

SWEEPING PRISON REFORM IN SIGHT

House Passes and Sends to Senate a Bill to Pay Certain Amount to Families of Prisoners.

ADVISORY BOARD OF PAROLE BILL DEFERRED

Senate Does Small Work and Adjourns to Attend Inauguration of College President.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Sweeping prison reform in North Carolina was forecast in the lower house of the general assembly this morning when that body passed and sent to the senate a bill providing for the payment to dependent families of well behaved prisoners not less than ten nor more than fifty per cent of their earnings.

The Beasley bill for the establishment of an advisory board of parole to be constituted of the attorney general, the prison superintendent, the chairman of the board of prison directors and the chairman of the State Board of Charities went over for amendment, Grier of Iredell thinking the bill does not offer enough hope to prisoners.

The Senate did a half hour's work of a routine nature this morning and adjourned to this evening to attend the inauguration of W. C. Riddick as president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—The joint committee on education voted favorable report this evening for the teachers' assembly bill for the certificates of teachers. The Senate vote was unanimous and the House voted favorably and then sent the measure to the appropriation committee without prejudice. It would provide six examiners, who would also hold the teachers' institutes, that are now held by the various counties, at least biennially, and county funds now expended by the counties for these institutes would be turned to the State to bear the expense of the examiners. R. H. Wright, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, C. C. Wright, Miss Mary Graham, H. B. Smith, of Newbern, and others advocated the bill. The single opposition speech was by Prof. C. L. Coon, of Wilson.

Long sessions were held today by the legislative committee investigating charges against the management of the State farm convict quarters. Chairman E. L. Travis, of the Corporation Commission, as a former chairman of a prison board of directors, testified that corporal punishment is most essential for convict control and that records of whippings at the farm were not excessive in view of the types of convicts the camps have. He and former Governor Kitchin and numbers of others paid highest tributes to the characters and official integrity of Capt. Rhem and Capt. Christian, in charge of the farm camps. Governor Kitchin suspected that the sharp requirement to earn profits to the credit of the prison management had prevented really adequate expenditures for the care of the convicts in many respects, but heard no special complaints of any bad conditions during his administration. He thought \$25 per month too little pay for guards. Hearings will be continued tomorrow.

The House tonight passed the bill from the Senate directing the Corporation Commission, with the assistance of expert accountants, to devise and install thoroughly modern system of accounting for the State departments. The bill originally included a system for the counties also, but that was eliminated.

Another general bill passed was that to change the name of the A. and M. College to the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

The Senate passed the Allen bill for indeterminate sentences. Also the bill of Roberts, of Bancombe, from the House providing for absolute divorce by either party after ten years' separation.

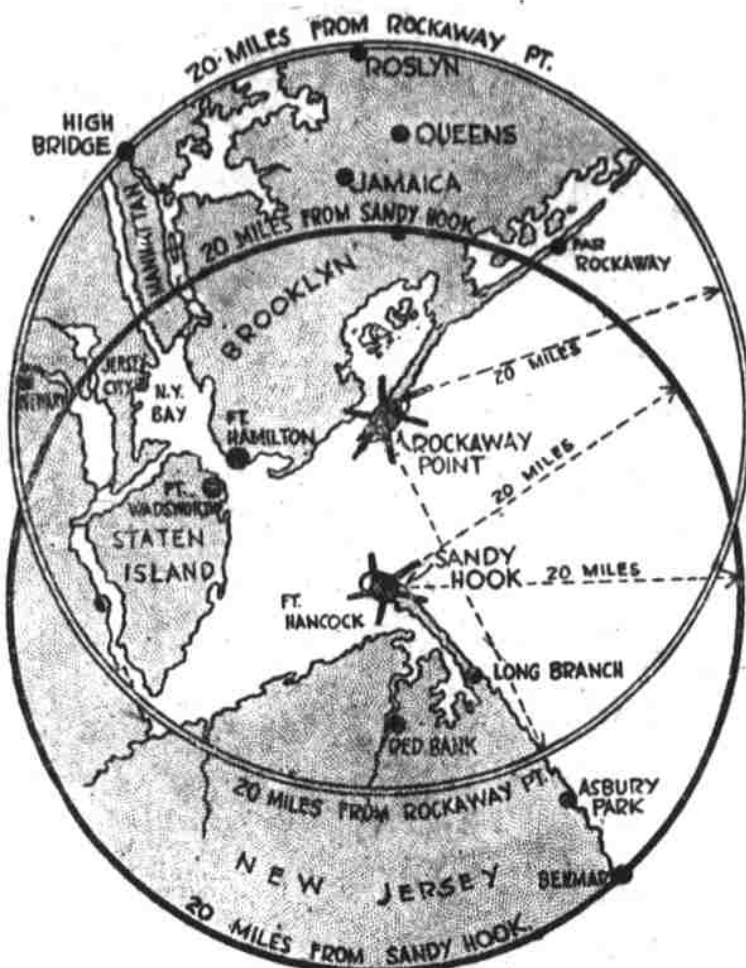
The State-wide game commission bill was variously amended as to exemption of counties and then tabled.

