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Democrats in Caucus Choose George W. Connor of Wilson as Speaker of House.

LEGISLATIVE PLANS OF MOST IMPORTANCE

Outline of Subjects on Which Enactment of New Laws Will Be Proposed.

Epecial to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Jan. 8.—With members wearing white carnations, both branches of the North Carolina genmembly convened today at noon and promptly organized for busine The house galleries were crowded with spectators, who watched the cut and dried proceedings with interest but

o senate galleries were not filled. In the house Principal Clerk Cobb called the session to order, Rev. H. M. North, paster of the Edenton Street Methodist church offering prayer, Following the roll call the oath of office was administered by Associate Justice W. A. Hoke. W. A. Devine of Granville nominated George W. Connor, the caucus selection for speaker, the second being by R. R. Williams of Buncombe. Republicans gave Rufus L. Haymore of Surry honor, he being minated by H. S. Williams of Ca-

The house and senate notified Governor Kitchin of their organization and informed him of their readiness to receive suggestions.

The senate was called to order by President pro tem. Pharr of Mecklen-burg. Rev. M. A. Barber, rector of the Christian church in oking divine blessings. The roll call showed only blessings. The roll call showed only one member absent, C. G. Peebles of Northampton. Senator O. F. Mason of Gaston nominated Senator Pharr for president protein, and Q. K. Nimocia of Cumberland seconded the nomination, Chief Joette Walter that administered the oath.

The governor's message will not be treasmitted before tomorrow.

With the selection in caucus

With the selection in caucus house and senate nominees the democrata, who compose an overwhelming majority of the 1913 general assembly, prepared for the business of the session which began today at noon. George W. Connor of Wilson was unanimously nominated speaker of the house, he being nominated by R. E. Wooten of Lenoir, W. H. Wentherspoon of Scotland Neck seconded it and J. Frank Ray of Macon moved the nomination be made unanimous. T. G. Cobb of Morganion was respected principal cierk without opposition, but W. W. Wilson of Wake who seemed to have the place of reading clerk cinched, was defeated by Alfred McLean of Harnett, 61 to 35.

J. H. Morning of Wake was elected sergeant-at-arms on the second ballot over George L. Kirkpatrick of Len-ore and D. H. James of Johnston. E. J. Jenkins of Granville was selected for assistant. M. D. Kinsland of Haywood was re-elected engrossing clerk

The house was called to order for the caucus by T. C. Bowle of Ashe, J. A. Long of Alamance acting as secre-tary. Upon Mr. Connor's nomination R. A. Daughton of Alleghany, E. R. Wooten of Lenoir and J. C. Sykus of were appointed to esort him there would be 32 seet of water in a hall. In a short address the the Ohio river, the most serious flood next speaker told of the importance of the coming session, declared that the people expected wise, progressive and been compelled to leave their homes same legislation, and expressed the and many men are temporarily out of hope that this body would not disap- employment because of the flooding

R. O. Self of Jackson county and R. M. Phillips of Guilford were nominated without opposition by senate democrats for principal clerk and democrats for principal clerk and reading clerk, all other positions being fought out. For engrossing clerk W. E. Hooks of Wayne, the incumpent two years ago, defrated W. H. Sawyer and R. H. Jones a. Vake, and A. J. Hauser of Forsyth, ar. Hooks receiving 21 "Jues against nine for Hauser and six each for Jones and Sheet St. Chicago

Wilbur G. Hall of Cumberland and George W. Huntley of Anson, both Confederate veterane, were selected for sergount and assistant sergeant at arms. It required five ballots for Mr. Hall to defeat Nichols Deboy of Wake, It. F. Perry of Perquimans, Robert G. Kumell of Dorham and John A. Link. Mr. Deboy was Mr. Hall's principal appoints. Emasell and Perry came back for the assistant's job, but the Anson vetural had it sewed up.

H. N. Pharr of Mecklenburg was selected for president pro tem, of the senate by a rising vote. He had the hunor two years ago.

Benator Harry Stubbs of Martin presides as chalcman and Fenator Leslis Davis, of Carterel was secretary. A foliat resolution was pussed to have the chairmen of the house and senate causasse to fix a time for caucusing on the election of United States Senator Rimmons, who will be formally closted January 21.

A Little "Ley Holling."

The day before the convening of the propal assimily the legislators spont the type in that faminas little play childed they many they had been before the convening of the play and the lay of the play and the lay of the play and the for real assimily the legislators spont the layer had been before the convening of the play and the layer had been before the convening of the layer had been layer and the layer had been layer and the layer had been like play and the layer had been like player. ur G. Hall of Cumberland and

STATE SOLONS SEA TRADE SWAYED BY SHIPPING TRUST

Witnesses Inform House Committee that London Directors of Ocean Lines Can Absolutely Dominate Movement of Commerce-Ports Apportioned.

By Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 8 .- Further testimony about the so-called shipping between the United States and South America was given today to the house merchant marine committee. William Lowry, South American agent for the Pan-American Mail line, which it was claimed was driven out

of business by the "trust" testified how large shippers declined to use the new line for fear of losing their rebates from the European lines. He suggested a statute excluded from American ports European ships giving such rebates as a remedy for the situ-"We have built the Panama canal

for the benefit of British shipowners unless this government aids an American marine," said he.

Representative Humphrey said he had been told a Royal Mail line official had boasted that the company intended to get a monopoly of lines on the Atlantic and Pacific-to South America before the Panama canal was finished.

"The idea that the ocean is free i about as big a fallacy as exists in America," testified William H. Douglass of Arkell & Douglass, large ex porters to South America and Europe The steamship lines, German and British, were in combination having the ocean under stricter control than any combination ever had any trade between the states, he added.
"The men who sit in Loudon

trolling these lines can throw con-

please, simply by lowering or raising rates," Mr. Douglass testified. "We are at their mercy unless we go into the steamship business our selves without knowing the vicissi-tudes of the trade, as our New Orleans

friends did, to their sorrow,"
Mr. Douglass believed the German English and other foreign companies had international agreements by which they parcelled out ocean ports of the world without particular regard to the nationality of the operating company. He said Africa and Australian trade was arranged on the sam basis as South American trade.

He was interested in the United States and Australian Steamship company but did not ship his goods by that line. Business was divided among various lines by a "gentleman's agree ment," he said.

There were no rebates in the Aus

tralian trade, he said. Trade to In-dia, China, Japan and other eastern nations, said Mr. Douglass, had agreements giving practically uniform rates 'Is there any competition in the India and Asiatic or South African trade?" was asked.

"No, not that I know of." he said adding that some lines occasionally made special rates for big shipments of certain kinds. "Don't they make special rates to

asked Representative Humphrey. "Yes, I think so, and to the Standard Oll company," answered Mr

the 'Harvester combine' and the 'Steel

Pinchot Sees New Battle Ahead for Conservation

Washington, Jan. 8,-"One of the great battles in the bight for conserva-tion is just ahead," declared Gifford Pinchot at the annual meeting here today of the American Forestry assoclation. He referred to a movement which he said was on foot to wipe out the old dividing line between state and national action in conserving natural resources and to turn the na-

nal forests over to the states."Behind the staking horse of states right," said Mr. Pinchot, "there is preparing a nost dangerous attack on

the whole policy of conservation. It is an attack in which men of high principle are fighting side by side with men whose principles live in their pockets and for that reason it is dout bly to be feared. "From the beginning it was upon

the forest service that the burden of defending the conservation policy chieff lay," said Mr. Pinchot in con-clusion. "It is on the firing line now. Its defeat would mean the defeat of whole policy o fconservation." vention with the election of officers.

FLOOD CONDITIONS ALONG THE OHIO

Stage at Pittsburgh the High- Democratic Legislators est Since 1907-Many Families are Homeless.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Jan. 8.—The Monongahela and Allegheny rivers rose so expected that when the crest of the rise reached here tomorrow afternoon

employment because of the flooding

Cold Stays on in Texas Dallis, Texas, Jan 8.—All Texas is still unusually cold today. At El Paso the government thrmometer at Fort Bliss registered four degrees below zero, the coldest in 26 years. Corpus Christi, on the gulf coast,

reported 26 degrees above zero. In that section, cabbage fields were flooded by irrigating ditches to save Steet Storm Almost Isolates Chicago Chicago, Jan 8.—Telegraph wires between New York and Chicago were prostrate today because of the sleet and wind storm last night. Conditions

were reported the worst in years.

When the market opened only one Chicago broker had a vire and he offered to help out other brokers so far as possible. This wire, however, went down too.

Hundred

Hundreds of poles went of the storm. Eighty poles went down in Toledo alone. Greatest damage occurred in lillingis and in northern Indiana and

Ohio.
Save Haif the Citrus Fruit Crop.
Los Angelos, Jan. 8.—With markediy higher temperatures prevailing.
"smudging" was successful last night in saving oranges and lemons that had been only "nipped" by the cold of the previous two days. According to citrus experts, fully haif of the \$56,000,000 crop may be marketable.

IN GOLDEN STATE administration and ask the comptrol ler to furnish the desired information. The house money trust committee

Now Considering Enact. ment of Alien Law.

