

THE WEATHER.

Fair Thursday, warmer north portion; local showers at night or Friday except fair southwest portion; light variable winds.



WHAT IS IT?
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DISAPPROVE VETO FOR THE GOVERNOR

Commissioners Defeat Proposed Amendment to the Constitution—9 to 7.

GOV. CRAIG AND JUDGE CLARK

Chief Executive and Chief Justice Take Opposite Stands on Initiative and Referendum—Tax Reform Paramount

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., July 16.—When the legislative commission on constitutional amendments assembled today to take up final passage of proposed amendments, Governor Craig spoke by special invitation.

He opposed the amendment to require the reading of the Bible in the schools, opposed the initiative and referendum amendment, and advocated in an especially earnest manner the segregation and classification of property for taxation.

He pleaded especially that the feature of the present Constitution that permits the leaving of special local taxes over the prescribed constitutional limits be retained, so that communities can levy such special taxes.

The development in the cities and much in the rural sections as well that has already been achieved is due most largely to this feature.

Chief Justice Clark, of the Supreme Court, pleaded especially for the initiative and referendum. He insisted that the people want it.

After an hour discussion the commission tonight voted 9 to 7 against the initiative bill to confer veto power on the Governor.

Senator Ward expressed the sentiment of numbers of the commissioners in declaring that he wants half or two-thirds of the proposed amendments that have passed the second reading to be taken in this final conference, so that the commission can report to the Legislature only amendments that will be of greatest importance, giving taxation reform and reorganization of the judiciary the right of way.

Other Amendments Recommended. In session until 11 o'clock tonight the commission passed on final reading ready for favorable recommendation to the Legislature the proposal to relieve the General Assembly of consideration of local, private and special acts; the proposal on revenue and taxation, including the requirement that poll tax "shall" and not "may" be levied; the proposal as to judges and courts, with the Bar Association amendment; the proposal that the Legislature may provide for emergency judges, and the proposal making possible the establishment of one or more Appellate Courts.

This leaves ten proposals remaining to be passed upon on final reading and the commission resumes sessions at 9:30 Thursday morning.

Governor Craig, it was stated on the floor tonight, has asked the commission to have its report completed for him by Saturday morning, and the commission will work to this end Thursday and Friday. It is understood that the Governor has in mind the possible early issuance of a call for the Legislature to meet in special session and it was stated that the act creating the constitutional amendment commission.

WHOLESALE GROCERS MEET.

Third Annual Meeting of the Association in Session at Charlotte. Charlotte, N. C., July 16.—The third annual session of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association convened here this morning with something like 200 representative grocers from different parts of the South in attendance. Many of them are accompanied by their wives. J. H. McLaurin, president of the association, of Jacksonville, Fla., is presiding over the deliberations.

The morning session was given over principally to the numerous addresses of welcome which were delivered by Mayor Joseph Bland for the city; Joseph Garibaldi, representing Governor Craig, for the State, and C. C. Hook, president of the Charlotte Club. The response to these addresses was made by H. A. Forchheimer, of Mobile, Ala.

At the afternoon session the report of President McLaurin, Secretary Moore and Treasurer Bartleson were presented.

There were also addresses by Vice Presidents Faucey and Reaves, of the association.

Tonight a number of addresses were delivered by representatives of different concerns manufacturing cereals and other products handled by the grocers.

After the adjournment of the evening session a reception and dance was tendered the visiting grocers at a fashionable local club.

COLORED PEOPLE'S PICNIC

Five Thousand Held Annual Celebration at Lake Waccamaw (Special Star Correspondence.) Waccamaw, N. C., July 16.—For several years the colored people of Columbus and adjoining counties have celebrated Independence Day on July 6th by a picnic at Lake Waccamaw. As the 6th this year fell on Sunday, the 7th was observed instead. All incoming morning trains were crowded and about five thousand colored people finally gathered together at the picnic.

The whole affair was a success in every way. The crowd enjoyed the day thoroughly in a quiet and congenial manner. There was absolutely no disorder. The colored people of our section are to be congratulated on their happy celebration and are to be especially commended for their perfect sobriety and good behavior on this occasion.

