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SENSATION FROM SENATOR GUDGER

Opposed Extending an Invitation to Dr. Curry.

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Mr. Gudger Informed That Dr. Curry Lobbied Against Crawford.

THE SENATE HONORS ROBERT E. LEE

Primary Election Bill by Senator Foushee. Bill Regulating Solicitor's Fees. Refused Concurrence in Amendment to One Bill.

The session of the Senate yesterday was brief, the body adjourning until Monday to commemorate the birthday of the late General Robert E. Lee.

However, Saturday's proceedings were marked by a sensation when Senator Gudger, of Asheville, openly stated on the floor of the Senate that he believed Dr. J. L. M. Curry had assisted in deserting Hon. W. T. Crawford of his seat in Congress and in seating Mr. Richmond Pearson; hence Senator Gudger said he was opposed to inviting Dr. Curry to address the General Assembly.

Dr. Curry is one of the more prominent educators in the nation, being now the treasurer of the Peabody Educational Fund, from which some educational institutions of this State receive aid, and Senator Gudger's words could not fail to produce a sensation. Dr. Curry is a Democrat and has held foreign appointments from that party.

INVITATION TO DR. CURRY.

Senator Gudger's remarks were provoked by a joint resolution introduced by Senator McIntyre of Robeson and placed upon the calendar. The resolution read as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: That the Honorable J. L. M. Curry, Treasurer of the Peabody Educational Fund, be invited to address the General Assembly in the hall of the House of Representatives at such time as will be convenient for him."

Lieut. Gov. Turner put the motion to adopt and the resolution passed, only one voice being heard in the negative.

SENATOR GUDGER EXPLAINS.

Senator Gudger was then recognized and said: "Mr. President, I desire to explain why I voted 'no' upon the adoption of the resolution just passed. I have reliable information that Dr. Curry used his influence and lobbied in the national House of Representatives to unseat Hon. William T. Crawford, who had been elected by the people of my section, and to seat in his stead Richmond Pearson, who had not been elected by the people. With this information, since Dr. Curry is considered a Democrat, I felt compelled to vote against the resolution inviting him to address this General Assembly."

This closed the incident in the Senate, but not a few Senators were heard discussing the matter afterwards.

OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURES.

The other notable features of yesterday's session was the failure of the Senate to concur in the House amendments to the bill giving the personal representative of trustees the same powers as the personal representative of a mortgagee and Senator Henderson and Foushee were appointed on the part of the Senate on the conference committee asked.

A resolution by Senator James authorizing the Secretary of State to employ a competent person to index and provide captions for the acts of this general assembly went over until Tuesday upon request of Senator Henderson.

Upon request of Senator Foushee of Durham 200 copies of Senator Brown's bill against the sale of cigarettes was ordered printed. This bill is the special order for next Wednesday.

Senator Foushee presented the bill providing for a legalized primary election yesterday and it was referred to the Committee on Election Law. This bill was prepared by the executive committee and has previously appeared in this paper. The bill introduced by Senator James in regard to solicitors fees is published elsewhere in this issue.

The Senate adjourned in accordance with a resolution offered by Senator Morton of New Hanover, that the Senate adjourn in honor of General Robert E. Lee, Saturday being his birthday and a State holiday, to meet at noon Monday. The resolution was amended by Senator Ward so as to meet at eleven Monday.

Upon motion the following Senators were added to the committee below named:

Mr. McAlister, to Committee on Education.

Mr. Alexander to Committee on Election Law.

Mr. Miller, of Caldwell, to Committee on Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institutions.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. W. D. Turner at eleven o'clock and Rev. M. M. McFarland, of the Methodist church offered prayer. The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Henderson presented a petition signed by Bishop Rhoads of the Moravian church and the ministers of Winston for the establishment of a State reformatory.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows and referred to committees:

Mr. Foushee, to regulate the holding of primary elections.

Mr. James, to amend chapter 3737 of The Code regarding fees for solicitors.

