

DAY SPENT ON RATE BILLS

BOTH HOUSES DEBATE QUESTION Two Rate Measures, One From the Majority and the Other the Minority Bill, Presented to the House and the Greater Part of the Session is Spent in Debating Them—Same Problem Underlying—Threatening in the Senate—Money Appropriated For Purchase of Site of the North Carolina Building at Jamestown—A Number of Minor Measures Go Through.

Observer Bureau. The Holleman Building. Raleigh, Jan. 28. Rev. Dr. Pittenger offered prayer for the Senate. The following bills passed third reading: To provide for a road tax in Rockingham township, Rockingham county; and to provide for a special tax to improve streets in Rockingham and also for improvement of roads and streets in Mineral Springs, Rockingham county.

To allow Taylorville to levy special tax. To allow Swain county to build a new court house. To allow Rutherford county to issue bonds to build a court house and to levy special tax to pay these bonds. To allow Mitchell to issue road bonds. To incorporate Candor, Montgomery county.

To establish an auditor's office for Guilford county. To legalize the issue of \$30,000 of bonds by Greensboro. To repeal the law of last year regarding Sumner township, Guilford county. To appoint another trustee of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. To allow Methodist ministers, authorized to preach, but not ordained to perform the marriage ceremony. To allow sheriffs a fee for seizing illicit distilleries in Transylvania, Haywood, Lenoir and Pitt counties.

To require counties to pay the traveling expenses of indigent deaf mutes and blind children to the State schools for them. To require blind children to attend the State schools directing the taking of a census of blind children in every county, this to be reported to the superintendent of the State School for the Blind at Raleigh, this being an order to secure compulsory education for the blind in North Carolina, a similar law having been already enacted for deaf mutes. To change the name of Sumner township, Guilford county, so it will be in honor of General Jethro Sumner, of the revolutionary war, instead of Charles Sumner.

To give Pitt county an extra week of court. To BUY JAMESTOWN SITE. McLean asked unanimous consent to introduce a bill authorizing the Governor to issue his warrants to \$4,400 to pay for the site on which the North Carolina Building at Jamestown is situated. McLean said that this bill would save the State anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and unless it passed the State might lose the property and the building also, the latter having cost \$100,000. The bill was immediately passed and sent to the House.

That as to the 2 cent rate the Legislature must have faith in the integrity and ability of the railroads as the Legislature cannot prescribe the price of mileage. The bill in the House is to let the last year's rate remain on the books or ratify the compromise. He submitted that the bill was not according to the compromise and favored the Buxton amendments because they covered the terms of compromise. Blair thought the Governor's attorneys were afraid the case in the United States Supreme Court would be lost by the State and that this reason a compromise had been effected.

MR. PHARR'S VIEWS. Pharr thought this was not the time to say a mistake had been made. That if any man in the Senate had made a mistake it was for himself, but he did not believe it very graceful for a Senator to state that all the Senators had made a mistake and then exclaim: "I told you so!" Pharr went on to say he favored the Governor's compromise, word and deed, and letter for letter, without any change whatever. He could not see with what grace any member could say he would take the 2 1/2 cent flat rate and reject any of the other terms. That if the Senate was to adopt the compromise it should adopt all of it, but if it was to draw a new bill throughout it was willing to support that. He declared that having faith in the ability and integrity of Governor Glenn and Council of State he thought the Legislature should ratify the contract and declared it to be very ungrateful after the Legislature had convened to sell President Finley before it would sell him that the Legislature would not adopt the compromise unless he would concede to certain of the terms. It would be disloyalty to the Governor and to the people of the State to reject the compromise which had been agreed upon by the Governor and the railroads, for the ratification of which the Legislature had been convened. He said that if there was anything in the State that were tired of it was the matter of rate legislation and of the useless talk about it, and he believed that the vast majority of people desired the Legislature to ratify the compromise. If agreeable to the railroads, the Governor and the Council of State he believed it was perfectly agreeable to the people. He asserted that there was unanimity of sentiment among the Senators as to all the terms of the compromise except the one placing the matter in the hands of the corporation commission at the end of the year. As a matter of law the mileage contract could not be incorporated in the bill, the Legislature being obliged to trust to the integrity and good faith of the railroads in this particular.