NO ROUTE AGAINST TARIFF MEASURE

Penrose Says Minority Party Will Submit to Democratic Tariff Bill.

NO ATTEMPT AT AMENDMENTS

Individual Republicans Will Criticize the Tariff Issues—Majority Members of Senate Finance Committee Meet

Washington, July 16.—Senator Penrose said today there will be no concerted minority action against the Democratic tariff bill and that there would be no minority report from the Finance committee, except as it might take the form of criticisms by various individual Republicans.

He will reintroduce the wool bill submitted in the Summer session of the last Congress.

Senator Penrose said the minority would make no organized or concerted effort to argue on amendments to the tariff bill.

A Fight Futile. "The feeling is that any amendments we may offer would be defeated," he said. "There is neither time nor opportunity to go into the whole tariff proposition. The Republican party cannot get control of the government until the next Presidential election, and the wise policy is to wait until that time to take up the tariff question afresh when new business conditions present themselves to be dealt with."

Will Debate Bill. "Republican Senators realize that the business of the country wants this matter disposed of at the earliest possible date, whether the bill is good or bad. At the same time we feel it a duty to debate the bill to a reasonable extent, and to make a thorough record for the information of the public and for future reference."

Majority members of the Senate Finance committee met again today, reviewing the exhaustive report that is to be submitted when the general debate opens Friday. Senator Simmons said the report, with his opening statement, would be an open explanation of the measure for the Democrats.

WESTERN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

State Chairman Chas. A. Webb Wants to Know of Senator Overman What He is Going to Do About It—Conference.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., July 16.—Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, chairman of the State Executive Committee; Jas. P. Cook, of Concord; Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and several other supporters of Chairman Webb for district attorney for Western North Carolina, will hold a conference with Senator Overman tomorrow when Mr. Webb's endorsement will be filed.

It is believed that Mr. Webb will get a definite understanding from Mr. Overman whether he will be given the place.

Representative Page has recommended Ernest Auman for postmaster at Asheville. P. R. A.

There are three active and strongly supported candidates for the district attorneyship in the West—William C. Hammer, of Asheville, now solicitor of the Tenth Judicial District; S. Porter Graves, of Mount Airy, solicitor of the Eleventh District, and Chairman Webb. The appointment falls in Senator Overman's territory, and there is much interest among Western Democrats in the outcome.

Chairman Webb has the prestige, which goes with the chairmanship of the Democratic party, to support his claims. Solicitor Hammer has been a wheel horse for the party for years, and Solicitor Graves has claims that Democrats in his part of the State wish to see recognized. Because of the complex character of the three-cornered race, from a political standpoint, the situation presents one of the most interesting phases of the distribution of Federal honors in the State.

NEW STRIKE REMEDY

Members of Building Trades Must Confer Before Walk-out. Chicago, July 15.—A permanent remedy for strikes in the building trades, which frequently have tied-up important construction work, is seen in an unusual agreement being drawn up by employers and workers and which it is said, will be signed this week.

It will be a violation of this agreement for the union men to call a strike or the employers to declare a lockout without first conferring with a joint arbitration committee. The union which will be forfeited if they do not live up to the letter of the contract.

FAT BOY FALLS.

Awakes Two Hours Later on the Undertaker's Table. Pikeville, Ky., July 16.—Willie Miles, weight 300 pounds, aged 15 years, fell from a rick here yesterday, and two hours later awoke on an undertaker's table in his home.

Miles was overcome by the heat, and his family thought he was dead. Two hours rest on the undertaker's table, however, revived him.

CONFIRM HORRIBLE STORY OF MASSACRE

Official Report Says Bulgarian Atrocities Have Not Been Exaggerated.

OTTOMAN TROOPS NOW ACTIVE

Cholera Ravaging Bulgar Troops in Macedonia—Smallpox Epidemic in Eastern Serbia—Ottoman Troops Pushing Forward

Saloniki, July 16.—Full confirmation of the reported sacking and burning of the Macedonian town of Seres by the fleeing Bulgarian troops and of the crucifixion, hacking to death or burning alive of many inhabitants, has been sent to the Austro-Hungarian government by Consul General August Kral, of Saloniki.

