

### OUTLINES.

The schooner Horace P. Shares, which cleared from the port of Wilmington on January 27th, in tow of the tug Jones, was wrecked off the South Atlantic coast, and the crew picked up by the Norwegian steamer Frances and carried to Philadelphia. W. J. Bryan spoke to an immense crowd at Tampa, Fla., yesterday and entered into a political discussion, criticizing President Roosevelt and predicting a great future for Democracy. Damaging evidence was submitted by a number of witnesses in the Jones murder trial at Union, S. C., yesterday. President-elect Taft addressed a large gathering of the Panama Canal employees yesterday and expressed great satisfaction in the progress of the work. It is understood that the court martial trial of Capt. Edward F. Quilgrave, of the battleship Georgia, found the specification against him proven. Democratic Senators yesterday demanded reading of District of Columbia bill to prevent executive session being held on the Crum appointment. Several nominations by the President to judgeships are being held up in the Senate. Owner of the barge Frank C. Kugler, of Philadelphia, libels for \$13,000 the Norfolk tug Nettie for losing the barge in Pamlico Sound. The cotton standardization committee names the nine grades and files samples of them with the Commissioner of Agriculture. The question of increasing the salaries of clerks in Government offices was raised in the Senate yesterday. Senator Clay of Georgia, says some of the constituents are not so anxious for tariff revision now that it is in sight. Messrs. Livingston and Hepburn cause amusement in the House by a lively tilt. The trial of Muskego land fraud cases will not come off until late Spring. New York markets: Money on call easy, 2 to 3 per cent. ruling rate, 2 closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/4. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.50, middling gulf 10.05. Flour firm. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.11 7/8 to 1.12 7/8 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2, 72 elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin quiet. Turpentine easy.

"The house that Taft lived in" will hereafter be one of the show places of Georgia.

Savannah wants a zoo—for the purpose, we suppose, of segregating her big tigers.

The politicians can't complain at their representation in the Legislature.

If Tillman's breath holds out he may be able to prevent Crum's confirmation.

Those who are making Taft's Cabinet have less than a month in which to work.

It seems that many persons are opposing the pending anti-trust bill without knowing its terms, many not having read it.

It is but right that sheriffs should be paid fees for destroying blockade stills so long as they have to depend on fees in place of salaries.

Congressmen may think they are getting even with President by denouncing him, but they will find out their mistake in the end.

It looks like the Crum appointment will take up all the time the Senate will have to devote to executive sessions during the present Congress.

It cost Castro ten thousand dollars to get knifed in Germany. Had he stayed at home some one would have done it for him for nothing.

The demands for county medical depositories seem to have died out. Perhaps the people have found out there is a cheaper way of getting it.

The State newspaper wants to know "why people visit Herculaneum as long as Charleston exists?" Does it mean that its State's chief seaport is as dead as Italy's former city?

Governor Glenn should not have waited till his term expired and then gone before a Northern audience to proclaim the deplorable condition of the people of the western section of his State.

If it costs from eight thousand to ten thousand dollars over and above allowance for servants' hire and other requisites to hold the office of Governor for one term, why are so many men anxious for the office?

As the groundhog saw its shadow on Tuesday and, consequently, went back into winter quarters it won't be possible for any persons to offer Taft a groundhog banquet for the next forty days.

If Tillman succeeds in forcing on Taft the appointment of a collector of customs for Charleston his popularity at the White House will not be much greater with the next administration than it is with the present.

## COMMERCE CHAMBER

### Important Special Meeting Yesterday Noon For Consideration of Matters of Legislation.

### THE TARIFF ON LUMBER

No Reduction is Wanted—Present System of Pilotage on Cape Fear Regarded Satisfactory—For Stronger Assignment Law.

