

MR. BICKETT URGES BETTER PAY FOR THEN. C. JUDICIARY

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URGES \$1,000 MORE SUPERIOR COURT

Attorney General Takes Occasion to Express Opinion Regarding Elections

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—Very decided changes in the judiciary department of North Carolina are recommended by Attorney General T. W. Bickett in his biennial report to Governor Kitchin and the general assembly. He urges that Supreme court justices be paid \$5,000 and that Superior court judges receive \$1,000 allowances for expenses; that there be created two Superior court circuits—eastern and western—with ten districts each, and that one of the districts be a small one so that the judge in it can be available for special courts elsewhere when required. He believes that there should be an intermediate court of appeals to sit in the eastern and the western circuits and to have final jurisdiction over a large number of the minor cases that now congest the calendar of the State Supreme court. If this is not done it is in favor of increasing the number of Supreme court justices to six so that they will not be so hard worked.

The attorney general also in his "observations and recommendations," protests against the frequent elections, holding that an election every four years instead of every two is enough. He says the biennial elections are a frightful tax on the time, energies and resources of the people. He urges that changes be made in the state law so that judges can summons jurors from adjoining counties when occasion requires; steps to break up "professional jurors"; allow solicitors to group any number of violations of a law into one indictment instead of the present costly and cumbersome method of making separate bills for each charge. He asks that simple assault on women be made punishable by fine and imprisonment.

RANDELMAN CO. GOES UP FOR THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS

Naomi Falls Cotton Mill, Also of Randolph Co., In Same Disaster

RECEIVERS NAMED

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 22.—Three quarters of a million dollars are the estimated liabilities of the Randelman Manufacturing company and the Naomi Falls Manufacturing company of Randolph county, two of the oldest and largest cotton mills in North Carolina which were adjudged involuntary bankrupts today by Judge James E. Boyd, sitting in bankruptcy proceedings in the District court of the United States. The petition bringing on the bankruptcy was filed by three creditors, the Wachovia Loan and Trust company of Winston-Salem, the Greensboro Loan and Trust company and the Hunter Manufacturing and Commission Company of Greensboro, whose claims aggregate \$150,000. Other accounts outstanding are large, an official of one of the bankruptcy companies estimating that the total indebtedness would range from \$750,000 to \$800,000. F. H. Pries, of Winston-Salem and T. A. Hunter of Greensboro were appointed receivers with power to continue the mills in operation and to borrow money on their own certificates through their attorneys with which to buy raw cotton and to otherwise finance the enterprises.

ON A DUCK HUNT IN HIS AIRSHIP

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 22.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator went duck hunting today at the Bolsa Club in a monoplane. He circled over the feeding grounds of the wild fowl, driving his machine at a high rate of speed, and frightening the birds into the air in flocks of thousands. With a double barreled shot gun Latham fired ten times at the ducks, killing a few and crippling others. Latham pursued the birds out to sea, following them three miles. After half hour of hunting Latham landed at the club house.

DEATH TOLL OF THE QUAKER CITY FIRE IS TWENTY-FOUR

Forty Firemen and Policemen Are In Hospitals Suffering from Severe Injuries.—Some Cannot Recover.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Twenty-four firemen and policemen are known to be dead and forty are in hospitals suffering from injuries from which some will not recover, as the result of the collapse of the walls of the burning five story factory of David Friedlander, dealer in leather remnants, at 116-18-20 Dodine street. The ice-bound ruins are still being searched for the body of Charles Edelman, who is known to be dead, and to discover if possible the bodies of several other firemen who are reported missing.

William Glazier who was held in the ruins for more than thirteen hours is in a hospital suffering from pneumonia but at a late hour tonight his condition was reported to be greatly improved and the physicians have hopes of saving his life. Pinned beneath an immense iron girder, Glazier gave one of the greatest exhibitions of fortitude on record. When he was found alive held down by tons of debris, physicians wanted to amputate his legs in order that he might be removed. He protested, saying, "I will get out alright, and in plenty of time. What good would I be without legs? I would rather trust to the boys getting this junk away."

