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Governor Morrison's Legislative Program

Is Organizing His Forces to Establish the State-Owned Shipping Line and Other Important Measures.

MORE BONDS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Gov. Morrison is Ready to Introduce a Greater Program Than the One Two Years Ago, It is Stated.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1. (By the Associated Press).—On the eve of the second general assembly of his administration, Governor Cameron Morrison is ready to introduce early in the session an even greater legislative program than his first, and among the advance guard of North Carolina lawmakers in Raleigh tonight the probable fate these measures will meet is the chief subject of discussion.

Taking the position that practically every promise in his platform has been carried out, the governor now is organizing his forces to pass the state shipping line corporation bill and other closely aligned measures. Improvement of fisheries in the state and a further bond issue to promote the present highway construction program are said to be among the other bills he will urge for enactment.

Governor Morrison told The Associated Press he will not reveal the details of his proposal to establish a state-owned shipping line until the measure embodying it is presented for passage, chiefly, however, the ships would be controlled by a corporation commission, "composed of such men as now make up the highway commission," operating under authority fixed by the assembly, he said.

A committee of experts to investigate the plan and all conditions relating to it and then to reach a decision as to whether it would be practical in operation is favored by the executive, according to his statements. Should this body decide in favor of the line, it was stated, the governor's measure would give it authority to proceed with organization.

The success Governor Kitchin met with in his first session of the assembly of his administration and his similar experience of Governor Bickett were discussed by some of the legislators in relation to the manner in which the Morrison program will be received. The governor, it was declared, will not meet with the same success he achieved two years ago with his highway construction legislation.

Conversely, other senators and representatives maintained that Governor Morrison now is more popular than two years ago at the first session and that his program is constructive and "perfectly safe" as drawn for adoption.

Little interest is being shown in the selection of the house speaker, and president pro-tem of the senate. John G. Dawson, of Kinston, unopposed, is expected to be nominated for the speakership by the democrats at a caucus scheduled for Tuesday evening, while the upper house office nomination will be between W. L. Long, of Halifax, and A. A. Hicks, of Granville. The sixteen republicans of the assembly have not announced whether they will hold a caucus or make any nominations.

In the senate, there are forty-six committees and forty-seven democrats. Among those being discussed as chairmen of the two most important committees are Senator L. R. Varser, of Lumberton, finance, and Senator D. F. Giles, McDowell, appropriations. Representative Rufe Doughton, Sparta, is being mentioned for re-appointment as chairman of the house finance committee, while Representative W. N. Everette, of Richmond, is expected to again head the appropriations committee.

Alex Lassiter is running for re-election as reading clerk of the house, without opposition to date although the name of David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, is being mentioned as a probable candidate. Otis P. Shell, of Dunn, engrossing clerk, is being opposed by Miss Rosa Mund, of Concord, the first woman ever to run for the office.

Frank Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, is unopposed for chief clerk of the senate, as is Joe J. Mackey, of Raleigh, for engrossing clerk. John Philip Cocke, of Asheville, and Cecil O. Broughton, of Troy, are candidates for engrossing clerk.

ANOTHER KIDNAPPING CASE IN LOUISIANA?

A Time Keeper Said to Have Been Carried Off by a Party of 16 Men.

(By the Associated Press.)

Bastrop, La., Jan. 1.—Department of Justice Agents here working on the Morehouse kidnapping case and attaches from Sheriff Fred Carpenter's office today were investigating the alleged kidnapping Friday night by a party of sixteen men, of Harold L. Teegeston, time keeper for a carbon plant at Stryker, La., near here, reports of which were received by the secret service men and the sheriff yesterday.

Sheriff Carpenter, who [illegible] the reports, said he [illegible] that Teegeston was called [illegible] eeping quarters at the [illegible] night Friday night, and [illegible] away in the darkness by [illegible] occupied six automobil[illegible] ich the license plates had [illegible] covered or removed.

