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BILL IN SENATE FOR REFORMATORY

Senator Norris Introduces Measure Appropriating \$20,000 For Institution For White Youths

HOUSE REPEALS NEGRO SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

Bill to Fine Boarding House Keepers -- Proceedings of the Senate and House For Tuesday

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—Senator Norris introduced a bill today, appropriating \$20,000 to establish a reformatory for white youths.

Senator Gilliam, a bill to repeal the so-called "Nicholson timber act," which slipped through the last Legislature.

Senator Spence, to prescribe duties for boarding-house keepers, making a \$50 fine for failure to provide a stranger with suitable room, bed and food.

The House repealed the five-hundred-dollar annual appropriation for the Elizabeth City colored normal school.

THE SENATE, TUESDAY, JAN. 13. The Senate met at 11. Rev. R. S. Stephenson offered prayer. Ex-Senator Calvert, Currie and Barber and superintendent Glenn, of Georgia, were given seats on the floor.

The following bills were introduced: Henderson: To amend section 832 regarding summons issued by J. P.'s Woodard: To amend the law regarding seduction under promise of marriage.

White: For trial of criminal cases in Franklin at January term. Glenn: Increasing commissioners of Guilford. Brown: To establish a prison parole commission, composed of Governor, Attorney General and one citizen elected by Legislature. Baldwin: To allow all divorced persons to remarry. Godwin: To prevent fire insurance companies from combining to raise rates, requiring a yearly oath that such trust has not been entered.

Baldwin: To amend chapter 729 Laws of 1901. Mann: To amend the pension law, giving those having less than \$250 in property \$40 and widows and others having less than \$500 and over \$250 \$20. Justice: To provide for tax on amendments to charters. This simply makes plain the present law. Blow: To amend chapter 341, Laws of 1901. Woodard: To incorporate Springhouse Bank. Woodard: To amend chapter 504, Laws of 1899.

BILLS PASSED. House resolution for counting State vote at noon. Senate bill for criminal trials at January term in Franklin. Senate bill to increase Guilford Commissioners to 5. Senate bill to provide for cross indexing executors, administrators and guardians passed only second reading. Senate resolution for forbidding members of the Legislature from seeking or accepting office created by Legislature was favored by Mann and Pharr and opposed by Webb and Hicks, of Granville. It was defeated, only Mann, Pharr and the Republicans seemingly voting for it.

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and build jail. Jarrett: To prevent drunkenness in Macon county. Phillips: To restore self-government to people of Brunswick county.

Doughton: For relief of J. W. B. Sharpe in Ashe county. Guion: To abolish August term of Craven Superior Court. Hamlin: To amend Section 2739 of the Code concerning height of fence in Madison county. Nissen: To continue and preserve the organization of the Kinston and Leno Southbound Railroad Company. Freeman: To amend Chapter 524 of the laws of 1901, so as to eliminate the oath in case of challenge. This relates to the Mecklenburg primary law.

BILLS PASSED FINAL READING. House bill to repeal dispensary law for Union county.

House bill to amend Chapter 43, Laws of 1893, so as to exempt Madison county a Madison county. Nissen: To reward for capture of certain wild animals and varmints.

House resolution requiring Superintendent of Penitentiary to furnish information as to cost of buildings of the State prison and its value; the number of persons confined there; cost of caring for same and the expense of taking care of the building. Speaking to this resolution Mr. Graham said he understood that the prison cost nearly a million dollars, and that not more than 1000 persons were confined there and this included 46 criminal insane.

At this time when the State is striving to raise revenue for necessary public expenditures it would seem to be poor business to keep a million dollar residence for that number and class of people. The resolution was adopted.

House bill to abolish the August term of Craven Superior Court. Senate bill: To provide for the trial of criminal cases other than jail cases at January term of Franklin Superior Court. Ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill: To increase number of Commissioners for Guilford county, appointing W. C. Bowen and James Davidson. Ordered enrolled.

Senate bill relating to enrolling office in Secretary of State's office was taken up. It provides for additional typewriters and assistant clerk to be known as enrolling clerk, etc. Mr. Graham objected to this bill being considered off-hand. It was of great importance and should go before the Finance committee.

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SIX MORE BALLOTS WITHOUT A CHOICE

Features of Last Night's Balloting Were Votes Cast For Glenn and Hammer On Two Ballots

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—The Democratic caucus took six ballots last night then adjourned until 4 p. m. Wednesday. The only features of the six ballots were one vote for R. B. Glenn on third ballot and one for W. C. Hammer on two.

