

LAWSON TO FACE CONTEMPT CHARGE

Plans Made By Rules Committee To Cite Financier Before Bar of House

DEFINITE STEPS TAKEN

Sub-committee of Three Named To Prepare Papers in Contempt Proceedings; Action On Motion To Appoint Committee To Investigate 'Leak' Charges Is Postponed

News and Observer Bureau, 406 District National Bank Building. By H. E. C. BRYANT. (Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 10.—Plans were made by the House committee on rules today to take Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston "farmer" and financier, before the bar of the House of Representatives for contempt. An effort will be made to have Mr. Lawson give the names of the Congressman, the Cabinet member and "another one" without authorizing an investigation by a special committee of the alleged leak from Washington to Wall Street on the President's peace note to the belligerent nations.

Two definite steps taken today indicate the purpose of the majority members of the rules committee:

(1) A resolution adopted by the committee provides for a sub-committee of three to prepare the necessary papers to report Mr. Lawson to the House for contempt, and (2) action on a motion to have the Speaker of the House appoint a special committee for a leak investigation was postponed.

The chairman of the rules committee has made up his mind to have Mr. Lawson clear up the situation brought about by his announcement. He said he did not intend to have people guessing at the alleged Congressman and cabinet member. That matter must be straightened out.

Members of the rules committee do not believe that the testimony promised by Mr. Lawson will pan out, but they know that what he has said casts a reflection upon every member of Congress and every member of the President's cabinet.

Members of President Wilson cabinet think that Mr. Lawson should be required to name the man who can tell about the leak. They desire the House committee to go on until the fact is complete.

The attitude of the daily papers of the country, in considering the leak charges as buncombe and the investigation before the rules committee a waste, has influenced many Congressmen to the extent that they do not believe further time should be wasted on Lawson, and that he should be dismissed as a self-advertiser and lime-lighter.

BUFFALO BILL, IDOL OF JUVENILES, IS DEAD

Fought Death As He Often Had Opposed It On The Plains When He Was Young

(By The Associated Press.) Denver, Col., Jan. 10.—Col. Wm. Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill)—soldier, hunter and scout—died at 12:05 p. m. here today at the home of his sister.

Buffalo Bill, the idol of juvenile America, fought death as he often had opposed it on the plains in the days when the West was young.

"You can't kill the old scout," he would tell his physician whenever his condition would show improvement, but near the end he accepted his fate like a stoic.

"Let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral," he said to his sister. She turned to his business affairs, making suggestions for their continuance.

"Let us have a game of 'high five,'" he said, after he had talked with his family. And everyone joined, the Colonel laughing and joking because he was winning.

Since January 5, when he was hurried back to his sister's home in Denver, Col. Cody had surprised all who knew his real condition by great powers of resistance and recuperation.

On January 8, however, his system broke down entirely and from then on it was a question merely of time.

Colonel Cody returned from his season's show work last fall much exhausted. He went to his ranch at Cody, Wyoming, to rest and on his return to Denver, about four weeks ago, contracted a severe cold. This was followed by complications so serious that the Colonel's wife and daughter were called to his bedside.

Colonel Cody soon showed improvement and on January 3 went to Glenwood Springs, Col., to recuperate. On January 5 he suffered a nervous collapse and his physicians hurried him back to Denver. For years he had been an inveterate smoker. His physicians said tobacco had affected his heart seriously.

The body of the famous plainsman will lie in state in the capitol building here from 8 a. m. till noon next Sunday, and funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon. The body will be placed in a receiving vault in a local cemetery until spring, when it will be transferred to a tomb hewn in the solid rock on top of Lookout Mountain, near this city.

MRS. THOMAS W. BICKETT



Mrs. Bickett, the wife of Governor-elect T. W. Bickett, is a woman whom heredity, environment and education have pre-eminently fitted to fill the position to which she has been called.

She is the daughter of the late Col. W. H. Yarborough and his wife, Lula Davis, whose connections are widely known throughout our State. Through a long line of ancestry on both sides she can claim a right to all of the graces that go to form a perfect type of Southern Christian womanhood. She has always taken an affectionate interest in the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and she is also a daughter of the Revolution and a Colonial Dame.

Her early education was received from a private governess, a lady of Fayetteville, and afterwards in the college of her native town. She also graduated from St. Mary's in Raleigh, being the valedictorian of her class, after which she took a course at Harvard and then the University of Chicago.