Mr. Webb, to supply public documents to the college of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Raleigh.

Senate bill of Foushee, to repeal chapter 50, Public Laws of 1891.

Mr. Ward, to pay J. S. Mann the balance of salary due him as snail fish commissioner.

Mr. Woodward, for the relief of T. K. Kidder.

Mr. McIntyre, joint resolution inviting Hon. J. L. M. Curry to address the General Assembly, placed on the calendar.

Mr. Crisp, the place Hannah Davenport on the pension roll; to place J. H. Rogers on the pension roll; to place Daniel A. Taylor on the pension roll; to place J. C. S. Hyde on the pension roll.

THE CALENDAR.

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HOUSE HONORS LEE'S BIRTHDAY

Adjourned After a Short Session Yesterday.

TALK OVER SMALL MATTER

Republicans Oppose a Necessary Expenditure of \$25.00.

MONUMENT TO INDIAN CHIEF JUNALUSKA

The Resolution to Authorize the Committee on Roads and Turnpikes to Employ a Stenographer Finally Adopted After Considerable Debate.

The House session was short yesterday, an adjournment being taken about 11:30 in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday. However, quite a good deal of business was transacted, and a reasonably lively discussion was indulged in over the question of authorizing the Joint Committee on Roads and Turnpikes to employ a stenographer.

Representative Gattis, of Orange, explained that Senator S. B. Alexander, chairman of the committee, had been called upon to frame a general law for the whole State. This would entail upon him a great deal of writing, which it was impossible for him to do, on account of a broken right hand. Mr. Gattis further said that Senator Alexander was peculiarly fitted to draft this measure, as he was practically the father of good roads in North Carolina.

A LITTLE POLITICS.

Representative Ebbis, of Madison, opposed the resolution on the ground of economy. He thought that all minor appropriations should be kept in abeyance until the all important matter of school appropriations should be settled. If the chairman was unable, for any reason, to do his own writing, then some other man should be made chairman.

This brought Mr. Watts, of Iredell, to his feet to offer congratulations to the party of which the gentleman from Madison is a member. He said that he was taking in educational matters. He said that if he read aright, when that party had control of legislation, it cared little one way or another whether the children of the State were educated or not.

Mr. Beddingfield, of Wake, spoke in favor of the measure. He thought that reasonable expenditures for the purpose of expediting business should be approved, and expressed himself as being opposed to picaresque legislation.

Judge Graham, of Granville, humorously remarked that no one could accuse him of favoring extravagant expenditures, but that he certainly considered the resolution a good one as he thought it would be economy in the end.

Mr. McKethan, of Cumberland, offered an amendment, providing for the employment of a stenographer by the hour, for such time as he may be needed, at a price not to exceed 25 cents per hour.

This aroused Mr. Shannonhouse, of Mecklenburg, who said that to pass that amendment would be to kill the resolution. He had been a stenographer himself, and knew that it would be impossible to secure one at any such price. He went on to speak of the importance of the law proposed, and the folly of allowing a slight expenditure to stand in the way of its best preparation.

Mr. McKethan, after hearing several other expressions on the subject, withdrew his amendment.

ABOUT TO TAKE IT BACK.

Mr. Curtis, of Buncombe, thought the gentleman from Madison (Mr. Ebbis) ought to take back what he said about putting in another man as chairman of the committee, if the present incumbent was unable to do the writing.

COONS AND 'POSSUMS.

Mr. Carraway, of Lenoir, said good roads had much to do with the education and intelligence of the people. With the fascists in charge of the roads, the children could not get to school in bad weather, and the coons and 'possums even had left the roads and taken to the woods.

Mr. Ebbis said he could not understand why politics had been dragged into this discussion, unless it was for the same reason the Irishman gave for beating his dog the next day after he had killed it for worrying sheep, "because he was afraid it would come to life again."

Mr. McNeill, of Brunswick, said he thought the matter was taking of a great deal too much time. He considered that when a man like Senator Alexander asked for a reasonable thing like this, it ought to be granted without question.

