

ALL EYES ON THE CAUCAS TONIGHT

Interest Centers in the Choice of the Man Who is To Succeed Senator Pritchard

ALL THE CANDIDATES ARE ON THE GROUND

Second Day's Session of the Senate and House Are Here Set Forth in Detail

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—Representative Morton denounced today as scurrilous the letter circulated against him in the speaker's contest charging him with discourtesy to a delegation of lumbermen.

The following Senate bills were introduced today: White to regulate the sale of morphine. London, anti-saloon league bill. Van, prohibiting cannon crackers.

A bill providing for employees in the enrolling department under the Secretary of State was fully discussed but was finally sent to committee.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—All interest now centers in the senatorial caucus tonight. The candidates are all here now except Judge W. A. Hoke. Capt. S. B. Alexander was the last arrival.

The fight for the nomination is being carried on with the best of feeling and no bitterness is displayed on any side. The Republicans held their caucus last night and of course nominated Senator Pritchard. They will also propose state legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of whiskey, believing that this should be left to the counties. They will take the local option ground.

SENATE, SECOND DAY. Lieut. Gov. Turner called the Senate to order at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. B. Hurley, of this city, offered prayer. After the approval of yesterday's Journal, Senator Warren of Jones, who was unable to reach here Wednesday morning, appeared and took the oath.

Senator Mann offered a joint resolution that no member of the Legislature should seek or accept an appointment to an office created by this General Assembly. It was referred to the proper committee.

Senator Norris: To amend the charter of the United Mutual Insurance Co. Senator Mann: To prevent the use of certain explosives.

Senator Pharr: To amend the charter of Southern States Trust Co. Senator Blow: To provide for cross indexing of appointments of executors, administrators and guardians.

Senator Justice: To regulate the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the State. This bill imposes a minimum state, county and town license of \$500 and prohibits the business in all towns having less than 500 people.

Senator Godwin: To submit the subject of the sale of liquor to a vote in Sampson. (The last Legislature prohibited the manufacture and sale in Sampson.)

Senator Reinhardt: To raise revenue. Senator Blow: To amend chapter 2, section 2, Laws of 1893.

The Governor's message was then received and read. The reading consumed three-quarters of an hour. Upon motion of Senator London, 1,000 copies were ordered printed.

The following committees were announced: Propositions and grievances: Vann, Chairman. Brown, Godwin, Spruill, Cathey, Hicks, of Duplin; Lamb, Warren, Hunter, Bessley, Crisp, Privileges and Elections: McLaughlin, Chairman; Baldwin, Mann, Hoy, Norris, Bellamy, Marshall. Claims:

Aaron, Milton, Reinhardt, McMullan, Hunter, Pharr, Cauley, McBryde, Judiciary: Woodard, chairman; Henderson, Graves, Justice, Gilliam, McLaughlin, Baldwin, Vann, Warren, Norris, Hicks, of Greenville, London, Mann, Webb, Blow, White, Godwin, Burton, Haly, Spence, Pharr, McMullan, Holton, Welborn.

Internal Improvements: Hicks, of Granville, chairman; Mann, Cathey, Blow, McBryde, Thayer, Welborn. Education: Henderson, chairman; White, Bessley, Spence, Hicks, of Granville, Webb, Glenn, Mann, Warren, Holton.

Military Affairs: Pharr, chairman; Aaron, Richardson, McLaughlin, Haly, Durham, McMullan, Marshall. Agricultural: Bellamy, chairman; Cathey, Mitchell, Ballenger, Hicks, of Duplin, Reinhardt, McBryde, Hunter, Thayer, Allison, Marshall.

Banks and Currency: Walker, Allison, London, Burton, Lamb, Milton, Pollock, Pritchard, Vann, Holton. Corporations: Travis, Justice, Gilliam, Baldwin, Burton, Godwin, Mitchell, Vann, McLaughlin, Wilson, Brown, Haly, Reinhardt, Pharr, Crisp.

Finance: London, chairman; Henderson, Justice, White, Durham, Glenn, Blow, Brown, Mitchell, Pritchard, Allison, Walker, Webb, Aaron. Insurance: White, chairman; Travis, Haly, Walker, Glenn, Baldwin, Thayer, Ballenger, Marshall.

