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# Legislative Committee

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

Y., Feb. 1.-The enactdrastic corrupt pracith a maximum penalty of isonment and \$5,000 ailure of a legislator to diately any attempt to his vote and the weeping changes and far the fire insurthe state are recomlengthy report to the o the legislature today. which the com-

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Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 1.-Speaker Dowd ap

the committee says

"That the legislature refuse abso lutely to countenance this (valued

to place a premium on arson and unway of the insured when prosperity

points the following committees: Congressional Apportionment-Roberts, of Buncombe, chairman. Legislative Apportionment-Johnson, of Bertie, chairman.

The Turlington bill, to enable insur ers in an unlicensed company to serve investigating committee, summons in a case of disagreement as to fire losses and requiring that such policies be reported to the state ses shall be enacted into 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 nuify it.

A bill by Kellum, of New Hanover would allow a Wilmington local option on the petition of citizens to the aldermen.

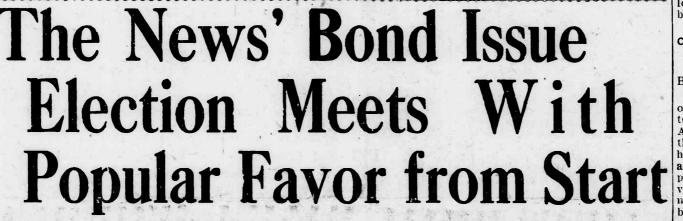
Petitions for statewide legislation against near-beer and against handling from the New York intoxicants by clubs came from New exchange and similar Hanover, Vance, Durham, Anson Caldwell, Wake, Beaufort, Mecklen burg, Davidson, Yancy, Rutherford Cleveland, Scotland, Union, Richmond the sharing or "split- Forsyth, Bertie, Duplin, Randolph, Harnett, Pamlico, Pitt and Henderson counties.

Rutherford and Cleveland counties ask that possession of more than a fire marshal, to be quart of liquor by any citizen in these sweeping authority counties be made a misdemeanor.



## SweepngP joims Are Recommended By Terrific Explosion Spreads Death And Ruin In Jersey City





### **Bodies of The Dead** And Injured Hurled In All Directions

#### Holds Liability Act Constitution al

#### By Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 1 .-- In holding the United States employers liability act of 1908 constitutional, Judge Rellstab 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 constitu-

New York, Jan. 1.- A terrific explotionality but no case has yet been sion of powder or dynamite on a Jercarried to the United States supreme court. The Lehigh Valley, it is unsey Central Railroad dock, just across derstood, will take action forthwith the river from the southern end of Manhattan, today, spread death in a o do so great area, racked the sky scrapers

Judge Rellstab points out that al hough the law has been held uncon- district of lower New York and caused stitutional in Connecticut and in panic throughout the metropolis. Iowa, he believes that the act will The blast took place soon after noon be upheld finally. Some time elapsed before the place of

CAN READ BIBLE

By Associated Press.

destruction was ascertained. Great showers of glass from thousands of windows in buildings of Manhattan's IN THE SCHOOLS. financial district pelted pedestrians on Broadway, Church and Cortlandt streets.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 1.-In an Meanwhile police and fire officials of opinion rendered to the county at Jersey City had located the point of orney of Dawson county yesterday, the blast.

About the railroad dock dead and dy-Attorney General A. J. Galen holds ing were scattered, while many bodies that there is no law in Montana prohibiting the reading of the Bible by had been hurled out into the Hudson teacher in the public schools as a river.

Police and fire boats from both sides of the opening exercises. Provided, however, that no comment be of the river soon began the work of made by the teacher on the matter picking dead and wounded from the being read, and also that pupils be Hudson. Hurry calls have been

not required to attend the exercises. sounded for nurses and physicians. Great re at

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.

By Associated Press.

bodies During forty-two witnesses were examined practices in corrupt m with legislation the comaccording to the report, inalleged bribe giving the surface in investigajucted in 1910 by the senby the state superintendent rance and also certain other Special to The News. These allegations, the re-

war bounty, the passage of reference to milk

unittee found abundant eviof graft, Concerning bribery says

crime of bribery is one o difficult of all crimes to Buncombe. All the resources of inge are used to conceal it and exceedingly rare instances

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the crown that it would ent.

and he testified that the father.

when the King called upon the witness one year's imprisonment.

er of the parties to the ling to come forward and facts. making the bill which it recom-

law, the committee thinks giving and taking of bribes | today. One woman passenger was fagreatly reduced. reference to fire insurance seriously hurt.

For Defaming King

George, Edward F.

