

State Legislature Has First Bills Presented

With All Preliminary Organization Perfected, the General Assembly Today Began Long Grind.

WOODSEN PRESENTS IMPORTANT BILL

Would Place Solicitors on Salary—Bill Presented Increasing Number of Superior Court Judges.

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—With preliminary organization completed the North Carolina General Assembly today had its first batch of bills introduced and presented.

The Senator stated he expected the bill to be introduced in the House by Representative Warren, Beaufort, and Representative Connor, Wilson. The measure is a part of the legislative program of the North Carolina Bar Association, and also is being supported by Senator Varsler of the eleventh district, who is chairman of the organization legislative committee.

Advocates of the bill are contending investigations made throughout the state have developed that present incomes of solicitors range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 annually under the fee system. A straight salary of \$4,000 a year, with the present fees to go to the school funds of the several counties is proposed. Traveling expenses of the solicitors would be paid by the counties at each term of criminal court.

The full program of the association probably will include legislation to increase the number of judges to 24 or 26, with the possible provision for a division of North Carolina into three judicial districts, instead of two, and changing the residence of a judge in one district from six months to one year.

Number of Bills Introduced. Raleigh, Jan. 4.—A bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Mendenhall, of Guilford, to provide an investigation into the slow movement of interstate freight and expedite such freight, and a bill introduced in the House by Representative W. C. Connor, of Tyrrell county, which contested the right of Representative C. H. Grady, of Dare county, to his seat, were the high points in the second day's session of the 67th General Assembly of North Carolina here today.

Seven bills were read in the Senate and sixteen were laid before the House. A bill to provide that all vehicles shall carry lights at night was introduced in the upper house by Senator J. Clyde Ray, of Hillsboro; and a like measure was presented in the House. Among other measures on which importance was generally stressed was House bill No. 4 which would provide for abolition of capital punishment.

Both branches of the assembly adjourned at 12 o'clock till 11 a. m. tomorrow. The House opened with prayer by the Rev. F. Y. Seymour, of Raleigh. An emergency measure was introduced by Representative N. A. Townsend, of Harnett, to provide for the amendment of constitution of certain county officers. The bill was given its three readings and was immediately passed, whereupon it was sent to the Senate. Representative Colborn's resolution calling for an investigation into the seating of Representative Grady was read. It contended that Mr. Grady was not entitled to his seat because he had not resided in his county the length of time necessary by the constitution.

On a motion by Representative Walter Murphy, Rowan, the resolution was tabled, and Mr. Grady retained his seat. Senator Mendenhall's bill will direct the Corporation Commission to employ four traffic experts to study the inter-state movements and to recommend to the railroads methods for expediting it. These experts would be directed to study particularly the transfer points in the state. The bill would clothe the Corporation Commission with powers to require railroads to adopt such methods as would improve the freight movement.

No Action on Keller Charges. Washington, Jan. 4.—The House Judiciary Committee adjourned after a two-hour session today until next Tuesday without taking final action on the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

Those can conquer who think they can. Emerson.

Many Lose Lives When Large Bridge Collapses

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 4 (By the Associated Press).—The names of eight missing persons were known while estimates of the number lost ran as high as thirty, when rescue parties today resumed their search of the Coville River, into which the old suspension bridge here, bearing scores of men and women, collapsed last night.

THE COTTON MARKET

There Were Overnight Buying Orders and the Opening Was Steady at a Decline.

New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market was influenced by a less favorable view of the foreign news early today. There were many overnight buying orders and the opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 10 points. Liverpool and spot or commission house brokers were fair buyers, but offerings increased after the call and prices soon showed net losses of 10 to 16 points with March selling down to 26.54.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 26.58; March 26.72; May 26.80; July 26.90; Oct. 27.12.

ELECTRIC PROJECT IS PLANNED NEAR TUXEDO

Plant of Eventually 70,000 Horsepower Would Serve North and South Carolina.