Almost in infancy she was bereft of the love and watchfulness of her cultured beautiful mother, but a widowed aunt, whose name she bore, gave to her a devotion whose conscientious, painstaking care moulded her character into one of unusual beauty.

Generous, unselfish and tenderly sympathetic in her nature, she has won for herself the admiration and affection of a host of real friends. Her rare intelligence, her quick intuitions, her keen sense of humor and her ready responsiveness have made her the inseparable companion, and in every way the real help-mate of the man she most honors.

Having filled so completely and satisfactorily as she has done the positions of daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend, her many friends feel that as the First Lady of our State she will win a warm place in the hearts of all North Carolinians.

FINAL ARGUMENTS IN ADAMSON CASE

Members of Supreme Court Continue To Display Extraordinary Interest

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 10.—Final arguments were heard by the Supreme Court today in the case testing the constitutionality of the Adamson act with members of the court continuing to display their extraordinary interest by frequent questioning of counsel.

A decision is expected within a few weeks, although summary action on the important issues is not deemed probable. February 28 has been mentioned as the possible date for the decision, as the court reconvenes that day after recess of three weeks to prepare opinions.

Meanwhile the effectiveness of the eight-hour standard day and all litigation is suspended by agreement between the railroads and departments of justice, with accounts being kept of additional wages due under the new law.

Three days of arguments were concluded this afternoon. The closing address, was made in support of the law by Frank Hagerman, of Kansas City, special assistant to the Attorney General, who contended vigorously that Congress has authority to regulate railroad employees' wages in exercising its constitutional power over interstate commerce.

Attorney General Gregory, several Senators and many railroad and other lawyers were present at today's proceedings.

Mr. Hagerman in his argument cited the Federal Employers' liability law, hours of service and postage regulations, and similar measures as precedents for Congress dealing with contracts of employment. He also argued that in the interest of efficient and safe transportation the public is concerned in railroad employees receiving an adequate wage.

Regarding the power of Congress to prevent strikes, Justice McReynolds asked:

"Is there no limit in what Congress can do to stop a strike? In the Debs case could Congress have ordered the railroads to pay Mr. Debs \$50,000 to stop a strike?"

"That's putting it pretty fierce, but I believe Congress could," Mr. Hagerman answered.

"Oh, you don't mean that," Justice Vandevanter interjected. "That minimizes and detracts from everything you've said."

"I think," suggested Justice Holmes to the attorney, "that you are very wise in dealing with this question to be precise and not consider the degree the matter can be pushed."

In arguing that the law was work-

DR. BRUNER GETS CALL TO RALEIGH

Tabernacle Wants Atlanta Minister To Accept Pastorate

Dr. Weston K. Bruner, now head of the evangelistic board of the Southern Baptist Convention with headquarters in Atlanta, last night was extended a call to the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist church at a conference of the congregation following the weekly prayer service. Notice of the call will be sent him today. It is confidently expected that Dr. Bruner will accept the call.

Dr. Bruner preached at both morning and evening services of the church last Sunday and won instant favor from members of the congregation who heard him on those occasions. Dr. Bruner has been connected with the evangelistic board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past seven years. Before going to the Southern convention he was pastor of a large church in Waukesha Lake at San Antonio. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. A. N. Tucker of Raleigh.

At the church conference last night plans were made for the series of revival meetings which will start next Wednesday evening. Rev. J. H. Dow, of Ridgecrest, will be in charge of the services.

STILL CONVINCED THAT LEWIS KILLED MODEL

(By The Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—After running down many of the clues and questioning virtually every one who they believed could throw any light on the murder of Miss Colbert, the model, in her apartments here on December 29, the police declared tonight that nothing had been revealed to shake their belief that the crime was committed by Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh. Lewis committed suicide in Atlantic City several days after Miss Colbert's body was discovered. Reviewing the circumstances which they claim point to Lewis as the slayer, the detectives tonight said that it had been definitely established that the Pittsburgher had been acquainted with Miss Colbert for at least a year; that his body was identified by a taxicab driver as the man he took to the model's apartments early on the day the crime is believed to have occurred; that a man's shirt, collar and necktie were found in the girl's room and that Lewis brought a shirt, collar and necktie on the same day, and that wounds on Lewis' hands undoubtedly had been made by teeth.

It no longer suffices to record the lives of our great men and politicians of our State alone, for we are at last beginning to admit that the wives of these men have invariably played important parts in the success of great careers.