Important matters of legislation engaged a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for more than an hour yesterday at noon. The threatened reduction of the tariff on lumber, which would be most disastrous to the South, was opposed in a splendid argument and resolution prepared by President J. A. Taylor and unanimously adopted; the Chamber registered an emphatic protest against any change whatever in the present very satisfactory system of pilotage on the Cape Fear river and bar; it was resolved to employ a competent attorney to draft a suitable bill covering features of a more satisfactory assignment law in view of the contemplated abrogation of the National bankruptcy law, and a number of other matters were considered.

The very able argument of Mr. Taylor as to the lumber situation was upon motion of Mr. Sam Bear, seconded by Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, unanimously adopted. Mr. Taylor discusses the entire theory of the tariff, a settled policy of this country, by whatever political party administered, to raise a large part of the revenue through tax on imports. The present exigencies of the revenue, he thought, did not permit of a reduction of income from customs source, unless some other form of taxation, direct or indirect, is laid, and for this he considered the public mind was not prepared. Under this situation it was obvious that the proposed revision of the tariff will be more nominal than real, but notwithstanding this, there is a strong intimation that the duty on lumber will be entirely removed. Inasmuch as the South produces one-half of the lumber supply of the country and as the duty is now only \$2 per thousand or 12 per cent ad valorem, and is in fact as well as in theory a revenue tariff, it would be essentially inequitable to remove the tariff on lumber, leaving undisturbed practically all other schedules. While the duty on lumber is only 12 per cent, Mr. Taylor set out, the duty on articles that enter largely into the construction of saw mill plants are from 35 to 75 per cent, so that to cut these schedules half in two would still leave a rate on these articles 300 per cent above the rate on lumber.

In consideration of the able argument of the president, the Chamber unanimously went on record as follows:

"1st. That in view of the preamble herein set out, there is no justification for removing or changing the present duty on lumber.

"2nd. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Senators and Representatives in Congress with the request that they use their influence to defeat any change in the lumber rate.

"3rd. That we believe that in making this request of our Senators and Representatives we are asking nothing that they cannot conscientiously grant and in granting render a service alike to the public revenues and legitimate industry."

Mr. H. C. McQueen brought the attention of the Chamber to the amendment introduced in the Legislature by Representative Morton changing the present very satisfactory arrangement as to pilotage on the Cape Fear river and bar. He read the following which Mr. L. B. Rogers made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. James H. Chadbourn, viz:

"Whereas, The present law regulating the matter of pilotage on the Cape Fear River and Bar was the outcome of a long agitation of the matter, and is in its terms a modification of previously existing conditions, and Whereas, a competent Board of Navigation, representing jointly interests of Wilmington and Southport, is in charge of the service, and has introduced machinery which has worked to the general satisfaction of all interests, and Whereas, a large majority of the shipping interests of Wilmington, three fourths of the pilots, and the Chamber of Commerce of Southport, have gone on record in support of the present system and management, and in opposition to any change of the law, be it resolved by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce—

1st. That we think it inexpedient to make any change whatever in the present pilotage laws for the Cape Fear River and Bar.

2nd. That Representative Morton be requested to show deference to the opinion herein expressed, and to withdraw his pending bill amending the present law.

Mr. R. A. Parsley opposed the resolution as presented by Mr. McQueen and thought that the amendment by Mr. Morton was a good thing as it gave to the pilot who braved the danger of piloting a vessel from the out-

## AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

### Commissioners as Auditing Committee in Regular Session—Annual Report of Hospital—Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as an auditing committee, all members being present, was in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon at the Court House, passing upon bills for current expenses and other matters referred from the regular meeting of the Board on Monday.

The annual report of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, which was one of the matters deferred from Monday, was taken up and referred to committee for examination and approval. The report shows that the average number of patients in the hospital each day during the year was 45, of which 19 were pay and 26 charity. The ambulance responded to 531 calls, the largest number any month having been 65 in January and second largest number, 61 in July. Pay patients were treated a total of 6,700 days and charity patients 9,591 days. Patients treated from the dispensary were 2,392. The total number of patients admitted during the year was 1,036, of which 592 were whites and 444 colored. Total number of cases admitted 418 pay and 618 charity. The white patients were 380 pay and 212 charity; colored 38 pay and 406 charity. As to sex of all patients 631 were male and 405 female. Of the total number 197 were from out of the county.