Asheville, Jan. 3.—Hydro-electric developments in the vicinity of Tuxedo planned by the Manufacturers' Power Company, to serve North and South Carolina interest eventually developing over 70,000 horsepower, representing an investment of between three and four million dollars, will probably be started at an early date, with the Turner development, 12,000 horsepower, to cost around \$750,000 as the initial step, it was learned today.

Although definite details for the entire project have not been completed by Mays and Mays, of Charlotte, engineers, for the power company. The directors are expected to meet during the next 10 days and consider the various details.

The impending take for the Turner development, it is understood, will cover approximately 60,000 acres of land.

The larger development at a point known as the Narrows will have a 600-foot head as compared with a 250-foot head at Lake Summit, a nearby development with 8,000 horsepower, which cost approximately \$1,600,000.

Employment For 402 Persons.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—A total of 402 persons was placed in positions during the week ending December 30, according to an official statement issued tonight by M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing.

The report follows: Registrations—Men 382; women 82; total 464. Referred—Men 386; women 103; total 489. Placed—Men 340; women 62; total 402.

Skilled 120; unskilled 211; clerical 47; total 402. Domestic 43; industrial 4; total 47. Asheville—Men 58; women 18; total 76. Charlotte—Men 62; women 10; total 72. Greensboro—Men 10; women 8; total 18. New Bern—Men 51; women 4; total 55. Raleigh—Men 27; women 8; total 35. Wilmington—Men 90; women 4; total 94. Winston-Salem—Men 42; women 10; total 52. Total—Men 340; women 62; total 402.

W. P. G. Harding to Enter Private Business.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The name of W. P. G. Harding has been eliminated from those now under consideration for appointment to the Governorship of the Federal Reserve Board, it was said today by a high official of the Treasury. It was said that Mr. Harding, a former Board Governor, would enter private business.

Man Burned to Death.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 4.—An unidentified white man about 60 years old, who was said to have come from North Carolina, was burned to death when a lodging house near the railway station was destroyed by fire early today.

Bridge Collapses Taking Toll of Six.

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 3.—A bridge across the Coville river here went out at 5 o'clock tonight when a big log jam above the structure broke and swept against the bridge with terrific force. At least six persons are reported to have perished.

Christmas and New Year were spent very pleasantly here. The exercises at the different churches were very much enjoyed.

A gasometer with a capacity of 7,000,000 cubic feet—said to be the largest in the world—is being built in Belfast.

AGED CITIZEN DIED—HERE LAST NIGHT.



COLONEL JAMES N. BROWN.

DEATH LAST NIGHT OF COL. JAMES N. BROWN

Concord's Oldest and Best Known Citizen Died Peacefully After an Illness of Several Weeks' Duration.

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Deceased Was 95 Years of Age, and Fought in Mexican War.—Was Prominent in Life of City for Years.

Col. James N. Brown, the oldest and best known citizen of Concord, died here shortly after 6 o'clock last night, at the home of Mrs. Emma Griffin, on South Spring street, where he had been boarding for several weeks.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Griffin tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Col. Brown had been ill for several weeks, and during the past several days his condition had been so serious that no hope for his recovery had been entertained by members of his family and friends. The end came peacefully, as he had been unconscious for several hours.

Surviving are seven children: Mrs. R. William Johnston, of Raleigh; Mrs. T. F. Haney, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. E. Castor, of Marion; Mrs. Harry Reith, of Goshen, Ind.; Mrs. James A. McEachern, Miss Jennie Brown, and J. Lafayette Brown, of Concord. Fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive. One daughter, Mrs. Joe Brock, died in May, 1916.

Col. Brown was born in Concord on October 23, 1827. He was married on June 14th, 1853, to Martha E. Wallace, who died on June 10, 1918, after 65 years of married life. Eight children were born to the union, seven of them surviving.

