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MASS OF LOCAL BILLS PASSED BY SENATE TODAY

State Legislature Refers Municipal Finance Act to Supreme Court

ATTORNEYS DIFFER ON MUNICIPAL BILL

Senate Inclined to Amend Act but This Would Put Adjournment Off

BY MAX ABERNATHY

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Senate today referred the Municipal Finance Act and by resolution asked the Supreme Court its opinion as to the validity and constitutionality of the act with the House amendment exempting the towns of Madison county from operations of certain bonding sections of the act.

Opinion among lawyers in the Senate differs as to the constitutionality. The Senate is very much inclined to amend the act by striking out the exemption but this would require three readings in the House and three in the Senate, which would put adjournment into next week.

The House passed a mass of local bills and did some work on the public measures, passing the bill which gives the right to refund all taxes paid in error and amendments to the medical practice act which will allow the board to refuse license to people of bad character.

MAD DOG BITES TWO; ATTACKS WHOLE CROWD

Crazy Animal Finally Brought Down by Shot From Gun of a Convict Guard.

(Special to The Observer)

MAXTON, Dec. 15.—Considerable excitement reigned in this community on Monday.

A colored boy, about 16 years of age, came to town with his head and face badly lacerated from contact with a mad dog. It seems that the dog got him down and bit him severely. In addition to his other injuries, he was bitten through his arm, and two of his teeth were bitten out.

The dog was next heard from at or near Alma, when he bit a son of Dave Patterson as he was riding on a bicycle. Mr. Patterson gave the alarm, and a number of the Alma expert marksmen took after the dog, firing as they went.

The dog in turn faced about and attacked the men. Escaping to the direction of the chancery, and one of the guards stopped him with a shotgun.

The dog's head was sent to Raleigh by express, and Dr. J. O. McClelland wired for specialists to treat the two injured young men.

Little Opposition Is Looked for Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Administration senators who called today at the White House predicted there would not be more than two or three votes against ratification of the quadruple power treaty when it reached final vote in the senate.

Army Organizations Sent to Camp Bragg

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The army adjutant general today announced transfer of the following organizations from Camp Knox, Kentucky, to Camp Bragg:

WIFE OF ARMY OFFICER KILLED

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Catherine C. Endicott of Plattsburgh, N. Y., wife of Lieutenant F. C. Endicott, instructor in the United States Infantry School, Camp Benning, was killed early this morning when the automobile in which she and her husband were riding, crashed into two telephone poles.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IS WHERE IS THE HAPPY MEIDUM

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—"The short skirt a hygienic is nothing else can be said in its favor," Mrs. Elizabeth O. Middleton of Kansas City, Mo., director of the World and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said yesterday in address to a group of high school girls.

FOREST FIRE IS CAUSE OF LACK OF LIGHTS HERE

Fayetteville Plunged in Darkness Last Night; Much Inconvenience Caused

At 7:30 o'clock last night the electric current transmitted from Beckhorn to Fayetteville failed, and every public and private building dependent solely on electricity was in total darkness until 9:50.

The moving picture theatres and other places of amusement and the cafes were put out of commission while the streets were unlighted, and three cotton mills—Victory, Cape Fear and Holt-Williamson—were prevented from running extra.

The cause of the trouble was a forest fire which burned the electric poles at the head of Buie's pond in Carver's Creek township, about 7 1/2 miles north of the city.

The light department got active at once and made connection after the darkness had lasted two hours and twenty minutes, which is as prompt work as could be expected, considering the distance of the location of the trouble from headquarters and the fact that it was night-time. A forest fire stopped the current Monday night from midnight until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Will Address Farmers of North Carolina

Aaron Sapero of California will deliver a series of addresses on the tobacco cooperative marketing contract to the tobacco growers of North Carolina. His first address will be made at Smithfield on December 27, and it is urged that every tobacco grower of Cumberland and adjoining counties who has an automobile take the day off and hear this address.

FEDERAL AND STATE ATTORNEYS TO MEET

Conference to Bring About Closer Cooperation Will be Called

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Governors of the several states are to be asked to call conferences of federal district attorneys and state prosecuting attorneys with a view to bringing about greater cooperation between the federal and state legal agencies, Attorney-General Daugherty announced today.

