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Kellogg Statement As To Arbitration Given Much Close Attention

Preliminary Obstacles Would Have to Be Surmounted Before Arbitration Steps Are Started.

WILL EITHER BE THE INSTIGATOR?

Both Governments Have Indicated That They Will Not Take Initial Steps Toward Arbitration.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—While no definite move has been made either by the United States or Mexico looking to arbitration of the oil land law controversy, Secretary Kellogg's announcement that he has considered the possibility of applying this principle to the dispute has aroused considerable discussion in Washington and Mexico.

Mr. Kellogg is concerned chiefly with the preliminary obstacles that would have to be surmounted first before he would be in a position to submit the controversy to an arbitrator or some international tribunal.

Secretary Kellogg's statement on the Robinson arbitration resolution has been interpreted officially as carrying no idea that the United States will initiate an arbitration proposal, while the Mexican foreign office has held out the difficulty confronting it without committing itself until some official suggestion has been received as to the points to be arbitrated. There is speculation in many Mexican quarters as to whether the United States Mexico would make the proposal if it should.

While Mr. Kellogg's reference to arbitration relations already existing between the two countries has given rise to observation that he undoubtedly had in mind the Root-Obregon treaty of 1908, providing for the submission of disputes under certain circumstances to The Hague examination, the treaty discloses. However, recourse to it is surrounded with difficulties, and for that reason specifically provides that no other subject of arbitration upon which the governments shall agree, shall be precluded or excluded under the treaty. The treaty provides that after the governments had agreed on the points to be submitted in the form of a special agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the arbitrators" and the time within which each step in arbitration must be taken, such special agreement must be ratified by both the Mexican and American senate before arbitration could proceed.

It also provides that the arbitration it contemplates shall take place when "they do not affect the vital interests to independence or the honor of either of the contracting parties, do not prejudice the interests of a third party."

While an arbitration protocol not filed under this treaty would not require senate approval, the provisions of the treaty disclose the difficulties that confront any attempt to bring questions as those in dispute between Mexico and Washington before a impartial body for judicial verdict. Our country could lightly submit to judgment the fundamental differences between them and prolonged negotiation and interchange of correspondence along could be relied upon to bring at a mutual understanding on the delicate point involved in drawing a satisfactory arbitration formula.

JESSE GRIFFIN DIES AT HOME HERE

Been Ill For Several Months With Complication of Diseases.—Funeral Plans Not Made.

Mrs. Emma Phillips Griffin, wife of Jesse Griffin, died this afternoon at five o'clock at her home on South Union street. She had been in declining health for some time and her condition had been critical for several days. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

It was stated at 2 o'clock this afternoon that funeral plans had not been completed. It was intimated that the services probably would be held Friday.

Mrs. Griffin was 51 years of age, having been born in July, 1875. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Phillips and Elizabeth Phillips Cook. She came to Concord while a young woman and spent the remainder of her life here.

The deceased was married about 29 years ago and three children were born to the union. One of these, Miss Gertrude, died several years ago. Mrs. Griffin was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and held her membership in St. James Church here for many years.

Surviving are her husband, two children, Charles and Bessie, of Concord, and several half-brothers. One of the latter is C. A. Cook, of Con-

Relating to Disbarred Physicians Meets Its Doom.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Opposed by Dr. W. S. Rankin, formerly state superintendent of health, and others, many of them practicing physicians and members of the state medical board, the Smith bill, which would allow appeals of disbarred practicing physicians when licenses have been revoked by the state board, to the superior courts of their own counties and trial de novo by jury, went down to defeat before the health committee of the senate this afternoon.

THE LATE JNO. S. EFIRD.

For More Than 30 Years Leader in Civic and Business Life of Albemarle.

Albemarle, Jan. 19.—Former State Senator John S. Efird, president of the Efird Manufacturing company and millionaire textile manufacturer of this city, died at his home here this morning shortly after 8 o'clock, after an illness of three days from pneumonia. Mr. Efird was taken ill Sunday with pleurisy which developed into pneumonia Monday.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, in the First Lutheran church.

The death of Mr. Efird removes from Albemarle and the state a leader in the textile manufacturing business. He, with his father, the late, I. P. Efird, of this county, started the first cotton mill ever built in this county more than 30 years ago. At that time the Efird manufacturing company was capitalized at $60,000. It is now capitalized at upwards of two millions and Mr. Efird held large interests in other manufacturing plants and business organizations, controlling an estate generally estimated to be worth around two millions.