Our entire State is more or less familiar with the brilliant career of Hon. O. Max Gardner, our newly elected Lieutenant-Governor, but it is the object of this article to briefly introduce Mrs. Gardner to those North Carolinians who have not been so fortunate as to know her personally.

As the wife of one of our representative young men of the State, she has shown herself as much a master of her field as he of his. Nor is her field by any means a limited one. She is a rarely gifted and sanely progressive young woman, whose broad vision and strong intellect has made her a natural leader and won for her a large place in the hearts of all who have labored with her in the uplift and civic betterment of her town and State. Always a moving spirit in local organizations, her activities as a past president of the local Civic League, the present secretary of the Twentieth Century Literary Club, an officer in the Cecilia Music Club, a valued member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, her activities have ever been a stimulus and inspiration to those less public-spirited. She is also a member of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, which distinguished organization of club women conferred upon her, in 1915, the honor of being their State auditor.

Mrs. Gardner is the younger daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. L. Webb, and a niece of Congressman E. Y. Webb; and as such, was born and reared in an atmosphere of "high thinking and social refinement. The natural bent of her bright mind thus being greatly stimulated by constant companionship of the State's well known political leaders and fitting her for the position she was to occupy in later life.

Her childhood and subsequent life have been spent in the beautiful little city of Shelby nestled at the foothills of the Blue Ridge. After receiving her academic education at the public schools of her home town she became a brilliant student of the Lucy Cobb Institute, Athens, Ga., where she graduated with honors in 1905.

Two years afterward she was married to Mr. Gardner, whose fortunes she has so closely followed and inspired ever since. They have three bright and attractive children, namely Margaret Love, James Webb and Ralph.

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SENATOR OVERMAN PAIRED IN DRY VOTE

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Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Overman did not vote on the Underwood amendment, providing for a referendum on the Sheppard dry bill for the District of Columbia, because he was paired with Senator Warren. When Mr. Overman's name was called he said: "If permitted to vote, I would vote Nay. I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Warren). If he were present he would vote 'Yes' and I would vote 'Nay.' I have been unable to secure a transfer, and I am therefore compelled to withhold my vote."

Both Senators Overman and Simmons voted for the Sheppard bill. On casting his vote Senator Overman said: "I have a general pair with the junior Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Warren), but on the passage of the bill I am permitted to vote 'Yes.'"

The local papers did not state Senator Overman's position today and there was a report that he had failed to vote without having a pair.

TRAINMEN GET SHAKEN UP WHEN CARS LEAVE THE TRACK.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Norfolk, Jan. 10.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway had a small freight train wreck at Fausch Station yesterday morning about 10 o'clock when three cars, including the cab, were thrown from the track. Conductor D. B. Cutherson and Flagman C. T. Cutherson, who were seated in the engine when the wreck occurred, were badly shaken up when the cab was thrown from the track and partly burned. Fortunately no one was hurt. Mr. J. K. Dudley was the engineer.

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"SILENT PICKETS" TAKE THEIR STAND

"Mild Militancy" Put in Effect in Front of The White House

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 10.—Twelve women with suffrage banners stood at the main gates of the White House grounds today, inaugurating what leaders of the Congressional Union for woman suffrage call mildly militant "silent picketing" to force their cause upon President Wilson's attention.

"Pickets" were at the two entrances from 10 o'clock this morning until dark, tired ones being relieved from time to time, and tonight it was announced that other gates would be guarded tomorrow and daily until March 4, when the suffragists plan to bring their campaign for a Federal amendment to a close with a big parade.

The women, wearing yellow, purple and white ribbons across their chests, stood three on either side of the gates, over each of which was held a banner inscribed: "Mr. President, what will you do for woman suffrage?"

White House officials and the city police made no effort to interfere and it was said that as long as the women created no disorder, no official attention would be paid to them.

The President himself passed the "pickets" only once, and then was not recognized by the women. Mrs. Wilson passed in and out several times.

Although 6 o'clock was the hour set for the end of the vigil, when darkness fell the tired women gave up the task at 5:30 o'clock and marched back to headquarters.

According to the union officials the number of "pickets" will be increased from day to day. Various States will have charge of the work on different days it was said, colleges, organizations and professionals also will be represented.

GOV. HENDERSON MAY GO TO INSPECT NOGALES CAMP

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 10.—Aroused by the reports from the Alabama camp at Nogales, and the official report that twenty-two of the soldiers have died there during the last twenty-two days, Governor Charles Henderson announced today that he was seriously considering going to the camp for a personal inspection.

