

STATE'S LIST OF WAR CLAIMS

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.

SENATOR OVERMAN had a talk with President Taft late yesterday afternoon and expressed the hope that Mr. Taft would promptly affix his signature to the forest reserve bill, which still remains in the war department, much to the discomfort of its friends.

A Thing Long to Be Remembered.

The Mann bill is a thing that members of congress are going to remember for a long time. Meeting at 10 o'clock Saturday morning few members left the house chamber for more than an hour or so until the middle of Sunday afternoon. It was a fearful form of punishment for those members who find service in the house for more than 15 consecutive minutes irksome, and who seldom find in their seats for more than the period stated. In every delegation a few members of that kind are found and North Carolina presents no exception.

The North Carolina Claims. Since the claims grew out of the war, and it has taken war to get them through the house, a number of people would doubtless be interested in knowing what it was all about. Here are the claims for North Carolina:

To Harde A. Brewington, administrator of the estate of Rufford Brewington, deceased, late of Sampson county, \$540.

To William H. Bucklin of Craven county, \$390.

To Lucy A. Dibble, administratrix of the estate of Sylvester Dibble, deceased, late of Beaufort county, \$765.

To J. W. Howett, administrator of William Howett, deceased, late of Tyrrell county, \$1480.

To Mary Lee Dennis, executrix of the estate of Levi T. Oglesby, deceased, late of Calabert county, \$182.

To O. H. Perry, administrator of the estate of George W. Perry, deceased, late of Craven county, \$430.

To the trustees of the Presbyterian church of Lumber Bridge, N. C., \$1800.

To the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church south of Morehead city, \$860.

To the trustees of the diocese of East Carolina of the Protestant Episcopal church (for church at Nags Head), \$856.

To the First Baptist church of Newbern, \$1200.

To Bushrod W. Nash, trustee of the Union Baptist association of North Carolina, successor in interest to the Hood Swamp Baptist church of Wayne county, \$670.

To E. M. Allison, administrator of the estate of Emma Allison, deceased, of Transylvania county, \$550.

To John E. Berry and Lovey T. Williams, sole heirs of Essau Berry, deceased, late of Dare county, \$450.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church south of Beaufort, \$1280.

To William Cohen, administrator of the estate of Isidore Cohen, deceased, late of Edgemont county, \$532.

To Louis C. Smith, administratrix of the estate of Enos Case, deceased, late of Greene county, \$120.

More Money for Drainage Investigation.

Senators Simmons and Overman appeared before the agricultural committee and very earnestly urged an increased appropriation for the bureau of drainage investigation, a work being conducted under the direction of the secretary of agriculture. The opinion was expressed that this was a work second in importance only to the matter of good roads, and North Carolina, it was said, had profited greatly by the work. Agents of this bureau make estimates of the probable cost, and the feasibility of draining swamp lands, and these agents have been 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 Mattamuskeet lake property, realizing a goodly sum therefrom, had it not been for these reports of these federal agents. There are now 29 of (Continued on page 2)

EXTRA SESSION 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.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Taft declared emphatically to callers today a positive intimation that he is not serious in his intention to call an extra session of congress in the event of failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

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 agreement. Owing to the complicated situation in that body and the large number of other questions which it is considering, he thought it doubtful if a vote would be reached.

The suggestion having been made that the Japanese treaty sent to the senate yesterday by the president might be a sort of buffer movement, the president made it known that such a move should not be given serious consideration, because there was no hurry about the adoption of the treaty and a special session of the senate could be called to settle the treaty question.

It was intimated at the White House that the treaty was satisfactory to the Pacific coast. Representatives of that section were consulted during the preparation of the instrument. They are satisfied the new treaty would be more acceptable than the existing one.

Senator LaFollette Wants Information. Senator LaFollette wants an investigation of the published charges that the government naval secrets are being disclosed to the Argentine republic through the construction of two battleships in this country.

Will Ask Legislature to Allow a Bond Issue. A tentative agreement has been reached here as to the road legislation it is desired shall be enacted for Buncombe county.

Joint Letter from Commissioners and Good Roads Association Forwarded to Raleigh.

The commissioners mentioned are the only ones that could be seen yesterday afternoon, when the agreement was reached. If necessary, the Auditorium may be hired for the mass meeting.

Patato Arrested for Murder. San Francisco, Feb. 22.—A man believed to be Vincenzo Patato, wanted in Cleveland for the murder of William L. Rice, was arrested here. Rice was shot to death last August by a gang in front of his house.

Reform Candidate Won. Seattle, Feb. 22.—Available returns on the city council election yesterday indicate that the reform candidate won a large majority of the 22,000 women registered voters. The percentage of men voting was much smaller.

King Alfonso Risked His Throne in Ordering Home Minister to Vatican



BLACKHAND BOMB CREATES A PANIC

Two or Three Hundred Men, Women and Children Fled in Terror from Tenements.

BOMB, EQUIPPED WITH BURNING FUSE, WAS THROWN FROM ROOF

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

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GIBBS' DISAPPEARANCE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

More Baffling Than Cropsy or Beasley Cases—Pasquotank River Dragged for Several Miles.

COL. ROOSEVELT SPENT A BUSY DAY IN CHICAGO

Work Piled on Him by Committees and He Exclaimed: "By George, I Like It."

SHERIFF BELIEVES ONE OF BANDITS HAS BEEN TAKEN

Man Answers Description of One of Five Men Who Held up Southern Railway Train.

THE WEATHER. Fair tonight with minimum temperature of about 15 degrees; Thursday fair and slightly warmer.

