

DIVIDE THE STATE IN NEW DISTRICTS

Sub-Committee of House and Senate to Work Out Division of Judges

IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Modified Form of Torrens Land Titles. Anti-Saloon Bill Agreed Upon—Railroads Invited—General Assembly Yesterday.

(By Wm. J. Martin.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.—Two sub-committees of the joint committee of the Senate and House on judicial districts will work out the apportionment of the State into the 20 judicial districts decided upon and the matter of the salaries to be paid the 20 solicitors.

There will be three Senators and three Representatives on each sub-committee, and one of these committees will re-district the State and the other will determine upon the salary question.

Such is the result of a meeting of the full joint committee of the North Carolina General Assembly today, after they had heard from a number of solicitors, and lawyers on both questions and had gone into executive session. It was also decided to ask the Legislature to allow the committee not to exceed \$150 to pay some one to do the work of re-districting, an arrangement the court terms of the districts under the direction of the sub-committee.

After hearing from President H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, of the State Farmers' Union, Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary; Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, and ex-Senator Pittman, of Henderson, on the bill providing for an optional registration of land titles, a modification of the Torrens Land System, as recommended by the State Bar Association, the joint judiciary committee appeared to be satisfied that the farmers of the State want the bill. However, no decisive action was taken as to reporting the measure.

The House Committee on Liquor Traffic decided this afternoon on a favorable report for the Anti-Saloon League bill for search and seizure and other machinery for the more effective enforcement of the prohibition law. There was not a quorum present, but the report was read when Chairman Miller, of Cleveland, put the question. There will be a minority report against the bill by Mills, of Wake, and Whitford, of Craven.

Governor Craig bent today invitations to the heads of all the principal North Carolina railroad companies and their inter-State shipping connections an invitation for them to come to Raleigh next Tuesday, February 12th, for a conference with the legislative commission, he has just appointed, consisting of Senator W. B. Council, Representative E. J. Justice, and N. B. Broughton, to investigate and report on the possibility of an amicable agreement for the relief of the North Carolina shippers from freight rate discriminations that are being so much discussed at this session of the Assembly. The commission is to make a report to the Assembly by February 25th.

State-wide Primary.
The House voted today to refer the Justice State-wide primary bill, the Doughton substitute and all amendments, including the 49 amendments for the exemption of counties to a select committee of five for revision, and the drafting of a measure that will not be so drastic as the Justice bill and report back within seven days. This action came after Mr. Doughton had presented his concluding argument for the proposition to the Justice bill and Mr. Justice had closed for the friends of his measure.

Mr. Justice took occasion to say that his mind numbers of those supposed to be Democratic leaders in this State are in the remarkable position of supporting Woodrow Wilson and at the same time opposing his measures, one of which is a legalized State-wide preferential primary. Mr. Doughton insisted that the State is not ready for a legalized primary as the Justice bill proposes and insisted that it would endanger Democratic success in most of the western counties.

Building and Loan Bill.
The building and loan association bill from the Senate extending the amount of money associations may borrow from 25 to 50 per cent. of assets, came up as a special order, but was deferred until Friday.

Mileage Book Bill.
The House today passed the Stewart mileage book bill on third reading after Kellum had spoken in opposition to the bill, which had been amended so as to only require that railroad companies in this State shall furnish a thousand mile book at two cents per mile that families of purchasers may use.

The House voted down by a vote of 33 to 34 the Kellum bill to advance the age of consent from 14 to 16 years on the part of a girl. This was after an amendment had been adopted to the effect that men under 21 years old should not be affected by provisions of the bill. Criticism of the amendment by Representative Miller, of

ADVERSE REPORT ON ANNEXATION

House Committee Will Report Brunswick County Bill Unfavorably

TO FLOOR OF LEGISLATURE

New Hanover Delegation Will Press Fight There—Extended Hearing in Raleigh Yesterday—Wilmington Jealous?

(By Wm. J. Martin.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.—The House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns voted this evening five to 13 for an unfavorable report on the Kellum bill for the annexation of a portion of Brunswick county to New Hanover in connection with the proposition for Wilmington and New Hanover to build a free bridge across the Cape Fear river to take the place of the present toll ferry.

This vote followed a one and a half hour's discussion of the measure and the whole ferry and bridge situation. The Senate Committee, Senator Bellamy, chairman, sat with the House Committee, but when the matter reached a vote it was found that there was not and had not been a quorum of the Senate Committee present at any time during the hearing.

The advocates of the annexation proposition will have the House Committee return a minority favorable report and make a fight for the bill on the floor of the House, and will also have a later hearing before the Senate Committee with indications that a favorable report will be gained before this committee.

