

BICKETT URGES SHORT BALLOT AND MORE PAY

Also Urges Reformatory for Negro Boys and More Liberal System of Teaching Negro Teachers.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—In his swan song to the General Assembly today Governor Bickett urges the short ballot, increase of pay for the heads of all State departments...

Every consideration of intelligence and efficiency, says the governor, "is in favor of the short ballot. The men who have given thought to the subject all think alike. The only arguments against the proposition are political arguments utterly unsupported by any sound business principle."

In view of the fact that business conditions have materially changed since the real estate in North Carolina was revealed under the late and in view of the resulting depression in land values, Governor Bickett asks the legislature that it provide the means for revising these land values to meet the new conditions.

The governor thinks that such revision could be most economically handled by the men who made the original assessments.

A Word of Farewell.

"This concludes my message and marks the end of the last chapter of my public service to the state of North Carolina," the governor said. "Before closing the book I desire to express to you and thru you to the people whose representatives you are, my grateful appreciation of the innumerable courtesies and kindnesses shown me during these four years. I want to everlastingly thank you for being permitted to share with you the state and thru her all humanity in the grandest and most tragic hour the world has ever known."

"I shall carry with me from the office many sweet and glorious memories, but the one memory that will forever outshine them all is of the 80,000 sons of Carolina who at their country's call marched forth to fight and die for God and humanity. Let me forget I write it down in this chapter and certify to all the generations that the one stupendous, immortal thing connected with this administration is the part North Carolina played in the world war. Everything done in the field of taxation, of education, of agriculture, of mercy to the fallen, of the physical and social regeneration of our people—all of it is but a snowflake on the river, in the domestic and glorified presence of the 80,000 men who have plunged into the blood-red tide of war. Of these 80,000 men 2,338 went west—far beyond the sun's radiant glow. I shall always be grateful that I was sometimes their captain and always their comrade in the great adventure; and my fervid prayer is that when my summons comes and for me.

"The sunset gates unbar, I shall see them waiting stand. And white against the evening star, The welcome of their beckoning hand."

"And now, my friends, farewell, goodbye, and may He give His angels charge concerning you and Carolina."

CHADWICK-HOSKINS MILLS TO OPEN

(By The Associated Press) Charlotte, Jan. 6.—The management of the Chadwick-Hoskins Mills company which operated a chain of five mills, four in the vicinity of Charlotte and one in Martinsburg, Va., announced that they would resume operations Monday after an idleness of six weeks. The mill employs approximately 2,000 persons.

\$200,000 TO BE EXPENDED IN BUSINESS HOUSES AND ARCADE

Mr. E. P. Wharton Accepts Plans of Architect for Same and Tenants of Present Houses Notified to Vacate—Other Improvements to Follow.

Salisbury is starting off the new year in fine shape in the matter of plans for building operations and soon activities will begin on the improvement of one of the most unshapely sections in the immediate business section of the city and one that will call for an outlay of several hundred thousand dollars, this to be followed by other improvements, all of which are to be made by Mr. E. P. Wharton of Greensboro, one of the largest holders of Salisbury business property, who is very optimistic regarding the future of this city and who is to back up his faith in Salisbury by the expenditure of large sums of money for the erection of business houses.

Mr. Wharton was here yesterday afternoon and was in conference for some time with his architect relative to plans for the improvement of the north half of the block bounded by Main, Council, Lee and Liberty streets, and the north half of the adjoining block on the east, facing Lee, Liberty and Railroad streets. For some months Mr. Wharton has contemplated the erection of blocks of modern business houses on the property and the building of an arcade through the center of these blocks from Main street to the Southern passenger station. The plans of the architect were accepted yesterday and initial steps have been taken looking to the beginning of work. The arcade will begin at Main street, almost directly opposite the court house and run through the block to Lee street and then continue on through the adjoining block to the passenger station. It will be a twenty foot walkway with a brilliantly illuminated white way on either side, and will form a splendid and beautiful approach from the station to Main street as well as a convenient avenue to the business houses to be erected.