During the 95 years of his life Col. Brown saw many changes in Concord, and he had experiences that read like fairy tales. When eighteen years of age he joined the American Army that was sent into Mexico, and he served throughout that war. The company he joined was mustered in at Charlotte and the trip from there to Mexico was made on foot, in boats and in wagons. He was one of the few remaining Mexican War veterans in North Carolina.

Shortly after returning home from the Mexican War Col. Brown entered into a general merchandise business with several associates. He was connected with this business until appointed postmaster, shortly before the Civil War, and he was postmaster here when he joined the Confederate Army. He served throughout the war until captured at Gettysburg, where he was kept a prisoner for several months.

After being released from the Federal prison Col. Brown came back to Concord and resumed his work as postmaster, which position he held for some time after the war. When his term expired he again entered into the general merchandise business. Later he was elected mayor of Concord and served in that capacity for several years.

Col. Brown was one of the young men from this county who went to California in 1849 when gold was first discovered there. He spent several months on the trip to the Pacific Coast, and remained there for one year. He returned in 1851, bringing some gold with him. One of the prized hoards in his family is a ring made of gold Col. Brown dug while in California.

No man in Concord was better known than "Colonel Jimmie," as he was generally known in this city. He saw the birth and rise of several genera-

ROBINSON PROPOSAL IS BEFORE SENATE

Calls for American Representation in the Reparations Commission.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Assurances of immediate consideration for the resolution of Senator Robinson, democrat, of Arkansas, proposing American representation on the reparations commission, were given by administration Senate leaders today after Chairman Lodge, of the Foreign Relations Committee, had conferred with President Harding and Ambassador Harvey at the White House.

Senator Lodge did not express any definite opinion regarding the advisability of adopting the resolution, but neither he nor any other administration leader evinced any hostility toward it. Immediately after his visit to the White House he called a special meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee for tomorrow to consider the proposal.

JUMPS FROM TOP STORY TO LIBERTY

Guards Gasp as Hefly Woman Prisoner Escapes From Greensboro Jail.

Greensboro, Jan. 3.—Lottie Wharton, being confined in the Guilford county jail, today took a leap to liberty from the third floor of the courthouse, and sped away to freedom.

The woman, with a lead gained while the guards and turnkeys gaped at her miraculous escape, made her getaway good, speeding around a corner, and is still at large.

She and some other prisoners were on the third floor of the courthouse, cleaning up, under the care of a guard, one floor below the jail. The companions of the negroess saw her raise a window, pause, draw back, then suddenly plunge boldly through the air. She did not drop; she jumped.

The others rushed to the window, expecting to see a corpse picked up by the woman, a hefty creature, had landed squarely top of an automobile, crashing through. She immediately clambered out, leaving a shoe, and hot-footed it away while people stared at her.

She was serving a six-months' sentence for having whiskey in her possession for sale, would have soon been out, and had no reason to take such reckless methods.

She is the second woman to jump from the building, another negro woman some time ago having jumped from the second story. The other was recaptured.

A NEW THEORY

Sterilization of Men and Women Advocated by a Society in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Sterilization of men and women who may be the parents of "socially inadequate" children, as determined by experts in eugenics, is advocated in a volume issued by the Psychopathic Laboratory of the Municipal Court of Chicago.

A model law to carry out this purpose which Chief Justice Harry Olsen may have presented to the Illinois Legislature, is included in the volume.

N. C. Railroad Pays Dividend.

Charlotte, Jan. 4.—The directors of the North Carolina Railroad at their winter meeting here today declared the regular annual dividend of 7 per cent, of which 3 1/2 per cent. is payable February 1, and the other half August 1st.

Turks Issue Call For Soldiers.

London, Jan. 4.—The Turkish government has issued a decree calling to the colors all able-bodied men in the liberated regions, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople.

THE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE BREAKS UP

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—The allied reparations conference here broke up shortly before 7 o'clock this evening.