Mr. Efird is a native of this county. He was nearing his 70th birthday anniversary. For more than 30 years he had been a leader in this county and section, having served in a number of official capacities, among which were two terms in the state senate. He made a number of rather large donations to various institutions, among them Lenoir-Rhyne college and Jackson Training school, of which he was a trustee at the time of his death. He was the largest contributor of the building fund of the First Lutheran church here and was one of its staunchest members and regular contributors. Just a few days ago he was making plans for the building of a large annex to the church at his own expense, but died before his plans had been completed.

Mr. Efird was popular with all classes. Although counting his wealth by the millions, his friends and neighbors and even the humblest operative in one of his textile plants never felt out of place or uneasy in his presence and he was never too busy to talk with the old friends of his early boyhood days, some of them tenant farmers.

Mr. Efird was twice married. His first wife was Miss Sophonia Foreman, daughter of Rev. C. C. Foreman, of this county, who in his day was one of theh outstanding Baptist ministers in this section of the state. To this union were born seven children, five sons and two daughters. The two daughters and three of the sons are dead, the surviving sons being Titus Efird, W. G. and Jap. J. Efird, all of this place. His second wife, who is a daughter of the late sheriff I. W. Suggs, of this county, survivess.

Mr. Efird is survived by the following brothers, and sisters: J. W. D. E. and K. P. Efird, of this city; Arthur, of Albemarle route 6; P. J. C. Efird, of Union county and Adam Efird; Mesdames Arthur Teeter, D. P. Whitley and James Halm, all of this county.

The stores and places of business in Albemarle, and the tevtile mills, will close during the funeral tomorrow as a mark of respect to the man who did more to build up Albemarle and Stanly county than any other person.

With Our Advertisers.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. carries a complete stock of Firestone gum-dipped tires. The Firestone gum-dipped tires run from $6.75 to $23.75, and the Oldfield from $6.00 to $9.00. See half page ad. today and let them serve you.

First presentation of spring hats at Fisher's. The hat that was made for you, $5.95 to $11.95.

Make your wife happy by buying her a new kitchen cabinet. They add comfort to convenience, says new ad. of the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

The January Clearance Sale opened at the Parks-Belk Company's store this morning. Wonderful bargains during the sale. New goods at sale prices.

Funeral of Jas. T. Burris Attended By Large Crowd.

Albemarle, Jan. 19.—The funeral of James T. Burris, Confederate veteran, of western Stanly, who died yesterday, held at Stanfield this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, brings to mind the fact that the deceased was possibly the first out and out advocate of prohibition in this county. Mr. Burris fought for the abolition of liquor when the wets abused him and the temperate element, or sober drinkers, ridiculed him, but he lived to see "der tag," as the Germans would put it. The funeral was attended by one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the little town of Midland. The widow and seven children survive.

Samuel A. Garland Buried.

Salisbury, Jan. 18.—The body of Samuel A. Garland, ex-service man, arrived Monday night from Oteen where he died Sunday. The funeral took place from St. John's Lutheran church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Kills Mud Turtle in Top of a Tree.

Charlotte, Jan. 18.—Firing into a squirrel's nest in the top of a large tree, Roy J. Dulin, of this city, today killed a mud turtle. How the turtle climbed in the tree is not known. The story is well substantiated.

PEACE PROPOSALS OFFERED BY DIAZ ARE NOT ACCEPTED

It Is Reported in Conservative Sources That Dr. Sacasa Declined to Accept the Proposals.

LIBERALS GIVEN CERTAIN DEMANDS

The Proposal Called for an Election in 1928, United States to Supervise the Election.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The proposals for peace advanced by General Adolfe Diaz, head of the conservative regime, have been refused by Dr. Juan Sacasa, president of the liberal regime at Puerto Cabezas, it is announced here.

General Diaz proposed a conference with the object of making peace on the basis of liberal participation in the government, liberal representation on the bench of the supreme court, election without contest of liberal congressmen in two departments, and supervision by the United States of free elections in 1928.

Dispatches through conservative sources say a detachment of Diaz calalry defeated liberal forces at El Pozo, in northwestern Nicaragua.