Mr. Wharton yesterday notified the occupants of the two frame residences facing on Main street—the old Goodman and Howell homes—to vacate by February 1st and also served a like notice on the occupants of three houses on Lee street to move by the same date, and as soon as these places are made vacant the work of improving the property will begin. The first business houses to be erected will be two two-story modern store buildings to face on Main street, beginning at the arcade and one on Railroad street facing the passenger station and adjoining that end of the arcade.

This is the work to be begun at the earliest possible date and will be followed later by the erection of other business houses on the two blocks mentioned above.

The total outlay for the work already mapped out will run upward of \$200,000 or more and will transform one of the most unshapely sections of the business part of the city into modern business blocks, with a well lighted arcade, one of the longest and best to be found in any southern city. Mr. Wharton has other big things in mind and will put these into execution after the work now mapped out is completed. The present plans when carried out will constitute one of the biggest business building programs in the history of Salisbury and shows the faith the Greensboro man has in the future prosperity and progress of Salisbury.

HOUSE APPOINTS COMMITTEE ON INAUGURATION

Senate Bill Introduced to Lessen Crime of Lynching—First Personal Privilege.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The appointment of an inaugural committee, the passage of a joint resolution to open the election returns for state officers at noon Tuesday January 11th and the introduction of a bill to define and punish bribery of baseball players, managers and umpires by Everett, of Durham, featured the short session of the house today.

Representative Everett, of Richmond, introduced a resolution providing an appropriation of \$1,200 to cover the expenses of the inaugural committee of the house, composed of Representatives, Everett, of Richmond, Pharr, of Mecklenburg, and Hill, of Duplin.

The senate session developed the first personal privilege statement when Senator McCoy, of Henderson, denied a report in the Raleigh News and Observer that he headed an insurrection against Lieutenant Governor Cooper over committee appointments.

The only work of importance in the Senate was the introduction of a bill by Taylor, of Goldsboro, intended to lessen the crime of lynching. The bill provides that when a true bill is returned against a person the judge with the consent of the defendant may remove the trial to an adjacent county without the presence of the defendant in the court room at the time.

DANIELS TO APPEAR BEFORE NAVAL COM.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary Daniels was asked today by Representative Butler, Republican, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house naval committee, to appear before the committee next Tuesday and state his opinion as to whether the naval reduction movement of the various nations was "a real one, a sincere one."

The naval secretary will also be called upon to give details on the construction program recommended to round out existing or authorized fleets.

WANT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AGAIN

(By The Associated Press) St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6.—Reinstatement of capital punishment in Minnesota for first degree murder is sought in a bill introduced in the state house of representatives today by a representative from Minneapolis.

RUN ON LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY BANK

(By The Associated Press) Lexington, Ky., Jan. 6.—Frightened by rumors that the Bank of Commerce of Lexington, an institution with a capital stock of \$300,000, was overladen with tobacco notes and paper depositors started a run on the bank this morning. A crowd of several hundred people were in front of the bank at noon and tellers were paying out money as fast as they could count it.

ARGUES WHISKEY CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

Ky. Attorney General Argues for Tax on Whiskey Drawn From Bonded Warehouses There.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—There is no competition in the whiskey business and the special 50-cent tax assessed against each gallon of whiskey drawn from a bonded warehouse in Kentucky is not confiscatory, Charles I. Dawson, attorney general of Kentucky, argued before the United States Supreme Court in an effort to obtain vacation of an injunction forbidding collection of the tax. The injunction was granted by the United States court of eastern district of Kentucky, which held that the law violated the state and federal constitutions that it provided no adequate remedy at law and that it was confiscatory.

The law provided that the funds derived from the tax should be used to build roads. More than \$2,000,000, assessed during the period since the law was passed, are at stake.

Two suits were involved in today's argument. In one of the state and the Louisville Public Warehouse Company appeared from an injunction granted by the J. & F. Freuburg Company of Cincinnati and in the other state appeal from a similar injunction granted to the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company. The Freuburg Company attempted to remove its whiskey to Massachusetts for storage without paying the tax. The warehouse company refused to release it and the suit resulted.