A comparative statement of the receipts and disbursements of the hospital shows that whereas at the close of 1907 there was a deficit of \$553.18, there is a balance of \$692, a difference in favor of this year of \$1,245.18. The receipts from pay patients were \$12,839.90 against \$15,599.18 in 1907. The appropriation to city and county amounted to \$12,000 each year. Last year \$276.29 was received from miscellaneous sources while this year \$485.30 was received. The disbursements this year amounted to \$25,660.19 against \$28,803.76, economies having been made in several of the items of expenditure.

The Board yesterday afternoon passed upon the monthly report of Treasurer H. McL. Green, showing receipts and disbursements of the public fund during January as follows:

Receipts—General County Fund, \$19,308.49; Special County Fund, \$229.63; Road Sinking Fund \$16,413.20; cash for bonds, \$50,000; accrued interest, \$1,156.25; premium on bonds \$1,083.50; road fund transfer to General Fund in payment of loan, \$5,000; jail fees, \$5; property tax, \$2,094.53; special tax for road sinking fund, \$4,000; cash on account of general fund, \$4; sale of rock on account of road fund, \$480; marriage license, \$21.85. Total, \$93,801.45.

Disbursements—Amount overdrawn December account, \$198.20; transfer to General Fund, \$5,000; warrants paid \$3,210.64; coupons paid, \$2,237 to road sinking fund; coupons paid, \$184.78 to special county fund; roads and bridges \$358.25; County Home, \$240.76; Public Buildings, \$327.89; repairs, etc.; out door poor \$263.86; military, \$300; hospital, \$600; Superior Court, \$34.20; jail, \$261.30; United Charities, \$118.75; stationery and advertising, \$58; magistrate's office, \$44.75; commissioners' \$118; miscellaneous account, \$1,214.78; Register of Deeds, \$21.75; Supt. of Health, \$100; Coroner, \$5; Constable, \$8.60; Clerk, \$60; Janitor, \$50; Treasurer's Commissions, \$30.13. Total \$15,136.64.

The balance to February account is \$73,604.81, which is credited to the several funds as follows: General County Fund, \$22,067.85; Special Fund, \$44.85; Road Fund, \$44,315.91; Road Sinking Fund, \$12,176.20. Total, \$78,604.81.

### Expert Cutter at Solky's.

An expert cutter, representing Strouse & Bros, the well known tailors, is at the store of Messrs. J. M. Solky & Company, with an excellent line of Spring samples and will take orders for high grade custom tailoring for the next few days. Mr. Solky invites the Wilmington people to inspect the splendid line of samples on exhibit during the expert's stay here.

side the exclusive right to pilot her on the river and back out. He was unalterably opposed anyway to a system of compulsory pilotage.

President Taylor and Messrs. Wm. H. Sprunt, Jas. H. Chadbourn, H. G. Smallbones and others spoke in favor of the resolution, explaining why it was desirable that there be no reopening of this question, which is now being carried on most satisfactorily and efficiently. Finally upon vote the resolutions were unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Parsley, who voted in the negative.

This matter having been disposed of, the executive committee of the Chamber was empowered to employ an attorney to draft a suitable bill representing the views of members as to the strengthening of the State assignment law, embracing the salient features of the National bankruptcy law, in the event the latter should be repealed by Congress. The executive committee will report back to the Chamber.

Relative to an amendment of the corporation law, it was decided to ask for such amendment as will permit the money derived from a suit of tort to go to the estate instead of the heirs, which would have the money to apply to just debts.