NEW YORK CITY AGAIN VISITED BY SNOW STORM

Snow Fell From Dusk to Midnight.—One Death Resulted. New York, Jan. 4.—Using every available mechanical device and with more than a thousand men recruited during the night working at record pace, New York early today was emerging from the snow storm which gripped the city last night.

Snow fell heavily from dusk to about midnight, but thinned out as day approached, permitting workmen to clear the sidewalks and streets in the business districts of Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The police reported one death due to the storm—that of a six-year-old boy, who was run down when the driver of an automobile, blinded by the snow, failed to see him.

Wallace Cook Dies of Lock-Jaw.

The sad death of Wallace Cook, which occurred Wednesday at 6 a. m., was a great shock to his many friends, as he was in his usual good health until a few hours before his death.

He injured a finger while shooting fireworks Christmas Day, but the injury was only a minor one and he paid but little attention to it until he became ill last Monday and then he went to a doctor and had the wound dressed. On Tuesday lock-jaw set in and from that time until his death on Wednesday he suffered intense agony.

He was 17 years of age and was the son of the late Wallace Cook. He leaves his mother, five brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss. Wallace, or better known as "Burr," was a quiet, manly fellow and was well liked by all who knew him.

The funeral was held at the home of his mother on McGill street at 2:30 this afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Mr. McIver and Rev. C. C. Myers. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery. The relatives have the sympathy of the many friends of this young man, who has been taken just as young life was ready to blossom into manhood.

Wallace was a member of the Myers club of McKinnon Presbyterian Church and was also a member of the baseball team of the club. He was one of the pitching staff of his team and his last shoots had sent many a good batter back to the bench without a hit. His team-mates had high hopes of him as a pitcher in fast company some day in the future. But the Great Empire of the Universe has called Wallace out and with heavy hearts we will bow to His will. His body will be carried to its last resting place by six of his team-mates. On the ball field he was a clean-cut fellow and was loved and admired by his teammates.

Gotlum Interested in Cone.

New York, Jan. 4.—New York is agog over the visit of Emile Cone, wizard worker with the subconscious mind, who was among the passengers arriving from France today on the White Star liner Majestic. Dr. Cone, whose theory of the treatment of mental and physical ailments by autosuggestion has attracted world-wide attention, has come to America for a brief lecture tour. According to present plans he will remain in this city for ten days. Then he will visit Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, and several other cities. He will give some private lectures and is also expected to give some demonstration of his theory before members of the medical profession.

Visitors on German Vessel Lead Agents to Strong Drink.

New York, Jan. 3.—So varied and numerous were the visitors who boarded the Hamburg-American steamship Hansa since she docked at a North river pier New Year day that customs officials today boarded the vessel. They say they found hidden in the hold 1,500 bottles of whisky, gin and vodka, and a quantity of habit-forming drugs.

The officials said they found the contraband only after ripping away several walls and partitions. No arrests were made.

The Hansa sailed from Hamburg.

Pastor is "Retired" in Very Unique Manner.

Shelby, Jan. 2.—Not often is a pastor "retired" in the manner and form which fell to the lot of Rev. J. C. Gillespie during the holidays. While at one of his rural churches, in a car on which the tires were pretty well worn, the members of his congregation jacked up the wheels and put on a complete set of new tires. After it was "retired" the car was filled with good things to eat.

Agriculture Appropriation Bill Passed by House.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The agriculture appropriation bill carrying \$68,981,553 was passed today by the House after Speaker Gillett had thrown out on a point of order a motion to send it back to the committee with directions to include \$350,000 for Congressional free seed distribution.

Negro Killed in Shreveport.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 4.—Leslie Leggett, negro, was lynched here last night or early today by a party of men who kidnaped him last night. The body was found in the southern part of the city, riddled with bullets.

