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## STATE'S LIST EXTRA SESSION OF WAR CLAIMS

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Indemnity for Property Destroyed By Federal Troops, Against Which Mr. Mann Fought so Long and Valiantly.

PRESIDENT TAFT SMILES **ABOUT THE FOREST BILL** 

Some Encouragement in the Smile-Simmons and Overman Secure Increase of Drainage Investigation Appropriation.

> Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Hamilton,

Washington, Feb. 22. ENATOR OVERMAN had a talk with President Taft late yester-day afternoon and expressed the hope that Mr. Taft would promptly affix his signature to the forest rewar department, much to the discomfort of its friends. Mr. Taft smiled broadly but not unkindly at the sug-gestion, and the belief is growing that there is no real ground for fear

A Thing Long to Be Remembered. The Mann fillbuster is a thing that members of congress are going to remembers of congress are going to remember for a long time. Meeting at that the Jananese treaty sent to the 10 o'clock Saturday morning few senate vesterday by the president members left the house chamber for might be a sort of buffer movement more than an hour or so until the middle of Sunday afternoon. It was such conjecture should not be give a fearful form of punishment for those members who find service in was no burry about the adaption of the house for more than 15 consecu-tive minutes irksome, and who are senate could be called to settle the seldom found in their seats for more than the period stated. In every it was intimuthan the period stated. In every it was intimated at the White delegation a few members of that kind are found and North Carolina to the Pacific coast. Representatively to the Pacific coast. presents no exception. Some mem-bers did not like other features of that section were consulted during the preparation of the instrumental the bill, such as the French spoilation They are satisfied the new treat claims, but it was the southern war items to which most objection was The federal troops had used Senator LaFollette Wants Information Iwo or Three Hundred Men, Women church houses, schools and the like during the war, and the court of claims has held these claims to be just, but Mr. Mann does not think so, and was willing to show his view- lie through the construction of two point by his works, which lasted for the better part of a couple of days LaFollette introduced two resolution and a night.

The North Carolina Claims. Since the claims grew out of the war, and R has taken war to get shipbuilding concerns received them through the house, a number of the Argentine republic for construct them through the house, a but the Argentine representation of knowing what it was all about. Here are the claims for North Caro- sible for procuring this business

To Hardy A. Brewington, adminis-

To Lucy A. Dibble, administratrix of the estate of Sylvester Dibble, deceased, late of Beaufort county,

To J. W. Howett, administrator o William Howett, deceased, late of Tyrrell county, \$1480. To Mary Lee Dennis, executrix of

ed, late of Cataret county, \$182. To O, H. Perry, administrator of the estate of George W. Perry, drceased, late of Craven county, \$4350. To the trustees of the Presbyterian

church of Lumber Bridge, N. C.,

East Carolina of the Protestant Epissioners have forwarded a joint letter copal church (for church at Nags to the Buncombe delegation at Rai-

ewbern, \$1200.

To Bushrod W. Nash, trustee of the a township tax for the maintenance Newbern, \$1200.

To John E. Berry and Lovey T. To, open to all citizens will be held. Williams, sole heirs of Esau Berry. for rejection or ratification of the deceased, late of Dare county, \$450. plan.
To the Methodist Episcopal Church The

of Beaufort, \$1280.

To Louis C. Smith, administratrix der road, if the funds are sufficient, of Enox Case, deceased, late of Greene which will probably not be the case.

appeared before the agricultural committee and very earnestly urged an the only ones that could be seen yesincreased appropriation for the bu-retau of drainage investigation, a was reached. If necessary, the Audi-torium may be hired for the mass rection of the secretary of agriculture. meeting. The opinion was expressed that this was a work second in importance only to the matter of good roads, and North Carolina, it was mid, had profited greatly by the work. Agents lieved to be Vincenzo Pelato, wanted of this bureau make estimates of the in Cleveland for the murder of Wilof this bureau make estimates of the probable cost, and the feasibility of lam L Rice, was arrested here. Rice probable cost, and the feasibility of lam L Rice, was arrested here. Rice dibbs, several days before his disappropulation of the sanging swamp lands, and these days before his disappearance, had a quarrel with one of his negro farm hands and the negro his negro farm hands and the negro his negro farm hands and the negro his negro farm hands and the premises. Officers was ordered off the premises. Officers at the Union League club banque.

Throughout the day he gave informs draming swamp lands, and these agents have been in some of the same in some of the counties of the Piedmont section, as well as in the many counties in the eastern part of the state. It was remarked that the state might not have found it possible to dispose of the Mattamuskaset lake property, realising a goodly sum therefrom, had it not been for these reports of these federal agents. There are now 20 of (Continued on page 5)

# NOW PROBABLE

President Declares He Is in Earnest-Mr. Root Thinks It Doubtful if Vote Can Be Reached by the Present Senate.

