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LEGISLATURE BEGINS WORK

The 1901 Session Gets to Business at Noon.

MOORE IS SPEAKER

H. A. London President Pro Tem of the Senate.

LIEUT. GOV. REYNOLDS HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ON THE MATTER OF HIS RESIGNATION.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—[Special].—Lieutenant Governor Reynolds decides that he will not resign, but hold on until Tuesday. He says he thinks this the proper course.

The legislature convened at noon. The officers of the house are: Walter E. Moore, speaker. Brevard Nixon, chief clerk. Frank Bennett, doorkeeper. J. H. Fonville, engrossing clerk. W. W. Wilson, reading clerk. Y. B. Howell, assistant doorkeeper. The officers of the senate are: President, Charles A. Reynolds. President pro tem., H. A. London. A. J. Maxwell, chief clerk. Walter L. Cahoon, reading clerk. Frank A. Clinard, engrossing clerk. Jas. B. Smith, sergeant at arms. George Biggestaff, assistant doorkeeper.

Senator Justice is chairman of the Democratic caucus.

Lieutenant Governor-elect Turner arrived today. He and Justice will select the senate committees.

At the house caucus last night H. G. Connor presided. M. H. Justice presided at the senate caucus.

All senators present today save James, who is sick and will not arrive before Monday.

When Stringfield was sworn in notice of contest was given.

A committee was appointed to notify the governor that the body was ready to receive his message. This will be sent in tomorrow.

A resolution was adopted providing for a canvass of the vote and its announcement at noon next Tuesday.

Officials of the three great systems of railway in North Carolina are in conference today to see whether any compromise or settlement of the tax assessment matter can be made.

CHURCHILL UNPOPULAR

HE IS CONSIDERED ENTIRELY TOO BUMPY.

London, Jan. 9.—It is not generally known that Winston Churchill was about the most unpopular young man that ever went into the army. His sojourn with the Fourth Hussars was not a particularly happy or interesting one. There is a story told of him that he wrote to a certain general asking him if he might send the general a copy of his book on the war. The reply was so unflattering and unsatisfactory that the letter has not been kept in the archives of the Churchill family.

Although he is undoubtedly clever, the young man is generally considered far too bumpy. When at Newmarket soon after his return from Africa he swaggered about the place to such an extent that many persons thought he represented all the stewards of that course rolled into one.

NITRATE WORKS BURNED

FIREMEN SUFFOCATED BY THE FUMES FROM CHEMICALS.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9.—This city yesterday was the scene of another fatal fire. The nitrate building of the Eastman Kodak company was destroyed. Two firemen were suffocated by fumes of burning chemicals and others were so seriously injured that they will probably die. The dead are: Lieutenant Edward Murphy, George F. Long; injured, George Kittlinger. The fire was started by the contact of escaping nitric acid with a wooden floor.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS.

SITUATION REPORTED TO BE MORE HOPEFUL.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The last advice received by the state department from Minister Loomis in Venezuela gave the situation there as more hopeful. Mr. Loomis cables that the revolution led by Perez appears to be completely suppressed.

The favorable turn in affairs will not lead to any present change in the naval representation at LaGuayra. Caracas, Jan. 9.—The last place occupied by the revolutionists, Carupano, surrendered yesterday.

GERMANY OPPOSES OUR PROPOSITION

At Least Feeling in Berlin Points That Way.

PROPOSAL IS TO SHIFT CERTAIN LINES OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FROM PEKIN.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—It is expected that the subject of a lengthy interview Ambassador White had yesterday with the secretary of state for foreign affairs was in regard to the proposal of the United States powers to conclude the convention at Peking except those questions relating to indemnity and commercial treaties, these being left for settlement at a conference of the powers at Washington or elsewhere.

No final decision is announced, but the feeling in diplomatic circles here seems to be opposed to the United States proposition.

Paris, Jan. 9.—As a result of the inquiries made in official circles the Associated Press learns that the United States has put forth a tentative suggestion that the peace negotiations be shifted from Peking to Washington.

The French government has not received the formal proposition and therefore its attitude on the subject is not determined.

ROOT HAS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON BOOZ CASE

NO INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN OUT NOW.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The record of proceedings and findings of the military committee appointed to investigate the case of ex-Cadet Booz, whose recent death is attributed by his family and friends to injuries received by landing at the West Point academy, has been received at the war department. The record comprises four large volumes, each of 100 typewritten pages.

Without undertaking to read the report, not even the conclusions of the court, General Corbin, to whom it was referred, took it to the secretary of war personally. In accordance with the established rules of the war department, no official information concerning the nature of the commissions will be divulged in advance of the secretary's action.

ONE DAY ENOUGH.

PUGILISTS DON'T LIKE TRAINING AT SEASHORE.

New York, Jan. 9.—One day's training at the seashore was enough for Ruhlin and Jeffries. The weather was raw and cold and neither man would venture outside to do any work. Ruhlin, who had planned to remain at Bath Beach until 10 days before the fight, which is to take place in Cincinnati February 15, has changed his mind and will leave for Covington Sunday.