The Federal [illegible]s are reported to have [illegible]d Teegeston Friday night a[illegible]urs before the reported kidnap[illegible] It is believed here that they exp[illegible] to call the time keeper as a state witness at the public hearings here beginning next Friday.

BERGDOLL NOT FOUND ON THE S. S. JUPITER

Captain Said He Was Surprised That Any Such Report Should Have Originated.

(By the Associated Press.)

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 1.—The German steamship Jupiter, on which was reported Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft dodger, shipped disguised as a sailor, arrived in port at 9 o'clock this morning. Exhaustive searches by sailor, arrived in port at 9 o'clock of justice men failed to reveal the presence of Bergdoll. The capatin said he was surprised that any such a report could have originated, as he was at Cardiff when chartered for Pensacola loading.

GERMANY TO MAKE NEW PROPOSITIONS

On the Reparations Matter.—Expert to Reach Paris Tomorrow.

Paris, Jan. 1 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, the German ambassador, called at the foreign office this morning and announced that Karl Bergmann, the German financial expert, would bring to Paris new propositions on reparations from the German government. Herr Bergmann is expected to reach Paris tomorrow morning.

Schools Opened This Morning.

Prof. A. S. Webb, superintendent of the Concord public schools, stated at noon that all of the schools opened in fine shape this morning following the Christmas holidays. All of the teachers except Miss Ruby Cline and Mrs. Hinton McLeod, who are sick and Miss Mary Morrison, who is attending the funeral of a relative in Wadesboro, were on hand for the opening. The schools closed on December 15th.

The county schools also opened this morning, after enjoying a week's vacation for Christmas.

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OUR NEW BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

ALLISON HEARING HAS BEEN CALLED BY SOLICITOR

Hearing Will Be Held in Lincolnton Under Orders of Solicitor Huffman of Morganton.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lincolnton, N. C., Jan. 1.—Witnesses to the fatal wounding of Fred Al[illegible] of Charlotte, near here last Sunday night, were summoned by Sheriff Abernethy today to appear here tomorrow at a hearing ordered by Solicitor R. L. Huffman.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict Christmas Day that Allison, alleged by the sheriff's deputies to have been one of three men attempting to haul 50 gallons of liquor through Lincoln County, died as a result of a shot fired by one of his companions, both of whom escaped during the affray with Deputy Sheriffs Baxter and Miller. Mr. Huffman, after an investigation, had Deputy Baxter arrested Saturday night on a charge of "the felonious slaying" of Allison.

Deputy Baxter, who was released in $10,000 bail on this charge, already was under indictment charging violation of the state prohibition laws, and immorality, according to Mr. Huffman. Federal officials announced last week that capiases charging violation of the Federal liquor laws had been issued against Baxter, and would be served this week.

The hearing here tomorrow was ordered by Solicitor Huffman, the sheriff said.

Huffman Off to Charlotte.

Morganton, N. C., Jan. 1.—Solicitor R. L. Huffman left his home here today for Charlotte, where he expected to interview several Charlotte men in connection with his investigation into the killing a week ago of Fred Allison, aged 29, automobile mechanic of Charlotte, in Lincoln County.

PAY MILLION RUBLES EACH FOR AMERICAN CIGARETTES

Soviet "Quadrillionaires" in Moscow Seem to Have Price.

Moscow, Jan. 1.—American-made cigarettes now are on sale in the streets of Moscow for about 1,000,000 soviet rubles each.

The Bolshevik ruble has been fluctuating to such an extent lately that it has been a common occurrence for dealers to boost many articles billions of rubles over night. These were principally diamonds, gold and platinum jewelry, furs and other luxuries sought by speculators, the "quadrillionaires" and others with loads of the soviet paper cash.

One day the ruble dropped to 35,000,000 to the dollar, and two days later flopped back again to 27,000,0000 to the dollar, where it remained "stabilized" for several weeks. During this period the street car fare on the Moscow trams was increased in one jump from 500,000 rubles to 1,000,000 for a single ride.

Dr. Marion Lawrence to Speak in Charlotte.

(By the Associated Press.)