(By Associated Press) Sacramento, Cal., Jan. S .- Democratic members of the legislature will Dr. Samuel W. Lamont. decide in caucus the question of atdecide in caucus the question of atrapidly last night that they were at tempting to enact at this session an mittee prepared forms to be sub-flood height this morning and it was alien law designed to prevent Japan mitted to the full committee, charging expected that when the crest of the from acquiring land in California. from acquiring land in California. him with contempt.

After a conference lasting until a Mr. Henry refused on the stand late hour last night, adjournment was yesterday to reveal the names of na-

question of property raised by offi-

position offered a proposal to the ef-tect that the alien land law question tect that the alien land law question. The syndicate, he said, simply offered be put to a vote in any single legistic that the stock and then sold it for lative district in the state, both its them at a profit. The full committee proponents and opponents to abide by the decision of the voters. He asserted that "the Japanese menace" will be asked to certify the case to the had been exaggerated and that less District of Columbia, who will be than 20,000 acres of land in Collfornia was owned by subjects of the injury.

At the hearing the committee, be-

land empire.
It is understood that nearly a score

Woman's Suffrage Amendment

Favored.

Albany, N. Y., Jan 8.—The woman suffrage hearing before the legiplature which has been an annual feature in Albany for years probably will be abandoned this year. Both the senate and assembly judiciary committees have reported favorably committee have reported favorably committee have reported favorably committee can mind the witnesses as to securities held by the companies mentioned, which under the New York state law, were ordered in 1906 to dispose of their holdings of stock within five years. The time since has been extended five years.

Comptroller Declares National Banking Law Is Inadequate and Inspection Methods Superficial.

TAFT AGAIN ASKED TO GIVE INFORMATION

Committee Promises to Hold in Confidence Comptroller's Discloruses of National Bank Affairs.

By Associated Press Washington, Jan. S .- Criminal stat ites to prevent bank officers accepting utes to prevent bark officers accepting "personal compendation" for loans from their banks, regulation of loans by banks to their wn officers and directors, and a stateter method of national bank examination were among the monetary reforms endorsed today by Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray before the house money trust committee.

Mr. Murray testified that the acceptance of "personal compensation" by bank officers from borrowers was a growing evil that called for impera-

growing evil that called for impera-tive action. He also recommende legislation to prevent bank stockhold-ers transferring their stock to irreponsible persons when an institution

was on the verge of failure.

Mr. Murray declared the banking iaw "inadequate and ineffective" and that the present system of national bank examination was "superficial and ineffective." President Tuft's refusal to permit

Mr. Murray to make special investiga-tion of national banks for the committion of national banks for the commit-tee was triten up and counsel for the committee, put into record an amended request proposing to hold confidential information which the comptroller thought it unwise to publish. Comptroller Lawrence O. Murray was the principal witness today. Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, and that without the in-

formation he desired to through the comptroller's office it would be impossible to conclude the restigation

With the present comptroller in position where he will not supply the information the committee contemplates asking the new congress which will convene March 4 to authorize a through the special session. Then the committee plans to go the new administration and ask the comptrol-

The house money trust committee in executive session last night made plans for dealing with two reluctant witnesses, William Rockefeller and witnesses, William Rockefeller and industry and that pottery peculiarly from which he said he was suffering, George G. Henry of the firm of Solo-

Chairman Pujo announced that the committee decided to procure the services of a competent specialist in lap of the tariff revision hearings in threat discusses the services of the competent specialist in lap of the tariff revision hearings in the services of the service throat diseases to examine Mr. Rockefeller and verify the certificates of illhealth filed with the committee from Dr. Walter F. Chappelle, Mr. Rockefeller's personal physician, and

taken without a settlement of the tional banks and national bank officers allotted a share in the syndicate cials of the Panama Pacific Exposi- flotation of the California Petroleum tion in San Francisco. It was decid- company. The bank officers made a ed to resume the discussion in a for-mal caucus to be called later.

President C. C. Moore, of the ex-ting up any money or even taking pos-The syndicate, he said, simply offered

At the hearing the committee, be It is understood that nearly a score of bills relating to Japanese immigration and regulation are in course of preparation by many legislators.

Woman's Suffrage Amendment Favored.

Albany, N. Y., Jan 8.—The wonders hearing before the legislator of the Mutual companies, the policy-holders show little inclination to control the affairs of the companies and sides hearing of the flotation of the California Petroleum company from

ARCHRALD ARGUMENT Begun This Afternoon and Will Con tinue for Three Days.