Penal Institution: Warren, chairman; Aaron, Richardson, Milton, Woodard, Walker, Hunter, Pharr, Melborn. Salaries and Fees: Spence, chairman; Spruill, Walker, Morris, McBryde, Hicks, of Granville, Gilliam, Ballenger, Holton.

Engrossed Bills: Bessley, chairman; Spence, Richardson, Hoy, Godwin, Bellamy, Cauley, Blisp. Dead Dumb and Blind Asylums: Norris, chairman; Justice, Spruill, Pollock, Pharr, Milton, McMullan, Lamb, Crisp.

Insane Asylums: Glenn, chairman; Warren, Norris, Ballenger, Pollock, Allison, Hicks, of Duplin, Aaron, Conley. Federal Relations: Mitchell, chairman; Richardson, Henderson, Justice, Woodard, Holton.

Fish and Fisheries: Mann, chairman; McMullan, Brown, Bellamy, Mitchell, Blow, Conley. Pensions and Soldiers Home: Reinhardt, chairman; Henderson, London, Lamb, Allison, Ballenger, Crisp.

Railroads and Railroad Commission: Justice, chairman; London, Brown, Travis, Walker, Reinhardt, Pritchard, Mann, Burton, Bessley, Wilborn. Public Roads: Allison, chairman; Baldwin, Pharr, Hicks, of Granville, Norris, Thayer, Pritchard, Conley.

Counties, Cities and Towns: Haey, Webb, Godwin, Bessley, Bellamy, Durham, Hicks, of Duplin, Hunter, Marshall. Public Health: Pollock, chairman; Spruill, Vann, Milton, McBryde, Lurham, Brown.

Manufacturing: Durham, chairman; Allison, Walker, Warren, Cathey, McLaughlin, Burton. Mining: Cathey, chairman; Pritchard, Spence, Ballenger, Webb, Milton, Crisp.

Election Law: Gilliam, chairman; Travis, Webb, Henderson, Bessley, Spence, Mitchell, Richardson, Warren. Constitutional Amendment: Burton, chairman; Baldwin, Norris, Vann, Blow, Hicks, of Granville, Haly.

Shell Fish: Spruill, Warren, Vann, Mitchell, Hicks, of Duplin. Rules: Brown, chairman; London, Glenn. Appropriations: Baldwin, chairman; Spence, Bessley, Brown, Gilliam, Haly, Justice, White.

Congressional Appointment: Godwin, chairman; Travis, Webb, Hoy, McLaughlin, Spence, Lamb, Hicks, of Granville, Warren, Richardson. Judicial Districts: Blow, chairman; Mann, Webb, Woodard, Justice, Hicks, of Granville, McLaughlin, Burton, Norris.

JOINT COMMITTEES. Library: Thayer, chairman; Reinhardt, Gilliam, Godwin, Spruill, Walker, Pharr.

Justice of the Peace: Hicks, of Duplin, Aaron, Bellamy, Burton, Cathey. Public Buildings and Grounds: Lamb, Thayer, Walker, Pollock, Mann. Trustees of the University: Pritchard, chairman; Gilliam, London, Henderson, Warren, Burton, Webb, Hoy, Holton.

Enrollment of Bills: Webb, chairman; Aaron, Blow, Durham, McMullan, Pharr, Pollock. Printing: Richardson, Bessley, Hoy. The Senate upon motion then adjourned till 11 o'clock Friday morning.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. The House was called to order by Speaker Gattis at eleven o'clock, prayer being offered. On motion of Mr. Doughton, of Allghany, the rules of the last House were adopted for the present.

The message from the Governor being announced, Speaker Gattis ordered it read. Senate resolution to print one thousand copies of the message was adopted.

ATTEMPT TO KILL MR. CHAMBERLAIN?

Cablegram From South Africa Has It That the Colonial Secretary Was Fired Upon Today

STOCK MARKET WAS AFFECTED BY THE NEWS

London Believes the Story is a Canard and Thinks That it Started From Illness of Millionaire Beit

New York, Jan. 9.—A London special, sent out by the stock ticker this morning, says securities in London have been unfavorably affected by the report that colonial secretary Chamberlain has been shot at in South Africa.