## WALKER OVERTAKEN

### Brunswick Fugitive and His Accomplice Routed by Sheriff's Posse; Latter Taken.

### NEAR BOLTON LAST NIGHT

### Dudley Arrested But Murderer Fled Into Swamp Before Fusillade of Shots—Prisoner Brought Here on Way to Southport.

After an unremitting chase since last Sunday morning, most of the time with the bloodhounds from Chadbourne, through the fastness of swamps of miles of area, Sheriff J. J. Knox and posse, of Brunswick county, last night a few minutes after 7 o'clock, overtook J. C. Walker, slayer of Sheriff Stanland, and his accomplice in storebreaking, Will Dudley, both of whom broke jail at Southport last Friday night, the latter having dropped on his knees and surrendered while Walker disappeared into a swamp before a fusillade of shots.

The scene of the capture of Dudley and the encounter with Walker was about two and a half miles from Bolton, on the W. C. & A. railroad, from which point Dudley was brought to Wilmington on the early morning train today and placed in the New Hanover jail by Messrs. J. H. Thompson and R. S. Pinner, of Southport, members of the sheriff's posse, who will take the prisoner to the Brunswick jail this morning. Walker is closely guarded in a swamp by Sheriff Knox, members of his posse and a large number of volunteers from among the employees of the Waccamaw Lumber Co., at Bolton, and it is believed that he will be taken this morning. There are said to be about 75 in the party surrounding the swamp, which while large, is pretty well situated to prevent the fugitive's escape.

All day yesterday the sheriff's posse was within 5 or 6 hours of the two fugitives, who were first heard from at a jogging camp of Italians, about seven miles from Bolton. One of the number asked for food there and upon being refused, went off into the swamp. Sheriff Knox and his men arrived shortly afterwards and the chase became lively, the members of the posse spreading out in all directions and endeavoring to cut off every avenue of escape towards the railroad. A little after 7 o'clock last night in the road near a branch Mr. William E. Maulsby and Mr. Applewhite, both of Town Creek, and members of the posse, saw two men and advanced upon them. Mr. Maulsby called out to them to halt and Dudley immediately dropped on his knees and surrendered. Walker, without showing fight, ran into the swamp as Mr. Maulsby opened up on him with a Winchester and Mr. Applewhite with a shot gun. One of the number stated that Walker evidently dropped but recovered himself as if wounded, and it is said to be strongly probable that he may be found wounded in the swamp today. The firing attracted other members of the posse very soon and men were thrown out in all directions to surround the swamp, which is known as "Jesse Island," a part of the Green Swamp territory.

Yesterday morning word came from Sheriff Knox that the Chadbourne bloodhound, which had proved of invaluable service in tracking the fugitives, had given out and Mr. John W. Brooks, of this city, telegraphed to Burgaw for the Pender bloodhounds, a pair of splendid animals, which arrived on the evening train last night in charge of Jailer Rivenbark and will be on the 5 o'clock train this morning to Bolton to join in the search for the desperado.

Dudley was brought in securely tied last night by Messrs. Thompson and Pinner, his clothing tattered and torn from the flight through the thick swamps he has been compelled to traverse ahead of the officers for five long days and nights. He talked freely when seen at the jail. He said he was glad that he had been captured and would have surrendered from the first if Walker would have allowed him to do so. He is a mere strip of a boy, florid of complexion and with long, bushy hair. He says that he is only 15 years of age, and he seems not much more than that; that his home is at Athens, Ga., and that his father Cebron Dudley lives there and is employed in a cotton mill. He says that he joined Walker in Brunswick about two weeks before he was arrested and was on his way out West. He said that Walker fled his shackles in the Southport jail with a piece of hoop iron but that he affected his escape from the cell by a false key which he had made and which he says he will show to the officers sequestered in the jail when he gets there. He said that Walker forced him to come out of the jail with him and that the officers have been close behind them from the day the chase started. They could hear the bloodhound yelping on their trail part of the time and had resorted to the expedient of pouring kerosene into their shoes and rubbing them with sassafras roots to throw the hound off the track. Yesterday, he said, when they were more closely pursued, he said

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## A SOLUTION IS REACHED

### Protection of Trucking Industry Now Seems Assured in New Measure Agreed Upon in Conference. Delegation Returns.

President Wm. E. Springer, Secretary H. T. Bauman and others of the members of the Executive Committee of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association, who went to Raleigh in the interest of the bill for the protection of the trucking industry, returned to their homes last night, evidently well pleased with the turn of affairs, before the Legislature with respect to the relief sought.