Wm. Rockefeller Physical Wreck Says Physician

Must Be Silent for Remainder of His Life Because of Throat Trouble, Dr. Chappell Asserts, and Possibly Cannot Undergo Written Examination.

feller never, probably, will be able to appear as a witness in the finance a laryngeal spasm. sician. The only way he could answer questions on the witness stand the physicians statement, published here today. Dr. Chappell practically said Mr. Rockefeller must be silent for the remainder of his life. In the

By Associated Press

t now resting, he is keeping very quiet New York, Jan 8.-William Rocke- and it is declared that his every little wish has to be written for every effort to speak involves the hazard of

inquiry conducted by the Pujo com- Mr. Rockefeller is past 70 years old mittee at Washington, in the opinion chronic," said Dr. Chappel, and he of Dr. Walter F. Chappell, his phyment for the remainder of his days. This simply means rest for the would be in writing, for speech might larynx. It must be remembered that result in strangulation, so serious is Mr. Rockefeller is past 70 years old Mr. Rockefeller's throat, according to In myopinion he will never be physically able to appear on a witness stand, in fact probably not even for a written examination, as his tremble so that it is difficult for him Bahamas, where Mr. Rockefeller is to write legibly.

Passed as Girl 18 Years; Arrest Reveals Secret asked to appropriate \$259,000 for con-

By Associated Press.

Victor, Col., Jan. 8 .- After masqueading as a girl for 18 years the sex of Irene Moynahan was learned yesterday. He was arrested in LaJunta by the sheriff, who, because of his masculine appearance, decided he was a boy

all of his tife had passed as a girl.

son had been arrested and that his sex had been discovered, stated that she had always passed him off as a girl because of her disappointment in having two sons. Not even her husband vas aware of the boy's sex, she said. This was borne out by the discovery in girl's clothing. Irene was on his of a letter in the boy's effects. The Tay to visit his father in Bisbee, Aris. letter was addressed to his father in Until the holidays Irene had been a Bisbee and declared that the mother student in the Victor High school, and

House Ways and Means Committee Convinced Foreign Competition Is Keen.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 8.—Democratic eader Underwood indicated today that the house ways and means committees would stand for retaining the tariff of 55 and 60 per cent on pottery. He announced that testimony had satisfied the committee of highly competitive conditions of the industry

in Europe.
William Burgess of Trenton, N. J., because principally of labor, cost, was less than six per cent. He insisted that there was no combination in the industry and the combination in the whiskey and giverine for a cough count of expenditure of expenditure of the count of expenditure of expenditure and the count of expenditure o discussing the pottery industry before the committee, said the average profit, labor in American pottery plants cost

Washington, Jan. 8.—The second lap of the tariff revision hearings before the house ways and means committee was reached today when the committee took up schedule "B"earths, earthenware and glassware.

There is no democratic bill serving and glassware schedule of the Payne-Aldrich law. The schedule reopened allegations of a so-called glass trust. It has been represented to the com-mittee that the American production of plate glass is about \$0,000,000 square feet annually, produced by only 12 manufacturers. Advocates of tariff reduction contended the duties could be cut one-half without injuring the American manufacturer

WILSON AND SENATORS CONFER ON SITUATION

By Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 8.—Senator
Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma con-ferred with President-elect Wilson at the state hous today on a variety of subjects affecting the new administraion. The chief subject before the three was the situation in the senate with regard to the re-organization of committees and the status of the con-tests in Maine, New Hampshire, Illi-nois and South Dakota where the election of democrats to the United Stat senate is considered a possibility.

The local weather bureau this afternoon received a telegram from the weather bureau in Washington forecasting a cold wave and myling that the temperature will fall 30 or 40 degrees within the acxt 24 hours. The temperature was at that time about 50 degrees where and people are therefore warned that the mercury may drop to 30 or even to 10 by morning.

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COUNSEL ARGUING

Cast of State Rests on Evidence of D. S. Reed-Dr. Paquin on Stand.

The trial of Dr. Paul Paquin on the charge of writing a prescription for whiskey illegally began in Police court this morning and several hours were taken up in the hearing of evidence, the arguments in the case be-ginning shortly before 1 o'clock. A recess was taken and arguments re-

sumed at a o'clock. The case of the state is based prinarily on the testimony given Daniel S. Reed, to whom the prescrip-tion was given, and this testimony whiskey and glycerine for a cough, count of expenditures, from which he said he was suffering. Referring to the fact then given him. The prescription in the original was displayed and was for one pint and the directions were

that it was to be taken with glycerine The only other evidence offered by the state was after the case for the defense had been rested and then Sergeant F. L. Condor was sworn and There is no democrate bill serving the records taken from the Langren as a basis for this schedule, as in the case of the chemical schedule and the arguments today were aimed directly to show the number of whiskey present any changes in the present earthen ing this period. This showed a total of 389, and the total number written by all the physicians of Asheville during this same period was estimated at about 5550.

