

CARR'S SCHEME OF TOWN RULE

He Introduces General "Commission Form" Bill, Prepared by Experts, and Will Press Its Passage.

APPEAL BY RED CROSS FOR STARVING CHINESE

Many More Bills, Some Important, Are to Be Introduced, and Legislature Will Be Rushed to Finish Work in 60 Days.

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ON entirely new "commission form of government" bill for cities and towns of from 5000 population and up is introduced in the house of Representatives by General Julian S. Carr of Durham.

As president of the North Carolina board of the American Red Cross association Governor Kitchin has issued an appeal for donations of money and provisions in this state for the relief of the starving Chinese.

Governor Kitchin was at Halifax yesterday to deliver the principal address at the unveiling of a handsome monument erected in the memory of Past Grand Master Mumford, of the North Carolina Grand lodge of Masons.

A charter is issued to Conyers & Sykes (Inc.) of Greensboro, to conduct a drug store, capital \$25,000, to begin business when \$5,000 is paid in.

Up to today 251 bills and 11 resolutions have been ratified by the present general assembly. Several hundred measures are pending and many more new bills are to be introduced.

PRICE OF EGGS IN CHICAGO IS LOWEST IN THREE YEARS

Withdrawal of Cold Storage Eggs From Markets Sent Product to Sixteen Cents Dozen

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The withdrawal of cold storage eggs from the open market followed the announcement of a further decline of two cents a dozen in the price of fresh products.

Rev. Erskine Norman White Dead.

New York, Feb. 14.—Rev. Erskine Norman White, corresponding secretary of the board of church erection of the Presbyterian church, died today of a complication of diseases.

TIMBER MONOPOLY RAPIDLY FORMING

Framework of an Equally Sinister Land Monopoly—Findings Contained in Exhaustive Report of Herbert Knox Smith—Largest Holders Not Selling at All—Timber Now Standing Will Be Used up in 55 Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Concentration of the standing timber in a very few hands, vast speculative holdings "far in advance of any use thereof," an enormous increase in the value of this diminishing "natural resource with great results to the owners" and incidentally "an equally sinister land monopoly" and "closely connected railroad domination"—these are the findings reported to President Taft by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, in the first installment of his long awaited report on the lumber industry of the country.

There are many great combinations in other industries," says the commissioner, "whose formation is complete. In the lumber industry on the other hand, the bureau now finds in fact a combination caused, fundamentally, by a long standing public policy. In the last 40 years concentration has so proceeded that 195 holders, many interrelated now have practically one-half of the privately owned timber in the investigation area (which contains 80 per cent. of the whole). This formidable process of concentration, in timber and in fact certainly involves grave fundamental possibilities of inalienable monopolistic conditions whose far-reaching consequences to society it is now difficult to anticipate fully or to over-stimate.

The foremost facts shown are: (1) The concentration of a dominating control of our standing timber in a comparatively few enormous holdings, steadily tending toward a central control of the lumber industry; (2) vast speculative purchase and holding of timber land far in advance of any use thereof; (3) an enormous increase in the value of this diminishing resource, with great profit to its owners. This value by the very nature of standing timber, the holder neither created nor substantially enhanced.

These are the underlying facts, of tremendous significance to the public welfare. They are primarily the results of our public land policy, long continued. The laws that represent that policy are still largely operative. The past history and present status of our standing timber drive home upon us the imperative necessity of revising our public policy for the future management of our remaining natural resources.

The commissioner then traces the interval during which timber land passed from government to private ownership. "There is now left," he continues, "in continental United States about two thousand billion feet of privately owned standing timber, of which 1747 billion is in the investigation area covered in great detail by the bureau. This area includes the Pacific northwest, the southern pine region and the lake states and contains about 80 per cent. of all the private timber of the country. In addition there are about 529 billion feet in the national forest and about 90 billion on other non-private lands.

English Jockey's Estate Valued at \$500,000. New York, Feb. 14.—Racing men learn that the will of the late Tom Lutes, the famous English jockey, has been proved, showing the estate to be valued at nearly \$500,000.

"DIRECT VOTE" BILL MAY PASS

Election of Senators by Vote of People Measure May Be Enacted by the Senate Before Close of Present Session.

A CONFERENCE WAS HELD BY DEMOCRATIC SENATORS

Prospect for Favorable Action Is Enhanced Somewhat—Congress Likely to Regulate the Franchise in Congressional Elections.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Notwithstanding the injection of the race question into the discussion of the resolution looking to the election of senators by direct vote of the people, this measure may pass the senate, at the present session.

The prospect for favorable action was enhanced somewhat by a discussion of the subject at a conference today of the democratic senators. After the recent letter exchange on the senate floor between Senators Root and Bacon, after the former had spoken in opposition to Bond's resolution, it was predicted that the resolution would not receive the necessary two-thirds vote in the senate.

GEO. CATHEY CASE IS NOW ON TRIAL

Chief Witness for the Prosecution Is Subjected to Severe Cross-Examination.

The entire morning session of Superior court was taken up with the trial of George Cathey, who is charged with selling whiskey, and it is likely that the trial will consume the rest of the day. There are still two or three witnesses to be examined and the arguments are to be heard.

ANTI-TYPHOID VACCINATION IS URGED FOR THE MILITIA

Communications Addressed to Organized Militia by the General Staff—Satisfactory Results.