Says German Proposal Was Simply a Scheme

SOLONS RECEIVE ROYAL WELCOME IN RALEIGH

Everyone in State Capitol Ready to Make Stay of Law Makers Pleasant. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Like, who runs a stand near the capitol, has laid in an extra supply of hot dogs; Sam has stuck a "home cooking" sign in front of his restaurant; Aunt Sally has rented the guest room; lobbyists are wearing "angelic" expressions; and Simie O'Heal, of Ocracoke, is on hand with his ghost stories—in fact, the whole darn town is ready for a couple of gavelts to sound the opening of North Carolina's general assembly.

A visit to Raleigh's chief political hangout tonight discloses a crowded lobby—crowded with men, a few women, a thick screen of tobacco, mere conversation and an orchestra struggling to be heard above the din. In the background, ebony faces reveal shining white ivories in broad grins at thoughts of what the next sixty days will bring in the way of tips.

"Hi, John," a late arrival is greeted. "Good to see you. How's the wife?" "Fine, thanks," as they shake hands and finish greetings. About two minutes later, from one or the other: "This bill of mine would—" and so forth, for every one either has a measure or that of some one else to discuss.

The newspaper men are there, too, discussing legislation in a less serene vein. "Governor Morrison's fishery and oyster bill," one laughs, "will require every fish to register with the commissioner of fisheries." "Fishies swimming at night would carry two headlights and a stationary tail lamp."

"Each little fishy, as soon as possible after the first water has trilled through his gills, must place his name on record and stand examination before being granted a license to swim. No fish would be allowed to swim faster than ten miles an hour. Violations of laws and regulations would carry jail sentences and consignment to some person's dinner table."

And, so runs the conversation, with legislators joining to take a humorous poke in the side of another's pet measure. Seriously speaking, the governor's fishing and oyster bill is designed for the improvement of this industry in the state through the establishment of hatcheries; inspection and marketing assistance. It is understood.

Raleigh, with its old homes and people who refuse to part with many of the Old South's customs and hospitality, doesn't entertain the legislature but once every two years, unless extra sessions are called. The chamber of commerce has aided in securing accommodations for the lawmakers. A plenty to eat is promised. Everyone is smiling and happy and the town's glad hand is out in welcome.

Burial at Sea and Prayers by Radio.

New York, Jan. 3.—A story of a ship without a prayer book, a skipper dead at sea and the ever helpful radio was told today by the wireless operator of the President Adams on her arrival from abroad.

Captain A. Matthews of the steamer Hatteras, died on December 30 of pneumonia. The Hatteras sent out a message announcing her skipper's death and requesting the burial service and prayers by radio. "We granted the request at 11 o'clock and at noon received word that Captain Matthews had been buried in the deep" said the wireless operator.

Influenza is not epidemic at Spencer. Spencer, Jan. 3.—While there are a number of cases of influenza in and around Spencer there is no epidemic, according to a statement by a leading physician with a wide practice here. This disease, which developed some weeks ago, has increased to some extent but is of a mild type as compared with former years and very few people are seriously ill. Several cases of pneumonia have been reported and among these are Eugene Owen, both well known road men. Numbers of persons have recovered from the malady and have returned to work.

Death of J. P. Beckwith.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 4.—J. P. Beckwith, vice-president in charge of operations of the Florida East Coast Railway, died at the home of his son here early today of double pneumonia, after short illness.

Mr. Beckwith was born in Plymouth, N. C. June 24, 1858, and began his railroad career with the North Carolina Railroad in 1880 as a clerk.

Devorner Sent to Boston in Exchange for Two Recruits.

New York, Jan. 3.—The New York Yankees today announced that Al Devorner, snb catcher, had been traded to the Boston Red Sox for two recruits, George Pittgrass, a pitcher, and Harvey Hendrick, an outfielder.

George Pittgrass played last season with the Charleston, S. C. club in the South Atlantic Association and Hendrick with the Galveston club of the Texas League.

