

The News and Observer.

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

President of France Dead

M. FELIX FAURE DIED OF APOPLEXY YESTERDAY.

The Flag Over the Elysee Was Immediately Lowered to Half Mast—He Was

Ill Only Three Hours—Much Sorrow.

Paris, Feb. 16.—M. Felix Faure, President of the Republic of France, died at 10 o'clock of apoplexy after an illness of three hours.

It had been known for some time that his heart was weak, but the first intimation that he was sick was given at half past six this afternoon when a message was dispatched to the Premier, M. Dupuy, announcing that the President was ill.

At about six o'clock M. Faure, who was then in his study, went to the door of the room of M. Legall, his private secretary, which is contiguous to the study and said:

"I do not feel well. Come to me." M. Legall immediately went to the President's aid, led him to a sofa, and called General Bailloud, General Secretary of the President's household, M. Blondel, under private secretary, and Dr. Humbert, who happened to be at the Elysee attending a relative.

The President's condition did not appear dangerous, but Dr. Humbert, on perceiving that he was rapidly getting worse, telephoned for Dr. Lanne-Longue and Dr. Cherulot, who arrived with M. Dupuy and were joined later by Dr. Bergery. The doctors soon recognized that the case was hopeless, and at 8 o'clock the members of the family were informed of the real state of affairs.

They then came to the sofa where the President lay. Soon after he began to lose consciousness and despite all efforts, expired at ten o'clock in the presence of the family and M. Dupuy. M. Dupuy communicated the sad intelligence to Mr. Bailloud, President of the Chamber of Deputies; the members of the Cabinet and other high functionaries, after which he addressed the following despatch to all prefects and sub-prefects in France:

"I have the sad task to announce to you the death of the President, which occurred at ten o'clock this evening as the result of an apoplectic stroke. Kindly take the necessary measures to inform the population immediately of the mourning that has fallen upon the Republic. The government counts upon your active vigilance at this painful juncture."

It was not until 11 o'clock that the news began to become known to the general public in Paris. From that time began a continuous arrival of public men. Strict orders, however, were issued and only members of the Cabinet were admitted to the Palace.

The President of the Council and Minister of the Interior, M. Dupuy has requested all prefects and sub-prefects not to leave their posts, and directed all those who are absent to return immediately.

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A Day of Amendments

THE HOUSE VOTES ON SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT TO-DAY.

Mr. Stubbs' Amendment to a Division of the School Funds Reported Favorably—

A Big Day's Work in the House.

IN HONOR OF DR. MANNING.

The House has fixed the following "Special Orders"—Friday at the expiration of morning hour.

Public Printing Bills—Friday at 11 o'clock. Jim Crow Car Bill—Friday at 12 o'clock. Insurance Bill—Saturday at 12 o'clock.

Election of Directors for Morganton School—Monday at 12 o'clock. Fee Bill—Monday at 1 o'clock. Report on Wilsons—Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Change of Congressional Districts—Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

This is Constitutional Amendment Day in the House. The Suffrage Amendment is the special order for noon.

Section 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and before he shall be entitled to vote, he shall have paid, on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year.

Section 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1897, or at any time thereafter, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section four of this Article: Provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December, 1908.

The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons, who register under this section, on or before November first, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section two of this Article: Provided, such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Stubbs, of Martin, amending the Constitution in regard to the collection and distribution of school taxes, is as follows:

"Section 1. That section 2, Article IX, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, 'but there shall be no discrimination in favor of or to the prejudice of either race,' and inserting in lieu thereof the following words, 'and the General Assembly shall provide for an equitable distribution of the school fund between the races; and, in addition to the fund raised under the general law for school purposes, the people of any race, living in any county, city, town, township or territory, may upon being first authorized by the General Assembly, levy, for educational purposes, of that race in that county, city, town, township or territory, and additional tax upon the property and poll of the citizens of that race situated in that county, city, town, township or territory, if a majority of the qualified voters of said race shall, at any election held for that purpose under such rules and regulations as the General Assembly may provide, decide to levy said tax. The same shall be levied upon

the property and poll of the citizens of that race alone in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected. In levying said tax, the same equation between property and poll shall be observed."

With these two important measures before the House this morning, some interesting proceedings may be expected.

"BUSY DAY" IN THE HOUSE. One Bill Disposed of Every Four Minutes for Six Hours.

The House had another "busy day" yesterday. Laws were enacted for you while you waited; and you didn't have to wait long, either.

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Two sessions were held—one from 10 to 2 o'clock and one from 4 to 6 o'clock. In these six hours exactly 87 bills were disposed of—46 at the morning session and 41 at the afternoon session.