London, Jan. 9.—In official circles nothing is known of the reported attack on Chamberlain. It is believed the story is a canard. The colonial office says it believes there is not a vestige of foundation for the report. It is possible the Capetown report of the illness of Alfred Beit started the Chamberlain story.

London, Jan. 9.—Reuters Capetown correspondent wires that Capt. Jameson is hurrying to Johannesburg, having received news of the serious illness of Alfred Beit, the millionaire, who is reported as dying.

TOOK FRENCH LEAVE. German Ambassador Did Not Say Good Bye to Teddy. Washington, Jan. 9.—It was learned today that in leaving Washington yesterday afternoon Herr Von Holleben, the German Ambassador, failed to pay his respects either to the State Department or to the President. As he is known to have engaged passage for Germany this fact substantiates the report that he has been recalled by his government. Had he expected to return after an extended visit abroad he would undoubtedly have done so and stated his reason therefor.

President Roosevelt has directed the State Department to reply to the notification of the German Government that he is personally pleased with the appointment of Baron Sternberg.

The cabinet was in session for two hours today. Matters relating to Indiana, Miss., and other southern post offices, postoffices and again discussed the subject of anti-trust legislation was given considerable attention, the President vouching his views and listening opinion and advice as to the best methods to pursue against the ends desired.

To Care For the Old Cemetery. At the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution the board of aldermen has given them charge of the old cemetery and hereafter they will see that it is kept in good condition. Many men of Revolutionary fame are interred in this cemetery; and apart from historic interest it is felt by many that the cemetery, situated as it is in a very central location, has too long been neglected. The committee on cemeteries from the board of aldermen will assist the Daughters of the Revolution in this worthy undertaking.

GETS DAMAGES AGAINST JOURNAL. Circuit Court of New York Decides That Mr. Hearst Must Cough Up \$36,000 For Libelling

New York, Jan. 9.—The jury in the trial of a suit brought by James H. Duke, of Seecoba, Mississippi, against the Morning Journal, in the United States Circuit Court, today handed in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$36,000.

Duke sued for fifty thousand. The complaint alleges that the Journal published a libel to his great damage and hurt in stating that he engaged in a scheme with others to insure five negroes in Mississippi and that he then murdered the men whose lives he insured or procured others to kill them, dividing the money with his fellow-conspirators.

CITY COURT ITEMS.

A. Baker With a Badly Burned Hand. Other Cases. In the absence of Recorder Shannonhouse, Squire S. H. Hilton held the city court. The first person to face the tribunal was a "Weary Willie," who gave his name as Elsworth Powers, who said he hailed from the great State of Pennsylvania. Powers was arrested yesterday by Officer McCall who found him hanging around a saloon on East Trade. Powers exhibited a badly burned hand. He claimed his injuries were received while at work at his trade—that of a baker. In answer to the question as to how long he had been in Charlotte, Powers stated that he arrived here yesterday from Robinson, about 25 miles north of Charlotte. He then, on second thought, said he came to Charlotte from Cary and when next heard from said his last stopping place was Gastonia. It was very evident that he is a typical hobo, and he was given 30 days on the gang.

Dave Moore, colored, was up for stealing a whip, the property of a hack driver. He was bound over to the next term of the court. Failing to give the required bond, \$25, he went to jail.

Some time ago Mr. R. J. Porter, the wood man, lost a purse containing about \$37. Mr. Porter suspected some of the darkies around the wood yard of the theft. Robert Grier alias Robert Alexander, was arrested this morning on suspicion. It is suspected that Grier knows where the money is, at least a portion of it and he is detained at the station house pending arrest of several others who are thought to be implicated in the theft.

THEY GO TO FLORIDA. Mr. Massey and Bride Here En Route to Land of Flowers. Mr. L. J. Massey and bride, who was Miss Cora Wilson of Morganton, and a sister of Mrs. Robert Gibbon, of this city, stopped over in Charlotte last night and left this morning over the Southern for Florida.

