

HOUSE GETS BUSY WITH INTRODUCING BILLS And the Will Grinds so Smoothly and Rapidly That Some of These Local Bills are Passed Quick as a Wink

COMMISSION FORM FOR CITY GREENSBORO

A Ketchum How Given Near-Best Solutions in Macon County—A Bond Issue for New Born... Representative Koonce Presents a Speaker and Did It to the Queen's Taste—The Governor's Message Read in Both Houses—Standing Committees Appointed in the Senate.

The first day's actual legislation of the House of 1911 began yesterday, not only by the introduction of "little bills" but with the dangerous precedent of passing them without examination or consideration from a general spirit of acquiescing to special requests of their patrons.

Representative Koonce, of Onslow, presented as Speaker and did it to the Queen's taste. The House was called to order by Speaker Boyd, promptly at eleven o'clock. Rev. North, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, offered prayer.

The Governor's Message. Mr. Battle, of Wake, chairman of the committee to wait upon the Governor, reported that this duty had been performed.

Without objection, the following bills were placed on their several readings, and ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment: To validate an election held in New Bern for improvement bonds, and to validate said bonds.

The Senate. In addition to Governor Kitchin's message the Senate yesterday was featured by the appointment of 43 committees to serve throughout the term. While the assignments were in many cases anticipated, yet they were heard with great interest, both by the senators themselves and those who were watching the proceedings.

SENATE GETTING MORE DEMOCRATIC

Republican Leaders are Alarmed at Situation

NEW SENATE VERY CLOSE

The Death or Resignation of Three Senators Would Change the Control of the Senate—Accepted That the Democratic Caucus of Members of the Next Congress Will Make Ways and Means Committee the Committee to Select Committees—Senator Overman Will Try to Save the Charlotte Mint.

By THOMAS J. FENNER. Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The death of the late Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, who will be succeeded by a Democrat, directed attention to the fact in Washington today that the Democrats have a good chance to secure control of the United States Senate in the very near future.

With the advent of the new Senate March fourth, the Democrats will number forty-two, while the Republicans will number thirty-eight. The Republicans are not likely to have as much as eight majority in the new Senate. It is possible that there will be deadlocks in the legislation of Massachusetts and Delaware.

It is pretty well accepted now that the Democratic caucus of members of the next Congress when they meet here the seventeenth instant, will make the ways and means committee the committee to select committees.

The list of committees—forty-three in all—was then read. The four important ones, for which the Senate will doubtless provide clerks, are: the Judiciary, with Mr. Graham, of Orange, as chairman; Appropriations, with Mr. Long, of Ireland, as chairman; Cities, Counties and Towns, with Mr. Martin, of Buncombe, as chairman; and Finance, with Mr. Brown, of Columbus, as chairman.

Little surprise was manifested over the committee assignments, since most Senators had received tips as to how they would be cared for in this respect. The chair, at the request of the Secretary of State, stated to the Senate that 48 per cent of the bills passed during the last ten days of the session, and that this was due to the delay in the introduction of local legislation. If all bills not of general importance are submitted early, the work of the session will be greatly facilitated and the employment of extra help in the office of the Enrolling Clerk be rendered unnecessary.

MEASURE FRAMED BY REPRESENTATIVE LONGWORTH

District Attorney Wise, However, is Serious

SAYS RELIEF IS NEEDED

The Bill Provides for the Appointment of Five Commissioners at \$7,500 Annually, Not More Than Three of Them of the Same Party—The Offices Are to Be in Washington, But Investigations May Be Conducted Anywhere.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The tariff commission bill was introduced in the House today. It was framed by Representative Longworth, of Ohio, after conferences with President Taft and with insurgent Republicans, providing for a permanent tariff commission. Mr. Longworth said he purposed to press his measure and hoped to obtain a favorable report from the ways and means committee promptly.

The Longworth bill confers on the tariff commission the general power to subpoena witnesses and call for books and papers from persons engaged in producing, importing or distributing articles under tariff investigation. Much of the information which will prove most valuable to Congress is confidential statements to the commission on the understanding that the names of persons giving the information will not be made public.

The bill provides for the appointment by the President of five commissioners at a salary of \$7,500 each, annually, not more than three of them of the same party. The offices are to be in Washington, but the commission may conduct its investigations anywhere.