REACH AGREEMENT ON HARBORS BILL

House Committee Decides On Apportionment of Funds for Various Projects

\$58,155,339 IS AMOUNT

Several New Projects for North Carolina Included; Considerable Number Also Among Those Named For Further Improvement and Maintenance

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 10.—Final agreement on the annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill was reached today by the House committee. The measure carries \$38,155,339, of which something over \$10,000,000 is for new projects. Chairman Spearman will report the bill this week, with the hope of having it taken up as soon as the pending postoffice bill is disposed of. An adverse minority report will be made by Representative Freer, of Wis.

The bill carries \$45,434 for Virginia, of which \$311,434 is for new projects; \$709,775 for North Carolina, of which \$111,275 is for new projects; and \$355,000 for South Carolina, of which \$120,000 is for new projects. These figures do not include \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the inland waterway between Norfolk and Beaufort inlet; and \$3,000 for the maintenance of the inland waterway between Savannah and Beaufort, S. C.

The new projects are as follows: Virginia: Norfolk Harbor, \$270,000; Tangier channel, \$16,434; Pagan river, \$25,000.

North Carolina: Shallow Bag (Mata) bay, \$28,000; Beaufort harbor, \$15,900; Seppunger river, \$31,800; Northeast river, \$25,375; Newbegun creek, \$5,000; Thoroughfare bay, \$5,200.

South Carolina: Charleston harbor, \$70,000; Congaree river, \$50,000. Appropriations for improvement and maintenance are as follows:

Virginia: Mattaponi river, \$2,000; Pamunkey river, \$3,000; Rappahannock river, \$10,000; Nansemond river, \$6,000; James river, \$50,000; Appamattox river, \$50,000.

North Carolina: Shallow Bag (Mata) bay, \$500; Cape Lookout harbor of refuge, \$425,000; Beaufort harbor, \$4,500; Beaufort Inlet, \$14,000; Morehead City harbor, \$2,000; Roanoke river, \$2,500; Seppunger river, \$3,500; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$4,500; Contentia creek, \$1,000; Neuse river, \$2,000; Trent river, \$4,000; Waterway from Pamlico sound to Beaufort inlet, \$15,000; Northeast river, \$3,000; Black river, \$2,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, \$115,000.

South Carolina: Winyah Bay, \$150,000; Charleston harbor, \$50,000; Great Peebles river, \$5,000; Congaree river, \$30,000.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE, "INFATUATION" CASE

Benton, Married and With Children, Said to Have Loved Another Than His Wife

(Special to The News and Observer.) Lumberton, Jan. 10.—C. L. Benton committed suicide early last night near Lowe, five miles west of here on the Seaboard.

The cause for the deed seems to have been his infatuation for a young lady from this county, who spent some time in Chadburn last summer. In his overcoat pocket was a photo of the young girl. Underneath the picture the following lines were written in pencil:

"So sad to me that we ever met on this earth. It has been my end. Trouble is killing me. My dear children have forsaken me for life. Myrtle, please sympathize with me in eternity, you know the cause."

He died within 300 yards of the home of the girl. Benton was 50 years old. Benton was for several years chief of police of Chadburn, Columbus county, but recently moved to Wadesboro, where he engaged in business. Accounts have already been published of his leaving that town and of his repeated intentions to end his life.

He arrived at Lowe Monday morning, spent the day around that section, slept in an old barn that night, and yesterday morning asked permission of a farmer to go into his house to warm. The request was granted and he was invited to take breakfast, but declined, saying that he didn't feel like eating. He stated that he was on his way to his home at Chadburn. Last night a man, walking along the road, heard a struggling sound from some one near by. The man hastened to the nearest house, where he told what he had heard.

Accompanied by the gentleman of the house, the two went to the scene, but the man was dead. The first report said he shot himself, but it was evident that he drank carbolic acid, the empty bottle being found near him this morning.

His brother R. C. Benton accompanied by Messrs. W. T. Berry, R. F. Benton and Hamp Britt, arrived from Chadburn this forenoon, and went with Coroner Rancke and Dr. Page to the place where the dead man was lying. It was decided that no inquest was necessary and an undertaker brought the remains to Lumberton where they were prepared for burial and carried to Evergreen, Columbus county, where interment will take place tomorrow.

Benton was a guest of the hotel here December 24th at which time he told Manager Crabtree he was going to end his life.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CAPITOL BEGUN IN 1833

