

Major Measures Come Up in the State Legislature This Week

No Statewide Legislation Has Thus Far Finally Enacted.—Days This Week.

BLIC BILLS ON HOUSE CALENDAR

Power Co. Says Age of Winston Bill Cost It About \$1,000 Annually.

Proposed court procedure and in the days were before both houses general assembly on entering into its sixty-day biennial session.

For there is no getting around the fact that Otto is about as difficult a man to keep in prison, be it jail or penitentiary, as it has been the misfortune of the North Carolina prison authorities to deal with.

His record of escapes is unequalled in North Carolina, and doubtless in other states as well. When he left the State prison here in the gray dawn of November 24th through a gate in the back wall of the prison enclosure, which a guard had "forgotten" to properly bar, it was his third escape from this prison.

Hence it is not surprising that people here are wondering if the Indiana authorities will be able to keep Otto in prison until such a time as his fate shall be determined, for despite the fact that he has but one hand—his left hand is at the wrist—he has a strong and nerve and an uncanny ability to do the unexpected—and get by with it.

Because of these qualities, many who are inclined to admire Otto are wondering if he did not permit himself to be shot when he was captured in Terra Haute trying to hold up a drug store, rather than exchange shots with the druggist who shot him.

Reports were so far do not indicate whether Wood fired his gun or not. And though he has participated in numerous holdups, he has always maintained that he used a gun merely to bluff, and that he has never shot anyone. Even in the killing of Kaplan, the Greensboro pawn broker, for which he was serving a thirty-year sentence in State prison here Wood did not shoot him but hit him over the head with the butt of his gun.

And Wood still maintains that he had no intention of killing Kaplan, and that the blow he struck was not hard enough to cause death.

Before holding up the drug store on January 25th when he was captured after being seriously wounded—the druggist's bullet went entirely through his body, a few inches below the heart—Wood had participated in another holdup in Terra Haute, having field up a railroad brakeman and taken his watch, some money and considerable clothing. This was on January 10th. The fact that he was driving a Ford coupe which had been stolen from Roanoke, Va., on January 11th, indicates also that he was up to his old tricks of stealing automobiles.

REVISED REVENUE BILL TO BE READY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Bill Will Be Submitted in Practically the Same Form in Which It Was Drawn.

A FEW MINOR CHANGES MADE

It Will Take the Senate and House at Least a Week to Consider It—Other Bills of Importance.

The revised and rewritten revenue bill will probably be presented to the general assembly by the joint finance committee Wednesday, it was learned today from one of those in close touch with the work of the committee.

When the bill is finally submitted, at least a week will probably be required by both the senate and house in considering it, it is estimated, since both houses will probably take the bill up section by section.

A number of other bills of statewide importance are on the calendar for this week. The statewide game bill has already been reported favorably by both the senate and house, and it has been set as special order at the close of the house session Wednesday, and will probably come up Monday night or Tuesday in the Senate.

The various bills relating to increasing the number of the judicial districts in the state have been made special order for the house Thursday night, and at this time the bill already approved by the house is being considered by the senate.

The bill creating the seven additional judicial districts will probably be approved by the house close of the session, though many members feel that more solicitors are not needed, though the judges are.

Final committee hearing on the Falls-Broughton Australian ballot bill has been set for Wednesday, at which time the bill will receive its death blow, according to many who have been following this bill. Two concessions have already been made, have greatly weakened it. These provisions leave the absentee voting laws virtually as they are, and provide for additional markers at the polls, to give help to those who desire it.