Jeffries' experience with the seashore winds at Loch Arbor convinced him that a warmer climate would be more desirable and he will move to West Baden, Ind., within a few days if the cold weather continues.

Tom Sharkey, who will meet Kid McCoy in a limited bout in San Francisco February 28, has gone to West Baden. The sailor will train at the Indiana health resort until February 13 and will finish up at Los Angeles.

TO CLOSE PORTS.

PREVENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE INSURGENTS.

Manila, Jan. 9.—The military government is considering the question of closing certain ports of the southern islands in order to prevent communication between the insurgents. The port of Ubay, on Bohol island, has already been ordered closed as the garrison stationed there has been withdrawn.

An act for the organization of the metropolitan police of Manila has been passed by the Philippine commission. The force will consist of three companies selected from volunteer soldiery.

LAWYER'S SUICIDE.

HIS ACT THE RESULT OF AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

Atlanta, Jan. 9.—Felix N. Cobb, a prominent politician and lawyer of Carrollton, Ga., committed suicide here last night.

He left a note to his parents saying the act was the result of his unhappy marriage.

Cobb was the candidate on the Populist ticket for attorney general at the last election.

BICYCLE ACCIDENT.

While Hal R. Stephens was riding down Merrimon avenue Tuesday evening his wheel struck a stone and the rider was thrown from the bike, causing several cuts on his face and a number of bruises. The accident occurred at the corner where Mr. Rogers was killed a year ago and where G. A. Greer was severely injured some months ago.

HALF MILLION BROOKLYN FIRE

Beard's Shipping Stores Are Partly Destroyed.

LIVES ENDANGERED

Excursion Steamer Burns to Water's Edge.

ONE FIREMAN INJURED AND FIFTY SEAMEN COMPELLED TO HUSTLE OUT FOR A PLACE OF SAFETY.

New York, Jan. 9.—In an early morning fire in the basin front that lighted up South Brooklyn, Beard's shipping stores, at the foot of Richards street, were partially destroyed; an excursion steamer, the Idlewild, was burned to the water's edge, one fireman was injured and close upon 50 seamen narrowly escaped with their lives. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The fire started from an unknown cause on board the Idlewild about 1 o'clock. The steamer was lying just inside the breakwater. As soon as she was cut loose she drifted directly across the basin and up against one of Beard's pier boats.

In a very short time the big covered pier, where jute and cotton were stored in bales, was in flames from piling to roof. Brooklyn fire boats after a hard fight succeeded in getting the flames under control.

On the other side of the pier was lying the tramp steamer St. Dunstan, from Liverpool, with a cargo of fruit and sugar. Her crew hurried on deck when the Idlewild banged alongside, rushed over the side and managed to get ashore, while the fire boats took care of the abandoned ship. They quenched the flames after the deck house had caught fire and her port side was badly blistered and then set her adrift.

The Idlewild, meanwhile, had burned to the water's edge and a couple of lighters had also been destroyed.

PLENTY OF ROOM.

WASHINGTON IS PREPARED TO TAKE CARE OF VISITORS.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Members of the Blaine club of Cincinnati having said that the club had decided not to come to Washington to participate in the inaugural parade because of the lack of suitable accommodations, Chairman John J. Edson has made a statement bearing on the subject prepared by Mr. Welby of the public comfort committee.

The latter says his committee has had no application from the Blaine club and has seen none of its members; that the public comfort committee is prepared to furnish quarters for any body of 125 or up to 500 men, if necessary, in any one of the prominent hotels now listed on the books and at prevailing rates, without any advance on account of the inauguration.

STAMPED PAPER.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR FIVE LARGE OFFICES.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The postoffice department has issued the following comparative statement of the issue of stamped paper to the five largest offices for the quarter ending December 31, 1899 and 1900.

	1899.	1900.
New York	\$1,591,237	\$1,823,929
Chicago	1,344,255	1,850,522
Philadelphia	837,747	890,560
Boston	714,892	748,930
St. Louis	243,671	482,954
This shows a total of \$5,295,998 for 1900 as compared with \$5,121,684 for 1899, an increase of \$1,804,323.		

NEW ARTESIAN WELL.

EVERY INDICATION THAT IT IS A SUCCESS.

The artesian well which is being sunk by the Sylvan Well and Pump company for the Carolina Coal & Ice company at the company's factory near the depot, gives every indication of proving a success. An 18-inch vein of clear water has been struck at a depth of 176 feet, almost all of this distance being through solid granite.

Yesterday a small pump was used as a tester and the results were very satisfactory. A larger pump has been telegraphed for and as soon as it arrives another test will be made.

CLERKS' UNION.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Retail Clerks' union, set for last evening, was postponed until next Tuesday. The delegates to the C. L. U. were appointed, however. Those named were H. L. Scruggs, Bennie Swartzburg, S. S. Davis and Joseph Goodson.

SAFE CRACKERS GET \$6000.

Mansfield, O., Jan. 9.—Davies & Ozier's private bank at Shiloh was entered by burglars and the safe blown. About \$6000 was stolen.

