

# 2 YEAR DIVORCE BILL PASSED

## North Carolina May Become "Second Reno" Result Bill

### Legislature Making Slow-Sure Progress

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—After a hectic struggle for two or three weeks, the sub-committee of the joint finance committee promised to turn over Monday afternoon to the full joint committee a completed revenue measure, which, intimations are, contains a general sales tax, the eight months State-supported school term, and, probably, abolishing all except a few of the larger special tax school districts. These intimations leak out of a well guarded group. Whether the report will be made public, or the joint finance committee struggle with it before it comes to the open, was not known at this writing.

With this prospect, it is expected that the measure, whatever its provisions will reach the floor of the General Assembly some time this week and will have a week or more of consideration by the two houses. Few people now expect a hang up such as was experienced two years ago. If the general sales tax, or a tax that partakes of some of the properties of the general, luxury, selected commodity, production, or gross sales tax, it will be opposed, strenuously. Secretary Willard L. Dowell, of the State merchants, says of the general sales tax: "It shall not pass."

Many legislators have the same view, and will fight it out. But many, normally opposed to a sales tax, have come to believe it necessary to balance the budget and will support it, at least finally, as an emergency measure. It now seems that a sales tax, more likely one of the general sales type, will be proposed, with belief that it will be enacted after the battle.

Restlessness of members began to show itself in the seventh week. Earlier the two houses would meet and dispose of the few bills that had come from the committees in an hour. The past week has shown a speeding up of committee work resulting in more bills for floor action. Facing a calendar of 25 bills, the House held its first night meeting Friday night, except the Monday night sessions. The Senate met one day, reached a calendar with 15 or 20 bills and adjourned to eat. Both sides are now getting down to floor work. Sometimes they do things hastily and have to retract. Usually they are making progress slowly and carefully, but making progress just the same.

Bills introduced during the session reached about 860 last week, the week's introductions numbering about 125, 35 in the Senate and 90 in the House. House bills so far number about 615 and Senate bills near 250. But most of them are born to die.

So far only 160 bills have been ratified, 48 Senate and 112 House bills. The past week saw many local bills complete the round and become laws, to the number of 44, while only seven public bills finished the course last week. The number of ratified measures will increase from now on, while the new bills introduced will diminish rapidly.

One resolution was adopted last week, requesting the U. S. Congress to refrain from further invasion of sources of taxation heretofore left to the State. Because

### Senate Demands Scalp



David S. Barry, 75, veteran sergeant-at-arms of the U. S. Senate, suspended in an unprecedented action by that august body for writing a magazine article for The New Outlook in which he said some members of Congress took money for their votes, faces the ire of veteran Senators who still insist upon his complete removal.

of the uncertainty as to whether the representative of this county to Sweden is an "ambassador" or a "minister," the resolution urging the appointment of Mrs. Lillie Morehead Mebane, Rockingham legislator, to that post, now occupied by her kinsman, John Motley Morehead, did not reach the point of ratification.

Railroad companies will be held responsible for personal injuries or acts of railroad policemen, heretofore exempt because they were actually named by the Governor, but recommended by railroad officials. The license charges plumbing and heating contractors are changed slightly on the basis of populations of towns in which they operate in a new law. Casualty and surety companies are now required to make deposits with the State to insure fulfillment of their obligations with its citizens or corporations.

World War veterans are permitted an extension of time on payments of loans of the World War Veterans Loan Fund of the State until November 1, 1934. Teachers will not be required to attend summer schools for three years; and blind people will be permitted to transact business in the State without paying the license fee, when so recommended by county commissioners of their home county, under three new laws enacted.

The House killed without ceremony the bill that would allow baseball on Sunday, by a vote of 84 to 25, while the Senate was engaged in the slaughter of the Senator Hinsdale bill to prevent legislators from accepting appointment to positions they create or increase the pay of. Accused of having feeling from the primary last year, in which he was a Founmanager, Hinsdale sent in an amendment making the measure effective after 1937. The amendment was adopted, but his bill was killed, overwhelmingly.

Realizing that married women sometimes have to work, the committee which investigated their statue in State employment turned down the bill requiring that all be fired, but adopted a resolution asking the heads of departments to weed them out if and as they can. Firing of 15 or 20 women employed by Secretary of State

Stacey W. Wade for enrolling bills caused a flare and feeling of resentment, which came out in a public letter condemning him as a partisan to sisters or daughters of influential people. A bill would take this work from the Secretary of State and have it done by the General Assembly.

The beer and wine bill sprang unexpectedly out of committee with a favorable report last week, but the House sent it back in a hurry for hearings. It would tax beer and wine, if their sale should be legalized by Congress. Representative R. M. Cox suggests a referendum on the sale of those beverages. The medicinal liquor bill is still under consideration. The House cut still lower the salaries of solicitors and sent the bill back to the Senate, that body again sending it back with its original figures. The bill to allow divorces after two years of separation, passed by the Senate and House, will soon be the law.

Measures dealing with reorganization of State government have been quiet all the past week, not one having been passed, and little consideration being given any of them.