Incendiary Origin It is reported that the authorities believe that the fire was of incendiary origin and expect to make an arrest in the case. The police and firemen say that the flames seemed to spring up all over the building at the same time. There was nothing stored in the structure of an inflammable character, the floors being filed with machinery and leather. The mass of debris is frozen solid and it may be several days before additional bodies are taken from the ruins. Although Edelman's body was directly beneath Glazier's, as the latter lay on the sidewalk, the remaining walls had to be razed before it was deemed safe to continue the work of digging in the ruins. Some of the fire companies whose members met death and injury in the fire and collapse are today practically wiped out by the disaster. Engines No. 6, No. 23, No. 29, and truck No. 7 lost more than half their crews, while other companies suffered less severely. Hardest hit of all was the house at Fourth street and Girard avenue. Five men from engine company No. 29 had been injured, the other men had received burns, cuts, and bruises. Their housemates, the men of chemical No. 2 and truck No. 7 had suffered more severely. Each had lost two men by death and more of the men are in the hospitals than in the fire house. Four men in each reported for duty. Truck No. 2 came back to Fourth and Race streets at noon with two men, a driver and a tillerman. The firemen had left the blaze in patrols and ambulances. With five men hurt and their foreman killed, the survivors of engine company No. 15 rode slowly back to the house. The streets nearby were filled with silently respectful crowds as the doors were opened to admit the battered crew. All the men were dejected and showed their feelings plainly. John Latimer, chief fire marshal, after an all day investigation, expressed the belief that the fire started in the office on the first floor of the factory building. He was unable to give the cause. The rumors of probable incendiary origin, he said, would be thoroughly investigated. The factory building was 58 years old and expert building inspectors declare that the age of the walls had something to do with their sudden collapse. Edwin Clark, chief of the bureau of building inspection said the walls collapsed because of their age and the manner of their construction. The masonry, he said, was so old that a little heat converted it practically into powder so that it had no adhesive power. Then the girders and beams, instead of being iron and steel, as in modern buildings, he explained, were of wood. This burned out quickly and took away the only support of the walls. A movement has already been started for the relief of the families of the dead men. This afternoon city council passed resolutions of sympathy and Mayor Reyburn has called a meeting of the citizens permanent relief committee to be held tomorrow. Besides the funds to be raised by this committee and by private subscription, the families and minor children of the firemen and the policemen killed will be provided for by the police and firemen's pension funds. Nearly all of the men left families. John Collins, fireman, leaves a widow and six young children; Harry Peroleto, fireman, leaves seven motherless children and some of the other victims left widows and two and three children.

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HUMAN BODY FOUND IN BARREL WAS THAT OF AN AGED CHURCH JANITOR

Former Medical Student Is Charged By Police With Knowledge of Crime

HE MAY BE CRAZY

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The police today established with practical certainty the identity of the body found solidly frozen in a barrel marked "Poultry" at a local storage warehouse. They believe it is that of Matthew Johnson, the aged janitor of a Presbyterian church at Jarvis, Ontario. Johnson died November 12 and was buried at Jarvis, where, today, the authorities began excavation of his grave. They found it empty. John McSorley of Jarvis, who studied medicine 25 years ago, but never practiced, is held by the provincial police in connection with the matter. His name appeared as the barrel opened yesterday by a railroad claim agent following its non-delivery. McSorley, according to the police, has long brooded over alleged misuse of bodies for purposes of dissection. He is said to admit shipping a barrel to this city, but says it contained turkeys. The police do not expect to show that any crime has been committed by any person of sound mind. JACK JOHNSON CHALLENGED. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Barney Gerard received a telegram tonight from Al Kaufman at San Francisco asking him to send a challenge to Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title. Gerard accordingly sent the following message to Johnson at Chicago. Al Kaufman, who is now in San Francisco, has requested me to issue for him a challenge to fight you for the heavyweight championship of the world, the fight to take place within six months or a year, according to your decision.

RAIN AND WARMER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Forecast. North Carolina, rain and warmer Friday; Saturday clearing and somewhat colder; moderate east, shifting to northwest Saturday.

The Smugglers.



Bring Them in Dear. The Children Are All Asleep.