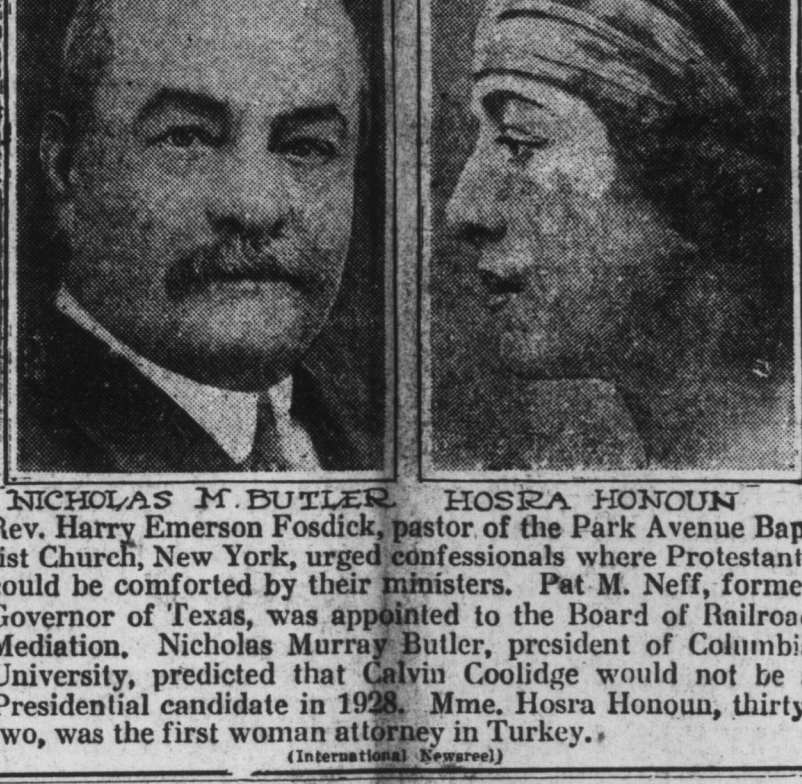
The original bill had the support of the various women's organizations, but it has been weakened in many ways. There have been made, or will be made, that there seems to be a possibility that they will not support the revised bill. The delay in considering the Australian ballot bill, and the numerous changes in it, both seem to have been brought about by the various influences which have been opposing it.

It is understood that Colonel A. D. Waverly, who was named in Raleigh almost continuously for the last two weeks, has been leading the attack on the bill. The old timers in the legislature, even those who are for the bill, now see little chance for its enactment.

In the News Spotlight



REV. HARRY E. FOSDICK



HOSEA HONOUN

Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, urged confessionals where Protestants could be comforted by their ministers. Pat M. Neff, former Governor of Texas, was appointed to the Board of Railroad Mediation, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, predicted that Calvin Coolidge would not be a Presidential candidate in 1928. Mme. Hosra Honoun, thirty-two, was the first woman attorney in Turkey.

CANNONS START ACTION AGAINST MILL COMPANY

Want \$1,700,000 Now Held As Surplus To Be Declared In Dividends.

Albemarle, Feb. 12.—An action involving \$1,700,000 was begun in Stanley county Superior court here today when the law firm of Brooks, Parker, Smith and Haynes, of Greensboro, representing the plaintiffs, filed a mandamus suit to compel the directors of the Cannon Manufacturing Company to declare in dividends the surplus of the corporation over and above the capital stock and the amount reserved by the stockholders as working capital.

The suit is entitled J. F. Cannon and M. L. Cannon against the Cannon Manufacturing Company and the directors. It is said that the capital stock of the corporation is \$3,000,000, while the working capital set up by the company is \$1,800,000. The surplus of the corporation, over and above the capital stock and the working capital is placed at \$1,700,000 and it is this amount that the plaintiffs through court action seek to compel the directors to declare in dividends.

The action is made returnable before Judge J. L. Webb at Shelby on Saturday, February 26, Judge Webb being the Superior court judge holding the courts in the district in which the Wiscasset mill is located.

Among the prominent directors of the mill are C. A. Cannon, directing head of the Cannon Manufacturing company of Kannapolis; E. T. Candler, of Charlotte, and A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro. J. F. Cannon, of the plaintiffs to the action, owns and controls the mill. He has been in the entire capital stock and although for 20 years he has been connected with the mills and its tremendous success he is now excluded from any active participation in its management.

STEPS TAKEN FOR RETURN OF OTTO WOOD TO STATE

George Ross Pou Presents Paper to Gov. McLean for Extraditing the Notorious Criminal.