As stated yesterday morning, attorneys differed as to the original bill presented and yesterday came the news that this has been discarded in favor of a new measure which provides a tax of \$10 per year on buyers and solicitors of fruit and produce, the same to be paid into the State Board of Agriculture and kept as a separate account for the maintenance of the Association. President Springer stated that as he was leaving the joint committee had agreed upon this compromise measure and that Robert Ruark, Esq., attorney for the Association, and Mr. J. A. Westbrooke, of Mount Olive, were left in charge of the bill. The following special was received last night from Raleigh:

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—The Joint Committee on Agriculture and Representatives of the Eastern Carolina Truckers' Association and Attorney General Bickett have, they believe, solved the difficulty in providing revenue for the expense of the inspection of shipments and marketing berries and truck that seemed so effectually blocked yesterday by the Hepburn act, preventing railroad companies from collecting the one cent and half cent per crate extra with freight to be paid over to the Truckers' Association. They have agreed on a substitute bill that provides an appropriation of not over \$5,000 from the State Department of Agriculture for the purposes of the Association and imposes a license tax of \$10 on all buyers and solicitors of truck, this to be paid into the Department of Agriculture and accounted separately to cover the appropriation in paying the agents of the Truckers' Association. The president of the Association certifies the accounts to the Commissioner of Agriculture and he to the State treasurer for payment. This substitute will be reported to the House tomorrow and is certain to pass. The counties involved are Wayne, Duplin, Sampson, Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Robeson and Cumberland.

### THE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

### Representative Morton Cannot Come Before Tuesday, if True. (Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—Representative Morton says it will not be possible for him to go to Wilmington for the school conference before Tuesday, if true. Matters of vital importance, including the report of the select committee involving the integrity of State officials, are engaging his attention and every member of the committee is required to give preparation of the report his constant attention. At the same time he says this may be a short session and the school bill will have to be roll call so it should be on its passage as early as possible. He wishes it were possible for the school representatives to come here in the meantime as he may be unable to be in Wilmington Tuesday.

### FOR THE FREE SHELTER.

### Bank Cashier Cooper Authorized to Receive Pledges of Support.

With a desire of placing upon a permanent basis the "Free Shelter Mission," recently established here by Rev. A. J. Willis, of Charleston, S. C., previous mention of which has been made in these columns, postal cards have been mailed to quite a number of influential and philanthropic Wilmington citizens asking for pledges of \$2 annually to the support of this work, which is purely in the interest, as Mr. Willis expresses it, of the "down and out." These postal card pledges are returnable to Mr. Thos. E. Cooper, cashier of the American National Bank, who has kindly consented to act for the committee, which is composed of Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Rev. T. A. Smoot and Mr. Cooper.

### Murphy is Allowed to Go.

John Murphy, the white man arrested for abandonment and non-support on complaint of his wife, was yesterday released from custody, when Mrs. Murphy appeared in Justice Furlong's court at the time set for the trial and stated that she was unable to make a case against him and paid the costs of the action. Murphy was first arrested by the police on the charge of vagrancy and the case was transferred after his wife made complaint that he had threatened her and she wanted a more serious charge preferred against him.

Do you see things as they are? You will if you have your eyes fitted by Dr. Vineberg, the eye specialist at Kingsbury's Drug Store, Masonic Temple. Eyes tested free. Spectacles or eye glasses correctly fitted to your eyes for \$1.00 and up. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Seventy-five-cent undershirts for 25 cents, during sale at Gaylord's. \*\*

## LEGISLATIVE MILL

### Many Measures, Important and Unimportant, Fed Into The Hopper Yesterday.

### CAPE FEAR PILOTAGE BILL

### Amendment Reported Unfavorably by Unanimous Vote—Good Government League Plan Killed—Protections of Forestry in State.

