank on combatant ships of the navy in time of war, Admiral Washington adds.

SENT TO JAIL BY BROTHER

Unusual Case in Greenville Magistrate's Court

Greenville, Dec. 10.—It is not often that a man is committed to jail by his own brother, a magistrate, but that is what happened yesterday in the case of Wm. Plumley, charged with assaulting his wife with intent to kill her. Plumley is 35 years of age, and lived in the mountainous section of the county. His wife, it is reported, is not seriously hurt.

W. H. LEE DEAD

Bennettsville man Takes Own Life

Bennettsville, Dec. 10.—W. H. Lee killed himself yesterday evening by shooting himself in the head.

Mr. Lee had been employed here for about three years with J. O. and A. L. Breedin and on account of business conditions had been released last week. He had made his arrangements to leave Bennettsville. Mr. Lee's furniture was in the depot and his wife and child were planning to leave on the 9 o'clock train last night when Mr. Lee took his own life at about 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. Lee made a great many friends here during his stay. It is said that he suffered from epilepsy and that when suffering from such an attack was irrational.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Acting Secretary of State Davis today conferred with President Wilson, principally, it is understood, on the disagreement of the five great powers over the disposition of the former German cables.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Announcement of Amalgamation With State Development Board

Columbia, Dec. 11.—A. V. Snell, manager of the South Carolina Development Board and State Chamber of Commerce, has sent the following notice to the Chambers of Commerce of South Carolina:

"We take pleasure in notifying you that in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce of South Carolina and the action taken the meeting of the joint directors of that body and the Development Board, that two-thirds of the Chambers of Commerce of South Carolina, which compose that body, have now voted in favor of amalgamation. The organization to be known as the South Carolina Development Board and State Chamber of Commerce. The offices are on the second floor of Drayton's Business college, corner of Main and Lady street, Columbia. Will you not extend through the papers and other sources and to all members notice of this action and that the offices of this organization are available to every individual member for any business purpose whatsoever."

"It is proposed that the secretaries of the commercial and trades organizations of South Carolina shall act as an advisory council of this organization. A meeting of this council will be held the early part of the year."

BOB JONES COMING TO SUMTER

Arrangements have been made for the noted evangelist "Bob" Jones to be in Sumter on January 7th, according to announcement made today. Sumter is considered fortunate in being included among the fifteen places in the state to be visited by this famous evangelist in his tour in connection with the Campaign of Sunday School Evangelism of the South Carolina Sunday School Association. The meeting will be held in Trinity Methodist church at 3:00 o'clock and a capacity audience including all denominations of the city and many representatives from the country is expected.

"Bob" Jones is said to stand almost without a peer among American preachers. He is known to scores of Sumter people, having conducted a meeting in our city several years ago. It is said that the only person with whom he can be compared is the famous "Billy" Sunday, who is president of the Interdenominational Evangelistic Association of America of which "Bob" Jones is president. Mr. Jones, although a comparatively young man has conducted evangelistic campaigns in twenty-six states of the Union, and was chosen from all America to give the daily evangelistic message at the great Methodist Centenary Exposition at Columbus, Ohio, last year.

WAR WITH JAPAN IMPOSES SIBILE SAYS MINISTER

Columbia, Dec. 11.—"War with Japan is impossible," said Paul Karameri, famous statesman and preacher of Japan, who is in Columbia for a series of addresses Sunday. In speaking today of conditions in the Orient, Mr. Kanimori said that a few spasmodic outbursts between Americans and Japanese in California is no indication of national feeling. "It would be impossible for either America or Japan to conquer the other," he said. "There is no possibility of trouble between the nations, and yet what Japan needs is for America to send an army of missionaries to her islands, not an armed force."

Kanimori is known as "the Billy Sunday of Japan." For twenty years he was an advisor to the Japanese government. He is an authority on economic affairs. In recent years he has been an evangelist and his converts number thousands. He is now making a tour of America, in the interest of Christian relations between this nation and his.

KILLS YOUNG SISTER

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 10.—Because she would not hurry and cook his breakfast, Paul Reeves, a 13-year-old negro boy, is alleged to have deliberately loaded a shotgun and firing, killed his ten-year-old sister, Ethel Reeves, at Southport. The top of the girl's head was blown off. Coroner Outlaw empaneled a jury this morning at Southport and the young boy was committed to jail without bail. The boy's mother was out of town at the time of the murder.

SENIORS DEFEAT JUNIORS IN HARD FOUGHT CONTEST

Friday afternoon the class football teams of the Juniors and Seniors met at the fair grounds in a fierce battle which resulted disastrously for the game Juniors. The Seniors put it over them to the tune of 18 to 0. Moran was the outstanding ground gainer for the Seniors, while Kirvin and Cato did good work for the Juniors. Welton for the Seniors was good on defense.

On next Friday the Seniors will play the 8th grade and this game will determine the High school champion team.

ANOTHER GIN BURNS

Anderson, Dec. 10.—W. J. McClure lost a well equipped ginney Thursday afternoon by fire. The gin had been shut down for the day, and none of the employees were there. The gin and the baling apparatus were a total loss, although there was \$10,000 carried on the plant. This was one of the newest and best equipped gins in this county and it is not thought that fire could have started from any defective machinery. There is no theory about how it caught fire.

Dublin, Dec. 11.—A plant for the manufacture of bombs has been discovered in a Bydwin bicycle shop, the police seizing large quantities of ammunition, and arresting three men and wounding one.