SWEETS TO THE SWEET

When the editor entered the office this morning, to begin the daily grind, he found upon his desk a present which much pleased him because it gave evidence that the donors had faithfully interpreted the saying, "Sweets to the sweet." The gift was a hugh candy walking stick, to which was attached a card with the following: "We hope you will stay young and never need this cane for walking purposes. From Townsend Candy Company." We appreciate the gift so near the Christmas festivities, and it carries us back to our days of hanging up the stockings in the chimney corner.

THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS



SMITH IS HAVING TOUGH TIME NOW; IN COURT AGAIN

This Time Brought Before Judge for Not Sending Children to School

In Recorder's Court this morning G. W. Smith was charged by J. A. Martin, probation officer, for failure to send his children to school. Mr. Smith lives near Wade, and the school superintendent in his district reported that Smith did not send his children to school last year, and they had gone only two days this year.

THREE MEMBERS BAND CORNERED IN CAVE TODAY

Desperate Men Who Raided Jail Last Monday Make Stand Against Troops

It will be remembered that Smith was convicted in Recorder's Court yesterday of assault on an officer and sentenced to three months on the roads. He is now in jail pending efforts by friends to raise funds to pay a fine which will eliminate the road sentence.

CONSIDERATION OF TREATY IS RESUMED

Private Sessions of Dail Eireann Are Continued; No Decision Yet

BULLETIN

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Hope that the Dail Eireann would be able to reach a vote on ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty in a public session here tomorrow expressed by Michael Collins, one of the advocates of the ratification as the Dail went into another secret session at six o'clock this evening.

Mr. Collins said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"We are no nearer to an agreement than when the public session adjourned yesterday."

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The Dail Eireann today resumed in private session its consideration of the treaty calling for establishment of the Irish Free State.

Today's session was held in private because despite the exhaustion had not been reached on the point regarding the authority of the Irish plenipotentiaries who signed the treaty and their method of exercising their authority. The Freeman Journal states that at the private sessions yesterday "courtesy and friendliness entirely superseded the sharpness notable in the morning."

It was found necessary, however, to appoint a committee to examine all of the correspondence relating to the delegates mission to London and the report of this committee was presented today.

Today's newspapers publish a letter from Mary McSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, protesting in strong terms against the treaty.

GERMANY UNABLE TO PAY REPARATIONS

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The German government has informed the allied reparations commission that it will be "unable to meet fully" the reparation payments due January 15 and February 15, it was officially announced this afternoon.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The German government, it was announced today, has informed the committee of guarantees that it is impossible for Germany to pay the sum due in reparations January 15, and that she consequently asks a moratorium.

MUCH DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY BIG FIRE NEAR HERE

Forest Fire Spreading Rapidly; Started East of Manchester Yesterday

A forest fire which burned over a large area raged in Carver's Creek township yesterday and last night. It started on Little river, east of Manchester, and burned eastward to the Linden road, a distance of eight miles, coming to the Linden road six miles from the city. It is estimated that the area burned over comprised thousands of acres. Fortunately, however, there was little farming land or timber in the area.

The flames spread with great rapidity, and were only prevented from jumping the Linden road and continuing eastward by "firing the road." Men, women and children fought the flames for hours into the night, protecting their homes, the church at Carver's Creek, several saw mills, etc. Reeves' lumber mill caught fire at one time, but heroic work saved it, and so far as we have been able to learn no dwellings or other buildings were burned.

It was in this fire that poles on the electric line to Fayetteville were destroyed, depriving the city of light for more than two hours.

Oppose Playing Any More Football Games

There seems to be some opposition to further extending the football season; and of those opposed Mayor MacKethan has probably stated the case most clearly. He says that we have, in winning the North Carolina high school championship, won honors enough for one season, and that it would not be best for us to expect what we have by an out of the State game of doubtful propriety, and that would mean nothing to us if we won. That the community is proud of its team, the management, and everything connected with the season's work, but that school work should be the word from now on is the consensus of opinion and we have had play enough for one term.

PUBLISHER WANTED TO FIGHT IT OUT

Charles H. Allen, Alabama Publisher to Be Tried in Police Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 15.—Charles H. Allen, publisher of the Montgomery Advertiser was to appear in police court late today to answer to a charge of breaking the peace as a result of inviting Dr. Perley A. Baker, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League to fight.