Mr. C. E. Barringer, of this county, on Monday of this week received a venison ham from his nephew, Dr. C. A. Misener, who lives in Florida. The ham was a birthday gift, Monday being Mr. Barringer's 83rd birthday.

Premier Poincare Says Germans Wanted Evacuation of Rhineland Without Any Reparations Payment.

SENT MESSAGE TO M. JUSSERAND

Tells Him to Take Up With Mr. Hughes the Statement Made Yesterday by Baron von Rosenberg.

Paris, Jan. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Premier Poincare sent a cable message today to Ambassador Jusserand in Washington, asking him to see Secretary of State Hughes in connection with a statement made to the Associated Press yesterday by Baron von Rosenberg, the German Foreign Minister, on the German peace proposal which Premier Poincare contends shows that the principal objects of the non-war pact proposed by Germany was to obtain the evacuation of the Rhineland without the payment of reparations.

Premier Poincare's message asked Ambassador Jusserand in taking up the Rosenberg statement with Secretary Hughes to make the following observations:

First.—That the object Germany had in making the proposition was manifestly "as admitted by Baron Rosenberg" to get the French to evacuate the left bank of the Rhine before the Germans had fulfilled their reparations obligations.

Second.—That it is absurd to pretend that before entering the league of nations Germany is not subject to all the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles that bears Germany's signature, and that she is free today to attack France.

Third.—That the proposition for non-aggression against France, Italy and Great Britain would leave Germany entirely free to attack smaller allies of France, notably: Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia, and even neutrals, such as Denmark, to recover possession of territory inhabited by Danes and Poles, and to begin in to prepare her hegemony over Europe.

"We know very well right now," says the Premier's cable message, "that the day Germany will want to start war, it will be on the conditions that she will throw herself. Her plan of non-aggression would leave her free to do so, and would prohibit us from going to their help."

Paris, Jan. 4. (By the Associated Press).—At today's session of the Premier's conference which adjourned at 4:30 o'clock for an hour, Premier Poincare of France, read what amounted to a virtual ultimatum to the British. He says yes or no to the French reparations proposition, or else discontinue the conference, according to a British delegate. Shortly before the time for the second session of the day, the Italian delegation deposited fresh propositions in a final attempt to save the conference from a breakdown.

Little Boy is Burned to Death Near Spencer.

Spencer, Jan. 3.—Albert, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Walton was burned to death in a most pathetic manner at the home of his parents, one mile east of Spencer Monday. An older brother, Oscar Walton, was playing in a field near the home and had a small fire at the edge of the field with which to warm his feet occasionally. It was while playing around this fire that no clothing of the younger brother caught fire. The little fellow escaped home in a blaze and was caught by the older brother, who extinguished the fire, but not until the fat was fatally burned about the waist and body. Death relieved his sufferings late Monday afternoon. The funeral took place from Trading Ford church, near Spencer, this afternoon, and the body was laid to rest there. The service was conducted by Rev. R. N. Honeycutt.

Support the Constitution.

In every community men and women have had an opportunity now to know what prohibition means. They know that debts are more promptly paid, that men take home the wages that once were wasted in saloons; that families are better clothed and fed, and more money finds its way into the savings bank. The liquor traffic was destructive of much that was most precious in American life. In the fact of so much evidence on that point what conscientious man would want to let his own selfish desires influence him to vote to bring it back? In another generation I believe that liquor will have disappeared, not merely from our politics, but from our memories—President Harding.

Agree on Partial Program of Farm Credits.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A partial program of farm credits legislation was agreed on today by the Senate banking committee which decided to report the Capper bill substantially as drawn and then proceed with consideration of the Lenroot-Anderson bill in addition.

Plan No Change in Debt Funding Law.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The belief that an early agreement would be reached as to the funding of the British debt to the United States was expressed today at the Treasury, where it was denied any thought had been given to any changes in the debt funding law.

In the last 26 years only six ounces of radium has been produced.