Charlotte, Jan. 1.—Dr. Marion Lawrence, of Chicago, consulting secretary of the International Sunday School Association, and D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will be the principal speakers during the Sunday School Convention here January 15, it was announced today. W. E. Price, is president of the Mecklenburg County Sunday School Association, which is sponsoring the rally.

RIOT IN FASHIONABLE HOTEL IN ST. LOUIS

Two Men Shot, a Woman Injured, While Chairs, Plates and Knives Flew Promiscously

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Two men were shot and wounded, a woman was injured, and a barrage of chairs, glassware, plates, knives and forks, were hurled promiscously in a riot at the fashionable Hotel Chase in the west end of the city early today when the guests in the main dining hall objected to the intrusion of prohibition enforcement agents and a squad of policemen who were searching for liquor.

No arrests were made in connection with the disorder which started when the enforcement officers commenced lifting table covers and searching for liquor. Failing to find any of the contrabrand the officers first were applauded, then hooted and jeered, and finally the rumpus was in swing. It lasted only a short while.

Two shots were fired during the turmoil. One of them struck John Pazdera, vice president of the Consumers' Grocery & Meat Co., who was shot below the knee as he was dancing with his wife. He fell to the floor. Geo. H. Bode, Jr., was shot in the foot. Mrs. W. H. Robinson was slightly injured.

ASK SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS HOW THEY STAND ON KLAN

Northern Dmocrats Will Not Support Them Unless They Announce They Are Against Klan.

Washington, Dec 29.—Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusett, declared in a statement today that democrats who go before the party caucus as candidates for speaker of the house in the new Congress will be called upon by northern democratic representatives to say where they stand on the question of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Mark you," said Mr. Gallivan, "we are going to watch Ku Klux democrats from the southland, wherever they come from Texas or any other state, and they will get no support from democrats in the north unless at the caucus, which will be called to select the party candidate for the speakership, these men pronounce their absolute and unequivocal opposition to the infamous organization which at present holds the front page in our daily newspapers."

Mr. Gallivan declared that while he had no candidate of his own, he would not support Representative Garrett, Tennessee, acting democratic leader, because of his vote against the soldier bonus. He said he also opposed Mr. Garrett because he voted an amendment to the retirement act "which would prohibit any federal employe from receiving the benefits thereof if he had at any time been allied with any labor union or any organization of such character."

Thirty-Two Horses Cremated in Blaze.

Wilson, Dec. 30.—The big brick livery stable of Lawrence Walston, at Kenly, was totally destroyed by fire about 8:30 o'clock Friday morning together with eighty-five barrels of flour and a number of wagons and several sets of harness. There were thirty-two horses and mules in the building and they were all cremated. The origin of the blaze is undetermined and whether or not Mr. Wasson carried any insurance is not stated.

Epicures in snail-eating prefer them boiled while and served piping hot with plain melted butter.

PRESIDENT SPENDS NEW YEAR DAY QUIETLY

Received Many Diplomats at White House—Many New Year Greetings Received During the Day.

(By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 1.—It was a quiet New Year's day for the President and Mrs. Harding. The White House doorkeepers were kept busy receiving cards of diplomats and officials, and many boxes of flowers were received from friends who remembered Mrs. Harding's convalescence from her recent illness. The President remained at the residence nearly all of the day. He met personally during the day Governor E. Mont Reily, of Porto Rico, in his study. However, Governor Reily said the visit was only for the purpose of extending the New Year's greetings.

A complete holiday was granted to all of the President's assistants of the executive office staff, and the White House was left almost by itself.

Bailey to Speak at Press Convention.

(By the Associated Press.)

High Point, N. C., Jan. 1.—J. W. Bailey, formerly federal district revenue collector, will be the chief speaker at the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association here January 11-12, according to the completed program made public tonight. A number of talks on subjects relating to newspaper managements will be delivered by editorts of the state.

J. B. Sherrill, who was re-elected president of the association at the Shelby meeting, has tendered his resignation. At a recent session of the executive compittee in Greensboro, however, it was decided to present the matter to the convention for final action. Mr. Sherrill was elected to the general assembly from Cabarrus county in the recent election.