REWARD MAY BE DIVIDED

If Indiana Governor Honors Paper Wood Will Be Returned to Prison Here After His Third Escape.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—First steps for the return of Otto Wood, North Carolina's one-armed outlaw, were taken today when George Pou, state prison superintendent, presented papers to Governor McLean for his signing extraditing the notorious criminal from Indiana.

Mr. Pou was assured of the Governor's signature to the papers before he presented them. The superintendent did not plan to go to Terre Haute, Indiana personally to present the papers to the Indiana Governor.

If the Hoosier Governor honors the papers, Wood will be returned to prison here after his third escape. His last escape occurred last November. The \$500 offered by North Carolina for Wood's return will be left to Indiana authorities to award. It appeared her likely that the amount would be split between the druggist in Terre Haute who shot Wood down last month when he attempted single-handed robbery of a drug store, and the officers who made his arrest a little later.

Wood's record, photograph, finger prints, description, charges against him and alias were received from the Indiana jail by authorities here. Charges against the notorious criminal since his confinement here in December 1923 for murder of A. W. Kaplan, Greensboro pawn broker, include: Three escapes from state prison here, added to a record of two escapes from Ohio and Tennessee jails previously; violation of the national anti theft act and Virginia theft law; attempt to rob; an assault with deadly weapon under the Indiana law.

THE MILLER TRIAL

Government's Effort to Show That Miller Was Unusually Interested in Passage of \$7,000,000 Claim.

New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Bent on proving that Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, was unusually interested in passage of the \$7,000,000 claim on impounded assets of the American Metal Company, the government today sought for the second time to procure admission of telegrams sent to Miller by its private secretary.

To do this, the government recalled Harrison House, investigator of the general accounts office, to identify telegrams taken from government files. Two of these telegrams were sent to Miller at Pittsburgh by Fred H. Wilson, his secretary. One telegram advised Miller that Wilson had learned unofficially that the claim had been passed. The other advised official passage.

The government sought to prove that in the three years Wilson was secretary to Miller, he sent no other telegrams about claims. Miller and Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, are on trial for the second time on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States of their unbiased services. The first trial ended in a disagreement. The charges grew out of a transfer of nearly \$7,000,000 of the assets of the American Metal Company which had been impounded as enemy-owned, to Richard Merion, agent for the Societe Suisse Pour Valeurs de Metaux. The deal was effected in 1921.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance, But Prices Eased Off. New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 14 to 18 points in response to higher Liverpool cables. There was further covering and buying based on the passage of the farm bill by the Senate after the close of business last week, but the advance brought in heavy realizing while there may also have been some selling for a reaction. May contracts sold up to 14.18, and October to 14.63, on the initial demand, but soon lost 10 or 12 points on the advance, May ruling around 14.06 and October 14.50 at the end of the first hour.

WANT SUBSTITUTE FOR McNARY-HAUGEN FARM RELIEF BILL

Friends of the Measure Ask Authority to Substitute the Bill as Approved by the Senate.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CALLED

Substitution of the Senate Bill and Its Passage Would Make Unnecessary Conference Report.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Friends of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill appeared today before the House rules committee, and asked authority to substitute the bill as approved by the Senate for the companion measure now under consideration by the House.

After hearing Chairman Haugen of the Agriculture Committee, the rules group requested him to call a meeting of his committee and have it formally authorize a request that substitution be permitted.

Substitution of the senate bill and its passage without amendment by the House would make unnecessary a conference report to the Senate and the consequent danger of a filibuster against the measure there in the closing days of the session.

While a final vote on the measure which was passed last Friday by the senate, is not expected to be held in the house before the end of the week, its supporters are pressing toward this showdown so that the bill can be placed in the hands of President Coolidge by Saturday.

Its supporters, led by Chairman Haugen of the house agriculture committee, a co-author of the measure, however are planning to bring it tomorrow to a test vote as an index of its strength on the parliamentary handling of the bill.

STUDY CLASS OF MISSIONS BEGINS AT CENTRAL CHURCH

Missionary Addresses by Prominent Visitors to Be Given at Central Methodist Church Starting Tonight.