Three-fourths of the formerly flourishing town of about 30,000 inhabitants is a mass of smoking ruins, says the consul general who has just returned here from Seres, where he thoroughly investigated the situation.

Another horrifying story of a massacre reached here today from Doinran, a town 40 miles northwest of Saloniki. Mussulmans there have made a written declaration, countersigned by three local Bulgarian priests, that the Bulgarians slaughtered 30,000 Mussulmans who had sought refuge in Doinran from the surrounding districts.

Turkey's Attitude. Constantinople, July 16.—The government is determined to push forward Ottoman troops as far as the stronghold of Adrianople which was captured by Bulgarians after a prolonged siege during the recent Balkan war.

The government intends to take this bold action not only because of the material advantages to be gained, but because of the moral effect it will have on Turkey's internal situation.

It is expected that by this means the position of the government will be strengthened, and it is felt that even if the powers insist on bringing pressure to bear to compel the maintenance of the future frontier line between Turkey and Bulgaria from Enos on the Aegean sea to Midia on the Black sea, Turkey will yet be in a position to enforce its autonomy of the province of Thrace.

Thus far, however, the powers have not advanced any communication to the Turkish government on the subject of the further advance of the Ottoman troops.

Disease Raging

Washington, July 16.—Surgeon General Blue, of the public health service, is receiving reports that an epidemic of smallpox in Eastern Serbia and of cholera ravaging the Bulgarian troops in Macedonia. As thousands of Greeks and Bulgarians return to the United States at the end of the Balkan hostilities, the public health service is much concerned.

Cholera introduced into the Bulgarian lines by Turkish prisoners is reported to be causing the Bulgars heavy losses with prospect for a more serious situation should the war be prolonged through the Summer.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF AUTO

Rocky Mount Young Man Appropriates Goldsboro Machine. (Special Star Telegram.) Goldsboro, N. C., July 16.—This afternoon W. H. Gibson, a young white man of Rocky Mount, was charged with having taken the automobile of J. B. Hales from in front of the Bank of Wayne, and up to this hour has successfully eluded arrest, though a message has been telegraphed ahead to several towns to arrest and hold him till officers in this city could be communicated.

He was seen to crank and drive off the machine by Mr. Robert Powell, of this city, and also was seen in Princeton, Selma, Kenly and Wilson.

Mr. Hales left this afternoon with a party in another automobile for Rocky Mount, where it is thought young Gibson was headed when he left Wilson. Gibson is well known in this city and is connected with a prominent family of Rocky Mount.

TOBACCO PROSPECTS GOOD.

Two Warehouses Will Operate at Washington This Season. (Special Star Correspondence.) Washington, N. C., July 16.—Washington's tobacco market will open for regular business on August 20th. From present prospects the outlook for a successful season is exceptionally good.

Two large warehouses will be operated in this city during the coming season and there will be quite a number of tobacco buyers, representing large tobacco companies, stationed in this city throughout the entire season.

Reports from surrounding farms indicate that a large crop is being raised by the different farmers in the county, and lots of this tobacco is of very fine quality. It is understood good prices will prevail and the local warehouses fully expect to do a flourishing business.

FROM NEWSPAPER TO BANKING

Mr. A. T. Bowler Leaves Raleigh Times to Become Bank Teller. (Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., July 16.—Mr. A. T. Bowler, for some time connected with the Raleigh Evening Times, has resigned his position to accept the place of paying teller in the Citizens National Bank. He had banking experience in Wilmington before coming to Raleigh, having been with the American National Bank of that city.

AMBASSADOR CHINDA AT ONCE TO JAPANESE NOTES

Cables the Communications to Tokyo.

MAY CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations Regarding the California Alien Land Law May Be Concluded—Test of Measure's Constitutionality

Washington, July 16.—The American reply to the last two Japanese notes on the California alien land law was delivered today by Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Chinda, who at once cabled it to Tokyo.

In the case of the preceding notes, contents of the latest one were withheld from publication.

There is some expectation in official circles that the delivery of this latest note will conclude the negotiations on this subject between the two countries for the present at least, if not altogether.

It is declared that the American reply to the various points of objection to the California legislation has been made so complete as to remove most of them from the field of discussion.