DAN MEEKER MISSING FROM HICKORY HOME

After Leaving Monday, Wrote Wife He Could Not Endure Financial Plight.

Hickory, Jan. 19.—Dan L. Meeker, former commander of Hickory Post number 48 of the American legion and present member of the state executive committee, has been missing from his home here since Monday when he told his wife he was leaving for Lexington on a business trip.

The following day Mrs. Meeker said she received a letter from him stating that his financial circumstances were more than he could endure. It became known today that Meeker was heavily involved in debt here and his creditors have agreed to take over the Meeker art studio on a division basis in case Meeker does not return within reasonable time.

Mrs. Meeker, who is left with a two-months-old baby, is working with the creditors in an effort to save as much financial loss as possible. She said today that she believed he was so depressed by money worries that he became temporarily unbalanced but will eventually return to her. When questioned today she said she has no idea of his whereabouts. She believes he is headed toward Florida.

Meeker came her about four years ago from New York for his health. He was gassed during the war but his condition has improved considerably during the past few years.

Before going to France Mr. Meeker was stationed at Camp Greene, near Charlotte. He is about 35 years old, is of slender build and has dark hair and eyes.

ANDERSON IS ELECTED TO HEAD GRAND LODGE

Other Officers, Elected Yesterday, Will Be Installed at Today's Session.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Acting Grand Master John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, tonight was elected grand master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons.

He, with other officers, will be installed at the closing session of the communication tomorrow.

Other officers elected were: Deputy Grand Master R. C. Dunn, Infield; senior Grand Warden, J. J. Phoenix, Greensboro; junior grand warden, A J. Harris, Henderson; grand treasurer, B. R. Lacy, Raleigh; grand secretary, W. W. Wilson, Raleigh.

Past Grand Masters S. M. Gattis, B. W. Royster and Le Grande Everett, and Assistant Grand Secretary C. H. McClenaghan were named on a special committee to draw plans for replacing the present Masonic temple, built 20 years ago.

"The growth ofthe Grand Lodge since the erection of the temple has been such that the present Grand Lodge room is totally inadequate," said Grand Master Anderson.

Big Clothing Sale at Browns-Cannon Company.

The Semi-Annual Sale of Suits and Overcoats at the Browns-Cannon Co. will begin Friday morning, January 21.

They have put final winter sell-out prices on their entire stock of suits and overcoats. Overcoats and suits are being sold at from 25 to 30 per cent off regular prices. They are also giving 20 per cent. off on silk ties, 20 to 30 per cent. off on shirts, 20 per cent. off on felt hats. Shoes and Oxfords valued up to $12.50, any pair now $5.95. See half page ad. today.

Will Rogers and Dr. Mayo Meet For the First Time.

Charlotte, Jan. 19.—Will Rogers, cowboy comedian, met Dr. Charles Mayo for the first time here tonight.

Dr. Mayo, noted surgeon, is the man Rogers has selected for secretary of the interior if he becomes president.

The comedian says has practiced long enough to know all the interior and ought to make a ideal cabinet member.

Rogers was here to lecture and Mayo to attend a physicians' convention.

School Supervisors Are Worst Needed in the Country Districts

Tribune Bureau,
Sir Walter Hotel,

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The members of the joint senate and house appropriation committee at least know a lot more about how the state department of education operates, as well as where the money is spent as a result of the hearings being held before the committee during its consideration of the apropriation bill. Though the members of the committee are questioning every item contained in the bill very carefully, they are at the same time showing a desire to do what is necessary, observers at the committee hearings agree.

Numerous phases of the state educational situation were discussed, and A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, was plied with questions for nearly two hours Wednesday afternoon by members of the committee as they sought better to understand all the ins and outs of the complications of administering a large school system.

For a time some members of the committee could not see why it was necessary to employ supervisors for county rural schools, on the theory that the county superintendent should be able to attend to this supervisory work.

At this point Mr. Allen called on L. S. Brogden, director of state rural supervision, and when Mr. Brogden had recited the duties imposed upon the county superintendent by the legislature—that is his duties as prescribed by law, the members of the committee began to realize that the county superintendent had very little time left to supervise the work of teachers. Mr. Brogden said that according to the most recent data obtained from county superintendents, they were able to spend an average of only 37 minutes per year with each teacher in the county in observing theeir work. The need for supervision was further emphasized when Mr. Brogden cited the fact that 31 per cent. of all rural elementary teachers had virtually no teaching experience and with training amounting to only high school education or less.