The Wilmington delegation of citizens with a strong addition of citizens of the territory of Brunswick, proposed to be annexed, reached here early today in a special Pullman car, and spent the day in a spirited campaign among members in the interest of the bill.

The contending sides were allowed 45 minutes each this afternoon for the arguments, Representative Kellum being in charge for the advocates of the bridge, and Representative Bellamy for the Brunswick county opponents of the bill.

Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Robeson, for the Wilmington-Charlotte Highway Association, opened the discussion in the interest of the bill for the annexation and the extension of the bridge. He recounted the great possibilities for development that this improvement would open up for the immediate section and more especially to advantages that will come to the travel into Central Carolina and the development of the Wilmington-Charlotte highway.

Hon. Geo. D. Bellamy followed with an exposition of Wilmington's attitude and the necessity for this course in view of the fact that Brunswick was unable or unwilling to come up with her part of the expense if the annexation was not adopted as the solution. He reviewed the past efforts and the attitude on the equitableness of the present proposition, which had the approval and active support of the great majority of those residing in the territory proposed to be annexed.

E. H. Cramer, of Southport, spoke in opposition to the bill, pleading that it would be the ruin of Brunswick. He said the county was just now climbing out of the paper list of counties and to take away the territory involved would seal the financial doom of the county for years to come.

J. Allan Taylor argued that Brunswick would be helped by the annexation and the establishment of the bridge. Land values will be increased, the prosperity of that whole upper section of the county will be quickened by the closer touch with that section's only market, Wilmington. He insisted that Brunswick has sponged long enough on Wilmington and New Hanover and hidden her talents under the pleaded bushel of poverty.

Senator Gilliam, of the Senate Committee, suggested that there might be an adjustment of the whole matter through an agreement for Wilmington and New Hanover to bear 50 per cent. and Brunswick 30 per cent. of the cost of the bridges, estimated to be \$200,000. This would mean something

HARRIMAN MERGER DISSOLUTION PLAN

Agreement Reached by Directors of the Companies Is Announced

SETTLE BONE OF CONTENTION

Absolute Ownership of Central Pacific Is Given to Union Pacific R. R. Co.—Southern Holdings to Be Sold

New York, Feb. 6.—Plans for the dissolution of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Southern Pacific Company as decreed by the United States Supreme Court were officially announced in detail tonight after a protracted session of the directors of the two companies. The terms are in a statement issued jointly by the roads, to have the approval of the Department of Justice at Washington and the agreement now awaits confirmation of the court in the Federal district where the action originally was taken and by the railroad commission of the State of California.

In accordance with recent intimations, the severance of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific results in Union Pacific's absolute purchase of Central Pacific, which has been the bone of contention between the two principal roads of the Harriman system. The agreement also provides for the sale of all the Southern Pacific stock held by Union at 98 1/2 per cent., with accrued dividend to the stockholders, common and preferred, of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, other than the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line.

It is understood that a syndicate has been formed under the lead of Kuhn, Leob & Company, and their foreign connections, to finance the sale of Union Pacific's holdings of Southern Pacific amounting to \$126,650,000.

The official statement issued jointly by Union Pacific and Southern Pacific follows: "The boards of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Company at meetings held today approved plans which have been under consideration by special committees for several weeks and which have been worked out with the attorney general, subject to the approval of the court, as follows:

"The purchase by the Union Pacific of the entire capital stock of the Central Pacific, consisting of 87,275,500 shares valued at common and \$17,400,000 par value preferred, for the sum of \$104,189,941—the cost at which it stands upon the books of the Southern Pacific Company. Eighty-four million, six hundred and seventy-five thousand, five hundred dollars of the amount was to have been paid in stock of the Southern Pacific Company held by Union Pacific at par, but legal difficulties having been found in the way, the plan has been changed so that payment is to be made as follows: viz: One hundred and twenty-six million, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars par value—the entire amount of stock of Southern Pacific Company held by Union Pacific—is to be offered to the stockholders, common and preferred, of the Union Pacific, and stockholders of the Southern Pacific Company, other than the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line for subscription at 98 1/2 per cent. and accrued dividend. This offer is to be underwritten and subscribed, and to receive the dividend payable April 1st, 1913. (details to be given later).

"The proceeds of \$84,675,500 of this stock, less the underwriting commission and expenses is to be paid over to the Southern Pacific Company, together with \$5,449,000 of the Southern Pacific Company's 4 per cent. gold bonds and \$14,065,441 in cash.

"The Attorney General of the United States has assented to the essential features of this plan, but it is, of course, subject to the approval of the district court in which the government litigation is pending, and also dependent upon the approval of the California Railroad Commission of agreements for certain trackage and running rights in that State. The plan and agreements will be presented to the court and commission with least possible delay.