Even in cases where the Japanese contentions have not been manifestly completely negated, the expert diplomats are said to have so framed their responses as to reduce the points to clear issues, which probably can be settled only on the basis of judicial decisions.

The result has been reached through the exchange of five notes, the negotiations beginning May 8th, last, with the original protest by Japan against the projected alien land-owning act by the California Legislature. This elicited a reply from Secretary Bryan on May 19th, or as soon as he had been advised of the actual signature of the Webb act by Governor Johnson. On June 4th, the Japanese government filed its rejoinder, and only July 3rd was submitted by an elaborate re-expression of its arguments.

Unless the Japanese foreign office concludes that there is something in the American note delivered today requiring immediate attention and reply, probably there will be no further diplomatic exchange for at least another month. At the expiration of that time the Webb act, which if it becomes effective, and the way will be opened for a judicial test of its constitutionality.

The State Department is looking to the Japanese government to at least take the initiative in securing a judicial determination of the question as to whether this act is in conflict with existing treaties and whether it violates privileges to which the Japanese are entitled under the broad principles of international law.

While the Japanese negotiators have unofficially expressed the opinion that they had advanced or have agreed to advance for the support of the murderous Huerta government.

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LATEST ASPECTS OF MEXICAN PROBLEM

Ambassador Wilson Ordered to Return to Washington, for Conference.

IMPORTANT ISSUES PENDING

President Wilson Confers With Secretary Bryan—An Important Announcement of America's Attitude Expected Soon

Washington, July 16.—President Wilson today, after an early conference with Secretary Bryan over the latest aspects of the Mexican situation, presented by inquiries of foreign powers as to the attitude of the United States, ordered Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson at Mexico City, to proceed to Washington immediately for a conference.

Ambassador Wilson will hurry North on either the battleship Michigan or Louisiana, from Vera Cruz, if any delay would be entailed by waiting for a commercial steamer. Officials here believe that the almost total interruption of railroad traffic between Mexico City and the United States will force the ambassador to make his trip by water. He is not expected here before July 23rd at the earliest.

It is believed in official and diplomatic circles that an important announcement of the attitude of the United States in dealing with the foreign powers which already have recognized the Huerta government were pressing for some indication of this government's attitude toward the continued disorders in Mexico, leads to that belief.

Secretary Bryan positively declined to add any information to his brief announcement of Ambassador Wilson's call to Washington.

However, it is assumed that the administration desires to learn from the ambassador recently, but those who have acted the foreign diplomatic reports in Mexico when they jointly agreed to address their governments.

President Wilson has kept an open mind on the subject and is thought to himself bound to adhere to the policy he announced early in his administration of lending moral encouragement only to such governments in America as are founded upon constitutional law and practice.

However, it is understood that he is ready to give due weight to any representation Ambassador Wilson may care to make.

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ARBITRATION MAY YET BE PREVENTED

New Complications Arise in Wage Dispute of Eastern Railroads.

MANAGERS SUBMIT DEMANDS

Railroad Officials Demand That Their Conductors and Trainmen Make Concessions—President Considering Situation.

New York, July 16.—Possible complications in the dispute between the Eastern railroads and their conductors and trainmen developed tonight when the conference of managers submitted a list of demands which must be arbitrated together with the men's demand for increased wages. The men announced they would issue a reply tomorrow.

Fears were expressed that this move by the railroads might delay or even prevent arbitration of the dispute under the Newlands bill passed by Congress and signed by President Wilson yesterday.

The demands of the roads, as listed in their statement include a reduction of 20 per cent in the pay of all brakemen on "extra crew" trains in States where the extra crew bill is a State law. The roads further ask that all monthly guarantees to trainmen be abolished, and that in no case shall double compensation be paid. The railroads insist also that the rates fixed, and awards made by the new arbitration board to be appointed, shall supercede all rates and rules now in effect. Representatives of the 80,000 trainmen and conductors who voted to strike unless the roads concurred in their demands, but who through their leaders agreed with the roads' representatives to ask for arbitration under the Federal law, declined to comment tonight on the new developments, but they announced that they would go into explicit session early and issue a reply.