NO HURRY FOR ADOPTION OF NEW JAPANESE TREATY

Intimated at White House That Treaty Is Satisfactory to Pacific Coast - Representatives Were

Consulted.

ASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Presi dent Taft denied emphatieatly to callers today a pul-He intimation that he is not serious in his intention to call an extra ses sion of congress in the event of failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreeserve bill, which still reposes in the ment. Senator Root declared, coming out of the executive office, that it was impossible to tell whether the senate would be able to reach a vote on the greement. Owing to the complicate: situation in that body and the larg number of other questions which it i considering, he thought it doubtful vote would be reached.

secute vesterday by the presiden was no hurry about the adoption senate could be called to settle th

existing one

Senator LaFollette wants on invetigation of the published charges that the government havid secrets are be ing disclosed to the Argentine repulbuttleships in this country. Senate designed to bring information from the state and mayy departments con cerning the contracts which private administration officials were responshipbuilders,

## ington, deceased, late of Sampson county, \$530. To William H. Bucklin of Craven TO ALLOW A BOND ISSUE

the estate of Levi T. Oglesby, deceaswarded to Raleigh.

A tentative agreement has been reached here as to the road legislation it is desired shall be enacted for To the trustees of the Methodist Huncombe county. President E. C. Episcopal church south of Morehead Chambers for the Good Roads asso-To the trustees of the diocese of Rutherford of the county commislead), \$856.

To the First Baptist church of the commissioners to Issue \$100,000

Union Eaptist association of North of improved reads in the townships.

Carolina, successor in interest to the lit is understood and agreed, howHood Swamp Bart's: church of ever, between the commissioners and the association that the bonds shall Wayne county, \$670.

To E. M. Allison administrator of not be based nor the tax levied until estate of Francis Allison, deceased, opportunity has been afforded for full of Transylvania county, \$550. discussion, after which a mass meet-

The roads to be improved are the following: To the Henderson count To William Cohen, administrator of line, the Fairview road, to the Haythe estate of Isadore Cohen, deceased, wood fine, to the Madison line, to late of Edgecombe county, \$532.

Black Mountain and also the Alexan-The township tax is to be used only

The commissioners mentioned are

Pelato Arrested for Murder.

San Francisco, Feb. 22 .- A man be

## King Alfonso Risked His Throne in Ordering Home Minister to Vatican



from Tenements.

BOMB, EQUIPPED WITH BURNING

and Children Fled in Terror

Exploded in Air Between Second and Third Floors-Fifty People Thrown from Beds.

New York, Feb. 22.—The minth dickhand bomb explosion in New aniversary of his birth. All separtork within the past week occurred ment clerks enjoyed a holiday. Both | IUALLUW A DUNU 1990 | early this morning in a block of tene| ment houses on East Sixty-Second |
| street. The bomb, equipped with a |
| street. The bomb, equipped with a |
| fast burning fuse, was thrown from |
| the roof of a live story tenement down |
| the roof of a live story tenement down |
| a narrow air shaft, exploding in the |
| to day at the capitol was filled with important events. President Tata |
| went to Alexandria, Va., this after| went to Alexandria, Va., this after| moon as a gure of the Washington |
| the washington |
| time business. Lorimer has attended |
| massions constantly in which senators |
| massions constantly in wh a narrow air shaft, exploding in the rought and will watch the degree team of the Michigan grand lodge. Meming floors. Fift, occupants were thrown orial services was held in all schools from their beds in terror. When the police reached the seems there was a Observing the holiday, the large attendance upon the floor panic in the neighboring tenements.

Two or three hundred men, women and children were running in narrow hallways and streets half clad.

Observance in New York.

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## GIBBS' DISAPPEARANCE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

More Baffling Than Cropsey or Beasley Cases-Pasquotank River Dragged for Several Miles.

Elizabeth City, Feb. 22.—The dis- COL, ROOSEVELT SPENT appearance of Edward F. Gibbs, the Pasquotank farmer, is still wrapped in as great mystery as it was when he was first missed last Friday morning. Aithough the bottom of the river More Money for Drainage Investiga-tion.

Senators Simmons and Overman been or may be built.