Washington, Feb. 14.—So striking have been the benefits realized by the regular army through the adoption of the anti-typhoid vaccination, that through General Weaver, in charge of the militia division, the general staff has addressed communications to organized militia evidently for the purpose of preparing guardsmen for such vaccination in future.

Fatal Accident on Icy Pavement.

Detroit, Feb. 14.—One man was instantly killed, one possibly fatally injured and three men and two women hurt when a touring car, going at a high rate of speed skidded on the icy pavement and crashed into a telephone pole on Jefferson avenue. The dead, Harry Nederlander, automobile agent; Paul McKenney, perhaps fatally injured.

Negroes Attack and Kill Aged White Man.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 14.—A Standard, Ky., appeals says three negroes attacked three aged white men, attempting burglary. The whites showed fight, two being killed by the negroes. Two of the negroes were captured but the other escaped. A mob is forming.

English Countess Accuses Broker Fraudulent Deals



The recent arrest in New York of William T. Wintermute, a broker, by the postoffice inspectors on a charge of having defrauded several English people of prominence in an alleged international mining stock deal attracted the fact that the charges were brought by the Countess of Tankerville and Miss Henrietta Blount of Glendole, England, who assert that they jointly invested more than \$50,000 in mining ventures of Wintermute. The countess was formerly Miss Leonora Van Marter of New York and said to be most happily married.

RECIPROCITY BILL MAY PASS TONIGHT

Motion to Cut Off Debate Will Be Made About 5 O'clock, and There Are Enough Votes in Sight to Put It Through the House—Will Be Read for Amendments, with Debate Limited Under the Five Minutes Rule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Although no argument as to the time for a vote could be reached by unanimous consent, there is a chance that the Canadian reciprocity bill will be passed by the house before adjournment tonight. A motion to cut off general debate will be made about 5 o'clock. The advocates of the measure have voted enough to put it through. The bill then be read for amendments, and debate will be limited under the five minutes rule.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION CHARGED BY COTTON MEN

Two Important Cases Respecting Shipment and Compression Before Commission.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Two of the most important cases respecting the shipment and compression of cotton that ever have been brought before the interstate commerce commission yesterday were assigned for hearing at Montgomery, Ala., beginning on March 3, and at Atlanta, Ga., beginning on March 6.

MADERO BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN EL PASO

United States Cause Warrants to Be Issued for Arrest of Provisional President.

May Send American Troops Into Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The question of sending American troops into Mexico to protect the American side being constructed on Mexican soil to control the waters of Colorado river is under consideration by the state department and Mexican government.

REP. ROBERTS PRESENTS BILLS

Buncombe County Representative Introduces Four Local Measures of Considerable Importance.

REFUNDING OF CITY'S BONDS ONE MEASURE INTRODUCED

Another Measure Has Reference to Prompt Payment of County Taxes—Other Legislative News from Capital.

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IN the house yesterday afternoon Representative Roberts of Buncombe, one of the leaders in the general assembly at this session, introduced several measures of interest to the people of his county and section. One of the measures introduced by Mr. Roberts had to do with the refunding of a part of the city's bonded indebtedness, another was designed to allow the county of Buncombe to work convicts outside of the county; a third measure was for the purpose of enjoining the prompt payment of county taxes and the fourth to allow the county commissioners to collect millage.

The house last night passed on second reading the Ewart bill reducing railroad fares to two cents on trains where companies refuse to pull mileage on trains. Vote was 43 to 35. Objection by Dillard, of Cherokee, to final reading forced the bill over to another day. The minority report was signed by Tompkins of Alexander, Alspaugh of Forsyth, Taylor of Hertford, and Smith of Greene.

Chairman Ray, of Mecon, of the public service corporations committee insisted that the committee voted unanimously to report the bill unfavorably and the minority report was secured on misrepresentation as to the real meaning of the bill, not dreaming that it would open up all the old trouble which caused the extra session of the legislature in 1908. He said the Budget senate bill is understood to be the proper bill and not the Ewart bill.

Simonhour, of Burke, did not care who introduced the bill. He only knew that Governor Kitchin recommended it in his message; that the bill does not put the rate at two cents, but only puts the rate at two cents where the railroads continue this mileage book privilege.

Joe Ewart spoke for his bill, giving a history of the railroad legislation of the past few years and declared that his measure simply carried out the governor's recommendation. Carr of Dublin, moved to re-refer; the motion was lost 42 to 19. Further argument against the bill was made by Wallace, of Carteret, and in its favor by Rawls, of Pamlico, and Spaulhour, of Burke.

Afford of Johnston, offered as a substitute the "Baggett senate bill. Dillard of Cherokee opposed the bill on the ground that the people who do not wish to do so, do not have to buy mileage books, the trouble being that the railroads have the right to withdraw the mileage book privilege. Battle, of Wake, also opposed the bill, saying matters would be better left as at present, though to exchange mileage for tickets is inconvenient. The substitute was lost by a vote of 69 to 8.

The bill then passed second reading 42 to 35, going over for third reading on objection of Dillard, of Cherokee. The House.

Speaker Pro. Tem. Doughton convened the house today at 11 o'clock, prayer by Rev. Mr. O'Kelly of the First Baptist church.

Petitions were sent forward by McWilliams from citizens of Hyde county in opposition to the fish commission bill; by Wallace from citizens of Hyde, Carteret and Dare counties against the fish commission bill; by Knoxon from citizens of Onslow for \$100,000 bond issue for roads and by Cornwall in favor of Torrens land title system for the state.