In calling for the previous question, Mr. Gattis said the time that had been consumed was worth more than the whole amount involved. The resolution was adopted without further discussion.

FOR A MONUMENT.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Mauney, of Graham, appropriating \$200 for a monument to be erected to the memory of the famous Cherokee Indian Chief, Junaluska, who rendered valuable assistance to General Jackson in his victory over the Creek Nation in 1812. Junaluska, with some of his warriors, swam Tallapoosa River and captured the canoes of the Creeks, thereby cutting off their communications.

THE SESSION.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock by Speaker Moore, and opened

with prayer by Rev. George F. Smith, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist church, this city.

Mr. W. E. Ardrey, representative from Mecklenburg, was present in the House for the first time, and was duly sworn in as a member. Mr. Ardrey has just recovered from a serious illness.

An motion of W. H. Morris, of Cabarrus, the reading of the journal was omitted.

The following are the petitions and memorials that were addressed to the House:

By Mr. McIntosh, from citizens of Vance county, to prohibit the manufacture and sale of whiskey and brandy in the county.

By Mr. Cartton, of Duplin, to incorporate the town of Rose Hill.

By Mr. Winston, from T. H. Bazemore and others, of Bertie county, to place W. O. Copeland, a disabled Confederate soldier, on the pension roll.

By Mr. Yarborough, from certain citizens of Franklin county, for a stock law for a portion of Dunn's township.

By Mr. Hartley, from citizens of Davidson county, for an additional term of one week in December for the trial of civil cases.

Mr. Winston, of Bertie, upon request of Mr. Hartley, of Davidson, lodged a motion to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 42, House Bill 189 was tabled on the day previous, and to refer the bill to the committee, once more, as Mr. Hartley had some additional facts to bring before the committee. The motion prevailed, and the bill was ordered taken from the table. This is the act to amend chapter 29, Public Laws of 1891, so as to provide that no one except the owner in fee simple of the land could prosecute for violation of laws on hunting.

Mr. Whitaker, of Forsyth, introduced by request a resolution to investigate the claims against the estate of M. I. and J. C. Stewart, former public printers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Carlton, of Duplin, to incorporate the town of Rose Hill.

Thompson, of Onslow, to protect deer in Onslow county.

Thompson, to amend the act to incorporate the Wickliffe and Onslow Navigation Company.

Bannerman, of Pender, to place the name of Jacob Beasley on the pension roll of Pender county.

Mauney, of Graham, to erect a monument to the memory of Junaluska, the famous Cherokee Indian chief, for services rendered General Jackson in the war of 1812.

Dean, of Macon, for the relief of J. C. Burns, of Macon county, introduced by request.

Fields, of Alleghany, to prohibit live stock from running at large in certain parts of Alleghany county, and hogs from running at large in the residue of the county.

Nash, of Pasquotank, to protect the public roads of Pasquotank county.

McFarland, of Stokes, to place the name of Solomon Eddler upon the pension roll.

Harris, of Northampton, to amend chapter 338, Public Laws of 1899.

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Gathered at her bedside are the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Louise and other members of the royal family, while Mr. Ritchie, the Secretary of State for home affairs officially represents the Cabinet. Lord Salisbury is in constant telephonic communication with Osborne House, and it was rumored that he had arrived at Osborne, but this does appear to be the best to be believed.

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She Has Suffered a Stroke of Paralysis.

WALES DE-FACTO REGENT

Has Been Given Authority to Sign State Papers.

