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THE PRESIDENT SENT ANOTHER SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS LAST FRIDAY. HE IS GOING TO ISSUE \$20,000,000 OF 4 PER CENT 20 YEAR BONDS AND SHOWED CONGRESS HOW MUCH MONEY HE COULD SAVE BY AUTHORIZING HIM TO ISSUE THREE PER CENT BONDS INSTEAD.

THE ONLY ADVISORY COMMENT WE HAVE SEEN ON THE INDIVIDUAL CURRENCY BILL PASSED BY DR. CROSBY'S CHURCH IN CHARLOTTE WAS MADE BY THE BALTIMORE NEWS & OBSERVER. WE CAN HARDLY TAKE OUR CONTEMPORARY SERIOUSLY. ANYBODY WHO SAID THAT, BUT RATHER DRINK FROM A CLEAN, UNWASHED CUP THAN FROM ONE WITH SIGNS OF CONTACT WITH RINDY AND INDIFFERENT LIPS.

OUR HEADLINE ANNOUNCEMENT TWO WEEKS AGO OF SIX PER CENT AS THE LEGAL RATE OF INTEREST WAS MISTAKEN. THE MESSAGE DID NOT SAY THE RATE, AS CROSBY, THREE WEEKS AGO, BUT THE HOUSE HAS NOT YET VOTED ON THE MATTER. IT DOES NOT APPEAR CERTAIN THAT THE HOUSE WILL PASS THE BILL. THERE WAS A VOTE-OUT IN THE HOUSE TUESDAY WHEN IT WAS REFERRED FROM THE FINANCE TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE HOW QUICKLY MARION BUTLER BECAME AN ANGEL OF LIGHT IN SOME PEOPLE'S EYES AS SOON AS HE WAS ELECTED SENATOR AND DECLARED AGAINST A WITHDRAWAL OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY. MARION BUTLER IS A VIGILANT GUARDIAN. HE WAS NOT RIGHT. THREE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY ARE AN UNDESIRABLE AS A PROTECTIVE TARIFF OR A SUGAR BOUNTY AND SHOULD BE WIPED OUT.

LAST WEEK WE PUBLISHED A FULL ACCOUNT OF THAT TRAGIC TRAGEDY AT SEA, THE SINKING OF THE LÉNA. FEW SUBJECTS ATTRACT UNIVERSAL SYMPATHY SO DEEPLY AS THESE CATASTROPHES OF THE OCEAN, AND FEW MARINERS IN THEIR RECITAL LEAVE MORE VIVID IMPRESSIONS ON THE MIND.

LAST MONDAY AFTERNOON THERE WAS A SCENE OF RELIGIOUS IN JEOPARDY THAT WAS AN AFFAIR OF PAIN AND JOY. THE FRENCH STEAMER LA GEORGONNE WAS A WEEK OVER DUE. NO THINGS CAME. THE SINKING OF THE LÉNA IN THE NORTH SEA TURNED THE THOUGHTS OF ALL THE WORLD TO THE STURDY DEEP AND THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LOVE OCEANS HAD GONE TO SEE ON LA GEORGONNE EXACTLY KNOW WHETHER TO LAUGH OR MOURN. LONGING EYES DAY AFTER DAY LOOKED OUT TO SEA AND HOPE FOLLOWED AFTER. BUT NO TIDINGS CAME AND THE WAVE WAS HIGH. THE GENTLE FUROR OF MEN WHEN ON EARTH TALKED TO PEOPLE ABOUT JOY OVER FINDING THE LOST.

THE ABOVE ARE COPIES AS BEING OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS. ABOUT SEVENTY FIVE PAGES OF THE REPORT ARE GIVEN UP TO SUCH LETTERS, IN WHICH MANY AND VARIOUS VIEWS ARE EXPRESSED.

THE TENNESSEE SENATE BY AN ALMOST UNANIMOUS VOTE REJECTED THE BILL TO RE-ESTABLISH THE WHIPPING POST FOR PETTY OFFENSES. HOWEVER GREAT MAY BE THE NEED OF A WHIPPING POST FOR SPECIAL PETTY OFFENSES, THAT INSTITUTION IS ABOUT AS DEAD AS HUMAN SLAVERY.

LABOR IN GASTON. We received some weeks ago from B. R. Lacy, Commissioner, the eighth annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is a very neatly printed pamphlet of more than 300 pages.

THE BLANTS THAT WERE SENT OUT CONTAINED THIS REQUEST: Please make below any suggestions that may occur to you relative to the needs of the working people, and what in your opinion would benefit them; also state what you think would advance the work of this Bureau and increase its usefulness.

CROWDER'S CREEK, Gaston Co. In answer to above request I think the working people need more work and better wages, but how to get it is another question hard to answer.

LUZIA, Gaston Co. It strikes me that the best thing that can be done for the laboring people of this State is to repeal unconditionally the homestead law.

J. B. COXWELL, Employer. The following is given in answer to some questions relating to the effect of night work on factory labor:

GASTONIA, Gaston Co. A machine cannot be made a good citizen. Under the present system of working twelve hours in daylight and eleven hours at night men and women will become mere machines.

J. D. MOORE, Employer. The above are copies as being of interest to our readers. About seventy five pages of the report are given up to such letters, in which many and various views are expressed.