# PASSES

Raleigh, eFb. 1 .- The Hoke County were made in connection bill passed final reading in the senate payment by the state of a today, 20 to 8 and goes to the house. By Senator Cobb, of Robeson, to brace track gambling law and change the boundary so as to include ents to the agricultural Lumber Bridge and Red Springs

township was voted down. A joint resolution thanking the state of Nevada for refusing to ac-

cept the gift of repudiated North Carolina bonds was offered by Martin, of

Train Wrecked. By Associated Press. Jackson, Ky., Feb. 1.-Plunging into

at Portsmouth. His only other daugh-

ter had never spoken to him.

e of imputations against commander in chief of the Mediterran- coupon their names and addresses.

futional for him to do so. In a dramatic speech Sir Rufus sewer extension and \$150,000 for

was charged with distribut- Isaacs, the attorney general, charac- schools. As to what streets were to

1.-After brief pro- ter died in 1895 and for three years

character by finding Ed- can squadron. The King had not vis-

hus guilty of circulating ited Malta while the admiral's daugh-

us was sentenced to one ter were there and the younger daugh-

tence had been passed The defendant sought to have the

King George and author'z-was refused on constitutional grounds. Then he demanded the King's pres-

he writer had never been ence in the court, asserting that he

cept to Queen Mary; had could not be legally tried in the abthrough a ceremony of sence of his accuser. Lord Chief Jus-

cept with the queen; and tice Alverstone again ruled against d have attended the pro- him, declaring that the defense knew

give evidence to this ef- perfectly well that under the constifor the advice of the law tution his majesty could not be pres-

t his majesty, while Prince ted to personally answer his slander-

had contracted a morgana-ers, and concluding with the declara-te with the elder daughter tion that the suit had not been brought

George had sought the protection of Town called the admiral as a the court as a man, a husband and a

Sir Michael Seymour, at to protect the monarchy, but that King

general read a letter King summoned as a witness but this

creek as the engine left the rails train on the Kentucky River Hardvood Company's railroad was completely wrecked 12 miles from here tally scalded. Several workmen were

### Many Citizens Drop Around 'To Cast Their Ballots

the southwest corner, and is "looked All Agree That the Election after" by Mr. Lynch, the blind man;

Will Be of Value in That it another is in Dilworth and another in a different section of the city. Will Give Every One an Idea The man who bought his home through the help of a building and of The Popular Attitude on 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

Col. Kirkpatrick Casts First amount of taxes thereon. Commends News' Course.

"Let me congratulate The News," Vote And Many Others Folsaid Mr. E. V. Finlayson this mornlow-Every Citizen Interest-

ed And Much Comment writing something pertinent to the praise The News for bringing out tired, who commanded the Atlantic doubtedly would have been heavy loss bond question, that The News had all of the points in the case, a case field (Poor

taken the correct position. "I want that by a legal light was styled "Peomore light. And I want to see an ple by People.

"The News has taken a step in equality of taxation. The poor man whose house is not worth more than more light upon the bond issue prob- while the man on South Tryon street tion. With two other gentlemen, each lem. We, all of us, want to know pays \$14,000 on property worth more of whom will be familiar with the the opinion of the majority. If Char- than \$50,000," continued Mr. Fin- qualified voters of Charlotte, will aslotte is to issue bonds in the sum layson. "But," he finished, "make it sort the ballots on the 10th. of of \$1,000,000, the people--all of the plain that I am in favor of the repeople-are the ones most directly election of Mayor Hawkins. I believe Saturday, the 11th, The News will interested. With emphasis we assert that he is right. There is no need, The News' voting proposition is a however. of issuing bonds unless

there can be an adjustment of the Briefly told this is the central ex- assessment. Furnish us, as you have pression of hundreds who came to suggested, with an increased source The News office today and deposited of revenue.

"The question is a big one and a special jury before preceding her death had been with in the ballot box the coupon from one that should be considered seri-Justice Alverstone cleared her father at Malta, where he was the paper, having written upon the ously, soberly, by every man in Charlotte. There can not be too much

> A few minutes after yesterday's edition was on the streets, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick came to the office  $\blacklozenge$  with a copy of the paper in his  $\blacklozenge$  WHERE TO VOTE-LOCA.  $\blacklozenge$ hand and asked for a pair of scissors. TION OF BOXES. "I want to be the first man to cast my vote," said he. He voted no. The News Office. The board of alderman said by a Woodruff's Pharmacy, Dil-

HOW TO VOTE

copies of The Libera- terized the story of the morganatic be improved, where the sewers were s publication edited by Ed- marriage as absolutely false, regret- to be placed, who should handle the Cut the ballot from a copy  $\blacklozenge$  injured, two seriously. ames, and in which it was ting that his majesty was not permit- bonds, etc., there is an ominous si- • of The News and sign your • name opposite "yes" or "no"
and your address. If you wish

Demanding more light upon the question, asking for the privilege of being heard, countless numbers of people talked of the matter. Such

and he testified that the father. It did not take the jury long to find their appeal that The News has in-Only qualified voters are Napier of the British navy, Mylius guilty of circulating a libel and augurated the straw voting proposi- • eligible.

seen his majesty until 1898, the court forthwith condemned him to tion. A ballot box is located in this office; another is on the Square,

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 er man who has any interest at stake, want to be informed of the

public pulse and Police J. A. Reichman, an ordi-Mr. Finlayson is known to a nance prohibiting the "freak noise great number of theb usiness men makers" was passed yesterday by the of thec ity and the state. As a manboard of city commissioners. ufacturer he has been eminently suc cessful and his opinion, coinciding as does with the opinion expressed

The News, is given herewith to By Associated Press. the public.