These 87 bills are divided as follows: 71 passed third reading, nine passed second reading, three Senate amendments concurred in, one referred back to committee and three were tabled.

Of the 71 bills passed on third and final reading 34 were Senate bills and now lack only ratification to be law; the remaining 37 bills will be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The number of petitions presented and new bills introduced showed quite a falling off.

Three was the whole number of petitions and 27 was the number of new bills.

Among the bills were the following of more than local importance: To incorporate the Granite City, Western and Short Cut Railway Company; the Elizabeth City and Western Railroad Company; the Pungo and Mattamuskeet Railroad Company.

To amend charters of the towns of King's Mountain and Enfield. To change the county line between Lenoir and Greene.

To allow King's Mountain and Washington to establish graded schools. To incorporate the Slater Industrial School, Winston; Savings Bank, Salisbury; and amend charters of Granite City Land and Improvement Company; of the Raleigh Water Works Company, and of Raleigh Electric Company.

Following is a summary of the most important bills passed on third reading:

To appoint commissioners for Greene county. To incorporate Elizabeth City and Western Railroad Company; Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad Company. (The latter is the legal successor of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company.) To allow cities to use all fines for municipal purposes.



HON. LEE S. OVERMAN.

This Leader Received An Ovation When He Appeared in the House Yesterday for the First Time Since His Illness.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The joint American-Lord Merschell of the Nicaragua Canal incident, which caused him to be confined to his bed yesterday through a fall on the ice on K street. He was carried to his apartments at the Shoreham by a passing carriage and he has since been confined to his bed. The attending physician does not fear any serious consequences of the fall.

SPANISH TROOPS REACH HOME. Barcelona, Feb. 16.—The British steamer Bohemia, Captain Warr, chartered by the Spanish government for use as a transport, which sailed from Cienfuegos via St. Michael on February 6th, with repatriated troops on board, arrived here to-day.

AGAINST THE TOBACCO TRUST. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—The Marshal of the Supreme Court to-day served notice on the firms composing the American Tobacco Company of the suit brought by Attorney General Crow, to declare the combine unconstitutional. Notices were served on the Continental Tobacco Company, James G. Butler Tobacco Company, Gaffin Tobacco Company, Drummond Tobacco Company, Brown Brothers Tobacco Company, and the Wright Brothers Tobacco Company.

FLOODS IN JAMAICA. Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 16.—A terrific storm, accompanied by an incessant rain storm has been causing numerous local floods. The storm swept the northern coast of the island from Amey to Bay to Montego Bay, from Monday to Wednesday, doing widespread damage to shipping, wharves, the railroads, and the cultivation, etc. No fatalities have been reported.

THE REPORTS EXTRAVAGANT. About the Damage Done by Cold in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 16.—The most extravagant reports have been sent broadcast throughout the country regarding the damage done by the cold of the 13th. Reports received to-night by the Times and Citizen from all sections of the orange belt indicate that the cold wave did not do much permanent damage, and utterly refuting the statements sent out to the press. Outside of the tender spring growth on the orange trees, the trees remain uninjured and in the lower belt it is predicted the orange crop will be larger than this season.

Reports received from the vegetable districts say that truckers have gone to work with great energy to replant and the spring output of market vegetables will be equal to any season in the past.

CUNARD LINER DISABLED. Queenstown, Feb. 16.—The Norwegian bark Smart, Captain Aasen, which arrived here to-day from South American

ports, reports that she passed on February 7th, the spit where the Cunard Line steamer Pavonia was spoken on February 5th, in a disabled condition. It was blowing a gale from the west-southwest, and the Captain of the Smart says that if the Pavonia was capable of using her canvases she could easily make the Irish coast, otherwise in his opinion the strong currents probably drifted her southward.

The Members of His County Bar Pass Resolutions of Regret.

Pittsboro, N. C., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—On Tuesday, February 14th, immediately after the morning session of the Chatham Superior court, a meeting of the members of the bar and citizens was held. Upon motion of H. A. London, Esq., Judge Henry R. Bryan was elected chairman and T. Henry Calvert, Esq., secretary. The adoption of the following resolutions, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Hon. John Manning, LL. D., was moved by H. A. London, Esq., and supported by R. H. Hayes, Esq., L. A. Long, Esq., A. L. Brooks, Esq., A. M. Moore, Esq., and Mr. John M. McIver. It was a noticeable feature of the meeting that of the six members of the bar who moved, seconded and supported the adoption of the resolutions, five had studied law under the distinguished jurist.

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