

WEEK'S NEWS FORECASTED

APPROPRIATION BILLS FIRST.

Senator Cullom, in charge of Measure Before Senate, Announces Determination Not to Yield Floor Until Some Disposition is Made, and the Executive Branch May Necessarily Go Over—Prospects Indicate Adoption of Compromise Resolutions to Brownsville Occurrence and Remaining Silent on Legal Phase—Committee Holds Meeting on Ship Subsidy Bill Tuesday.

FOR COMPROMISE RESOLUTION.

The present prospect is for the practically unanimous adoption of a compromise resolution simply directing an investigation into the occurrence at Brownsville and remaining silent on the legal phases of the question.

In the Senate there will be an effort to incorporate provision in the legislative appropriation bill increasing the salaries of Senators and Representatives from \$5,000 to \$7,500, and unless this proposition survives debate the legislative bill will probably be passed with but little discussion.

Some of the members of the House committee on appropriations will try to secure the incorporation in the fortifications bill of an amendment looking to the creation of an island for the purpose of defense at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, and appropriating for that purpose about \$2,000,000, when the bill comes up in the House.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

The House is looking forward with great expectancy to the decision of the committee on merchant marine on the subject of the ship subsidy bill. The committee will meet on Tuesday and members say that the question will be finally decided on that day.

An important national convention for the extension of foreign commerce will be held in Washington this week. President Roosevelt is expected to address the convention on Wednesday.

COTTON MEN IN ALABAMA.

Southern Cotton Association Holds Annual Convention There This Week—The Attendance is Estimated at Between 5,000 and 6,000. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 13.—The annual convention of the Southern Cotton Association will be held here next week.

It is estimated to-night that the attendance will be between 5,000 and 6,000. Every State in the South will have representatives present.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—Plasterers on the construction work of the Jamestown Exposition have made good their threat to strike and declare that they will not return to work tomorrow unless their demands are conceded.

WANT THE NEW COLLEGE.

Citizens of Washington Aroused Over Prospect of Securing New State Normal—Railroad News of Interest.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 13.—The citizens of Washington are thoroughly aroused over the prospect of having the proposed new State Normal and Industrial College in this city, provided the General Assembly, now in session at Raleigh, passes a bill looking towards this end.

From present prospects Washington will soon have an electric street railway. The Washington Investment Company has a scheme on foot to build and operate a system of street railways in this city.

Work on the Raleigh & Pamlico Railroad is progressing at a rapid rate. Mr. J. M. Lett, the construction superintendent for Messrs. J. G. White & Co., railroad contractors, of New York, who are building the road, was in the city yesterday and said they hoped to have trains running between this city and Newbern by the end of the month.

POPE RECEIVES STUDENTS.

Americans More Numerous Than Any Other Nationality Attending Institutions of Learning in Rome. Rome, Jan. 13.—Pope Pius today received the students of the American College in Rome, who were presented by Manager Kennedy, the rector of the college.

THE LA SAVOIE ARRIVES.

Vessel Struck by a Cross Sea, Which Swept Over Promenade Deck, Leaving Woodwork and Three-Quarter Inch from Rods. New York, Jan. 13.—The French liner La Savoie, from Havre, arrived in port today after a stormy voyage.

A TRAGEDY AT LAURENS.

Arthur V. Green, a Young White Man, Shot to Death by J. R. Fant, Jr., Son of Chief Dispensary Constable—Green Alleged to Have Sworn to Kill Fant. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—A special to The Star from Laurens, S. C., says that Arthur V. Green, a young white man, was shot to death here early this morning by Joseph R. Fant, Jr., son of J. R. Fant, chief dispensary constable of the Spartanburg division.

George J. Gould Expects to Meet Wife at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 13.—George J. Gould, who has been taking a tour of inspection of his railroad lines in Louisiana and Texas for the past week, left today for Tampa, Fla. On arrival there, he expects to meet Mrs. Gould, and will then take a two weeks' cruise in West Indian water on his yacht Atlanta.

Negro Race Conference at Columbia, January 23-25.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—Through the efforts of Rev. Richard Carroll, the well-known negro educator of this State, the negro race conference has been called to meet here January 23-25.

French Cardinals Holding Daily Meetings of Prayer.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Three of the French cardinals, Richard, archbishop of Paris, and Coullié, archbishop of Lyons, are holding daily meetings preparing for the coming General Assembly of Bishops. It is stated that these dignitaries are in full accord with the papal policy of Pope Pius on the Church question in France.