About ten of the large cities of the state employ 48 supervisors for the teachers in the city elementary schools alone, yet in the state as a whole there are but 29 rural supervisors, with more than 4,000 teachers whom they are expected to instruct and direct, Mr. Brogden said. And these 29 supervisors cost the state less than $1,000 each last year, since the cost is evently divided between the state and the county that has the supervisor.

Another significant fact is that the supervisors are most needed in the poorer counties where the bigger allotments of the state equalization fund go. Thus it is very important that the state exercise some sort of supervision in those counties to see that the state is getting the full value to which it is entitled from the money that is spent.

When Mr. Brogden completed his brief but pointed argument for the continuance of the appropriation for supervision, none of the members of the committee could say that they did not understand the situation, at least.

At a later hearing, the committee has asked that Mr. Allen make a detailed explanation of the operation of the state equalization fund.

Representatives of several branches of the state department of education were also heard before the committee adjourned.

NUMBER OF JUDGES WILL BE INCREASED

And Is Possible Without the Creation of Additional Solicitors.

Tribune Bureau,
Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The number of superior court judges in North Carolina is going to be increased, and it possible, without the creation of additional solicitors or more judicial districts, but these judges must be more or less permanent in nature, and their courts must be regularly constituted courts, and not emergency courts.

These facts were learned today, following a number of conferences between a number of senators and representatives who particularly interested in evolving some measure that will solve the present dilemma and take the place of the admittedly unsatisfactory emergency judge act.

Neither is any effort going to be made for the creation of additional judicial districts and solicitors, if any constitutional way can be found to increase the number of judges without adding a solicitor for each judge, according to Representative R. O. Everett of Durham, despite the fact that he has already introduced several bills which have as their aim the creation of four additional judicial districts.

"It has been my opinion that the only way to get the additional judges needed, without amending the constitution, would be to create new judicial districts," said Mr. Everett, "and I offered my bills, not to oppose any plan recommended by Governor McLean, but because I thought my plan offered the quickest and most feasable solution of the present problem.

"But if it is found possible, and the supreme court will so advise to create a number of permanent emergency judges, to be elected for a term of two or four years, and who can be assigned by the Governor to those districts which needed additional help in civil dockets, then I am heartily in favor of such a plan," said Mr. Everett. "My only objection has been to emergency courts, equal in power and jurisdiction to any other, even if the regular judge were not presiding."

It is expected that a satisfactory measure will be worked out by the joint action of the senate and house committees on judicial districts, and that the bill agreed upon will be readily enacted.

RAID 'EM OFTENER IS MERRICK'S ORDER

Plans For Renewing Warfare Against Moonshiners Discussed at Charlotte.

Charlotte, Jan. 19.—Plans for renewing the warfare on moonshiners in western North Carolina were discussed here today at a conference of prohibition chiefs and agents. R. Q. Merrick, of Richmond, Va., district administrator, and R. A. Fuller, Merrick's adviser, ere here for the meeting he'd in the office of Ben Sharpe, deputy administrator in charge of enforcement in this state. More raids every month, as the order given by Merrick who said that this policy would drive the manufacturers out of business. "You can't raid them too often," Mr. Merrick decared.

Reorganization of the prohibition forces in the district is complete and it was necessary to drop only five men in this state, Mr. Merrick said.

Marx's Efforts to Form Cabinet Fail.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Chancellor Marx's negotiations for the formation of a cabinet of the middle parties have failed. He returned his commission to President Von Hindenburg today. The President reserved decision as to what further steps would be taken to solve the ministerial crisis.

Every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

MANNERS IN MEXICO.

Mexico Onee of Biggest Countries in the World and One of the Richest.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—People are apt to think of Mexico—so much in the public eye just now—as a small country and a poor one, whose national industry appears to be the fomenting of revolutions. As a matter of fact, it is one of the biggest countries in the world, and, naturally, one of the richest.

Yet this vast and naturally rich country is inhabited by only about fifteen million people. And what manner of folk are these fifteen million inhabitants of the southern republic?