SENATOR LORIMER PLEADS OWN CASE

Reply to Charges Awaited With Keen Interest as Evidenced by the Large Attendance.

NOT LIKELY THAT VOTE WILL BE REACHED BEFORE TONIGHT

Lorimer's Speech Lent a Dramatic Note to the Occasion—Washington's Birthday Observed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—This was Senator Lorimer's day in the senate. Chief among a large number of speeches heard was Senator Lorimer's. He began promptly upon conclusion of routine business.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The north Blackhand bomb explosion in New York within the past week occurred early this morning in a block of tenement houses on East Sixty-second street.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Practically all of Washington united to pay tribute to the "Father of His Country" in commemoration of the 179th anniversary of his birth.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt spent a busy day, three set speeches being on the program. "By George, I like it, too," the colonel exclaimed, referring to the work piled upon him by reception committees.

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WALTER PRESSLEY FOUND NOT GUILTY

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 Evidence, Resting Its Case Entirely on State's Evidence.

Only a few minutes after the jury in the case of Walter Pressley, charged with the murder of D. Wayne Kelley, had been given the case and had retired, they returned with a verdict of "not guilty," and the defendant was discharged.

The evidence in the case was all taken yesterday and the arguments of counsel were also made and with the opening of court this morning Judge Webb charged the jury and they retired.

The case was not conducted entirely as was expected. The defense did not introduce any witnesses but rested on the inability of the state to make a case. It was thought probable the Pressley would plead self defense, but the evidence as to the actual killing was circumstantial. Neither side put the man, Burnett, on the stand, who was supposed to have been with the men at the time of the killing.

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

Other Cases. The case of Charles McMahon, charged with cutting a man named Davis, has occupied the attention of 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 Davis and McMahon boys were engaged.

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

ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY 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 their boarding house in one of the most fashionable residential sections of the city, S. A. Wakefield and a Mrs. Wymer of Pennsylvania, who had been living here for a week as Mr. and Mrs. Reese, were arrested by Sheriff W. J. White and committed to jail on a warrant sworn out by Wakefield's wife, who is in Columbia.

Mrs. Wymer's son accompanied them to the jail. They had been living as man and wife, and bigamy is the charge.

The arrest of the couple was a shock to the woman with whom they had been boarding, as they had given every evidence of refinement. Wakefield 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, 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 woman, about 31 years old. Her home is said to be in Pittsburg, Pa. Wakefield was employed by the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pa., and after his marriage lived with his wife at Scranton and Philadelphia.

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BILLS REPORTED 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, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Feb. 22.

MANY bills were reported favorably and unfavorably in the house yesterday and today. Among the interesting local bills introduced was one by Senator Martin of Buncombe to authorize the election officers of Asheville to use the county election books in all elections, thus doing away with the annoyance and inconvenience of a new registration for city elections.

The argument developed the fact that the school authorities in Greensboro, Newbern and some other places own the text books now in use and rent them to the school children at an amount per session, and speakers argued that the passage of the bill would work a hardship on them.

At a joint meeting of the senate committees on revision and education held late yesterday afternoon there was a long hearing on the Farham bill placing all graded schools in the state now operating under special charters under the text book commission. State superintendent J. Y. Joyner in an extended speech advocated the bill. There was strong opposition by J. W. Bailey and Dr. R. H. Lewis representing the schools of Raleigh, C. H. Ireland and Senator Hobgood for the Greensboro schools, Senator Martin of Asheville and others. Letters of protest were filed from 18 graded schools in the state.

The House. Speaker Dowd convened the house at 10 o'clock, prayer by Rev. Livingston Johnson, of the Baptist church. This was the first time that there came no petitions from any quarter of the state during a day of the present legislature. Great numbers of favorable reports came from committees on bills heretofore introduced. Bills introduced: Allow Wilmington to issue wharf improvement bonds; allow sheriff of New Hanover county to collect fees; allow New Hanover to employ court stenographer; authorize certain action by the governor in settling the dispute over the boundary of North Carolina and Tennessee; increase salary of the Supreme court justices (substitute); change name of town of Cronly to Aeme; prohibit conduct which interferes with trade and commerce (The Burlington anti-trust bill) Ewart anti-trust bill (without prejudice.) Reduce tax assessments of the Charlotte auctioneers.

There were unfavorable reports on a number of bills including: Improve administration of justice in criminal cases; provide for traveling libraries; (Continued on page 3)

NASHVILLE CHARTER BILL VICIOUS, SAYS GOVERNOR

Gov. Hooper Says People Are Entitled to Register Wishes—South Carolina Situation.

Nashville, Feb. 22.—Gov. Ben W. Hooper has vetoed the Nashville commission charter bill. In his veto he says that the enactment amounts to practically a new form of municipal government, and for this reason the people of Nashville are entitled to register their wishes.

The governor says the bill is vicious and is designed to increase the power of a political machine, whose use of the power it possesses was not justified any enlargement of it. Commission Form Goes Glittering. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 22.—"I am opposed to the commission form of government in toto."

With this statement Gov. Blaise yesterday vetoed the two measures providing for a vote on the commission form of government and sent the hopes of the citizens of Charleston and Spartanburg glittering so far as the new form of government in the two cities are concerned.

Drank Wood Alcohol; Four Dead. McLeello, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Four persons are dead and one dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol by mistake at Horton, Sullivan county. The dead: James Kelly, 34; Thomas Kelly, 28; Mrs. Thomas Kelly, 44; Thomas Harvey, 48. The beverage was partaken of freely at a family reunion. The liquor was laced with pepperoni.