Practical endorsement of the Longworth bill was made tonight by John Candler Cobb, on behalf of the National Tariff Commission Association of which he is president.

TO BE COURT-MARTIALED. Francis Munson, Post Assistant Surgeon, on Charge of Drunkenness. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Francis M. Munson, Post Assistant Surgeon in the Navy, will be court-martialed by the court-martial at the residence of the Secretary of the Navy, on the charge of drunkenness. Dr. Munson is attached to the United States ship Buffalo. He will be tried at the Mare Island navy yard, where the court will convene January 15th. Commander Hugh Robinson will be the president of the court and Leof M. Harding, of the United States Marine Corps, will be judge advocate.

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ADJOURNS TILL MONDAY

The News of the Death of Senator Elkins Was Officially Announced by His Obedience, Senator Scott—Representative Gaines Makes Announcement in the House—Chaplain in Both Houses Refers to the Death of the Dead Senator—Committees Appointed to Attend the Funeral.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Sadness and gloom marked the reconvening of Congress today after a fortnight's recess over the holidays for Senators returned to find the seat of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia vacant. Immediately after the announcement of the death of Mr. Elkins had been made in broken tones by Senator Scott, the Senate adjourned.

Before the adjournment, both Houses appointed a committee to attend the funeral, which will be held in Elkins, W. Va., at noon Saturday. The congressional mourning will last tomorrow night on a special train returning Sunday morning. There will be no public ceremonies of any character in the capital, but private rites will be performed at the Elkins residence here tomorrow afternoon.

Chaplain Pierce, in the Senate, and Chaplain Couden, in the House, both referred feelingly to the death of Senator Elkins, the latter referring to him as one of the foremost legislators of his time. In announcing to the Senate the death of his colleague, Mr. Scott, who was almost overcome with emotion, referred to Mr. Elkins' brave fight for his life after a long illness. He said his course in the matter had been characteristic of him and had always fought and contended manfully for principles he believed to be right.

The Senate adopted a resolution expressing its profound sorrow, and appointed the following committee to attend the late Senator's funeral: Messrs. Scott, Hale, Frye, Callahan, Gallinger, Lodge, Bacon, Tillman, Kean, Bailey, Foster, Stone, Crane, Carter, Smith, of Maryland, and Root.

MR. WALTER RAND BUYS "WHITE OAK" FARM. (Special to News and Observer.) Smithfield, Jan. 5.—White Oak farm, near here, which has been held in the Sanders family for several generations and known as one of the most valuable farms in the State, has been sold by Mr. William Sanders, to Mr. Walter Rand, the consideration is said, being about \$20,000.

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MITCHELL CLAN IS RETALIATORY

Secure Arrest of Chief John and Lieutenants

TRIAL JANUARY TWELVE

The Men Gave Bond for Their Appearance—John and His Son Claim to Be Missions in Good Standing—Chief Mitchell Pays \$100.70 Costs and Secures the Release of Twelve of His Men Who Have Been in Jail—Facts About the Gypsy Row at Wadesboro.

Washington, Jan. 5.—More trouble came to the Gypsy tribes today, when the "king," Emil Mitchell, secured warrants against the son of Stephen John and five of his lieutenants. The warrants charge assault with deadly weapons. The men gave bond for the preliminary hearing, which is set for January 12th.

Stephen John and his son, Gregory John, have made themselves known to local members of the Masonic lodge at Wadesboro in good standing and show papers after said, testifying to their character and standing, and claiming to be members of a Spanish lodge in Tampa, Florida. Members of the Masonic lodge are also claiming to be Masons and a report of the lodge was made to the sheriff.

The John followers claim that the Mitchell clan are members of a clan of the Gypsies. Yesterday Mitchell paid one hundred and seventy cents as the proportionate part of the court costs in the ten hours' court proceeding for the bond of the Mitchell clan who were still in jail. After the payment of these costs which was made under United Sheriff Lowery's release, the Mitchell clan are in the sum of \$100.70 in costs in the case, which were paid by R. T. Bennett, Mitchell's attorney.