The Senate passed numerous local bills.

Song Writer Dead. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—T. W. Lawrence Seibert, the song writer, died here yesterday as he was being taken to a hospital for an operation. His best known song was "Casey Jones."

The Philadelphia which sailed February 14th was the first American liner to leave Europe after the German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare. She was not armed, and not a submarine was sighted during the passage through the German blockade zone, officials declared.

MAKING NEW YORK IMPREGNABLE.



The commencement of the construction of a new fort near Rockaway Point, within New York City, coupled with the placing of 16-inch guns at Sandy Hook, will make New York, the chief point of attack in case of foreign invasion, impregnable to the greatest fleets of the world. The guns at Sandy Hook and those to be placed on Rockaway Point will have a radius of at least twenty miles with mere battleship elevation. No ship standing off the port will be able to shoot into the city nor any part of what is known as the "Metropolitan District" against these guns of the forts.

Two 16-inch guns have been placed at Sandy Hook, but ground has just been broken for the new fort at Rockaway. Some 312 acres will be included in that reservation, and work is being rushed night and day.

FOOD RIOTS OCCUR IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Disorderly scenes occurred in the southeastern part of the city this morning and which is populated largely by foreigners when bands of women made demonstrations against dealers that raised the price of food.

The demonstration was the result of a meeting of women at which it was decided to boycott local dealers. The women opened bottles of kerosene and poured the oil on meats, fish and vegetables displayed by dealers and then attacked curb merchants and push cart men.

New York Women Remain Ugly. New York, Feb. 22.—Housewives continued their demonstrations against the high cost of living here today and police reserves were called out to suppress riots in various parts of the city. Dozens of push carts were overturned, their contents destroyed and the owners attacked.

Two women were arrested charged with assault and were later released. Hundreds of women acted as pickets before provision stores in an effort to establish a boycott. The most of the disorder occurred when a would-be purchaser defied the pickets.

A police court magistrate in suspending sentence on one of the offenders gave warning he would send disturbers to jail. "I have had a number of you women before me," he said, "and not one of you impress me as though you were starving."

FOOD RIOTS AT PIRAEUS. London, Feb. 22.—An Athens dispatch to Reuters says that food riots among workmen at Piraeus have led to the closing of all shops and the customs house. Rioting started at a meeting for the distribution of a fund raised by public subscription for the relief of the unemployed. The mob looted a number of grocer and butcher shops. A number of arrests were made before order was restored.

MEETING BAR ASSO. There will be a meeting of the Rowan County Bar Association in the Commissioner's room at the court house Friday afternoon, February 23, at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of arranging the calendar for the March term of Rowan Superior court.

THEO. F. KLUTZ, President. J. F. McCabbin, Clerk.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK IN WAR OPERATIONS

Little Else Doing in the Operations of European War Zone Other Than Sinking Ships.

NEARLY 5000 TONNAGE SENT TO THE BOTTOM.

One Ship Sunk Had Americans Aboard But No One Was Injured and Crew Was Landed.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The sinking by a German submarine of the Swedish steamer Skogland with 5 Americans aboard after the crew had been given ten minutes to take their boats is reported by Consul Hurst at Barcelona, Spain, in a message to the State Department today. No one was injured and the crew was landed at Paragona, Spain.