Attorney General Dawson contesting allegations that the law is confiscatory and thus violates the Fourteenth Amendment, cited affidavits of distillers to the effect that from \$1 to \$1.25 a gallon for Kentucky whiskey was a good price when sold in bond and without taxes paid, while distilleries in other states were getting \$1.50 to \$1.75 a gallon. This he held, showed that there was no real competition in the business, and that the 50-cent tax would not put Kentucky distillers at a disadvantage since they would not be compelled to increase their price above that charged by distillers in other states.

He also cited examples to show that a sale price of \$18.50 a thousand gallons case for whiskey, all taxes paid, allowed distillers a big profit.

DR DUNLAP THOMPSON, OF MORVEN, A SUICIDE

(By The Associated Press) Charlotte, Jan. 6.—Dr. Dunlap Thompson, 42, physician of Morven, Selwyn, died in his home at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning after 83:0 o'clock by shooting himself in the right temple with a .32 calibre pistol. Despondency over his inability to procure certain drugs to the use of which he was addicted, is accepted as the reason for him taking his life.

Dr. Thompson's body, lying with feet under the edge of the bureau, his head in a pool of blood and the pistol near his right hand, was discovered by a negro maid. The entrants of the room found a neatly written note lying on the bureau and addressed to Dr. A. C. Neves, federal narcotic agent of North Carolina, with offices in the federal building here. The note read: "Dr. Neves, please, for my children's sake, do not publish my predicament. Just try I was despondent from diabetes, which is true. This is best for all concerned. God only knows the effort I have made. You know only the amount of success I had. I believe you have a heart. Think of my family and in giving out news, think of them all you can. A. G. Thompson of Charlotte, is my brother. J. B. Thompson, of Wilmington, is my other brother. Death is preferable to dishonor. My feeling toward every man on earth is good. I went believing that I should have had some consideration, but I am only one among a million. I want Charles to have my shotgun, Joe my pistol and Frank my watch. D. Thompson."

Dr. Neves, to whom the note was addressed, and Dr. Thompson came to him Tuesday afternoon, and in the presence of several narcotic inspectors who were here sought permission to use his own forms as a physician to obtain narcotics for his own use. They told him that he would have to obtain his narcotics from Dr. Ross, his physician living near Wadesboro, and that he would be violating the law if he obtained the drugs in any other than the regular way. Dr. Thompson registered at the Selwyn Tuesday afternoon. He had not notified A. G. Thompson, his brother living here, of his presence in the city. The funeral likely will be held at the old home near Lumberton Thursday.

Dr. Thompson married Miss Frances Graeber, of Anson county, who, with three sons, survives him.

Great Britain last 484,143 animals during the world war.

SOCIALISTS FAVOR FRANCE MEASURE ON WAR PRISONERS

Is Proposal for Release of Persons Convicted of Having Violated the Espionage Act.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator France's resolution proposing the release of persons convicted of having violated the espionage act was endorsed before the senate committee today by representatives of the Socialist party.

Attorney General Palmer has been asked to appear before the committee tomorrow to present his views and discuss charges that a committee of lawyers acting under the auspices of the Popular Government League that the war laws were improperly administered.

Socialist spokesmen before the committee today included Algerman Lee, of New York, a member of the executive committee of the National Socialist party, and Jacob Panken and Miss Francis Wilberpoon, also of New York. Mr. Lee said a civil war had not brought such severe espionage laws or penalties as the recent war and declared in many cases prosecuted under the law there was no charge of sympathy with the German government.

MEDICAL ADVICE BY RADIO TO SHIP

(By The Associated Press) New York, Jan. 5.—Medical advice by radio, designed to save life in event of sickness or accident at sea by applying proper treatment until personal service of a physician or surgeon can be obtained, is now possible.

A new emergency radio call—the letters "KIDKE" has been established, planned to take its place with the international S. O. S. call of vessels in distress.

This call is intended to take precedence in the ever increasing radio service over all other business except the distress signal—for it means that individual life is in danger and assistance is being asked for.

A recent arrangement between the Seaman's Church Institute of New York and the Navy Department established here a school of medical instruction if called upon to treat a serious illness or accident case at sea can communicate by radio to the physician at the Seaman's institute and receive from him instructions to be followed by until the ship reached a harbor or obtains assistance from another vessel.