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific Company, in discussing the sale of the Central Pacific stock by the Southern Pacific Company, stated that while the directors have not decided what disposition to make of the money thus received, a considerable part of it will be needed in the near future to pay for extensions, equipment and betterments.

The amount is sufficient to take care of future requirements, he said, without increase of fixed charges.

Mr. Kruttschnitt also stated at a meeting with the Southern Pacific stockholders protective committee this afternoon the plan agreed upon by the boards of the Southern and Union Pacific companies was approved unanimously.

FIGHTING GOES ON; TURKS LOSING OUT

Ottoman Forces Meet With Reverses in the Gallipoli Peninsula

NEWS FROM WAR IS MEAGRE

Bulgarians Move Their Positions Westward Along Tchatalja Lines to Keep Turks from Outflanking Them

London, Feb. 6.—News from the seat of war is meagre. Vague reports of fighting in Gallipoli and at the Tchatalja lines have been received, but no details enabling one to judge of the character of the operations.

The fact that the Bulgarians are moving their positions westward along the Tchatalja lines seems to show that they realize there is a possibility of an attempt to outflank them, but so far there is no confirmation of the rumors that the Turks are moving troops by sea to the neighborhood of Rodosto and Midia.

The reports indicate that the Turks have met with a reverse in the Gallipoli peninsula, but no word has been received as to whether the main forces have yet been engaged and it is assumed that the Turkish lines at Bular and across the neck of the peninsula are well defended by modern works, which ought to offer effective resistance. Fighting at this point should bring the rival fleets into operations, but no naval movement has been reported.

Dr. Danef, head of the Bulgarian delegation, returned to Sofia today. The ambassadors of the powers had another meeting in London this afternoon.

Foreigners Endangered.
Sofia, Feb. 6.—Ministers of the powers in Sofia today communicated to Premier Guechoff the request of the consuls at Adrianople for permission for foreigners to leave the town or for the establishment of a neutral zone for their protection.

Premier Guechoff declined to accede to the request. He said there was no prospect for foreigners leaving a besieged place under similar circumstances and there were weighty reasons why Bulgarian headquarters could not grant such permission. Nor could a neutral zone be established, as no guarantee could be given that shells would not accidentally fall within the zone, and consequently great difficulties would be created for the troops engaged in the operations.

LOOKOUT REFUGE

Senator Simmons Secures Million, One Hundred Thousand for Project
(Special Star Telegram.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Upon motion of Senator Simmons today, the Senate Committee on Commerce inserted a provision in the Rivers and Harbors bill as it passed the House, for \$1,100,000 for a harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout. Five hundred thousand dollars of this amount is made available immediately, and the balance to be made under a continuing contract.

OUTLINES

Plans for the inauguration of President-elect Wilson are rapidly nearing completion.

Nineteen persons were drowned yesterday when the schooner Granada, a small coasting vessel, was wrecked off Greystown, N. C.

President-elect Wilson declared yesterday he had not yet decided upon any legislative recommendations he will make to the extra session of Congress.

The official terms of the dissolution of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the Southern Pacific, as made public yesterday, give absolute ownership of Central Pacific to the Union Pacific.

Beach Will Know His Fate Today.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Beach, who testified yesterday for the defense in the trial of the former at Aiken, S. C.

BOTH TELL THEIR STORIES TO JURY

Frederick O. Beach and Wife Take Stand in the Former's Defense

CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY

Beach Swears He Did Not Assault His Wife and Mrs. Beach Tells a Similar Story—Several Witnesses Heard

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 6.—Frederick O. Beach, the New York society man, today took the stand and swore that he did not commit an assault upon his wife. Mrs. Beach took the stand and testified that her husband did not assault her.

Tomorrow the jury of Aiken county farmers before which Beach is being tried for the offense is expected to decide whether or not he did.

All the evidence in the case was in when court adjourned this evening. Three hours tomorrow have been allowed for summing up arguments, after which Judge Spain will deliver his charge, the last act preliminary to the giving of the case to the jury.

After the defense had rested late today the State offered several witnesses in rebuttal to contradict portions of the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Beach and during the proceeding the identity of the mysterious man behind the bookcase was revealed. He turned out to be Haddon Johnson, a young newspaper man of Aiken, who is alleged to have overheard a conversation between Beach and his wife in the manager's office about the assault. Mr. Johnson was not permitted to give an explanatory answer to the prosecutor's question as to whether Beach had not asked his wife to lay the offense upon the brother of a negro servant, and he declined to make any answer whatever.