The case for the defense was based on Dr. Paquin's testimony and the testimony of a number of reputable phy-sicians of the city. One of the main points emphasized was as to when a man becomes the patient of a physi cian, all the testimony given being to the effect that he is a patient when he applies for aid. The other main point was as to whether a whiskey prescription is a reasonable one for a man suffering with a cold and this was the general opinion of those ex-

Reed admitted on cross-examination that he really had a cold when he went to Dr. Paquin for the prescrip-tion and is still suffering with it. He did not deny that he coughed while in the presence of Dr. Paquin, although he said he did not undergo a physical examination. He also ad mitted that Dr. Paquin asked him what his reasons were for wanting whiskey, and was assured that he had sed the remedy to advantage before. The cross-examination of the wit

ness also brought out the fact that Reed is working for the Good Govern Reed is working for the Good Govern-ment league; that Col. V. S. Lusk em-ployed him and that he has been paid about \$23 for his services by Zeb F. Curtis. He testified that he did not have any understanding about what remuneration he was to receive and does not know yet, that he is working for the good of the city. He gave as his reason for going to Dr. Paquin, that he went on two occasions to the his reason for going to Dr. Paquin, that he went on two occasions to the Langren drug store to get whiskey without a prescription and was told that he could not get it, and was referred to Dr. Paquin or Dr. Reavas by T. W. Grines and S. O. Bradlay. Following this he said that Col. Lank instructed him to go to Dr. Paquin and try and get a prescription for whiskey.

Dr. Paugla, himself then went on the stand. He admitted that he wrote the prescription. He said that a Mr. Pajpar who has been here in the instruction of the Massaless and given him the instruction of the Massaless and given him

To Government by Work of the Economy Commission

Says President in Message.

ASKS APPROPRIATION TO CONTINUE INQUIRY

Says Every Department and Office Should Be Submitted to Painstaking

By Associated Press.

Investigation.

tinuing the investigation of the commission on economy and efficiency Mrs. Moynahan, when told that her into the executive departments of the government in a special message today by President Taft.

The president points out that "there s no greater service that can be rendered to the country than that of the continuance of the work of the commission until some form of organization is provided for continuously doing this kind of work under the exec-

The president expressed the opinion that the technique and procedure of every branch and office of the government should be submitted to the same painstaking examination as that given those on which reports have been made. To do this, however, the president says, that ample funds must be provided and he asks that congress make the \$250,000 appropriation by March 4 for the incoming president.

Will Enable Big Saving.
"In my opinion," says the president,
"this is not a matter in which the congress should assume that public money will be unwisely spent. At a total cost of about \$220,000 during the almonths covered by the work of the commission, facts have been developed and recommendations have been made that if followed up will result in sav-This has been done under the handi-cap of inadequate funds and uncertainty of continuation which fered with the making of plans could not be completely within a few months. It would be very much to the advantage of the administration if the president were authorized to spend whatever am

Referring to the fact that it has not wible for the commission to make final detailed reports on more than a few of the hundreds of offices in Washington, the president says the reports submitted will serve to illustrate the character of results which may follow an extensive investigation

of office technique and procedure. Cost of New York Offices. "It is further to be noted," con-tinued the president, "that the offices which have been reported on are those which have been frequently under scrutiny. From what is known of the offices outside of Washington it is thought that it is in this field that the largest opportunity for economy be found.

"As illustrating the relative importance of service outside of Washington, it is of interest to note that the cost of clerk hire at the New York postoffice alone is more than that incurred in the department of war, navy, state, justice and commerce and labor at Washington; that in the custom house at New York the cost of clerk hire is greater than in any department at Washington,"

The report of the commission contains a description of 110 subjects, the result of 21 months of work. changes recommended by the com-mission carry definite estimates of a yearly saving of several millions of dollars.

RESERVE BANK SYSTEM **FAVORED BY COMMITTEE**

Leslie M. Shaw Testifies before House Body Working on Currency.

Washington, Jan. I.—More expanded on how to remodel the most tary system of the United Status provide an elastic currency and errocentralized reserves, was heard too by the Glass committee of the host The principal witnesses called to Leslie M. Shaw, former worstary the treasury, and Prof. Lawrentesses of the committee season to dicate that the committee season to dicate the committee season to dicate the season to dicate the season to dicate the season that the season that the committee season to dicate the season that the season to dicate the season that the season