Methodist Planning A Vigorous Campaign.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The first four months of 1923 will be devoted by Southern Methodists to vigorous efforts to complete payment of its $35,000,000 centenary fund, it was decided here today as officials of the church adjourned their campaign congress. Efforts will extend through every byway of the Southern Metholist Church and is expected to recall an almost as extensive drive as was launched when first efforts were made to subscribe the fund.

Fourteen million dollars of the entire fund was subscribed from 550 city churches, it was pointed out at the conference, with only $6,000,000 having been paid and for that reason campaign efforts will be more extensive in cities. Work will begin the first Sunday in January. Strong plans for collection of the subscribed fund were heard today from leading Methodists of the South.

Sarah Bernhardt Has Several Fainting Spells.

Paris, Jan. 1 (By the Associated Press).—Sarah Bernhardt, who was thought to be making excellent progress toward recovery from her recent breakdown, had a series of fainting spells today. This development gave great concern to her physicians.

Death of "Wee Willie" Keeler.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 1.—William H. "Wee Willie" Keeler, one of the most famous old time baseball players, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He had been a sufferer from heart disease for more than two years.

GERMAN PEACE PLANS REJECTED BY F[illegible]

State Library

German Chancellor Says His Country Offered Non-War Pact to France and All Other Countries.

UNITED STATES KNEW OF PLANS

No Country, Under Plan, Could Declare War on Any Other Country Without Vote of Its People.

Hamburg, Jan. 1 (By the Associated Press). — Germany's proposal to France for a non-war pact among all the powers interested in the Rhine, which France rejected, was made in the belief that stable peace in Europe was attainable only if all the nations decided to stand on the foundations of reality, declared Chancellor Cuno in his sensational revelation here of Germany's latest move in connection with the reparations problem.

The Chancellor's announcement, made during the course of a speech before the Hamburg Bourse yesterday, showed the German government had sought to obtain France's agreement as a means of alleviating French fears to the taking of a solemn pledge of faith by all the powers interested, that for a generation none of them would wage war upon the others without specific authorization from all their peoples in a popular referendum, and that some world power not interested in the Rhine should act as a guardian or trustee of this pledge.

This proposal, which was made to France through a power not named, was rejected by the French, the Chancellor regretfully announced.

Proposition Submitted to Hughes.

Paris, Jan. 1 (By the Associated Press).—The proposed non-aggression agreement referred to in the Hamburg speech of Wilhelm Cuno, German Chancellor, was suggested by the German ambassador in Washington to Secretary of State Hughes, it was semi-officially said here today, but the State Department, it was added, did not transmit it officially to the French government.

Locke Craig Expected to Recover His Health.

Asheville, Dec. 30.—The result of an operation which former Governor Locke Craig underwent several days ago has not been definitely decided, Drs. Millender, Senior and Junior, said tonight, but they confidently assert his recovery is assured.

His rheumatic trouble has seemingly departed. Although the former governor has suffered a great deal, he is in good spirits and most of the time the last few days has rested comfortably.

As soon as he is well enough to travel, the doctors expect him to go to South Florida with the hope that complete rest will restore him to normal health.

British Plan Cuts Reparation 64 Per Cent. to 12,00,000,000.

In regard to Mr. Bonar Law's reparation plan, which is believed according to the advices from London to call for approximately $12,000,000,000, the Treaty of Versailles did not name any definite sum due from Germany, but specified the various classes of damage under which Germany was to pay reparations.

The duty of assessing the damage was assigned to the Reparation Commission, which after receiving the claims of the various powers placed the total sum justly due at 132,000,000,000 gold marks or $33,000,000,000.

National Commander of American Legion in North Carolina.

(By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Alvin M. Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, will spend two days in North Carolina early in March, according to a tentative announcement received here today by R. E. Denny, state department adjutant, from Commander James A. Lockhart, of Charlotte. The itinerary of the national executive will be announced within the next few weeks.