Buxton asked if Carter if he would vote for a 2-cent rate to which Carter replied that he would. Greer took the floor at 1:30, but Mitchell moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 p. m. and this course was taken. The Senate took up a special order the bill prescribing the maximum fee the railroads may charge for passenger fare, it coming over from last night. Greer opened the debate, saying it did not take a vote to say "I told you so." He added that it was astonishing how many men after something had occurred could say that they had predicted how very wrong the thing would be before the occurrence of the event. He protested against the accusation that the Legislature last year made a mistake, for he did not believe it had made one. He particularly wanted to say this in view of the fact that he would support the compromise bill. He had thought it unwise to call the Legislature in special session, but believed it would be a far greater mistake to adjourn without settling definitely the rate matter. He declared that the law of last year was right and proper and would not hurt the State's interest and he had had no occasion to change

FOR REFORMED LEGISLATION:

Resolutions. Favored by National Conference on Trusts and Combinations Presented to the President and Both Houses of Congress. Washington, Jan. 28.—In accordance with the action of the national conference on trusts and combinations, held in Chicago last October, resolutions in advocacy of reformed legislation were today presented to President Roosevelt and the two houses of Congress by Seth Low, of New York, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists.

Mr. Low stated that the resolutions expressed the desire of the trust conference for legislation and that efforts would be made to have Congress take up the several subjects dealt with at its present session. In brief the recommendations are for a law permitting pooling agreements among railroads subject to the approval and supervision of the inter-State commerce commission; for the creation of a commission to consider the entire subject of business and industrial combinations and to report its recommendations to Congress; to amend and broaden the Sherman anti-trust law and to provide for the examination, inspection and supervision of great producing and manufacturing associations.

It is understood the President made no expression of his views on the subjects dealt with. Later in the day the committee visited the Capitol and made arrangements for hearings before the proper committees of the two houses. No date was set for the committee's appearance, but it is probable that they will be given a hearing some time in the latter part of February.

MARYLAND WOMAN ASSAULTED. Negro Commits Foul Crime and is Quickly Apprehended—Possibility of a Lynching. Prince Frederick, Md., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Mary Buggy, aged 45 years, was criminally assaulted at her home at Mount Harmony, this county, at an early hour this morning by John Jones, a negro in her employ. At the time the two were the only occupants of the house. About 2 o'clock Jones was seen by Mrs. Buggy in her room and told her he had to go out. Returning, he complained of being cold and was told to build a fire. Instead he procured an axe and a shovelful of earth, which he used to dig a hole in the floor. The victim is just recovering from a very recent operation for the removal of a tumor and was powerless in the hands of the negro. A second assault was committed upon which Jones took a check for \$40 and 25 cents all the money Mrs. Buggy had, and escaped. He went to Barstow, about 2 1/2 miles from here, and tried to cash the check. This led to his arrest to-night. He will be jailed here and word of the capture was telephoned in all directions, with a view, it was said, to prevent the arrest of innocent men. The people of the neighborhood in which the crime was committed are said to be greatly wrought up and a lynching would cause no surprise. A party of men from Mount Harmony is understood to be on the way here.

SANDERS, NEXT GOVERNOR. Returns From Louisiana Primaries Indicate His Election. New Orleans, La., Jan. 28.—Steady gains for J. Y. Sanders to-night in the count of the Democratic State gubernatorial primary indicated that he had won the primary, carrying with it the certainty of the governorship of Louisiana at next April's elections. Sanders carried the City of New Orleans by between 5,000 and 10,000 votes. In early returns from the counties largely held by W. S. Wilkinson by about 3 votes to 2. The returns will not be complete to-night.