Both Beach and his wife told their stories to the jury in a simple way. The prosecutor cross-examined each of them at great length and called their attention constantly to statements they are alleged to have made previously, differing in some detail to their testimony today. They bravely stood by their guns at all times and would not admit that any part of their narrative today was incorrect.

Mrs. Beach said she was assaulted by a "ginger-bread colored negro" who approached her on pretense of having a message for a negro servant. She declared that the negro laid violent hands upon her, slashed her throat and hit her on the side of the head with the stick; that she was too much frightened to scream at the first attack and that when she did scream her husband came promptly to her assistance as the assailant fled.

At no time, Mrs. Beach said, had she entertained any idea that the negro's motive was robbery.

Beach did not remember any conversation with his wife in the manager's office, neither did Mrs. Beach. Both indignantly denied the suggestion that there was any suggestion of fastening the crime on any known person.

Though her face was fiery red and her voice trembled with emotion, Mrs. Beach delivered her narrative calmly, deliberately and with an amazing memory of details of all that happened except during those few moments when she was struggling with her assailant.

"The life was terrified out of me," she said. "I could not utter a sound. Then suddenly I found my voice and I yelled and screamed hysterically."

During her cross-examination Mrs. Beach leaned forward in her chair, shoulders slightly stooped, and gazed squarely at the prosecutor. Her manner was almost defiant at times when he asked her a question that she regarded as impertinent.

PLANS NEARING COMPLETION

Inaugural Committee Appropriates \$21,000 for Reviewing Stands—Woman Suffragists Prepare for Pageant.
Washington, Feb. 6.—Preparations for the inaugural ceremonies are moving swiftly to completion. The inaugural committee today appropriated \$21,000 for the reviewing stand at Lafayette Square and the President's stand in front of the White House. These two stands form the nucleus of the court of honor, the keynote of the entire decorative scheme for the inaugural.

A feature of the parade that has not been in evidence since the inauguration of Grover Cleveland will be a domed key. The animal will march at the head of the Young Men's Democratic Club, of Washington.

To protect visitors to Washington, it has been planned to request many of the large cities to assign a detail of picked detectives to aid the local authorities.

The purely naval contingent in the parade will comprise about 3,000 uniformed men, while an equal number of uniformed men will be in the army and militia contingents. Among the civilians Chicago is to be represented by Mayor Carter H. Harrison and about 500 stalwart Democrats, while the State of Illinois will be represented by Governor Dunne, and his staff, the latter in uniform.

The National Woman's Suffrage Association practically has plans for its pageant on March 3rd completed. All sections of the country will be represented by marchers of cavalry squadrons.

The suffragists' reviewing stand, on the south front of the treasury will be ready within a few days. Applications for seats on all the stands for the pageant promise to exceed the supply. In one of the larger stands on Pennsylvania avenue a section of 1,000 seats has been reserved for school children. They will be sold at a nominal price.

SCHOONER SINKS; 19 DROWN

Eleven Passengers, Catholic Priest and Seven Members of Crew Go Down When Schooner Granada is Wrecked.
Bluefields, Nicaragua, Feb. 6.—Nineteen persons, including 11 passengers, a Catholic priest and seven members of the crew, were drowned this morning when the schooner Granada was wrecked off Greystown, Nicaragua, according to advices received here this afternoon. There were but two survivors.

The Granada was a combination schooner and gasoline boat, having two masts and a 60 horse-power engine. She was of 36 tons net register and was built in New Orleans in 1912 at a cost of \$8,000. The vessel was owned by Alberto Bernard, of Bluefields, and for the past several months has been engaged in carrying passengers and freights between Bluefields and points on the San Juan River in Nicaragua.

The Bluefields wireless station closed at 4 o'clock this afternoon, a few minutes after the first news of the wreck was received there, making it impossible to secure further details tonight.

HEAD OF SPYING SYSTEM.

Witness Against Lumber Trust Names Secretary of Association.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—Willard G. Hollis, secretary of the Northwestern Lumbermen's Association, today in testimony given before Examiner Fuller, was named as the head of an alleged spying system used by the so-called "lumber trust" to obtain trade secrets from mail order houses. Hollis is an individual defendant in the suit now being prosecuted by the government against the lumber organization. A private detective, Thomas McGuire, who was employed by the mail order dealers to ferret out "leaks" in their business, testified that Luke W. Boyce, manager of the lumber trust information bureau, told him that Hollis directed the forces. McGuire also said Boyce offered to "sell out" his employers for \$2,500.

Princeton Band for Parade.
Princeton, N. J., Feb. 6.—A brass band of more than 30 pieces, composed entirely of Princeton undergraduates will head the Nassau student delegation which will escort President-elect Wilson to Washington on the eve of his inauguration. Paul F. Meyers,