Many Voters at the Polls. All the morning a stream of people deposited votes in the ballot box in The News office. The interest taken is infectious. The banker came, ed so much discussion. It is underthe lawyer came, the merchant was stood that thep rospects are favornot too busy to clip a coupon and cast his vote, the laborer took as much interest as any and merging night.

themselves they made one happy family, all working for the better ment of Charlotte. Greater Charlotte was the theme of conversation. City

to the man who was at the time and none there was who did not Charles Stillman Sperry, U. S. N., reworld trip, died suddenly this morn-

Election Judges.

monia Tax Collector Wilson has consent \$2,000, should not be taxed \$1,500, ed to be one of the judges of elec \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* February and on the following day announce the result of the election. Classified Page How many of the qualified voters who participate in the election are in favor of the bonds as proposed by the aldermen or against the proposisition as it is submitted now, will ٠ be told. And then the number of people who are not qualified voters be told. And then the number of but who have a decided interest in the question, will be given. The Nws is anxious for all

light possible upon a subject that is gripping in its intensity. The paper is read by more than forty thousand people every day and the majority of these, ladies as well as men, are interested in the question of the issu

ance of bonds.

The board of aldermen said by a majority vote at a special meeting held in January that the city wanted to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,000, 000. It was purposed by the alder men, the majority of seven speaking, to spend \$350,000 for water; \$250,000 for street improvement; \$250,000 for to spend \$150,000 for water; \$250,000 for to street improvement; \$2 boro, Ala., at 2 o'clock this morning and two sleepers and a day coach were derailed. Ten passengers were

> List of Injured. The injured are: John Woy, detective of the Chatta-

ooga police department. Mrs. John Woy; his wife. Mrs. Clevinger, of Marion, Va., Mrs. Nov's sister.

E. M. Mackinlay, of St. Louis. Mrs. Woy and Mrs. Clevinger were he most seriously hurt, but they are

Only the Honk Honk Can Stay. By Associated Press.

Arrange For Fight,

Death of Rear Admiral,

ing at Garfield Hospital, here, of pneu-

MR. REAL ESTATE MAN

The News is printing on its

real estate-city and county.

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today

By Associated Press.

migration station on Ellis Island was caused by the explosion. Windows all over the island were smashed to bits and many employes were injured by Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 1 .- The days of the shrieking calliope and all the fragments of flying glass.

A dynamite boat, believed to be the orands of automobile horns other than Catherine C, blew up from some unthe conventional honk honk variety known cause are at an end in Memphis. At the

The Catherine C was demolished, suggestion of Commissioner of Fire the pier was completely wrecked and many other boats lying nearby were damaged. The boat was leaving her pier, which adjoins the Jersey Central passenger station, when the explosion occurred.

Excitement in Singer Building.

There was much excitement in the

New York, Feb. 1 .- Negotiations tall Singer building. Persons in the are pending here today for another tower at the time say they felt a pre-match between "Digger" Stanley, the ceptible sway. There were no window panes broken in the tower, but several English bantam, and Frankie Burns, windows in the main building were whose recent bout in this city arousblown in. After the shock of the explosion there was a rush for the elevators in the Singer building and for a able to a second meeting for the time the cars were taxed to their cabantam in something over a fort-

pacity. It was fortunate that no immi grants were being handled at Ellis Island. Three immense holes were torn in the hall where the immigrants Washington. Feb. 1.-Rear Admiral are inspected. Had the hall been crowded, as it so often is, there un-

Surgeons Ordered Out.

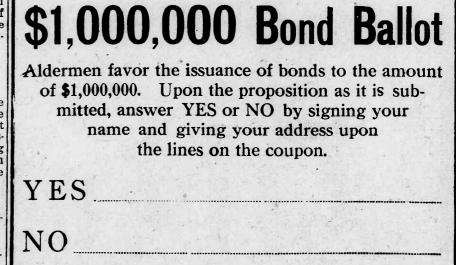
The Jersey City police asked the New York police department to send all the available medical assistance possible to Jersey City.

It was said that many injured were there waiting assistance. Commissioner Cropsey ordered all available police surgeons dispatched in haste to Jersey City.

Gneral 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 Men and women the confusion: 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 hunted in (Continued on Page Nine.) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*





C. G. Phifer, of St. Elmo, Tenn. Address not fatally injured.

Heard.

the right direction. Let there be Mylius Was Convicted

The First Voter.

Want More Light.

The Matter.

great idea.

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