STRIKE SITUATION IS QUIET TODAY

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 15.—With the arrival of three troops of National Guard Cavalry here this morning, the situation in the Kansas Coal Fields was quiet. There were no reports of further activities by the marching women who for the last three days have congregated at coal mines and prevented miners from going to work.

DRASTIC ACTION MAY FOLLOW LAST HAZING EPISODE

College Community Aroused Over Second Hazing of Fayetteville Student

MOTHER ISSUES A STATEMENT TODAY

Masked Men Carry Ralph Patterson in Gymnasium at Wake Forest Yesterday

BULLETIN

WAKE FOREST, N. C., Dec. 15.—Officials of Wake Forest College today were trying to learn the identity of eight students who at eight o'clock yesterday morning hazed Ralph R. Patterson, a freshman, of Fayetteville, N. C., by binding and gagging him, cutting his hair, blackening his scalp with a solution of nitrate of silver and leaving him tied. Patterson was not seriously injured, although it is said that his forehead will be disfigured for several weeks. The students were masked. Officials said this morning drastic action will be taken in case the hazers are caught.

Patterson, about a month ago, drew a revolver and fired on his attackers, a bullet striking a sophomore inflicting a slight wound. Wake county authorities took up the matter and in Superior Court at Raleigh this week, Sikes Sanders and Olin Sikes of Monroe, charged with hazing, and Patterson with carrying a concealed weapon, were tried in connection with the incident. Sanders and Sikes received suspended judgments, while Patterson was fined \$50.00. Sanders and Sikes were expelled from college.

Considerable interest has been aroused in Fayetteville over the Patterson case at Wake Forest. The latest development came as a complete surprise as it was believed that the matter had been settled satisfactorily in Raleigh courts the other day.

Following is a statement issued by Mrs. Patterson, the lady's mother, today in regard as to why her son carried a pistol at the college:

"Before Ralph Patterson bought the pistol, he had been hazed twice, having his hair cut, suffered several other indignities. Also had been chased by the hazers several times and not until after one freshman man had his head cut supposedly by brass knuckles, his clothes torn, the sleeves torn out of his coat and signs had been posted reading, 'Patterson and Powell better look out. We are going to get you,' did he buy the gun."

"The judge handed him a fine of \$50.00. He was fined on Monday for carrying a concealed weapon. The judge turned the fine back and vindicated him because the pistol was only bought in self defense."

"Yesterday in a conversation with Dean Finckelake, I asked his advice about having Ralph return home and he told me that he did not want him to do it. He said Ralph had done no wrong and the whole faculty is back of him."

Following is a detailed story of yesterday's episode which was sent out from Wake Forest this morning:

"Patterson was just back from Wake county court, where he was tried and convicted of carrying concealed weapons because of a shooting that took place a month ago when a party of sophomores attempted to haze him. Sikes Sanders, of Monroe, was slightly wounded in that melee, while Olin Sikes, also of Monroe, confessed to his part in the attempted hazing of Patterson. Both Sanders and Sikes were in Wake court this week on a charge of hazing and were let off with the costs. Both Sikes and Sanders have been expelled from college and they have ceased to be students."

College Community Outraged

"Never before in the history of this splendid Baptist school has the college community been outraged with such brazen hazing as took place this morning and members of the faculty and the student senate, which has concurrent jurisdiction with the faculty over discipline, are making every effort to find out the guilty ones."

"Coming on the heels of the conviction for hazing of two Wake Forest students, the episode this morning has all the earmarks of a contempt for the law and the courts that the college faculty is determined shall not go unpunished."

"Bruce White, member of the law faculty, told his class today that the student body must remove this stain of apparent contempt for law that has been stamped on the faculty by the hazing episode."

MAN WHO ERECTED A STATUE TO BOOTH DIES

TROY, Ala., Dec. 15.—Burial here of Pink Carter marked the passing of the man who erected a monument in his own yard to the memory of John Wilkes Booth, slayer of President Lincoln.

Carter, a former policeman, died at home of his son near Savannah. His body was brought here for burial.

Soon after the war between the States, Carter bought a monument and attempted to erect it on the town square here, but his plans were frustrated by village authorities. Not to be outdone he put up the shaft in the yard adjoining his home and it stood there until a few months ago when it was removed by persons whose identity was never established.