The medical officer in New York is "on watch" from 2 to 10 p. m. for this service.

COWLESS DAIRY HAS KICK OF COWS, OWNER ARRESTED

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 6.—A raid on a cowless dairy on the outskirts of the city yesterday resulted in the arrest of the owner and the seizure of a dozen regular milk cans which, according to members of the posse, contained alcoholic liquors.

"It was not cow milk at all," said deputy sheriff Griffin, "it was potato milk and it packed a kick like twenty cows. We found a still and some potato mash in the shed where the cows should have been. So Tony Yucas was arrested and people on his delivery route waited today in vain for their milk."

ENGLISH BANK STOPS PAYMENT

(By The Associated Press) London, Jan. 6.—The British American Continental bank suspended payment today. In financial circles the suspension is attributed to the general financial situation. It is believed the bank has advanced money on products, chiefly Canadian, and is unable to realize on them during the present trade stagnation. The bank was formerly the Hannevig's bank, limited. The bank has an authorized capital of 2,500,000 pounds. The failure had no effect on the situation here.

SOUTHERN R. R. TO ISSUE BONDS

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—Authority for \$5,900,000 in development and general mortgage bonds was granted the Southern Railway company today by the Inter-State commerce commission.

U. S. MAIL BOAT BELIEVED LOST

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—The United States mail boat Fulizer, with at least seven men aboard, has been missing since December 15th and may have been lost in the Straits of Shelokof, Alaska, Secretary Payne, Secretary was advised today by Governor Riggs of Alaska.

Bones Roll In Mansions

Chicago society's rolling the bones! Down on its knees it licks shore mansions, the "Four Hundred" shoots its dice. Of course these are "society dice" displayed in the big jewelry store. Tiny little cubes of moonstone and agate with points inscribed with silver, platinum or pearl. How tiny they are is shown above—five of them alongside ordinary poker dice. The jewellers say they are selling like hot cakes. Miss Jean Roberts, a sub-dub devotee is shown rolling the gallopers.

ORDERS EXCLUSION OF O'CALLAGHAN

Board in Inquiry Makes Report—Sec. Wilson Grants Parole Until State Dept. Rules.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—The exclusion of Daniel J. O'Callaghan, lord Mayor of Cork, was ordered yesterday at Norfolk by a board of special inquiry. O'Callaghan appealed from the ruling and the case will eventually be referred to the State Department for a decision as to whether it will waive the special passport ruling.

In the meantime, O'Callaghan, himself has made an appeal directly to the State Department in the hopes that the absence of a passport might not deprive him from the United States.

Secretary Wilson of the labor department announced today that he had granted a parole to Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, detained at Newport News by immigration authorities, on his own recognizance, pending decision as to his admission to this country.

Under Secretary Davis said the state department was considering the appeal of the lord mayor that the passport restrictions imposed on entry of an alien into the United States be waived in his case and that the decision of the department might be transmitted to Secretary Wilson today. Final action will then be taken by the Labor Secretary.

SPENCER MEET TO ATTEND FUNERAL

(By A. W. Hicks) Spencer, Jan. 6.—Headed by Supt. J. H. Rickmond, a goody sized company of railway employees from Spencer, representing the transportation and mechanical departments will leave tonight for Washington to attend the funeral of the late Vice President E. H. Cospman who died at his home there early Wednesday morning. Mr. Cospman was well known to the employees and was greatly liked by all. He was regarded as a strong friend of the workers in all departments and the news of his death brought sadness to thousands in the service. Joining the party here for Washington were numbers of Southern Railway officials from Atlanta, Greenville, Charlotte, Knoxville, St. Louis and other points, making the trip in private cars.

The annual stockholders and directors meeting of the Spencer Hardware Company, Inc., was held in the office of the company on January 6th. The entire stock was represented by the three stockholders of the company, namely, S. F. Harris, O. C. Godfrey, and D. C. Young. The following officers were elected for the year 1921: S. F. Harris, president; O. C. Godfrey, vice president; D. C. Young, secretary and treasurer. After a general discussion of the condition of the business, a dividend was declared and checks for same were presented to the stockholders by the treasurer. During the past year this company has increased its capital stock considerably. Mr. Young having bought more stock.