Secret Rates Adopted by Western Roads. Washington, Jan. 28.—That secret rates were adopted by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and by other railroads in Illinois, was developed today in the trial of the case of the government against the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Durand, deputy commissioner of corporations, said that in conversation with Mr. Dodge, one of the vice presidents of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, he had asked Mr. Dodge whether it was a habit of Illinois railroads to make secret rates wholly within the State of Illinois. Mr. Dodge had replied that secret rates were made at times, not particularly with the intention of concealing the rates from shippers, but to keep them secret from other railroads.

Banker Clews Advocates Taft's Election. Cleveland, O., Jan. 28.—Henry Clews, the New York banker, addressed the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce to-night and advocated the election of Secretary of War Taft to the presidency. Mr. Clews absolved President Roosevelt from any blame of the recent panic. The banker also advised that Roosevelt and Taft exchange places, the President taking the war or navy portfolio and the Secretary becoming the President.

West Virginia Legislature Meets. Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 28.—A special session of the Legislature called by Governor Dawson convened here to-day. The message of the Governor to the body was a lengthy document. The most important subject considered in the message is that of tax revision. The Governor said that valuations of all property have increased over three fold in the last four years and he recommends that the amount of levies be restricted.

Roosevelt Asked to Retain Troops at Goldfield. Carson, Nev., Jan. 28.—A resolution was introduced in the House to-day asking President Roosevelt to retain the troops in Goldfield until May 1st in order to give the State of Nevada time to form and equip the police as provided for by the new law. The resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

Pool Championship Contest. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 28.—In the second block of 300 of the 600-point contest for the world's championship, Jerome Keogh, of Buffalo, to-night made 134 points in 172 for Thomas Huston, the present champion. The deciding contest will be played to-morrow night. Keogh's high run was 32; Huston's 48.

Wise Counsel From the South. "I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney troubles," said Dr. Shoop, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing complaint. The first bottle gives great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it became a permanent cure. This great remedy," sold under guarantee at all drug stores. Price 10c.

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STARTLING ADMISION BROUGHT OUT AT THE INQUEST INTO THE RHODES OPERA HOUSE DISASTER—PROSECUTIONS MAY BE BRITANNIA, Pa., Jan. 28.—Suggestions of graft and admissions of neglect which it is intimated may result in prosecutions, marked the opening session of the inquest here to-day into the horror at the Rhodes Opera House on January 13th, when 159 persons lost their lives.

It was brought out that the main exit to the hall was blocked by the box office and that the doorway and the point of exit and entrance was but three feet one inch in width, and that Harry Fisher, the operator of the stereopticon apparatus, had received but two verbal instructions in the method of handling the calcium light and that he operated the machine in public for the first time on the fatal night.

In addition to this Dr. Thomas A. Rhodes, the owner of the building, declared that the building had been inspected and passed by a State factory inspector after he "had given a contract for fire escapes to a Reading man." He added that the factory inspector told him who he should buy his fire escapes from; that he placed the order with the Reading contractor and that the inspector passed the building.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS. A Number of Important Changes Announced by the War Department. Washington, Jan. 28.—A number of important military appointments was announced at the War Department to-day. Col. Charles E. L. B. Davis, corps of engineers, at Detroit, Mich. is appointed brigadier general, vice Gen. Medorem Crawford, who retired yesterday; Col. Ramsey D. Potts, general staff, at Atlanta, Ga., will be promoted brigadier on the retirement of Gen. John M. K. Davis, commanding the Department of the Gulf, on January 31st; Col. Daniel H. Brush, Twenty-fourth Infantry, in the Philippines, to be brigadier general, vice Gen. C. E. L. B. Davis, who retires February 15th; Col. John B. Kerr, Twelfth Cavalry, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, to be brigadier general, vice Gen. Charles B. Hall, at Fort Leavenworth, who will be promoted to be major general March 1st; Col. W. Greely, Col. Charles Morris, coast artillery corps, at Fort McKinley, Me., to be brigadier general on the promotion of General Hall, and Col. Philip B. Reim, Twenty-third Infantry, Manila, to brigade rank, vice Brigadier General Charles Morris, who will be retired May 1st.

THE PURE FOOD LAW. Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the contents of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other harmful drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not made in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by W. L. Head & Co.

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