The marriage of Miss Wilson and Mr. Massey was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Morganton at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Walter Edge, pastor of the Morganton Presbyterian church performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Thomas Johnson, Mr. J. E. Williamson of New York, was best man and Miss Beulah Wilson, of Morganton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

After the marriage services dinner was served at the home of the bride and those who attended from Charlotte and this section were: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbon and Misses Mabel Ardrey and Lily Massey, of Fort Mill.

WILL ARGUE CASE IN WASHINGTON. This is Last Day's Session of Interstate Commerce Commission--Time of Hearing Case Will Be Designated

This will be the last day's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Charlotte. The testimony will be concluded this afternoon and Commissioners Frouty and Pifer leave for Washington tonight. The argument will not be heard here but in Washington at such a time as the commissioners may designate.

Mr. P. G. McGovern, chairman of the Southern Classification Committee was the first witness called this morning. This gentleman was on the stand for a short while yesterday afternoon, but the bulk of his testimony was given in today. The drift of Mr. McGovern's testimony was the justice of the rates now charged to Charlotte from Eastern and Western points.

Mr. G. R. Knox, general freight agent of the Nashville and Chattanooga road was the next called. His testimony was in the same strain as that of the witness who preceded him.

Mr. E. A. Neil, general freight agent of the Southern was called on to testify at the reconvening of the commission this afternoon. Mr. Neil corroborated the witnesses at the morning session as to the reasonableness of the rates that are now in vogue.

It is thought the commission will adjourn after Mr. Neil's evidence is in.

INCREASED PASSENGER SERVICE. Seaboard To Run Four Extra Passenger Trains Out of Charlotte. The News learns today that some decidedly interesting changes will go into effect on the Seaboard Air Line next Sunday. The changes, so far as Charlotte is concerned, will be welcomed. It is stated today on good authority that four extra passenger trains will come in and go out of Charlotte after next Sunday.

For the most part these trains will ply between Charlotte and Monroe connecting with all through trains at Monroe, thereby doing away with the present tedious delays in Monroe. While the schedules of these extra trains have not yet reached Charlotte, the News man is reliable informed that they are to go on and Sunday is the date for the welcome change.

London, Jan. 9.—Rt. Rev. Henry De-Morne Pibright died at six o'clock this morning. He was 63 years old. He was created in 1855, has held several important government positions and was a member of Parliament for ten years.

ROME MOURNS FOR HER DEAD MONARCH

Title of the New Novel Upon Which Rostand Has Been Working All the Year Has Been Announced

RT. HON. HENRY PIRBRIGHT DIED THIS MORNING

French Steamer Patria, Long Overdue, Towed Into the Azores in Distress--Petroleum Wells Blazing

Rome, Jan. 9.—Today being the 25th anniversary of the death of King Victor Emanuel thousands of Italians from all the provinces gathered in Rome and proceeded in solemn procession to the tomb in the Pantheon. That the government might not have greater honor than the church the Vatican is pitting forth the greatest efforts to have the demonstration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Leo's coronation out rival today's demonstrations.

Paris, Jan. 9.—It is ascertained that the novel which Rostand, author of Cyrano De Bergerac, has been writing the last year will be "Maitre De La Mer." The new novel treats of the trust question and colonial expansion. It will be ready in six months.

Calais, Jan. 9.—The French steamer Patria, from New York Dec. 24th, for Marseilles, which is overdue, has arrived at Azores. The steamer struck a submerged wreck in mid-Atlantic and was badly disabled and was towed to the Azores. She has a large number of passengers.

Vienna, Jan. 9.—Twenty-six petroleum wells at Burslavy, Galicia, caught fire this morning. Before the blaze was under control it had spread to the surrounding houses, destroying twenty of them. One girl died of burns. The damage will amount to six hundred thousand dollars.

Women's Hospital Falls Through. Washington, Jan. 9.—The Women's Hospital at Manila, founded by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, has been closed, owing to lack of funds for support. The institution was established three years ago and for a time was maintained by contributions from the public. It has recently been a losing institution and was compelled to close.