To begin with, less than one-fifth of them are white, the remainder being Indians and persons of mixed blood. And of the total population more than two [illegible] neither read nor write.

The Mexicans, generally speaking, are a happy-go-lucky lot, and primitive in many ways; but they are amazingly polite to each other. The school children are given special lessons in urbanity and are taught to utter all manner of pretty speeches. A well-bred child in addressing an older person will say, "I kiss your hands," while a gallant will say to a lady, "I kiss your feet.'

Acquaintances take off their hats both when they meet and when they part. It is no uncommon thing to hear a half-naked aborer, bent double under the weight of a sack of coffee berries, murmur: "With your permission," as he passes in front of, say, a bricklayer who is preparing a wall.

The modern Mexican is usually a small, spare man. But he has immense strength. A luggage porter, with hands slim as a girl's and small, slender feet, thinks nothing of carrying on his back for a mile or so, and frequently up a steep hill, a huge trunk, a smaller trunk, half a dozen suitcases, a bundle of rugs, and a deck-chair. A load that a horse might fight shy of!

Theatres in Mexico are not places providing great enjoyment, for it is customary for the prompter to read everybody's part, whether he requires assistance or not, in a voice as loud or louder than those of the actors. He yells through a whole play at the top of his lungs, often reading the lines after the actors, instead of ahead of them. When the prompter's services are to be dispensed with, as happens once in a while, the fact is advertised widely.

At promenade concerts the men walk in one direction while the women, escorted and otherwise, revolve in the other—a convenient arrangement which permits the men to behold the charms of the women, and vice versa, without effort or boldness on the part of either.

Many other oddities may be mentioned as peculiar to the people south of the Rio Grande. Mexican women do not attend funerals. The hostess is served first at table. The bridegroom purchases the bride's trousseau. Men speak first when passing women acquaintances in the street. The sofa is the seat of honor in the parlor, and a guest waits to be invited to occupy it. Men and women in the same social circle call each other by their Christian names. Even the youngest children of the family are dressed in mourning upon the death of a relative. Young ladies never receive calls from young men, and are not escorted to entertainments by them. Mexican gentlemen remove their hats as scrupulously upon entering a business office as in a private residence.

Floral Club to Meet.

The Floral Club will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. B. E. Harris on North Union street.

Book Club to Meet.

The Friday Afternoon Book Club will meet with Mrs. J. F. Dayvault Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A phonograph having records of brass has been invented and the records may be heard 10,000 years from now.

SMITH'S FRIENDS MAKE DESPERATE FIGHT IN SENATE

To Overturn Odds That Have Forecast His Exclusion as a Member of That Body.

STATE'S RIGHTS ISSUE AGAIN

Smith People Are Seeking Support for the Resolution Introduced by Senator Overman.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Rallying in unexpected force, friends of Frank L. Smith made a desperate fight today to overturn the odds that have forecast his exclusion from the senate.

As the second day of debate dragged on with a possibility of action before adjournment, partisans of the Illinois senator-designate privately sought by means of personal suasion to wipe out the slender majority that had been claimed against him.

When yesterday's session adjourned the opposition had the advantage of a handful of votes and the opposition leaders still were claiming today that this advantage would be held until the showdown. On the other side, however, predictions began to grow rosier.

The state's rights issue again was the dominating note of the whole discussion on the floor and in the private consultations. The Smith people were seeking support for the resolution introduced by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing that the Illinois appointee be seated without prejudice to any future inquiry into the financing of his primary campaign last year. The arguments addressed by Senator Overman to his democratic colleagues was that not a single southern senator would have been admitted to the senate after the Civil war under the rule now invoked in the case of Smith.

Republican regulars who stand solidly for admission of the Illinois man and investigation afterward, saw in the Democratic ranks their chief hope of winning over the votes needed for a majority. Except for Overman and Blease of South Carolina, Democrats have stood almost as a unit in support of the resolution of Senator Reed of Missouri to deny Smith the oath of office pending an elections committee investigation of his pre-primary campaign.

METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING IS HELD

Allotment of $7,000 For Salisbury District Oversubscribed — More Than 100 Attend.

