

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.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 4.—With preliminary organization completed the North Carolina General Assembly today had its first batch of bills introduced and among the most important measures being sponsored was the proposal of Senator Walter R. Woodsen, Rowan, to place all Superior Court solicitors on salaries.

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 Yarror 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 \$1,000 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 21 or 30, 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 Mendham, of Guilford, to provide an investigation into the movement of interstate freight and express bills, freight, and a bill introduced in the House by Representative F. L. W. Cohen, 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 Harriet, to provide for the amendment of compensation of certain county officers. The bill was given its third reading and was immediately passed, whereupon it was sent to the Senate. Representative Cohoon'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 Mendham's bill will direct the Corporation Commission to employ four traffic experts to study the interstate 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. (By the Associated Press.) 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.

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 to-day resumed their search of the wreckage strewn floodwaters of the Cowlitz River, into which the old suspension bridge here, bearing scores of men and women, collapsed last night. From 50 to 100 pedestrians, one truck, and at least ten passenger automobiles were on the bridge when it

THE COTTON MARKET

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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 spotter 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 20.50.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 26:58; March 26:72; May 26:80; July 26:90; Oct. 24:72.

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 lake 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 200-foot head at Lake Summit, a nearby development with 8,000 horsepower, which cost approximately \$1,000,000.

Employment For 402 Persons.

(By the Associated Press.) 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:

Mecklenburg—Men 287; women 82; total 469.

Help wanted—Men 573; women 72; total 645.

Referred—Men 386; women 102; total 488.

Placed—Men 340; women 62; total 402.

Skilled 120; unskilled 211; clerical 71; total 402.

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 30; women 4; total 34.

Winston-Salem—Men 42; women 10; total 52.

Total—Men 340; women 62; total 402.

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

(By the Associated Press.) Elizabeth City, Jan. 4.—An unidentified white man about 60 years old, who was said to have come from Roper, N. C., 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 Cowlitz 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.

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 residing 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 he had given up all 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. Ed. 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 heritages 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-

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.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

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 1,800 bottles of whisky, gin and cordials and a quantity of half-forming drugs.

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

Pastor is "Retired" in Very Unique Manner.

Shelby, Jan. 2. Not often is a pastor "retired" in the manner and for the 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 \$28,981,253 was passed today by the House after Speaker Gillett had brought out a point of order a motion to send it back to the committee with directions to include \$250,000 for Congressional free seed distribution.

N. C. Railroad Pays Dividend.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

American Girl Killed in France.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—Miss Hope Harjes, aged 24, daughter of H. H. Harjes, of Morgan, Harjes & Co., the Paris branch of J. P. Morgan & Co., has been killed in a hunting accident at the Harjes country place.

Negro Killed in Shreveport.

(By the Associated Press.) Shreveport, La., Jan. 1.—Leslie Leggett, negro, was lynched either last night or early today by a party of men who kidnapped him last night. The body was found in the southern part of the city, riddled with bullets.

Death of J. P. Beckwith.

(By the Associated Press.) Miami, Fla., Jan. 1.—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 a short illness.

Mr. Beckwith was born in Plymouth, N. C., June 21, 1858, and began his railroad career with the North Carolina Railroad in 1880 as a clerk.

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

A NEW THEORY

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

Devorner Sent to Boston in Exchange for Two Recruits.

New York, Jan. 3.—The New York Yankees today announced that Al Devorner, sub catcher, had been traded to the Boston Red Sox for two recruits, George Pitgrass, a pitcher, and Harvey Hendrick, an outfielder. George Pitgrass played last season with the Charleston, S. C., club in the South Atlantic Association and Hendrick with the Galveston club of the Texas League.

Says German Proposal Was Simply a Scheme

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

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare today in a cable message to the German Foreign Minister, on the German proposal at 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.

SENT MESSAGE TO M. JUSSERAND

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

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—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 proposal at 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, Czechoslovakia, and even neutrals, such as Denmark, to recover possession of territory inhabited by Danes and Poles, and to begin again 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 attack France, it will be on the smaller nations 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."

French Ultimatum.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—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, to say 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.

Plan No Change in Debt Funding Law.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

Agree on Partial Program of Farm Credits.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

Shets Family and Then Himself.

(By the Associated Press.) Muncie, Ind., Jan. 4.—Wm. Miller, 30 years of age, today shot and killed his wife, and three children, and then committed suicide the police officials said. The crime was discovered by neighbors who broke into the house when they failed to see any of the family.

TO OWNERS OF MATURING WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

All War Savings Stamps due January 1, 1923, not registered, will be accepted for deposit by this bank as cash. Registered Stamps must be presented at office of registration for payment.

A New Interest Period Beginning in our Savings Department

All deposits made on Savings Accounts on or before January 10th bear interest from January 1st at four per cent, compounded quarterly. To those having funds for deposit this offers an excellent opportunity to secure the maximum interest return.

CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY CONCORD, N. C. CHAS. B. WAGONER, President. A. F. GOODMAN, Cashier.