Representatives of the Eastern roads and of their trainmen and conductors in joint meeting here today formally ratified the agreement to settle their differences under the Newlands bill and sent a telegram to President Wilson.

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MULLHALL TELLS OF LOBBY ACTIVITIES

Testifies How the Manufacturers Promoted a Tariff Commission.

AIDED VARIOUS NOMINEES

Ex-Lobbyist Tells How the Association Worked to Promote a Tariff Commission—Other Witnesses Testify.

Washington, July 16.—Plans to make the National Association of Manufacturers the controlling factor in campaigns for Congress, to defeat legislation in Washington, its members did not approve, to get the ears of men who were running Presidential booms, and to land a member of the association in the cabinet of a President, were laid before the Senate Lobby Investigating committee today.

Martin M. Mulhall, self-styled lobbyist for the association, swore to the authenticity of nearly 400 letters which told of these plans and brought in the names of such men as former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, the late Vice President Sherman, former Speaker Cannon, former Senators Aldrich, Hemenway, Foraker and others; Arthur I. Voris, Ohio manager of the Taft campaign in 1908, and Frank H. Hitchcock, one-time chairman of the Republican National committee and Postmaster General in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

Mulhall testified too, that the National Council of Industrial Defense, an organization allied to the National Association of Manufacturers, had raised between \$500,000 and \$700,000 to be used in opposition to legislation its members did not like. He said this information came from a collector for the council and that he had no personal knowledge of it, except that he had been paid for political work from such a fund.

Mulhall showed the strain he has been under for four days during the hearing. He is a former committee took him from the stand for a half hour, and listened to testimony by J. Bird, general manager of the Manufacturers Association, and treasurer of the Industrial Defense Council.

The committee was greatly interested in the letter which Mulhall wrote to Schvedman April 16th, 1908. It told of a conversation Mulhall had in Washington with former Representative Watson of Indiana, in which the latter described a two-hour interview at the White House between Mr. Roosevelt and himself, in part the letter read:

"He [Roosevelt] was invited to the White House at 9:30 P. M. and was with the President until 11:30 P. M. The President wished him to call so they could go over the legislative programme for the balance of this session, the President knowing that he represented Speaker Cannon and a great many of the members of the Senate. He stated that the main reason of the call was that Speaker Cannon, Vice President Fairbanks, and several others wanted to find out how the President stood in relation to the tariff. He stated that there were four things the President wished."

"First, that Congress would stay in session until the 15th of May to meet the Governors of the different States coming to Washington on that day. Second, that the President would wish to have Congress vote for four battleships. Fourth, to pass a child labor law for the District of Columbia, which would be a model law for the States in general."

Mr. Watson said he told the President that it was impossible for him to get through this Congress. Two of those bills, First, that Congress would only vote for two battleships. Second, that Congress would not amend the Sherman law. The President then said that Mr. Watson told him that almost the entire manufacturing interests of the country were against it.

Mr. Watson told him he knew Mr. VanCleave well, and other leaders in touch with Mr. VanCleave was an splendid fellow. He talked along these lines with the President and finally the President did not press to have the Sherman bill passed at this session of Congress. He then stated that they passed to the child labor law, and Mr. Watson asked the President who should draw this model bill. The President replied that he would have his labor commissioner, Mr. Neill, draw it, the President explaining that he merely wished this bill to be an academic bill for the States."

The letter closed with a reference to Mr. Watson's account of his efforts to draw Mr. Roosevelt out on the question of a third term.

Schvedman told Mulhall in a letter early in 1908: "It is really a matter that cannot get you to Congress or to the Senate right away. You ought to be there. Each day teaches me how to do things better and every other year of this harmonious cooperation will put us in a shape where nobody can beat us."

The letter was dated April 1st, 1908.

Mulhall brought the story of his lobbying activities for the National Association of Manufacturers up to 1908 before the Senate Committee today, and testified about the work of the association in promoting a tariff commission.

The association wanted Miles and Schvedman on it and wanted to control it themselves," Mulhall testified. He did not explain who Miles was. Schvedman was secretary to President VanCleave, of the association. James A. Emery, counsel for the Manufacturers, wrote Mulhall on January 16th 1908:

"Doubtless you know we had a tussle on the floor of the House last Saturday."

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