Bills dealing with Workmen's compensation fell thick and fast for a time, after it was found the act could not be repealed. One would allow review by the courts of findings of fact by the Industrial Commission. Seven or eight others would amend as many sections of the act. One bill would abolish and recreate the N. C. rating and Inspection Bureau to promulgate rules, regulations and regulations and rates for compensation insurance.

A new bill would require the State to take over and maintain the transportation system of children going to public schools.

The election laws would be amended, second primaries eliminated, the hours of voting shortened and other improvements made in another new bill.

Resolutions introduced would call upon the Federal government to return to the States one-half of the tax levied on tobacco and tobacco products, in line with the statement of President S. Clay Williams, of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. before the finance committee recently that a measure to return one-sixth of the tax would find support in Congress. Another commends Representative E. W. Pou for a speech favoring plenary power to President-Elect Roosevelt to reduce the cost of government; one approves the purpose of the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago June to November, asking the people of the State to give moral and financial co-operation to have the State represented; still another set aside the week of March 5-11 as National Business Women's Week.

A phase of the railroad-bus and truck fight is seen in the bill that would "promote safety of passengers on railroads by requiring a minimum number of employees and providing qualifications for employees."

Of insurance bills, one provides for regulation of automobile liability insurance rates; another provides that rates on property for fire insurance be based on the value of the property insured.

Tax measures would allow local governments to refund tax sales certificates and permit segregation

of taxes and release of property upon payment of taxes.

A new bill, if enacted, would permit a person convicted of a felony to begin action for restoration of citizenship immediately after release, instead of waiting two or three years, as at present. Judge John H. Harwood is one of those to whom this measure would apply.

Related is the bill providing the machinery for disbarring an attorney at law from practice in the courts after conviction or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a felony.

One bill would provide for the sale, inspection and distribution of commercial fertilizer; another relates to collection of judgments against irresponsible drivers of motor vehicles and another requires drivers to stop before entering main highways.

Merger of two or more charitable, educational, social, ancestral, historical, penal or reformatory corporations, not under patronage or control of the State, is permitted in a new bill, providing the method.

Legal bills introduced the past week and of general interest follow: On grounds for divorce; relative to payment of sums by clerks of court; prevent challenge of jurors who have not paid taxes for preceding two years; permit permanent proof by record of service of notice by summons by publication; changes in civil jurisdiction of recorder's courts; change as to contracts and bonds of contractors for constructing public buildings; amendment as to claims of third persons in claim and delivery proceedings; fixing time at which action may be brought to recover from a party purchasing a crop on which there is a lien; amendment as to capital crimes; require clerks of court to deduct judgments upon recognizances being forfeited; amendment as to

devolution of power of sale in mortgage or deed of trust upon the death of mortgagor or trustee.

Mrs. W. O. Sheffield is visiting relatives in Richmond, Va.

### Notice

Under the powers of a deed of trust from L. F. Rook to the undersigned trustee, dated January 29, 1931, to secure the payment of a note therein described, and recorded in book 408, p. 518, office of Register of Deeds of Halifax County, N. C., default having been made in its payment, and at request of the holder, the undersigned trustee will, on March 11th 1933, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in front of the Bank of Littleton in Littleton, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash two tracts of land, lying and being in Roanoke Rapids Township and Littleton township, respectively, state of North Carolina, Halifax County:

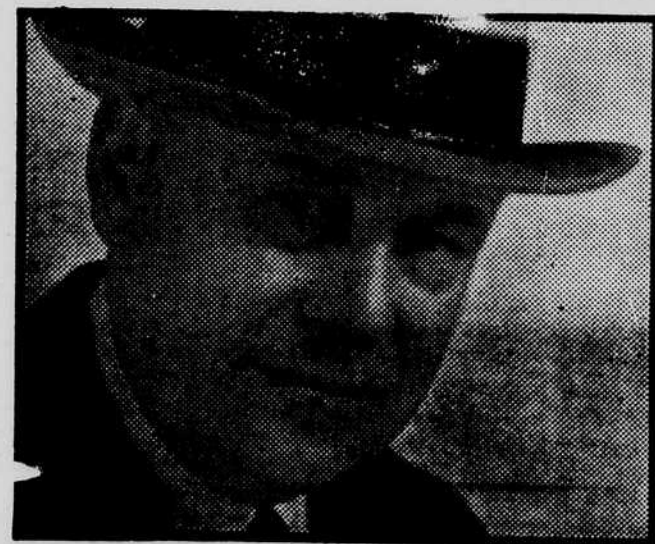
First Tract: Contains (40) acres, in Roanoke Rapids township, said state and county, and is bounded on the north by Chocoyotte Creek; on the east by the land of Mrs. James Hockaday; on the south by the land of Mrs. Laura Robinson; on the west by the land of Paul Vincent, same being a part of the Johnston tract.

Second Tract: Contains (48) acres, more or less, in Littleton township, said State and county, situated on the public road to Brinkleyville and on Deep Creek, being the identical land described in a deed from Geo. L. Hayes and wife, to L. F. Rook, dated October 11, 1919, and is recorded in book 311, p. 209, public Registry of Halifax County, North Carolina, to which book and page reference is hereby had and made a part of this description.

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