

Sweeping Reforms Are Recommended By Legislative Committee

Action Favored by Probing Committee of New York Nothing Short of Sensational—Would Stop Bribe Giving and Bribe Taking.

Many Changes And Reforms Favored in Insurance Laws State—Digest of The Corrupt Practices Act Offered.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The enactment of a drastic corrupt practices act with a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine for the failure of a legislator to disclose immediately any attempt to buy or influence his vote and the adoption of sweeping changes and far-reaching reforms in the fire insurance laws of the state are recommended in a lengthy report to the legislative investigating committee, submitted to the legislature today.

The committee says: "That the legislature refuse absolutely to countenance this (valued policy) species of insurance. It tends to place a premium on arson and unnecessarily puts temptation in the way of the insured when prosperity fails."

No alterations in the standard form of fire insurance policy is recommended.

MANY PETITIONS ARE SENT THE LEGISLATURE

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Speaker Dowd appoints the following committees: Congressional Apportionment—Roberts, of Duncombe, chairman. Legislative Apportionment—Johnson, of Bertie, chairman. The Turlington bill, to enable insurers in an unlicensed company to serve summons in a case of disagreement as to fire losses and requiring that such policies be reported to the state commissioner of insurance and a tax of 5 per cent paid on premiums, was defeated in the house on the ground that the state law makes it a misdemeanor for any agent to represent unlicensed companies in this state and this would nullify it.

Terrific Explosion Spreads Death And Ruin In Jersey City



THE FIRST ACCIDENT THAT WILL OCCUR ON THE INTERURBAN!

Bodies of The Dead And Injured Hurled In All Directions

Holds Liability Act Constitutional

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 1.—In holding the United States employers liability act of 1908 constitutional, Judge Reilstab differs from the ruling of Judge Baldwin, of Connecticut, now governor, who held that it was unconstitutional and became involved in a controversy over the subject with Theodore Roosevelt. The lower federal courts throughout the country have generally upheld its constitutionality but no case has yet been carried to the United States supreme court. The Lehigh Valley, it is understood, will take action forthwith to do so.

Thousands of Windows Smashed, and Much Property Destroyed—Hurry Call to New York for Physicians to Treat Injured.

Number of Dead And Injured Not Known Yet—Shock Felt in Singer Building—Mad Rush For Elevators.

New York, Jan. 1.—A terrific explosion of powder or dynamite on a Jersey Central Railroad dock, just across the river from the southern end of Manhattan, today, spread death in a great area, raked the sky scrapers of the lower New York and caused panic throughout the metropolis.

The News' Bond Issue Election Meets With Popular Favor from Start

Many Citizens Drop Around To Cast Their Ballots

All Agree That the Election Will Be of Value in That it Will Give Every One an Idea of The Popular Attitude on The Matter.

Col. Kirkpatrick Casts First Vote And Many Others Follow—Every Citizen Interested And Much Comment Heard.

"The News has taken a step in the right direction. Let there be more light upon the bond issue problem. We, all of us, want to know the opinion of the majority. If Charlotte is to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000, the people—all of the people—are the ones most directly interested. With emphasis we assert 'The News' voting proposition is a great idea."

the southwest corner, and is "looked after" by Mr. Lynch, the blind man; another is in Dilworth and another in a different section of the city. The man who bought his home through the help of a building and loan association for instance, has the same weight in this election as the man who has hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property and who pays to the city, the county and the state, but a very small amount of taxes thereon.

agitation, and there should be more information given. The News is absolutely correct in its stand for more light. I hope that all of the people will get together and vote one way or the other. Let there be a full expression, for I, like every man who has any interest at stake, want to be informed of the public pulse.

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HOKE COUNTY BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The Hoke County bill passed final reading in the senate today, 20 to 8 and goes to the house. By Senator Cobb, of Robeson, to change the boundary so as to include Lumber Bridge and Red Springs township was voted down. A joint resolution thanking the state of Nevada for refusing to accept the gift of repudiated North Carolina bonds was offered by Martin, of Buncombe.

For Defaming King George, Edward F. Mylius Was Convicted

London, Feb. 1.—After brief proceedings today a special jury before Lord Chief Justice Alverstone cleared King George of imputations against his personal character by finding Edward F. Mylius guilty of circulating a libel. Mylius was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. After sentence had been passed the attorney general read a letter signed by King George and authorized by the attorney general to state publicly that the writer had never been married except to Queen Mary; had never come through a ceremony of marriage except with the queen; and that he would have attended the proceedings to give evidence to this effect if he had been advised by the law officers of the crown that it would be unconstitutional for him to do so.

WHERE TO VOTE—LOCATION OF BOXES.

The News Office, Woodruff's Pharmacy, Dilworth. Blake's Corner, on the square, in charge of Mr. Lynch, the blind man. Moody's Drug Store, corner West Trade and Mint Sts. (Postoffice Corner).

HOW TO VOTE

Cut the ballot from a copy of The News and sign your name opposite "yes" or "no", and your address. If you wish, mail your ballot to The News. For other information see the local stories in the news columns.

Ten Passengers Hurt.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 1.—The Memphis special eastbound on the Southern Railway split a switch at Limrock, Ala., 11 miles from Scottsboro, Ala., at 2 o'clock this morning and two sleepers and a day coach were derailed. Ten passengers were injured, two seriously.

CAN READ BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

By Associated Press. Helena, Mont., Feb. 1.—In an opinion rendered to the county attorney of Dawson county yesterday, Attorney General A. J. Galen holds that there is no law in Montana prohibiting the reading of the Bible by a teacher in the public schools as a part of the opening exercises. Provided, however, that no comment be made by the teacher on the matter being read, and also that pupils be not required to attend the exercises.

Only the Honk Honk Can Stay.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 1.—The days of the shrieking calliope and all brands of automobile horns other than the conventional honk honk variety are at an end in Memphis. At the suggestion of Commissioner of Fire and Police J. A. Reichman, an ordinance prohibiting the "freak noise makers" was passed yesterday by the board of city commissioners.

Arrange For Fight.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 1.—Negotiations are pending here today for another match between "Digger" Stanley, the English bantam, and Frankie Burns, whose recent bout in this city aroused so much discussion. It is understood that they respectably are favorable to a second meeting for the bantam in something over a fortnight.

Death of Rear Admiral.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—Rear Admiral Charles Stillman Sperry, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the Atlantic fleet on the last leg of its round the world trip, died suddenly this morning at Garfield Hospital, here, of pneumonia.

MR. REAL ESTATE MAN

The News is printing on its Classified Page today three columns of sales of valuable real estate—city and county. (See Page 8.)

Excitement in Singer Building.

There was much excitement in the tall Singer building. Persons in the tower at the time say they felt a preceptible sway. There were no window panes broken in the tower, but several windows in the main building were blown in. After the shock of the explosion there was a rush for the elevators in the Singer building and for a time the cars were taxed to their capacity.

Surgeons Ordered Out.

The Jersey City police asked the New York police department to send all the available medical assistance possible to Jersey City.

General Pandemonium.

The concussion set off fire alarms in many parts of New York and the clatter of fire apparatus and the shrill shrieks of the fire sirens added to the confusion. Men and women swarmed out of the buildings, on the New York side, some of them by the fire escape route, and added to the confusion. The firemen hurried in (Continued on Page Nine.)

\$1,000,000 Bond Ballot

Aldermen favor the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. Upon the proposition as it is submitted, answer YES or NO by signing your name and giving your address upon the lines on the coupon.

Form with fields for YES, NO, and Address.