Newport News Yard Borrows Money. Newport News, Va., Jan. 9.—A mortgage fled yesterday by the Newport News Ship building company conveying to the Union Trust Company of New York real estate owned by the first named company including, dry docks, machinery and shipyards, to secure a loan of five million dollars.

PENSION FRAUDS BEFORE HOUSE

Committee on Insular Affairs Approves the Bill to Establish Gold Standard in the Philippine Islands

Washington, Jan. 9.—When the House met today Hull of Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, presented the army appropriation bill giving notice that he would call it up for consideration on Monday.

The pension bills on the private calendar were today considered in committee of the whole. The House committee on insular affairs today approved the bill establishing a gold standard in the Philippines.

Will Fight Treaty. Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Foster, of Louisiana, who has been canvassing the Democratic Senators for votes against Cuban reciprocity treaty, has secured the promise from the Senators from Texas and Alabama to join him and McEnery, which makes eight Democratic votes in opposition to the ratification.

The meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, which was to have been held today to consider the treaty, has been postponed until Monday.

Interstate Commerce Bill. Washington, Jan. 9.—The members of the Senate Committee Interstate Commerce, in executive session this morning, took up the Elkins bill to enlarge the jurisdiction and powers of Interstate Commerce Commission. After a full discussion of its provisions it was decided to push the consideration of the measure with a view to its passage at this session of Congress.

SLIGHTLY WARMER.

That is the Weather Prediction For Tomorrow. Charlotte has been treated to some regular wintry weather during the past 24 hours. Last night the wind traveled at a rapid pace. The cold wave would not have been felt so much had it not been for the stiff northwest wind that kept up almost continuously.

The weather man in his predictions today states that there will be a slight moderation by tomorrow. The report says: "The barometer continues low in the northeast this morning attended by snow flurries in the lower Lake region. The high pressure over Texas yesterday has moved eastward over the Gulf States, bringing clear, freezing weather with frost south into central Florida. Another area of high pressure has developed in the northwest, attended by below zero temperatures in Minnesota and the Dakotas. In the past 24 hours fair weather prevailed in all sections except that there was light snow in the Lake region and in the far northwest."

G. R. OBERHOLZER, Observer.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts for tonight and Saturday for Charlotte and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer Saturday. Light variable winds.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer Saturday. Light variable winds.

For South Carolina: Fair, warmer tonight and Saturday. Light variable winds.

FIRE THIS MORNING. It Was in the Office of Dr. C. R. Zickler, the Dentist. An alarm of fire was turned in from box No. 36 this morning at 10 o'clock. At the time, smoke was coming from the roof of the annex of the Central hotel. The firemen, naturally, suspected that the blaze was between the ceiling and the roof of this building. It later developed that the blaze was in the office of Dr. C. R. Zickler, in the Sanders building next door to The News office. There is a fire that is in the wall that divides the Central annex from the Sander's building and a loose brick had dropped out and the base-board in Dr. Zickler's office was burning. Chief Irvine knocked out a small section of plastering and a bucket of water was sufficient to put the fire out. Had the fire occurred in the middle of the night, Charlotte in all probability would have lost several handsome buildings.

Near the point where the base-board caught were several curtains and other inflammable material.

WILSON PRESIDES AT THE SESSION

Judge Gray Taken Suddenly Ill and General Wilson is Called Upon to Preside Over Commission

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—At the opening of this morning's session of the strike commission General Wilson took the central chair. Before doing so he made a brief announcement to the effect that a telegram had been received from Wilmington, stating that Judge Gray has been taken suddenly ill and would be unable to be present at today's session.

The session was begun with the recalling to the stand of Lawrence Jenkins, the Lucerne county deputy Sheriff, who was on the stand yesterday afternoon when adjournment occurred.

He continued a recital of various events which the sheriff's office had been called upon to quell. He stated that in his opinion Lucerne county was from August 1 to October 17th in a state of lawlessness.

Brigadier General J. P. Gobin, of the Pennsylvania National Guard detailed at length how the militia was called out and detailed several incidents of alleged insult and assault upon soldiers by strikers. Rev. Karl Houser, a Hungarian protestant clergyman, told a harrowing story of the strikers on the forts preventing his holding burial services over dead non-union miners.