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—In neither branch of the General Assembly today were there any bills of more than passing interest. The committees of both houses were, however, busy in the afternoon and a number of important bills will be reported when the respective bodies meet tomorrow morning. Speaker Graham has returned from court in Granville and resumed the reins of the Speakership in the lower House.

The present pilotage law for Wilmington harbor and the Cape Fear bar will not be disturbed. The House Judiciary Committee No. 2 voted unanimously today to report Morton's bill unfavorably. Mr. Taylor, of Brunswick, made a vigorous fight against the bill before the committee and he had to back him up, a petition signed by every man, he said, who had a dollar invested in a pilot boat. The very men, who are supposed to be benefited by the Morton bill, had signed it and the same men who had opposed the present law two years ago. Some of the pilots, it was pointed out, confined their work entirely to the river, Capt. Craig for instance, the veteran of them all, who was present, and consequently captains of vessels wanting to be piloted on the river preferred to use their services.

Mayor M. C. Guthrie, of Southport, a member of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage, addressed the committee against the bill. Before he had concluded his remarks, Chairman Stubbs said as the evidence was so overwhelming it was useless to hear more, and the bill was promptly given an unfavorable report. Capt. Craig thanked the committee and added: "I hope you gentlemen will pass a law so that if any one brings in another pilotage bill you can put him in the penitentiary." The Senate Routine.

Lieut. Governor Newland convened the Senate at 11 o'clock with invocation by Senator Turner, of Harnett. Introduction of bills included:

Bassett, petition from citizens of Rocky Mount asking that the bill to prevent garnishing of wages of railroad employes be passed.

Pharr, petition from Mecklenburg Camp of Confederate Veterans for more pensions.

Manning, to amend law relative to settlement of certain Western North Carolina construction bonds.

Manning, to amend law relating to time for computing, compromising and settling public debts.

Harris, to incorporate town of Watha, Pender county.

Nimocks, relative to public roads in Cumberland county.

Bills passed final reading: Amend charter of town of Lowell; enable Hillsboro to issue bonds; House Bill to amend law as to bond issue of the town of Lenoir; House Bill to authorize bonds for Chatham county; render secure from damage by fires such woods lands as are above 2,000 feet contour line of North Carolina by authorizing the Governor to appoint fire warden to be paid by land owners.

A message was received from Governor Kitchin, transmitting a letter from Superintendent J. S. Mann, of the penitentiary, asking that certain money from the penitentiary funds in the hands of the State Treasurer be returned to the prison authorities. This is money for paying off the State's prison bonds. The purpose is to have the State make other provision for the payment or refunding of bonds.

Bills passed final reading: Relating to fees of officers in certain cases in Bladen county. House Bill to amend 3773 Revisal, relating to bridges in Wayne county. House Bill, to regulate the pay of jurors Duplin county.

To permit commissioners of Richmond county to donate land on which to erect Confederate monument; create new township of Robeson county from parts of Britt and Sterling townships, new township to be known as Orrum; House Bill, to repeal Chapter 513 Laws of 1907, relating to increasing the number of commissioners of Sampson county; House Bill, to amend Revisal as to time for publishing notices in caveat, making four instead of six weeks; House Bill, to increase pay of jurors in Columbus county; amend charter Elon College; amend law as to standard keepers; inserting a new section in Revisal; amend Revisal by allowing Sheriff fees of \$25 for illicit distilleries seized; this fee to be payable to other police officers seizing distilleries; incorporate the John Charles McNeill Memorial Society; House Bill, to fix liability of banks to depositors for paying raised or forged checks of six months limitation; amend the Revisal relating to docketing judgments.

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