KAISER WILLIAM HASTENS TO SEE HER

Great Gloom Manifested in London Over Probability of Her Early Death. The Bulletin Express Hope, But People Fear the Worst.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 19.—Probably nowhere else in the world has Queen Victoria's prostration been so conservatively treated in the newspapers as here, where it is of the most vital importance. The papers like her subjects hesitate to speak plainly of the fears subsisting there regarding the Queen. The headlines of most of the afternoon papers today were confined to non-committal words in big type like "Her Majesty's Condition." But the news vendors were doing a tremendous business with every edition. It was a gloomy day for London. The anxiety upon every face, from the East End workmen to the frequenters of the St. James Club, compounded with the dreary, drizzling rain. London's comment on yesterday's official statement was that it might mean little or much. The bulletin of today fed the conviction on the public mind that it meant much. The officials told the newspaper correspondents that they hoped for the best, but their manner showed they feared the worst. Withal, the intelligence did not surprise people. The unanimous comment was that they feared it. While the Queen was wonderfully strong physically, for her age, the cares and sorrows not only of the war, but arising from the death of her grandson in South Africa, and of her favorite lady-in-waiting, the Dowager Lady Churchill, at Christmas, affected her vitality, and the empire awaited the news from Osborne with the keenest suspense in the memory of the Queen's subjects.

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LEE'S BIRTHDAY IN WILMINGTON.

Observed With Fitting Ceremonies. New Charter Meets With Opposition.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 19.—The anniversary of General Lee's birthday was rather more generally celebrated in Wilmington this year than usual. The banks, produce exchange and a number of offices were closed during the day and at many other places of business half holiday was observed.

There were elaborate celebrations by the local camp of Confederate Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy.

The proposed new city charter which will be submitted to the Legislature for enactment into law at the present session is meeting with strenuous objection from an unexpected quarter, because of the inclusion in its provisions of a section making possible a Board of Equalization invested with the right to conduct such critical examination of personal property tax payers as to be deemed unjustly inquisitorial into the affairs of individuals. It further provides for the publication in a daily newspaper for three days of an abstract of all persons who are liable to the city and is a distinguished visitor to the city and is a guest of Mr. James Sprunt. Prof. Wilson is here to visit his venerable father, the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson who is near the grave by reason of the infirmities of old age.

The new James Walker Memorial Hospital, which has been munificently donated to the city at a cost of \$50,000 by Mr. James Walker and for which incorporation privileges are now being asked at the hands of the Legislature, is practically completed and is a very imposing structure.

Ex-Governor Russell entered upon his professional duties as a member of the firm of Russell and Gore yesterday.

TOBACCO GROWERS HEARD.

Senate Finance Committee Hears Committee Urging Reduction of Tax.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 19.—The Senate committee on Finance today granted a hearing to a delegation from the tobacco growing States, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Georgia granted the support of reduce the tax on tobacco in connection with this legislation on the war revenue. The delegation was composed entirely of members of Congress, and was headed by Senators Pritchard, Tillman and Martin. They said that the tax had been doubled in the war revenue act and that over \$25,000,000 of the revenue of the country is raised upon tobacco and they asked for a reduction from the present tax of 12 cents per pound to 8 cents. The argument for a reduction was made upon the theory that it would be in the interest of the consumer and also that it would benefit small manufacturers.

EULOGIES TO SENATOR GEAR.

The Time of the Senate Taken Up With This Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 19.—Under a special order the Senate devoted most of its time to eulogies upon the late Senator John A. Gear, of Iowa, who died in this city last July.

A concurrent resolution offered a few days ago by Mr. Lindsay, (Ky.) providing for the celebration on the 4th of February next of the one hundredth anniversary of the assumption of the chief justiceship of the United States by John Marshall was called up and passed.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS DULL.

About One Half of the Postal Codification Bill Disposed Of.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 19.—The session of the House today was devoted chiefly to the Postal Codification Bill, which was about half completed. The discussion turned mainly on the proposition to compel star route contracts to be let to persons living contiguous to the route, but the proposition was defeated after extended debate.

Among the bills passed was the granting fifteen days annual leave to employees of navy yards arsenals, etc.

Kaiser Goes to England

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Jan. 19.—Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught, with their suites, left Berlin by special train for England at 6 o'clock this evening, by way of Flushing.

The British second class cruiser Mierva (having a speed of over 20 knots) leaves Portsmouth at 9 o'clock tonight to intercept the vessel bringing Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught from Flushing and take them to Osborne. An urgent telegram has been sent to the Duke of Cambridge recalling him from Paris.