ONE OF THE RULES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE FANONISTS OF THE HOUSE PROHIBITS SMOOKING IN THE HALL.

REPORTS RECEIVED FROM STANDING COMMITTEES, AFTER WHICH THE FOLLOWING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED AND REFERRED:

TWO WEEKS' LEGISLATION. CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE. FRIDAY, FEB. 2. SENATE.

Senator Grant presented a petition from the North Carolina conference of the M. E. Church, South, in reference to legislation upon the question of higher education.

Senator Cook moved to amend section 1608 of the Tax Code, in regard to gift taxes.

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CLEVELAND, TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LAW OF SHELBY. A resolution was adopted paying \$135, as the expense of the sub-committee which visited the Western Hospital at Morganton.

A BILL TO REGULATE FREIGHT SHIPMENTS came up. The committee offered a substitute as follows: That sec. 1, chap. 533, acts of 1891 be amended by adding after it the following words: "That whenever suit is instituted against any railway company doing business in North Carolina for the violation of any of the duties referred to in said chapter, and said railway company is cast in its suit, it shall pay all costs and expenses incident thereto, together with a reasonable attorney's fee for the plaintiff in said cause, to be taxed by the courts."

THERE WERE SOME DELIBERATIONS ON THIS BILL. SOME SPEAKERS ARGUED THAT IT WAS A GOOD BILL. MESSRS. CAMPBELL, McCALL AND SOME OTHERS OBJECTED TO IT, SAID IT WAS NOT JUST TO THE RAILWAYS, AND THEY SHOULD NOT VOTE FOR IT.

MR. STEPHENS SAID THE BILL WAS DRAWN PARTICULARLY IN THE INTEREST OF SMALL SHIPPERS IN THE EAST, ESPECIALLY TRUCK SHIPPERS. HE SAID THE COURTS WOULD DECIDE UPON THE REASONABLENESS OF THE ATTORNEY'S FEE. MR. McCALL SAID THAT UNDER THE PRESENT LAW THE RAILWAYS COMPLETELY IGNORE THE SMALL SHIPPERS, BY RUNNING TRAINS BY THE PLACE OF THE SMALL SHIPPERS. THE BILL WAS VOTED ON ON ITS SECOND READING. ONLY FOUR NAYS WERE HEARD. IT THEN CAME UP ON THIRD READING. MR. WHITE, MR. BROWN AND MR. McCALL WERE AGAINST IT. MR. HAY OFFERED AN AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE SHIPPER SHALL IN NO WAY BE GUILTY OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF ANY WAY TO BLAME FOR DELAYS IN SHIPMENTS.

MR. WHITE, OF BLADEN, OFFERED AN AMENDMENT THAT IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SHIPPED IS NOT EXCEED \$10, MR. HENDERSON ACCEPTED MR. McCALL'S AND WHITE'S AMENDMENTS. THE PREVIOUS QUESTION WAS AGAIN CALLED. THE BILL THEN PASSED THE HOUSE. IF A SENATOR WOULD ASK FOR A REVISION OF THE BILL, THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL ORDER AN HEARING ON THE QUESTION. MR. BROWN OFFERED AN AMENDMENT ADDING MR. McCALL'S AMENDMENT TO THE BILL. MR. HAY SAID THE BILL WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SETTING THE WHOLE STATE BY THE EARS. IT WOULD BE THE WORST THING THIS LEGISLATURE HAD EVER DONE. MR. HAY'S MOTION TO RECONSIDER WAS THEN HEARD, YES 29, NO 23.

THE BILL TO PREVENT FIRE-BLIGHTING, PASSED ON THIRD READING. THERE WAS OBJECTION BY MR. WHITE, OF BLADEN, TO GOING IN THIRD READING. MR. HAY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES (THIS REQUIRING 61 VOTES). THEY WERE SUSPENDED AND THE BILL PASSED ITS THIRD AND LAST READING.

A BILL TO ALLOW MITCHELL COUNTY TO HAVE A NEW ROAD SYSTEM AND TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PASSED SECOND READING.

THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, THROUGH MR. Ewart, made a report in the case of Hildreth Gatzert against L. L. South, of Gates, in the matter of the latter's claim that the notice of contest was not regular. The committee reported the facts in detail and asked the instruction of the House. MR. WHITE, OF BLADEN, OFFERED A RESOLUTION DECLARING MR. SOUTHWORTH ENTITLED TO THE SEAT. THIS RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

WE WISH THAT INSTEAD OF MOVING TO TABLE THE BILL RAISING THE AGE OF LIABILITY FOR ROAD DUTY FROM 18 TO 21 YEARS SENATOR DOWD HAD WITH HIS ACKNOWLEDGED ABILITY CHAMPIONED THIS JUST MEASURE. THE LAW AS IT NOW STANDS IS A RELIC OF TYRANNY. WE BELIEVE THAT IF AN EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD BOY WERE TO STAND ON HIS RIGHTS IN THIS MATTER AND CARRY HIS CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT, THE LAW WOULD BE FOUND IN CONFLICT WITH THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION (ART. I, SEC. 23). IT IS A PAINFUL CASE OF TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION—RANK TYRANNY.

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