Macadam, all along the shore from this city sev-eral miles up has been discovered that would ing has been discovered that would shed any light on the mysterious case County and city officers declare it the most baffling case ever known here in its completeness, even surpassing the famous Cropsey case and Beasley kidnapfug case, as there is absolutely nothing to work upon. The entire earch has been one at random, every George, I like it too," little theory being thoroughly laves-

dence incriminating the nego. That takes to high school structure, university for the day when and where he met his death is the buffing proposition. Although efforts seem fruitless, activity of officers and friends will not wone parature of about 15 degrees; Thurshall like mystery cleared.

## DAY VERY GENERALLY OBSERVED AT CAPITAL

FUSE, WAS THROWN FROM ROOF Practically All of Washington United to NOT LIKELY THAT VOTE WILL Pay Tribute to the "Father of His Country."

ton's birthday. All exchanges, banks.

he state. Business was suspended. Norfolk, Feb. 22 .- The 179th anniversary of George Washington's birth Fortress Monroe

## A BUSY DAY IN CHICAGO

Work Piled on Him by Committees and He Exclaimed: "By George,

I Like It."

Chicago, Feb. 22 .- Theodore Roose claimed, referring to the work pilet followed this up, but there is no evi- Throughout the day he gave informal

Reply to Charges Awaited With Keen

Interest as Evidenced by the

Large Attendance.

BE REACHED BEFORE TONIGHT Lorimer's Speech Lent a Dramatic Note to the Occasion-Washing-

ton's Birthday Observed. early this morning in a block of tene- houses of congress were in session Lorimer's day in the senate. Chief

reading was by Senator Young of and financial institutions were closed dovernor Dix was a participant in public exercises of the day, delivering likely a vote upon the case will be an address at the formal dedication reached today unless the session ex-of the Hebrew infant asylum. Lorimer's Boston, Feb 22.—Washington's speech, in his own defense, lent a

Senator Lorimer stood at the desk of Senator Taliaferro, a democrat, was ushered in with firing national of Senator Taliaferro, a democrat, salute of 21 goas by the Norfolk while speaking. During practically all light artillery. National salutes were his speech he directed his arguments fired at the Norfolk naval station and to his own party associates for it was from them came the most personal speeches in support of the bribery Occasionally flashes of feeling marked his speech. His face was anusualy pale. Senator Lorimer atno legal argument. He tempted haracterized his answer to the charges as "plain matter of fact; simple truth." His remarks reviewed conditions surrounding his election and set up detailed denial of accusations

## SHERIFF BELIEVES ONE OF BANDITS HAS BEEN TAKEN

about his influence in corrupting the

Illinois legislature.

Man Answers Description of One of Five Men Who Held up South-

Man Charged With Murdering D. Wayne Kelley Acquitted by the Jury This Morning.

TWELVE MEN DELIBERATED ONLY FEW MINUTES TO REACH VERDICT

Defense Did Not Introduce Any Ev dence. Resting Its Case Entirely on State's Evidence.

Only a few minutes after the jury n the case of Walter Pressley, charg d with the murder of D. Wayne Kelretired, they returned with a verdiof "not guilty", prd the defendan was discharged.

The evidence in the case was all taken vesterday and the arguments of ounsel were also made and with the opening of court this morning Judge Webb charged the jury and they re

The case was not conducted entirely s was expected. The defense did not introduce any witnesses but rested on the inspility of the state to make a case. It was thought probable the Pressley would plead self detense but the evidence as to the actual killing was circumstantial. Neither side put man, Burnett, on the stand, wh was supposed to have been with the at the time of the killing. two witnesses who saw the men to other and heard the quarres, testified that they saw Pressley push Kelley and both fell to the ground but did not see any licks struck.

Coroner Morris testified that fore head of Kelley was contused. bridge of the nose broken, and that there was a small clot of blood on the

Other Cases,

case of Charles McMahon harged with cutting a man named Davis, has occupied the attention the court since the Pressley case was disposed of. In this case it is alleged that McMahon stabbed Davis, following a family difficulty in which the gnged. The evidence was all taken this morning and counsel are argu-

ing the case this afternoon.
If the case of Harrison Black tried this term court will not close be fore tomorrow, but this case may not be tried, in which event it is likely that court will adjourn this afternoon

## ARRESTED FOR BIGAM AND COMMITTED TO JAIL

S. A. Wakefield and Mrs. Rymer Taken in Custody in Spartanburg, on His Wife's Complaint.

Spartanburg, Feb. 22 .- As they were returning from breakfast to had been living here for a week as change name of town of Mr. and Mrs. Reese, were arrested Acme: prohibit conduct which inter-by Sheriff W. J. White and committed feres with trade and commerce (The Wakefield's wife, who is in Columbia. trust bill (without prejudice to the jail. They had been living as auditorium. man and wife, and bigamy is the

hock to the woman with whom they cases; provide for traveling libraries; had been boarding, as they had given field and his companion were traced to Spartanburg from Columbia by detectives, Mrs. Wakefield had followed them from the north to Columbia.
She overtook them there and a stormy scene ensued in Columbia. Gov. Hooper Says People Are Entitled during which Mrs. Wymer agreed to leave Wakefield. Instead a ruse was adopted by means of which the two were enabled to elude Mrs. Wakefield and escape to this city.