FIREMEN PERISH UNDER FALLING WALLS IN MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT CHICAGO

Twenty-Three Brave Fire Fighters and Their Chief Die at Their Posts While Trying to Save Big Packing Plant of Morris and Company.—Eighteen Bodies Recovered.

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MYSTERIOUS "HORNET" IS READY FOR ANOTHER TRIP

Reported That Converted Vessel Will Take Part Against Honduras

PASS TO ETERNITY IS PROVIDED IN EXPLOSION

One Killed and Two Injured on The Lillie White an Oil Steamer of Tampa

OLSEN, OF LOCAL WRESTLING FAME, INJURES A TURK

Man Who "Flew" Through Asheville a Few Years Ago Comes to Life Again

TIN SOLDIERS MOVE

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 22.—One thousand government troops arrived here last night and started by railroad for San Antonio, which is ten miles from the recent battle at Mal Paso. The outfit includes a battery of light artillery and one rapid fire gun. Another thousand men are due here tonight. These together with the remnant of Colonel Guzman's troops, numbering three hundred at Bustillos, will concentrate at San Antonio with the purpose of clearing Mal Paso of insurgents and securing control of the railroad through that strategic point. Colonel Guzman, who is in a serious condition at a hospital here, described the ambush at Mal Paso as a horrible experience.

BOY SAVES HIS MOTHER

MACON, Ga., Dec. 22.—While an unknown intruder, a white man, the worse for liquor, wrestled with his mother, in their home on the outskirts of Macon tonight, Wictor Smith, 12 years of age, pulled down his father's shotgun and blew the stranger's head off.

LITTLE BOY GIVES HIS LIFE FOR BABY SISTER

"Wise" Mother Locks Her Children in Room and They are Burned

BALDWIN DRAMA NEAR END

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Tomorrow afternoon the curtain is expected to fall on the chief attraction in the Baldwin will contest. The case itself may last two or three months, but Mrs. Lillian Turnbull may leave the stand for good when court adjourns tomorrow. Mrs. Turnbull's four day's cross examination was completed today. All that remains is the laying of foundations for impeaching her testimony regarding the contract marriage, on which is based her daughter's contest for a share of "Lucy Baldwin's" millions.

SCHOONER ASHORE

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—While all sorts of rumors and conjectures as to the possible fate of the British schooner Laura C. Hall, of Parsboro, N. S., have been circulating since she was seen off Cape Cod battling with the storm of December 14, the ship has been slowly working her way to the coast.

MUCH REGULATION HAS IMPOVERISHED ROADS SAYS MAHER

Can Find no Plausible Excuse For Federal Activity In Railroad Control

HAS ALSO STOPPED MUCH DEVELOPMENT

Rather Interesting Remarks Are Made Before Railroad Securities Commission

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"Federal regulation has put the railroads of this country in the position of not having sufficient means or credit to go ahead with their work of development," declared Robert Maher, chairman of the board of directors of the Westinghouse Electric company and well known as a railway executive, when called before the railroad securities commission today. Continuing he said: "In my judgment, whenever the government authorities go so far as to regulate the question of rates and when such rates do not permit the company to operate under an average economy so as to earn enough money to maintain the credit which is so essential in the operation of a railroad system, I believe the government should go further and lend the credit of the country in order to produce sufficient credit for the railroads in looking after their needs. "Government regulation has no right to stop now and let the railroad founder out of their mire difficulties."

Mr. Maher said that while extending federal regulation was in the effect of making first class railroad securities very excellent investments it also had the effect of making second class securities upon which railroads are most dependent for the raising of money for additions and extensions less desirable for investment purposes. Mr. Maher contended that if the proper publicity was given the financial operations of railroads there would not be so many instances of unwise investments. Frank Trumbull, chairman of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway company, said that his sympathies were all with federal regulation, not because of its bearing on rates, but because of public interest. Railroad men he said have come to the conclusion that they must commend themselves to the public as well as to each other. Mr. Trumbull said he was in favor of having the government make a physical valuation of the railroads of the country, but he was doubtful of the course to pursue. At the conclusion of today's session it was announced that the next session of the commission would be held in Chicago on January 23.