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HISSES AND HOOTS FOR THE MARQUIS

From Disgusted Shareholders of the Company.

AFFAIRS OF THE SUSPENDED LONDON AND GLOBE FINANCE CORPORATION.

London, Jan. 9.—Amidst cries of "Turn him out," hooting and other hostile interruptions, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, chairman of the suspended London and Globe Finance corporation, limited, at an extraordinary meeting of the company today succeeded in at least temporarily appeasing the wrath of the shareholders.

The hall was packed and the directors were evidently supported by a considerable faction, as warm cheering was mingled with the hisses and hoots.

As a result of explanations of the directors the shareholders voted an adjournment until Monday, when a scheme for the reconstruction of the company will be submitted.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

TWO LODGES ENJOY A GREAT BANQUET.

One of the most enjoyable banquets given lately was that last evening given by the Piscah and Asheville lodges, K. of P., at the Swannona hotel.

Previous to the banquet the newly elected officers of the two lodges were installed by Grand Chancellor George W. Montcastle of Lexington.

After the installation the Knights adjourned to the Swannona where an elaborate menu had been provided.

After the feast of solids Vice Grand L. P. McLeod took charge as toastmaster and called on the speakers in bright and happy bits of witicism that won him merited applause.

J. D. Murphy was first called on and welcomed the guests. He was responded to by Grand Chancellor Montcastle in a very appropriate speech.

Charles A. Webb responded to "The supreme lodge and endowment rank," "Pythianism" was responded to by Mr. S. Barnard, and "The Carolina Pythian" was spoken to by J. R. Jordan. They were in turn followed by Dr. J. W. Felham, Judge Jones and J. W. Summers.

State Lecturer J. Robert Jordan was piece of and conducted his school of instruction to the advantage of members of both lodges.

The speeches of the evening though not prepared, were pitched on a high plane and were as good as have been heard at a banquet in Asheville.

The service was excellent and reflected credit upon the management of the Swannona.

Grand Chancellor Montcastle made a most pleasant impression on all knights, both by his gracious presence and address, his cordiality and earnestness and the eloquence of his remarks.

BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Blue Ridge National bank was held yesterday afternoon, at which the present directors were re-elected. They are J. W. Norwood, S. P. McElvitt, G. A. Norwood, W. J. Stayton, Edwin Fisher and J. J. Brown.

J. W. Norwood will be president and Edwin Fisher, cashier, as heretofore.

The finances of the bank were shown to be in excellent condition. Although the bank has been established less than three years, the net profits have been over \$2000, some of which has been paid in dividends.

PRESIDENT BETTER.

BUT HE MUST STAY IN BED SEVERAL DAYS.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Cortelyou reported this morning that the president had passed a very comfortable night, and that his case is yielding rapidly to treatment.

No unfavorable symptoms have appeared, but from the nature of the disease the president will be compelled to keep his bed for several days.

ASTOR CONTRIBUTES £5000.

London, Jan. 9.—In response to the appeal of the Prince of Wales for further contributions to the fund for the families of the men at the front, Mr. William Waldorf Astor has contributed 5000 pounds sterling.

Try The Antlers' hot chocolate and whipped cream, 19 cents.

NEW ORLEANS KICK IGNORED

Memphis Stands by Invitation to McKinley.

CITY IS IN EARNEST

Delegation to Bear Invitation to Washington.

IT WILL BE MADE UP OF PROMINENT MEMPHIANS, THE PARTY HEADED BY MAYOR WILLIAMS.

New Orleans, Jan. 9.—The Army of Tennessee camp of United Confederate Veterans last night passed a resolution protesting against an invitation by Memphis Veterans to President McKinley to attend the Confederate reunion next May.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the various commercial bodies of Memphis it was decided to extend President McKinley a cordial invitation to visit the city during the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans, which will be held the latter part of next May. A delegation of prominent citizens, headed by Mayor Williams, will go to Washington at an early day to present the invitation to the president.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the veterans are already under way and the various committees have begun their work.

The protest of the New Orleans veterans against inviting the president to attend the reunion will be ignored, so far as Memphis is concerned.

STRANDED STEAMER.

ALL EFFORTS TO REACH HER HAVE FAILED.

Marseilles, Jan. 9.—Dispatches from the village of Faraman, near which the French mail steamer Russe, from Oran, Algeria, stranded in a violent storm with 50 passengers and a crew of 40 on board, say that all efforts to reach the steamer have failed owing to the tremendous seas which are running. Pilot boats and torpedo boats which attempted to reach the steamer have been unable to battle with the waves and have returned.

The only hope seems to be in the ability of life savers to throw a line over the Russe as the wrecked vessel is driven closer to the shore. The forecastle and part of the forward deck house is all of the vessel remaining above water.

PUBLISHED BILL WINS.

Washington, Jan. 9.—In the house yesterday the published appropriation bill won by the vote 165 to 142.

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DR. T. C. SMITH,
On Court Square.

West End Drug Store,
372 Patton Avenue.

Biltmore Drug Store,
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