The shaft bore the inscription: "To the memory of John Wilkes Booth for the killing of Old Lincoln."

SCHOOL TAX BILL FOR THIS COUNTY PASSED RECENTLY

Act Regarding School Tax of Cumberland County Passes This Session

There was passed the other day by the special session of the Legislature at Raleigh an act in regard to the school tax of Cumberland county. The necessity for the passage of a special act was as follows: In 1919 the County Commissioners levied the school tax for 48 cents—38 cents for the pay of teachers and 10 cents for buildings—but in some way there was failure to place the 10 cents on the tax books. The error was not discovered until after the tax books had been placed in the sheriff's hands and he had collected taxes from some of the tax payers. A deficit being created on account of failure to collect this 10 cents, the Legislature, on petition, passed an act authorizing the commissioners to levy a tax during 1922-23-24 for an amount sufficient to cover the deficit and interest, amounting to between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The levy of 10 cents was made in 1919 before the new valuation, and consequently we are informed, it will not be necessary to make the levy as high as 10 cents.

Members Association Can Sell Old Crops

Owing to some misunderstanding on the part of Cumberland county cotton growers as to just how the crops of previous years would be handled by the cooperative association, an act was passed this morning by officials of the organization that the association would not require the delivery of 1921 or previous years crops until it is in readiness to handle the 1922 crop. This, according to the officials, leaves any member free to sell his own cotton until August 31, 1922.

Farmers State There Are No Holly Berries

A farmer told an Observer reporter today that there are no holly berries this season. And he added, "No holly berries means a winter, and I believe that the providence takes care of the birds, affording them berries in snowy, freezing weather when they cannot find sustenance from the soft earth in the way of insects, worms etc."

People From Other Towns Shopping Here

People from Aberdeen and other points in Moore county were in Fayetteville shopping today. Our merchants were glad to greet them.

CLOSING COTTON

E. J. Wells, cotton merchant, reported local cotton middling today at 16 1/2 cents with 50 bales for sale.

New York closing cotton is as follows:

December	17.33
January	17.51
March	17.49
May	17.27
July	17.89

LITTLE BRUIN SAYS

In the Mayor's Court today Neill McKay, a colored youth, was charged with larceny and bound over to Recorder's Court.

Dave Jackson, colored, was charged with assault on a colored boy and found guilty. It seems that Dave is an old offender, and not being in a financial condition to pay fines, he was sent to the crematory to work for four days.

STORY HOUR TO BE HELD TOMORROW

A short story hour will be held tomorrow afternoon at three-thirty o'clock in the rest room. This is given under the auspices of the Literature Department of the Woman's club. Mrs. Charles McArthur will tell the stories.

Weather for North Carolina: Fair tonight, Friday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain.

NEW PROPOSALS ARE MADE TODAY ON NAVAL RATIO

Alternate Proposals Relating to 5-5-3 Naval Ratio are Submitted

HAVE NOT REACHED FORMAL AGREEMENT

New Plan Would Increase Amount of Ships for U. S. and Great Britain

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Consideration of the naval ratio question was understood to have been completed today by the Big Three of the Washington conference.

Meeting at the State Department, Secretary Hughes, Arthur J. Balfour and Admiral Baron Kato spent an hour discussing, it was understood, the naval ratio question and at breakup of the session it was indicated they would not meet again. This was taken to forecast final and complete agreement on limitation of naval armament as regards to the United States, Japan and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Alternate proposals relating to the 5-5-3 ratio as worked out apparently overnight naval experts were presented today to Secretary Hughes, Mr. Balfour and Baron Kato, which indicated, according to delegate spokesmen, that no formal agreement had been reached by the Big Three.

The proposals submitted as a means of balancing the naval ratio to compensate for the retention of the Mutsu by Japan would permit Great Britain to build two super-dreadnoughts and one battle cruiser of the type of the Tiger and Repulse, or to build two battleships of the Royal Sovereign class, scrapping of four dreadnoughts but no battle cruisers.

It was stated that these alternatives are combined with all sorts of questions as to the method of calculating tonnage, whether by the American or by the British or Japanese systems.

An increase of the American tonnage by 25,000 would admit the substitution of the dreadnoughts Colorado and Washington for the older battleships, Delaware and North Dakota.

Business Picks Up in Mayor's Court

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