Ships Sunk in Submarine Warfare. London, Feb. 22.—Four steamers aggregating 4793 tons were today listed as sunk by the German blockade warfare. One report announced the sinking of a Norwegian and a Dutch steamer, while a Russian ship was also sunk together with a British trawler.

Military operations during the past 24 hours were of minor nature as during the past days.

British Steamer Persun Sunk. London, Feb. 22.—The British steamer Persun has been sunk by a German submarine today. Four of the crew are missing.

Sweden Files Protest. Stockholm, via London, Feb. 22.—The Swedish minister at Berlin has been directed to file a protest against the sinking of the Swedish motor ship, Hugo Hamilton. The fate of the crew is unknown.

ALL SPECIAL FREIGHT RATES IN MEXICO ARE ANNULLED

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—The Constitutional railroads have announced that hereafter all special freight rates will be annulled and all shippers must pay the regular rate. The special rates were established years ago with the idea of aiding national industries and many shippers were permitted to transport raw and manufactured products within the republic at reduced rates. The announcement of the annulment of these special privileges no longer exists.

REMAINDER OF THE N. C. TROOPS COMING HOME

Dates Set for the Starting of the Remaining North Carolina Soldiers on the Border to Their Homes.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 22.—Additional dates announced at Southern Department headquarters today for the departure of State troops from the border practically completed the homeward movement of the organizations included in the first two contingents in which 50,000 guardsmen remain to be moved have been divided for transportation purposes. The following departure dates have been fixed:

Second N. C. infantry from El Paso March 17; 3rd N. C. infantry from El Paso March 15; N. C. ambulance company No. 1 and field hospital No. 1 from El Paso March 15; Troop A and B North Carolina cavalry from El Paso March 14th.

MANY WOMEN MEET DEATH IN EXPLOSIONS

Blow Up in Dresden Ammunition Factories Results in Death of Many Women and Children During Christmas Season.

London, Feb. 22.—The explosion in ammunition factories in Dresden, Germany, during the Christmas holidays was the greatest disaster of the kind that has occurred anywhere since the war began, according to a News dispatch from Christiania, Norway, quoting a Dresden dispatch to Christiania newspapers.

Over 1,000 persons were killed out of 30,000 employed in the wrecked factories. Emperor William visited the scene the day following the explosion. A Paris dispatch dated January 20 said, according to a letter taken from a German soldier and written from Dresden, that the arsenal had blown up and 1,000 women and young girls were killed. The letter was dated December 30.

American Sailors Released.

AMSTERDAM, via LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Berlin says that the American sailors taken prisoners on the prize ship Arrowdale have been released.

The Americans were released after the German government had been officially notified that the German ships in the United States had not been seized and the sailors imprisoned.

PAPER MAKERS WITH COMMISSION

A Number of Manufacturers of Print Paper in Washington to Confer With Commission.

THESE REPRESENT THOSE NOT SIGNING PROPOSAL

The Settlement of the Problem and the Establishment of Prices Depend on Action of These.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—Newsprint paper manufacturers began arriving here today for a conference with the Federal Trade Commission over the proposal to fix the price of newsprint for the period of six months. Manufacturers of about one third of the paper made in the United States and Canada have signed an agreement asking the Commission to fix a price for six months, and these coming for this conference represent those who did not sign such a proposal. The restoration of free competition in newsprint market is the aim of the commission.

The commission is trying to fix a cure for the condition now existing, not merely a mere palliative measure. At the end of six months the commission feels that the congressional inquiry will have so shaped the situation that there will be again an unstrained competition which will equalize prices.

The acceptance of the proposal made by the manufacturers by the commission will hinge on the attitude of the manufacturers who are arriving here. The surrender by those who signed the proposal in the face of criminal indictment officials believe will break the news print market and force prices to an equitable level whether the court proceeding go on or not. Members of the commission hope that the manufacturers here will come in on the agreement.