Salisbury, Jan. 19.—More than a hundred preachers and lay workers were here today in attendance upon a missionary institute for the Salisbury district of the Methodist churc. The meeting was held at First church and was presided over by Dr. Z. Paris, presiding elder. Much enthusiasm for the cause was exhibited and the body in session over-subscribed the $7,000 allotted the district out of the million to be used by the Southern Methodist church as a sustentation fund during the present year for the cause or missions.

Dr. J. W. Perry, representing the southern mission board; J. W. Clay, returned missionary from Brazil, and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, president of the Woman's Missionary society of the Western North Carolina conference were among the out of the district speakers. Morning and afternoon sessions were held with an intermission in which local women served a splendid lunch to the visitors.

Mecklenburg Folks Move For Lower Tax.

Charlotte, Jan. 19.—A citizens' meeting, gathering at Mecklenburg's court house today and objecting to increase in taxation, adopted resolutions calling for the abolition of the county highay commission, abolition of two tax collectors, placing three fee officers on salaries and elimination of all county attorneys except one, that one to serve all the offices of the county.

The tax kickers also called for the Australian ballot for Mecklenburg and change of the tax plan whereby both property and mortgages or notes on the same property are taxed.

Dr. Livers in Concord.

Dr. W. H. Livers, of North Carolina College for Women, is in Concord today arranging for an extension course to be given by Dr. W. C. Smith, dean of the North Carolina College for Women.

This course will be given on the subject of the British poets, with an interpretation of Robert Browning.

The course is open to the residents of the city. Anyone interested will please call Prof. A. S. Webb.

This is Winter White Goods Week at the J. C. Penney Co's. Only brands which stand for true worth are sold at this store, Honor muslin, Belle Isle muslin, Penco and Nation-wide sheeting. Each fabric is tested for strength.

Pilots on the River Thames earn 1,000 pounds a year for guiding ships safely through the traffic and swift currents from London Bridge to the sea.

REBELLION OF THE YAQUI INDIANS IN MEXICO NEAR END

State Library

Rebellion Has Entered the Final Phase, Mexican War Department Says, and Indians Seek Peace.

INDIANS DECLARE THEY WERE TOOLS

Tell President Calles They Were Deceived by Adolfo Huerta—Now Willing to Give Up Their Arms.

Meexico City, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The rebellion of the Yaqui Indians in the state of Sonora is reported by the War Department to have entered its final phase, the Yaqui chieftains announcing a desire to surrender. General Manzo, military commandant of Sonora, sent to the War Department a petition of the Yaquis for amnesty. They claim they were deceived by Adolfe de la Huerta and will deliver up their arms and devote themselves to agricultural activities henceforth.

General Amaro, minister of war and navy, conferred with President Coolidge and the newspapers declare that the Chief Executive instructed him to accept the unconditional surrender of the Indians, appointing General Obregon special representative to carry out the negotiations.

Once the Yaqui movement is completely subdued the War Department says the troops now in Sonora will be mobilized in Jalisco and a few other states where the so-called "Catholic rebels" are active.

WORK TODAY IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Six Statewide Bills Introduced in the House.—Dr. Haywood's Marriage Bill.

State Capitol, Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The general assembly settled down to the grind of passing laws today. Introduction of new measures gave way in a measure to committee reports and passage of bills on the final readings. The house was in session more than an hour, and the senate convening an hour later found itself faced with the largest calendar of the session.

The house introduced 21 new bills, of which six were of statewide importance. It passed 17, but all but one was local. The one statewide bill passed and sent to the senate referred to making Confederate veterans' pensions payable quarterly.

In the list of new bills was the marriage bans measure sponsored by state women's federations. It was presented by Rev. Oscar Haywood, of Montgomery, and would require posting of intention fifteen days before marriage license could be issued.

Representative Falls' Australian ballot bill also sponsored by the womans' organizations, was introduced. Representative Stancil, of Mecklenbug, moved to amend the "stop law" and two insurance bills were presented by Woodward of Nash, and Brewer of Moore.

Both houses received a message from Governor McLean outlining recommendations for judicial reform from Chief Justice Stacy. The provisions were adopted at the recent judicial conference here.

THE COTTON MARKET

Easier Under Selling Which Appeared to Be Promoted by Larger Ginnings Than Expected.

New York, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The cotton market was easier early today under selling which appeared to be promoted by larger private ginning figures than were expected.