In connection with the program of Mission study that is being held in all the Methodist Episcopal Churches South, there will be a mission study week starting at 7:15 and a mission address at 8 o'clock every night this week except Saturday at the Central Methodist Church, beginning tonight and lasting through Friday night.

The mission address will be given by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, of Charlotte; Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Statesville, will speak Tuesday night, Charles Ireland, Conference Lay Leader, of Greensboro, will appear Wednesday; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Salisbury, will address the meeting Thursday, and Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Friday evening.

MEMORIAL FOR BROWN BY TRUSTEES OF DUKE

Missionary Address by Prominent With Mid-Year Meeting to Be Held February 23.

COTTON CONSUMED DURING JANUARY 604,584 BALES

There Were 7,873,007 Bales on Hand January 31st.—During January 56,939 Were Imported.

EXPORTS WERE 1,115,792 BALES

Cotton Spindles Active in January Numbered 32,633,550.—Statistics by States Given.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during January totaled 604,217 of lint and 54,016 or linters in December; and 582,315 of lint and 62,236 of linters in January, last year, the census bureau announced today. Cotton on hand January 31st was held as follows:

In consuming establishments, 1,852,987 bales of lint and 161,724 of linters. In public storage and at compresses, 6,070,020 bales of lint and 57,876 of linters. Imports for January totaled 56,939 bales. Exports for January totaled 1,115,792 bales, including 41,437 bales of linters. Cotton spindles active during January numbered 32,633,550. Statistics for cotton growing states included: Cotton consumed during January, 437,788 bales. Cotton on hand January 31st was held as follows:

In consuming establishments, 1,272,740 bales. Cotton spindles active during January numbered 17,482,426. CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON 13-YEAR OLD GIRL

Three White Men of Yadkin County in Jail for Alleged Serious Offense. Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Jonah Speaks, 52, Leroy Pendergrass, 24, and Garland Childress, 21, all white, are in Yadkin county jail awaiting trial in charges preferred by Miss Edna Speaks, aged 13, who accuses the three of enticing her to go with them for a ride and assaulting her. Miss Speaks had been living with Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Martin, near Yadkinville.

She alleges that the three men came there and told her that her mother was ill and wanted her at home. Instead of taking her home, they carried her to an abandoned house where she was kept for a day. It is said that when rescued the girl was in a pitiful condition. The three will be given a preliminary hearing before a magistrate this week. With Our Advertisers.

Cline & Moore have a full line of all kinds of seeds for the farmer, all fresh and clean. See new ad. The Goodyear tire chains are made of rubber. Get them at the York & Wadsworth Co., who carry a full Goodyear line. The Ritchie Hardware Co. has everything you need for spring house cleaning. See new ad. today showing illustrations. The Belk buyers have been in New York for two weeks buying new spring merchandise, and the Parks-Belk Co. here is receiving these goods daily. Quality is always the first consideration at the store of the J. C. Penney Co. Men's suits from \$9.95 to \$22.50 at Ehrlich's. Other attractive prices too. Protect your clothes with a cedar chest. The Bell-Harris Furniture Co. has exactly what you want.

JAMES W. PHARR DIES SUDDENLY IN CHARLOTTE

Found Dead in His Bed This Morning by His Son, Fred Pharr. Charlotte, Feb. 14.—(AP)—James W. Pharr, 63 years old, one of the best known citizens of this city, died suddenly sometime last night. He was found dead in bed where his son, Fred Pharr, went to call him this morning. Mr. Pharr was born in Statesville in 1863. He was for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and of the board of trustees of Davidson College. His wife died last September. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

JAPAN MUST MAINTAIN HER NAVAL STRENGTH

Both Her Land and Sea Forces Are Necessary to Her Protection. Tokio, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Premier Watanabishi told the upper house of the diet today that Japan's "present military and naval forces are necessary to maintain and protect Japan's existing position and rights." "Unless there is a marked change in Japan's international position in the world's general condition in other similar circumstances, Japan must maintain her present strength on land and at sea."

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