The continuation by the department of justice of the criminal procedure is not promised the manufacturers, but it is thought that if the indictments are found they will not be pushed in case of an adjustment of the differences and restoration of competition. If the cost of production in all mills were the same it probably would be easy, but this not the case, for there is a difference in cost at different locations and this make it impossible to fix a flat rate. A scale of prices will be found necessary and papers will be expected to buy from mills closest to save freight.

FIRE AT BADIN.

Hardaway Company Construction Camp Damaged by Fire of Unknown Origin.

Albemarle, Feb. 21.—A fire which did quite considerable damage to the Hardaway Contracting Company occurred last night about one o'clock when a number of the construction buildings of that Company were burned, and it is reported quite a considerable damage was done to machinery.

Hardaway's camp is located about one mile beyond Badin at the place where the dam is being built across the narrows of the Yadkin, and when the fire alarm was given and the news reached Badin that a rather serious fire had broken out near the town, quite a crowd of the laborers went as quick as they could to lend assistance in getting the flames under control. A number of colored people were riding in an automobile and about half way between Badin and the fire, when one of the negroes was thrown from the car and received injuries from which he died almost immediately.

The origin of the fire is not known. Germany has been disappointed in a number of people who refused to accept her admission that it is time to be sacred.—Washington Star.

NEW PRESIDENT AGGIE COLLEGE

President Riddick New Head of A. & M. College is Formally Inducted Into Office.

UNUSUAL CEREMONIES MARK PRESIDENT'S ENTRY

Governor Bickett Presided Over Meeting Which Was a Notable One in State's History.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—(Wallace Carl Riddick was inaugurated Fourth president of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College here today with ceremonies declared never to have been equalled in the history of North Carolina educational institutions. Dr. Riddick succeeds Dr. D. H. Hill who resigned several months ago in order to devote his time to the preparation of a history of the part taken by North Carolina in the war between the states.

Governor Thomas W. Bickett presided at the inaugural ceremony in Pullen Hall, at the college, at 11 o'clock. Addresses of greeting were delivered by Dr. Edward K. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. W. L. Potest, president of Wake Forest college; Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner, representing the board of trustees of the college; Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and representing the State Board of Agriculture; W. A. Graham, Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture; Dr. T. P. Harrison, Dean, representing the faculty of the college; W. D. Fancett, chief engineer of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, representing the Alumni; and J. E. McDougall, president of the Senior Class and representing the student body. Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire acted as chaplain.

The principal addresses were those delivered by Herbert Quick, of Washington, member of the Federal Farm Loan Board; Dr. H. S. Drinker, president of Lehigh University—President Riddick's alma mater; Dr. D. H. Hill, former president of the college, and the inaugural address of President Riddick. The oath of office was administered President Riddick by Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the State Supreme Court.

Proceeding the inaugural exercises an exhibition drill by the regiment of cadets took place on the parade ground. The academic procession then formed and marched to Pullen hall.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner presided at a luncheon by the faculty and alumni in honor of President Riddick, members of the State Supreme court, the Council of State, members of the General Assembly and delegates appointed to represent educational institutions and learned societies at the inauguration. Admission to the luncheon, which took place in the college dining hall, was by card only.

The public was invited to attend a reception at the college Young Men's Christian Association building at 9 o'clock tonight.

BOTH SIDES BELIEVED TO BE ASSEMBLING FORCES.

Big Effort of Cuban Revolution Will Probably Be Made at Camaguey. Havana, Feb. 21.—For the third successive day no word of fighting has reached the capital, and the belief is growing that both sides are gathering their forces for a supreme effort at Camaguey.

Colonel Jujo is reported as already having entered Camaguey province and it was intimated that he probably will attack the rebels in the Camaguey capital tomorrow.

A report reached Havana today that the American steamer Tivives from Jamaica for New York, left Santiago last night crowded with American residents of Santiago and tourists.

It is reliably stated that President Menocal is preparing a proclamation granting amnesty to those members of the military who have been obliged to take up arms against his government by orders of their superiors and to all civilians involved in the revolt who lay down their arms.

Reports from many officers in the field given out at the palace continue to show an undiminished number of insurgents surrendering to the loyal forces.

PHILADELPHIA HOME.

New York, Feb. 22.—The American line steamer Philadelphia from Liverpool passed in at Sandy Hook shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.