Mrs. Wakefield is an attractive wo field was employed by the International Correspondence Scranton, Pa., and after his marriage lived with his wife at Scranton and Philadelphia.

Two New Battleships Ordered.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The naval peropriation bill finally passed the columbia, S. C. Feb. 22.—"I am opposed to the commission form of government in toto." appropriation bill finally passed the house shortly before noon. Advocates of the naval increase program for one battleship instead of two tried to secure a recommittal of the bill for amendment, but the motion was defeated 167 to 132.

Death of "Max Ellot,"

don advices announce the death of Mrs. Granville Alden Eills, known in literary circles under the non de plume "Max Eliot." She was 51

## WALTER PRESSLEY BILLS REPORTED FOUND NOT GUILTY IN LOWER HOUSE

Some Favorable and Unfavorable -Senator Martin Introduces Measure of Interest to Asheville People.

OPPOSITION OF SCHOOLS TO THE TEXT BOOK COMMISSION

Some Places Now Own Their Text Books and Measure Would Work Hardship-Other Legislative News from Capital.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollemon Building, Raleigh, Feb. 22.

ANY bills were reported favorably and unfavorably in the Among the interesting local bills introduced was one by Senator Martin of Buncombe to authorize the election officers of Asheville to use the ounty election books in all elections, thus doing away with the annoyance and inconvenience of a new registra-tion for city elections. The Boyden ill authorizing the appointment of a state building commission and the scuance of \$500,000 in bonds for a state administration building, passed on the third reading and ordered sent to the house.

At a joint meeting of the senate ommittees on revisal and education held late yesterday afternoon there was a long hearing on the Barham bill placing ail graced schools in the state now operating under special charters under the text book mission. State superintendent J. Y. in an extended speech advocated the bill. There was strong opposition by J. W. Bailey and Dr. R. H. Lewis representing the schools Ruleigh, C. H. Ireland and Senator Hobgood for the Greensboro schools, Martin of Asheville and Senator others. Letters of protest were filed rom 18 graded schools in the state. The argument developed the fact that he school authorities in Greensboro Newbern and some other places own them to the school children at so per session, and speakers gued that the passage of the would work a hardship on them. At, amendment was suggested that the graded schools operating under specal charters be given three years in which to come under the text book ommisison, but no definite action was

Speaker Dowd convened the house 10 o'clock, prayer by Rev. Living-This was the first time that there ame no petitions from any of the state during a day of the pres-

Great numbers of favorable reports came from committees on bills here-tofore introduced. They included: Allow Wilmington to issue wharf improvement bonds; allow sheriff New Hanover county to collect fees; allow New Hanover to employ court stenographer; authorize certain action their boarding house in one of the by the governor in settling the dispute most fashionable residential sections over the boundary of North Carolina of the city, S. A. Wakefield and a and Tennessee; increase salary of the Mrs. Wymer of Pennsylvania, who Supreme court justices (substitute); o jail on a warrant sworn out by Turlington anti-trust bill) Ewart anti-Mrs. Wymer's son accompanied them duce tax assessments of the Charlotte

There were unfavorable reports on a number of bills including: Improve The arrest of the couple was a administration of justice in criminal (Continued on page %)

#### NASHVILLE CHARTER BILL VICIOUS, SAYS GOVERNOR

to Register Wishes—South Caro-lina Situation.

Nashville, Feb. 22 .- Gov. Ben W. Hooper has vetoed the Nashville com mission charter bul. In his veto he man, about 21 years old. Her home mys that the enactment amounts to is said to be in Pittsburg, Pa. Wake-practically a new form of municipal of people of Nashville are entitled to register their wishes.

The governor says the bill is victous

and is designed to increase the power of a political machine, whose use of the power it possesses has not justi-fied any enlargement of it.

With this statement Gov. Blease resterday votoed the two measures providing for a vote on the commis-sion form of government and sent the hopes of the citizens of Charleston and Spartanburg glimmering so far as New York, Feb. 22.-Private Lon-two cities are concerned,

Drank Wood Alcohol: Four Dead.

dat take to high school students university students and teachers.

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