No New Developments in Fred Allison Case.

Lincolnton, Dec. 31.—There are no further developments in the Fred Allison murder up to the present writing, Sheriff W. B. Abernethy reports that he is unable to secure any further details of the killing. He states that when Solicitor Huffman is ready for his investigation all available information will be placed before him and every effort will be made to clear up the affair.

Thompson-Bowen.

Mr. Frank R. Thompson, formerly of Concord, and Miss Gertrude Anderson Bowen, of Anderson, S. C., were married on December 20, 1922, at Anderson, S. C. They left on their bridal trip to Atlanta, Ga., and other cities south. On their return they will make their home in Anderson, S. C., where Mr. Thompson is service engineer for Yancey Brothers.

Carolina Alumni Banquet.

Alumni and students of the State University have made elaborate plans for the annual banquet and dance which will be held here this evening. Seventy-five invitations have been issued for the banquet and 150 invitations have been issued for the dance. The former will be held at the Y and the latter at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club.

NEW YEAR DAY VERY [illegible] IN METROPOLIS

Extremely Wet Under Foot But From Volstead Standpoint the Dryest New York Has Ever Had.

SERIES OF RAIDS ON THE WHITE WAY

A "Knock and Drag Out" Affair at the "Monte Carlo."—Hilarious Butler Carted Off to Jail.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 1.—An extremely wet New Year Day—under foot—followed the driest—from a Volstead standpoint—New Year's eve that New York ever had. It was also turbulent.

Leaden skies wept copiously today over battered hats and smashed bottles on deserted streets which a few hours earlier were filled with determined and frequently grim ugly, merrymakers who were unusually dry in the modern meaning of the adjective.

Two hundred Federal prohibition enforcement agents, and several times that number of policemen and plain clothes men caused the New Year to be ushered in with less of liquid cheer inside than ever before.

This was accomplished by a series of raids in the White Way district that brought many minor battles between enforcement agents and determined breakers of the dry law, and at least one "knock down and drag out" affair that enlivened the evening at the thrice raided "Monte Carlo."

Greenwich Village, an outlying section, profited by the concentrated drive on Broadway, however, and reports from those sections were that liquor flowed freely—in everything but the price. The city has set a record too, in the number of home celebrations, unusually wet if one is to take as a fair sample one rich Park Avenue home where the butler got so hilarious the family had to have him carted off to jail.

Celebrators with fire arms rolled up a casualty list of two fatally wounded and seven others less seriously hurt, while others apparently convinced they were burning up, gave the fire departments 34 unnecessary runs in the hour that straddled the old and new years.

Wet New Year in Many Other Cities.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The beginning of the New Year was very wet in most of the eastern Seaboard and far northwestern states, despite the concentrated activities of the government's prohibition agents.

This information was given out today not by the prohibition unit, but by the weather bureau.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes was out of the city, and other officials of his office had received no reports as to the endeavors of Federal agents to start the year of 1923 with strict enforcement of the Volstead act. The weather bureau, however, pronounced it "an awfully wet" New Year inaugural in several sections of the country.

The rain began to diminish, however, in the east about the time late celebrants of New Year's festivities got home, and the weather bureau promised it would be succeeded by clear and moderately cold weather. Clear skies and normal temperatures greeted the new year throughout the country, with the exception of the two wet regions.

FRANK CONFESSION BY WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Says if He Said What He Thinks He Would Be Arrested on the Spot.

(By the Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—William Z. Foster, nationally konwn labor organizer and leader of the nationwide steel strike two years ago, in an address here last night declared: "I am a radical. If I said what I think I would be arrested on the spot."

Foster advocated establishment of a workers party by the greater organizations of workers in the United States, so that he declared, they might "follow the example of the workers in [illegible]ropean countries."

Germany, Russia, Italy and other Eu[illegible]

He urged his hearers to fight "to the bitter end" for their "rights."

Funds to pay for War Savings Stamps will not be available until January 5th, 1923.

JNO. L. MILLER, Postmaster.