REPORT ON COST KEEPING

PRESIDENT SUGGESTS ECONOMY

System Properly Devised and Operated Would Show Where Savings Could Be Made in Government Service—Report was Prepared by Committee on Department Methods, Known as Keep Commission, and Has Cordial Endorsement of Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury Department—Cost Keeping Systems Recommended in All Branches of Government Service Where it is Possible to do so.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The President today made public a report on "cost keeping in the government service," prepared by the committee on department methods known as the Keep Commission.

The report recommends that cost keeping systems be installed in all branches of the government service where it is possible to do so. The public printer is working out the details of an elaborate cost keeping system which he is about to install in the government printing office and the Mint bureau has put a new system in effect at the various mints.

THE ONONDAGA IN BAD SHAPE.

Steamer Which Struck on Orleans High and Dry—Chances of Saving Ship About Even. Chatham, Mass., Jan. 13.—Straying from the beaten track, the Clyde line freight steamer Onondaga, Captain Bunnell, bound from Boston for Charleston and Jacksonville, struck on Orleans beach early today and in a dangerous position.

BLADEN SUPERIOR COURT.

Judge Webb Makes a Good Impression on the Bench—New Solicitor Makes His Debut. Special to The Observer. Elizabethtown, Jan. 13.—The January term of Bladen county Superior Court was convened here last Monday and adjourned Friday afternoon.

TO CRUISE IN INDIAN WATERS.

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JUDGE PRAISES DURHAM

Judge Justice Says He Finds Strong Sentiment in Favor of Enforcing Law—Whiskey Sellers, Blind Tiggers are More Than Half Way to Jail.

Durham, Jan. 13.—Before the final adjournment of court yesterday Judge Justice, who has been in town for some time, said that he found a strong sentiment in favor of the enforcement of the whiskey laws and that Durham has no trouble along that line.

The House was promptly organized by the election of Richard S. Whaley, of Charleston, as speaker, an anti-dispensary man, who succeeds M. L. Smith, of Camden, a dispensary man. Mr. Whaley was elected on the second ballot over Mr. Smith, by a vote of 44 to 55.

THE FINISHED LEGISLATION.

The most important of only three pieces of finished legislation so far was the adoption by the Senate and the rejection by the House of a resolution endorsing the action of the President in the Brownsville affair.

WANT TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

Durham Aldermen Will Ask Legislature for Election—Propose to Spend \$300,000 or Less on Streets—Proposition to Elect School Boards by Popular Vote Excites Interest. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Jan. 13.—The board of city aldermen have given notice that application will be made to the present session of the General Assembly to authorize the people of the city to vote on the question of issuing bonds in a sum not to exceed the amount of \$275,000 for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks and also to issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of extending the sewer system of the city.

FIGHT ON THE RAILROADS.

A big fight on the railroads for failing to conform schedules and properly take care of the increased travel, on account of the large number of accidents and because of the failure to get freight delivered within a reasonable time, will be one of the features of the legislative session.

16-HOUR BILL MAY PASS.

But there does seem to be a decided change of front toward the ten-hour labor proposition, which has been falling for nearly a decade. The mill managements have been able to block this legislation so far on the plea that the mill operatives themselves do not desire it, as it will shorten the piece work day and reduce the piece rate.

AMERICAN TEAMSTERS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT ARE SURRENDERED.

Havana, Jan. 13.—The three American teamsters in the employ of the army who were arrested by the provost guard at Camp Columbia Saturday on the charge of having assaulted a woman at Marianno, were surrendered to the acting authorities today and will be brought to trial Tuesday.

A Bulgarian Band Destroyed.

Salonica, European Turkey, Jan. 13.—At Tchairy, near Monastir, Turkish troops today destroyed a Bulgarian band consisting of eight men, killing six of them and capturing two, both of whom were severely wounded. The Turks lost two men killed and several wounded.

LEGISLATURE—FIRST WEEK

LITTLE LEGISLATION THUS FAR

The Organization of House and Getting Ready for the Session—The Finished Business the Refusal to Endorse Either the President or the Dispensary—Money to be Taken Up With the Inauguration Ceremonies—Ever-Recurring Dispensary Question to Take Up Much Time.