He said he was assaulted by boots and hisses and cries of "Scab Priest." "Throw down the dog into the street and let him lie there." This was followed by routine testimony.

Real Estate Deals. Mr. S. R. Lentz yesterday purchased from Mr. J. M. Sims the residence on North Poplar street, now occupied by Mr. Lindsey Davis and family. The consideration was \$2,500.

Mr. Thomas C. Guthrie has sold his residence on East Morehead street to Mr. Jos. Garibaldi. The consideration was \$2,500. Mr. Guthrie as the News previously stated, has purchased Mr. P. M. Thompson's residence in Dilworth. He will move the first of February.

Hobson is Turned Down. Washington, Jan. 9.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs today refused to report the bill to retire Lieut. Commander Hobson of Merrimac fame who asked that this step be taken because of weak eyes. The President had joined with Hobson to making the request.

J. A. DUNN SEEKS HIS MISSING WIFE

Mrs. Dunn Mysteriously Disappeared Yesterday and Cannot Be Found Anywhere

THE CITY HAS BEEN SEARCHED THOROUGHLY

She Received Two Letters on Yesterday Afternoon and After Reading Them She Quietly Left Her Home

Mrs. J. A. Dunn, wife of ex-Consul Dunn, has mysteriously disappeared, and no trace of her whereabouts can be learned. She left home yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock and notwithstanding the city has been searched thoroughly, the missing woman has not been found.

Mr. Dunn states today that the last he saw of his wife was yesterday at dinner. He went home as usual about 1 o'clock for his dinner. His wife had been sick for two weeks and she volunteered the information yesterday that she was feeling better than for some time. On leaving the house Mr. Dunn states that his wife gave him a list of some things she needed about the house and he came on up town.

The colored servant at the house states that Mrs. Dunn received two letters yesterday, handed her by the postman. She sat down in her room and read both and then commenced crying. Shortly thereafter, she sent the servant to another portion of the house and during her absence Mrs. Dunn disappeared.

On going home last night Mr. Dunn found his three children at home by themselves. They knew nothing of their mother's whereabouts, only knew that the servant had said that Mrs. Dunn left the house while she was doing some work in the kitchen.

Last night Mr. Dunn telegraphed Mr. Stogner, of Rockingham, a brother of his wife, asking if she had gone to Rockingham. A telegram received this morning states that Mrs. Dunn's people there had heard nothing from her.

All of today Mr. Dunn has carefully searched the entire town. He has visited all of his wife's friends and none of these have seen her. During last night a search was made throughout the section of the city where Mr. Dunn lives but nothing can be learned of the missing lady.

For several days past Mrs. Dunn had taken up the idea that she was losing her mind. She made mention of this to her husband, but he passed it off as a joke.

Mr. Dunn this afternoon informed the police of the disappearance of his wife and Chief Irwin and his men will do all in their power to locate her. It is feared that she has wandered away from home and that in a dejected condition she is unable to inform those about her "who s." is or where her home is.

Mr. Dunn informed the News man this afternoon that his wife left her hat and shoes at home and he feels sure that some harm has befallen her.

Death of Mr. Price Todd. Mr. Price Todd, assistant engineer at the Charlotte Cotton Mill, died at his home in Sevensville yesterday evening at 7:30 o'clock after an illness of only a few hours. Heart trouble was the cause of death. He is survived by a wife and seven children.

The funeral took place this afternoon at Paw Creek church. The interment was in the churchyard. Deceased was about 45 years old.

Ex-Gov. Hastings Dead. Bellefontaine, Pa., Jan. 9.—Ex-Gov. Daniel Hastings died at ten this morning.

FIRE DESTROYS YORK STATE TOWN

Village of Fultonville Visited By Flames Which Do Much Damage Before They are Finally Conquered

Fonda, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A fire which started in the business section of the post village of Fultonville this morning threatened to destroy the whole town. The lack of water supply and a heavy gale which is blowing is making a hard fight for the firemen. It is reported that several have been lost. The fire is now under control. The loss will reach \$40,000.