The opening was steady at a decline of 2 to 5 points, and the market soon sold about 9 to 11 points net lower, March declining to 13.32 and July to 13.72. The decline to about the 13 1-2-cent level for May seemed to reach some trade buying orders which steadied the market slightly, but prices were within 2 or 3 points of the lowest at the end of the first hour. It was reported a Memphis authority estimated ginnings to January 16th at 16,539,000 bales, indicating an outturn of about 995,000 bales ginned after December 13th.

Liverpool cables reported hedge selling, but said there was good trade calling and continued good business in cotton goods.

Cotton futures opened steady: Jan. unquoted, March 13.40; May 13.61; July 13.77; Oct. 13.98.

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COTTON SPINNING IN DECEMBER WAS SOMEWHAT BETTER

Active Spindle Hours Totalled 8,563,136,989, or Average of 229 Hours Per Spindle.

AVERAGE BETTER THAN NOVEMBER

Average Number of Spindles Operated Was 37,511,552—Average Better Than Last Year.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Cotton spinning was slightly more active during December than in November, the Census Bureau's monthly report indicated today.

Actibe spindle hours for December totalled 8,563,136,989, or an average of 229 hours per spindle in place; compared with 8,480,410,447 or an average of 227 for November last; and of 8, 271,576,487 or an average of 218 for December a year ago.

Spinning spindles in place December 31st numbered 37,404,472, of which 32,496,250 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 37,426,048 and 32,586,770 for November last; and 37,885,488 and 33,000,874 for December a year ago.

The average number of spindles operated during December was 37,511,552 or at 100.3 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis; compared with 37,877,576 or at 101.2 per cent. capacity in November last; and 37,683,720 or 99.5 per cent. capacity in December a year ago.

LENOIR-RHYNE FIRES CONTINUE A MYSTERY

No Clue As To Origin Has Been Found—Plans For Rebuilding Are Under Way.

Hickory, Jan. 19.—Officials of Lenoir-Rhyne college are no nearer the solution of the mystery surrounding the fires in the science and gymnasium buildings, following closely on the heels of the blaze that wrecked the Administration building on January 6, gave rise to the theory that a pyromaniac was at work here, and college authorities, assisted by Fire Chief H. E. Whitener and Fire Commissioner Frank M. Jordan, of Asheville, began an investigation, which so far, has failed to reveal a clue.

The question now uppermost is the rebuilding of the destroyed property. President H. B. Schaeffer said that the committees appointed by the executive board were functioning and that some favorable reports had been received.

Stairs have been erected on the outside of the left wing of the Administration building and the rooms that were not destroyed by fire are being rapidly arranged for use as classrooms.

Meanwhile work of restoring the college library is going forward and it is believed that in a week's time, 8,000 volumes will be collected to replace those destroyed by fire. Citizens of Hickory and friends of the institution donated over 2,000 volumes of books before the general drive was started today. Four hundred dollars in cash was also contributed. The largest single cnotribution to come from out of town friends was that made by Prof. Charles I. Coon, superintendent of the Wilson school system, who forwarded 155 volumes to the library commission here.

USURY LAW IS BEING VIOLATED, SAYS JUDGE

Harding Scores "Better Element of Society"—Likens Them to Bootleggers.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 19.—The law prohibiting the charge of more than 6 per cent interest for money loaned in this state is being violated, Judge William F. Harding ho is presiding over Forsyth county Superior court, declared in addressing the Winston-Salem Lions club here today.

"The banker ill tell you he can not make any money lending at 6 per cent," said Judge Harding. "I reply that neither can the bootlegger make any money if he obeys the prohibition law. Bolsheevism, sovietism, solialism, are not nearly so dangerous to this government as are the members of the better element of society who hold that there is no harm in violating the law of they don't get caught at it. There can never be law enforcement as long as the better elements set aside the laws that interfere with their selfish interests and pleasures."

Smith Has Abscess of Ear.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Frank L. Smith, senator-designate from Illinois, is suffering from abscess of the ear at his hotel here. He was visited by a doctor during the night, but at his rooms it was said today he would probably be able to attend today's session of the senate, where the question of seating him still is pending.

A late feminene fad in Paris is the tinting of the finger nails in bands of three colors.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy tonight and Friday, rain Friday in the west and north central portions tonight; colder Friday in the west and north portions. Gentle variable winds becoming moderate easterly along the northeast coast.