Under the direction of the Religious Work Committee of the Y. M. C. A. a large Bible class will be organized here tonight among the railroad men. A number of short talks will be made by various speakers. The class which is open to all men will study the Sunday school lesson each week under a capable teacher.

Target Range for Bank Employees

(By The Associated Press) Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—Robbers will find the employees prepared to receive them should they decide to visit the Union Savings Bank & Trust company in this city. "For the benefit of bandits," said Edward G. Stark, vice-president of the bank today, when he announced that a target range was being installed in the basement of the institution.

Would Stop Charleston Work

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Ball, Republican, of Delaware, today called up the senate bill to stop work on the Charleston, S. C. channel project which contemplates the construction of naval dry docks. Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, opposed immediate consideration of the bill and induced Representative Ball to defer action tomorrow to give time for securing information from the navy department.

SIEGEL BILL TO INCREASE HOUSE

North Carolina Will Get Two More Congressmen and No State Will Lose Any Member.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—The house census committee today agreed to report to congress the Siegel bill fixing the membership of the house at 483, an increase of 48 over the present membership. It also recommended a constitutional amendment limiting membership in future houses at 500. The basis for reapportionment was fixed at one member for every 218,979 inhabitants. Under the bill North Carolina would gain two congressmen. No state would lose any representation.

Representative Blanton, Democrat of Texas, appeared in support of his bill which reduces the house membership to 304.

After questioning representative Aswell, Democrat of Louisiana, Mr. Pinkham said between three and four negroes in his district. He estimated number of voters "disfranchised" in Massachusetts under the literacy test as between four and five per cent.

Representative Brinson, Democrat of North Carolina, reading from a copy of a brief of A. J. Campbell, republican, who is contesting the election of Congressman R. L. Doughton, which said the republican party in North Carolina takes practically the same position on the question of the negro participating in the elections as the Democratic party and had discouraged them in the interest of tranquility between the races.

Before the committee closed its public hearing and went into executive session representative Pinkham, Republican, of Massachusetts appeared before the committee and urged the application of the present amendment to those states in which alleged disfranchisement has taken place.

PENROSE SUPPORT EMERGENCY BILL

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee, announced today that he would support the house emergency tariff bill. Although he hoped for certain modification of rates.

The senator's announcement was made at the conclusion of the first open hearing on the measure by the committee. In a formal statement he said he desired to correct the misunderstanding that seemed to be general concerning the status of the so-called emergency tariff. He denied there was any difference of opinion among Republicans on this measure.

The senator said there also was an unwarranted impression of rivalry between the East with its manufacturing industries and the agricultural south and west as regards the emergency bill. The case, he declared, was in favor of adequate protection for the farming interests as any other industry, he said.

DEATH OF S. C. BANKER A PUZZLE

(By The Associated Press) Laurens, S. C., Jan. 6.—The theory of foul play in the death of Dr. E. K. Aiken, which occurred here yesterday, was dispersed today by a statement from Sheriff Reid that the doctor's pistol containing an empty cartridge had been found in the bath room where the body lay. A note left in his room clearly indicated suicide.

Laurens, S. C., Jan. 6.—City and county officers are investigating today the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Hugh K. Aiken, president of the Laurens National Bank, who was found dead late yesterday at his home with a bullet wound in his head. The police said today no arrest had been made. No clew has been discovered to indicate that he was shot by a burglar which supposition was advanced by officers soon after Mr. Aiken's body was discovered in his bath room from Sheriff Reid that the doctor's pistol containing an empty cartridge had been found in the bath room where the body lay. A note left in his room clearly indicated suicide.

U. S. TREASURER RESIGNS

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 6.—John Burke, Treasurer of the United States, today announced his resignation, effective upon the appointment of his successor.

Mr. Burke was appointed Treasurer in March, 1913. Prior to that time he served three terms as governor of North Dakota and was a member of both the Senate and House of that State. He was in the banking firm of Kayser, Finkbeiner & Burke, which is in New York City.