The Gypsies first came to this county about thirty years ago when a band of about thirty men and women came from their town and their coming did not attract very much attention. The men went about telling fortunes. Other little bands came and still more until, possibly a hundred were in the county. These bands all claim to be followers of one Emil Mitchell, who they say was elected as the "king" of all of the Gypsy tribes in the United States. In support of their position in reference to Mitchell, they produced a document drawn up in Washington, D. C. in July, 1910, and signed by five chiefs of the five Gypsy tribes in the United States appointing Emil Mitchell, of New Orleans, as "king" in the place of Zlatko Dimitroff, who it was alleged had left the country. This document bears the signatures of the five chiefs and is sworn to before a notary public, and in addition, bears the certificate of the United States Secretary of State, James B. McPherson, and has the seal of the United States.

Three weeks ago another band, led by Stephen John with his sons, Gregory John and Paul John, as deputies, came into the county and went into camp with the other bands. About this time complaint was made to the sheriff of the county and he went to the camp and demanded and collected the State tax—amounting to \$120. Within a few days members of the Mitchell band informed the sheriff that the Stephen John band had no connection with them and were not entitled to trade and tell fortunes under their license, and the sheriff, acting on this information, immediately "got busy" with the other crowd. The result was that they were forced to pay their license several minor difficulties took place between the two factions and the officers of the town of Lilesville were appealed to by the Stephen John clan for protection.

FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE TO STRIKE PARLOR MATCH

AN ENGLISH MILITANT SUFFRAGETTE HERE TO STIR UP AMERICAN WOMAN TO SECURE FOR THEMSELVES THE RIGHT OF THE BALLOT.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 5.—Miss E. Sylvia Parkhurst, daughter of the leader of British Militant Suffragettes, and who has been imprisoned because of her activity in the cause in the streets of London, is here to instruct American women in the latest English methods of bringing about woman's suffrage.

"Will the English women get the ballot?" she was asked. "They will," was the prompt reply. "We will get the ballot in a year's time. We have the assurance from the Premier that that our bill will reach its third reading during the next Parliament. That is all we want—the third reading. Then our just rights will come."

A BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS WHICH WILL PROHIBIT ITS TRANSPORTATION BY MAKING ENDANGERS LIFE OF EMPLOYEES.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The "Parlor" match, which is prohibited in the future if a bill introduced today by Representative Mann, of Illinois, becomes a law. The bill prohibits the transportation of white or yellow phosphorus matches under the penalty of a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for three years.

Recent investigations by the government have shown that the use of phosphorus in the making of matches is attended with such danger to the health of the employees that President Taft urged in his message legislation looking toward a betterment of conditions.

APPOINTMENT BILL. Two Will Be Presented to Congress, One on Basis of 391 Members, the Other on 434. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Two bills providing for reappointment of the country for representation in Congress tomorrow, by Chairman Crumpacker, of the House Committee on Elections, are being considered by the Senate. One of the bills will be based upon a continuance of the present membership of 391. This will fix the basis of representation on one Congressman for every 234,960 people in the United States. The other bill will fix a representation of one Congressman for each 213,877 inhabitants, making a total membership of 433 in the House.

STILL AFTER ROOSEVELT

REPRESENTATIVE RAINEY, OF ILLINOIS, ASKS APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE RAILROAD EXPENSES OF THE EX-PRESIDENT.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Representative Rainey, of Illinois, offered a resolution in the House today asking for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the railroad expenses of Theodore Roosevelt for travel while he was President. The resolution proposes to give the committee authority to examine the books of the Pennsylvania Railway, the Southern Railway and the Northern Pacific Railway to determine what expenses of travel were paid by the former President and what proportion was furnished by the railroads themselves.

ONE KILLED, TEN INJURED. Collision Between Electric Car and a Wagon Carrying Workmen. (By the Associated Press.) Quincy, Mass., Jan. 5.—One man was killed and ten injured as the result of a collision today between an electric car of the Old Colony Street Railway Co. and a wagon carrying workmen to the yard of the Fore River Shipbuilding Co. here.

DEATH OF MRS. HELEN WHITNEY. (By the Associated Press.) Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Helen Sibley, widow of the late ex-Minister to the United States, died here today, aged 70 years. Mrs. Whitney was twice married, her first husband being Col. John E. Stokes, of Montgomery, Ala.; an officer in the Confederate army. From this union two children survive, Elmore E. Stokes, of New York, and Henry L. Stokes, of Fort Smith, Ark.

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