The first week of the Legislature has resulted in the actual accomplishment of practically nothing. This is usual and natural, as the thing is a big machine hampered by much red tape, and if it is to get out its product in regular and reliable form to stand the tests of the courts, it was trying to effect an entrance into the clothing store of A. Wilson, on Main street.

GERMAN STEAMER GROUNDED.

Twenty-Four Men, comprising Crew of German Vessel, Drowned at Scharhorn—Disgraced Appeals of Pug to Jump Into Water. Charleston, Germany, Jan. 13.—The British ship, Pengwin, Capt. Williams, from Talit, Chile, October 6, for Falmouth, with a cargo of salt-petre, grounded off Scharhorn, about 10 miles northwest of Cuxhaven today.

A ROCK ISLAND TRAIN WRECKED.

Five Persons Killed and Eight Injured, None of Whom Will Die—The Fireman and Engineer Were Killed Under the Locomotive. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—Running at high speed, a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train bound for Chicago, dashed into an open switch at Boney, N. M., early today.

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UNION SERVICES AT DURHAM.

Pittsburg Preacher Officiates in First Baptist Church—Officer Catches a Negro Red-Handed—Fire Destroy Property in the County—Whites Convicted Pardoned.

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FOR BACK CREEK ROUTE

CHEAPER THAN OTHER CANAL

In the Opinion of the Commission This Route Across the Peninsula Will be \$2,150,000 Cheaper Than the Chesapeake River Route—Recommended That Present Canal be Bought and Gradually Widened Into a Waterway Capable of Accommodating Ships of Any Draft—Commission Believes Firmly That a 35-Foot Canal Should be Constructed.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A report favorable to the present Chesapeake & Delaware canal, or Back Creek route, across the Maryland and Delaware peninsula, has been submitted to Secretary Taft by the Chesapeake & Delaware canal commission, consisting of General Felix Agnus, chairman; Major C. A. Flieger, U. S. A., and Civil Engineer Frank Taylor, U. S. N.

The commission has appointed last summer to report upon the Back Creek route and the Sasafra river route and upon the desirability of purchasing the present canal and the construction of a free and open waterway with a depth of 35 feet to accommodate the largest ships afloat. The present route is held to be more desirable because it has equal commercial and strategic advantages and will, in the opinion of the commission, be \$2,150,000 cheaper than the other route.

It is recommended in the report that not more than \$2,154,289 be paid for the present canal. The commission further recommends that the present canal be purchased without delay and that it be gradually widened into a large waterway capable of accommodating ships of any draft.

SUFFERED SEVERE CONTUSIONS.

Crown Prince of Portugal Thrown From Horse While Animal Was Taking Exercise—Rendered Unconscious, But Now in No Danger. Lisbon, Jan. 13.—Crown Prince Luis Philippe was thrown from his horse while riding in the Palace grounds yesterday and suffered severe contusions, but nothing was found to be seriously injured. The Prince was rendered unconscious, but later recovered and now is considered to be in no danger.

Washington, Jan. 13.—An accident which occurred yesterday to the Crown Prince of Portugal whose horse fell, carrying down his rider, was reported today by Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil, who has charge of the Portuguese legation during the absence of the minister from Washington. The accident occurred at the training ring of the Necessidades Palace, and was not very serious.

JEW TO MEET AT ATLANTA.

Beginning Tuesday Union of American Hebrew Congregations Will Hold a Three Day Session There. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, one of the most important Jewish organizations in the country, will convene here Tuesday for a three day session. Many prominent Jews from all parts of the country will be in attendance.

RABBIT BITES EIGHT PEOPLE BEING KILLED.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—After it had bitten eight people, a blood-sucking dog afflicted with rabies was killed in Norfolk at an early hour this morning by two policemen, who were among its victims. Police Officers McBride and Cooper, who killed the dog, together with two children given them no answer. He found others were less seriously wounded by the rabid animal.

KNOXVILLE GETS AN AUGUSTA PASTOR.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Dr. Sparks W. Melton, of Augusta, Ga., was elected pastor of the First Baptist church in this city today. This church is one of the strongest of that denomination in Tennessee.

FIRST GREAT RELIGIOUS FUNCTION OF NEW YEAR IN MEXICO.

Mexico, Jan. 13.—The first great religious function of the year at Puebla, Oaxaca, was held yesterday. The occasion was the annual pilgrimage of the arch diocese of Mexico to the sanctuary of the Virgin, Monserrat, in Mexico.