Weekly Bank Statement

New York, Jan. 19.—The weekly statement of averages of the associated banks shows: Loans \$539,375,466, increase \$22,841,000; deposits \$223,787,200, increase \$38,651,000; circulation \$70,373,200, increase \$2,300; legal tenders \$73,650,000, increase \$2,476,000; specie \$184,652,800, increase \$11,195,300; total reserve \$257,763,400, increase \$12,971,300; reserve required \$230,446,800, increase \$9,112,750; surplus reserve \$27,256,600, increase \$4,858,550.

A pessimist is a man who prefers artificial light to genuine sunshine.

CONVERT THE "PEN" Into a Modern Hospital For the Insane

A Suggestion That Would Give Ample Accommodations For All the Insane of the State at Small Outlay.

I was talking last night at the Yarrow House with a gentleman who is greatly interested in public matters. "I have been thinking," he said, "how we can provide accommodations for the insane. We are told that there are five hundred who ought to be in the asylums. It will surely tax the State to care for them and I do not see where the money is coming from to provide the buildings."

"Why not convert the Central Prison in Raleigh into a Hospital for the male insane? It was largely a waste of public money to build that magnificent building—the handsomest in the State, except the Morganton Hospital—and it is not needed now that the convicts are worked on the farm. I know they talk about industries in the pen. They've been trying them twenty years, but none have ever paid for any length of time. Put most of the convicts on the farms or on the public roads, and build cheap, strong barracks for the long term convicts (there are not many now because Russell pardoned most of them) and it will be the best thing for the penitentiary."

"The building is near the Central Hospital. For a small sum the land lying between could be bought and Dix Grove joined to the present penitentiary property. The penitentiary building could be fixed up without great cost, the grounds improved, and in a few years people would forget it had ever been a penitentiary. It is well located and ought to be utilized."

"It has long been a reproach to us that the second handsomest public building in Eastern North Carolina was the penitentiary. This plan would remove that reproach. Why isn't the idea a solution of the problem that the Legislature is up against?"

TAX CASE WILL END

The Railroads Will Pay Tax on \$42,000,000 Assessment

The Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Willing to Pay, but the Southern Has Been a Hard Kicker

Col. Warren G. Elliott left last night at seven o'clock.

He filled to give the News and Observer a promised interview about the railroad taxation case, but he will do that later.

None of the attorneys for the State would talk last night. I went to see Judge Coan, Col. Hinsdale and Mr. Poy and they were like klans, "Nothing for publication," they all said, but intimating that within their breasts they knew much that would interest the public if they should choose to open their mouths.

But I got the story that the papers will get in a few days officially. As published exclusively in the News and Observer two weeks ago, the railroads will pay the tax assessed against them and the State will not recede from the assessment made in 1899 and 1900. Col. Elliott has all along been in favor of adjusting the matter and willing to pay the tax assessed. The Seaboard has also been ready to do likewise. But the Southern has been slow to give in. Its political manager has been so accustomed to defeat the State that he is slow to realize the new order of things, and the Southern has delayed arrangements.

There is one other thing: Col. Elliott and the Seaboard and Southern folks wished the attorneys and Democratic leaders to make a promise that if they paid tax on the \$42,000,000 assessment they should be exempt from any privilege, franchise or other tax. No such agreement was made or will be made. "The State will make no arrangement that backs down an inch, or that pledges itself to any future policy," said a gentleman on the inside last night.

The tax litigation is at an end and the result will be announced this week if the Southern Railway does not kick out of the traces.

PRACTICALLY AN ULTIMATUM

Note Delivered by Minister Loomis to Venezuelan Government.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Curacao, Dutch West Indies, to Reuters Telegram Company, says the relations between the United States and Venezuela have not improved, and that the United States Minister, Mr. Francis B. Loomis, has sent a strongly worded note which is even described as being practically an ultimatum, to the Venezuelan Government.

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