The results of the ballots were as follows: 12 13 14 15 16 17 Overman . . . 47 49 47 49 46 46 Watson . . . 40 43 38 41 38 37 Craig . . . 29 28 28 28 28 28 Carr . . . 13 9 13 12 13 13 Alexander . . . 7 8 9 8 8 11 Glenn . . . 0 1 1 1 0 0 Hammer . . . 0 0 0 0 1 1

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Venezuela's Imports and Exports. Washington, Jan. 14.—United States Consul General Guenther, at Frankfurt, Germany, forwarded to the State Department statistics which show that the imports of the country from Venezuela five years averaged nearly two and half million dollars annually while the exports to Venezuela during the same time average about one and a quarter million.

Arlund Gets Another Good Threshing. Louisville, Jan. 14.—Kopeler Arlund, the promoter who recently figured in the sensational affair in St. Louis with Col. Moses Wetmore, was soundly thrashed last night here for insulting the wife of Fred H. Hudson, local freight agent of the Louisville, St. Louis and Texas railway.

Seton Stands a Good Show. Rome, Jan. 14.—Mr. Robert Seton, formerly of Newark, N. J., now living in Rome, is considered to have a fair chance for the appointment of Bishop of Buffalo to succeed Bishop Quigley, recently appointed Archbishop of Chicago.

Draped Statue With Crepe. Paris, Jan. 14.—During the night a party of Nationalists draped the Alsace-Lorraine statue in the Place de Concorde with crepe as a protest against the election of M. Koures as Vice President of Chambers. The police this morning removed the crepe.

American Chamber of Commerce. Johannesburg, Jan. 14.—Steps are being taken to establish an American Chamber of Commerce here to encourage trade between America and South Africa. Several prominent American firms promised to support the scheme.

Reassuring News. Tangier, Jan. 14.—Reassuring news was received here this morning from Fez. The report that the forces of the Sultan was defeated by the Pretender is not confirmed and not generally believed here.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Gen. Wilson again presided over the coal strike session today. Superintendent May, of the Hillside Coal and Iron Co., was recalled this morning and was asked many questions concerning the condition of the Pennsylvania Coal Company's mines, the object being to show that its employees are well paid, well treated and satisfied.

May, in answer to questions by Major Warren, declared if the weight of the mine's ton was made 2,240 pounds, the company would be forced to pay full mining rates for the cheap grades of pea and buckwheat coal and also for all impurities.

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HEINOUS CRIME WAS COMMITTED LAST JULY

First Witness on the Stand Identifies Telegram--Interest in the Case Has Not Abated

Riverhead, L. I., Jan. 14.—Disbrow was brought into court this morning shortly before nine o'clock. Erastus W. Tutthill of Eastport, telegraph operator of the Long Island railroad, was the first witness. He identified a telegram written by Disbrow as did Will Walton, who was also called to the stand. The telegram was then put in evidence as follows:

"To Mrs. J. L. Lawrence. Good Ground, L. I. 'Dimp and Clarence are together; I will not rest until I find them. (Signed) 'L. A. DISBROW.'"

Louis A. Disbrow is charged with being responsible for the drowning of "Dimples" Lawrence and Clarence T. Foster in Tiana bay, near Good Ground, last June.

It was learned this morning that Miss Anna Pearsall, chief witness for the prosecution, is in Atlantic City and will not appear against Disbrow. She testified at a preliminary examination that she overheard Disbrow and "Dimples" Lawrence talking on the night the girl was killed. Her non-appearance as a witness knocks a big hole in the prosecution's case.

That interest in the case has abated very little since last summer is shown by the fact that the hotels in Riverhead are already filled and every available room in the village has been engaged by those who are to be here either as witnesses or merely to listen to the story that will be told during the trial. The work of securing the jury was completed last night.

It is expected that Disbrow will go on the stand in his own defense, and that, more than any other feature of the case, is being talked about. Throughout Disbrow has been silent as to what he knows about the tragedy which resulted in the death of the two young persons with whom he was intimate. It was his silence that lent such much of mystery and interest to the case last summer.

District Attorney Smith will swear many witnesses who did not appear in the case when Disbrow was first arraigned before Magistrate Edward Foster in Good Ground, and many of these new witnesses will give testimony bearing on the alleged motive in the case. The District Attorney will try to show that Disbrow was in love with Miss Lawrence; that Foster had robbed him of the girl's affections; that they had a serious quarrel and fight on the beach; that Foster had taken some of his money at cards, and other circumstances, making it clear as alleged, that Disbrow, being considerably under the influence of liquor and possessed of an unquenchable temper, killed Foster in a fit of jealous madness.

Disbrow has been confined in jail here since he was held for the grand jury at Good Ground last July. He was indicted for murder in September. "Dimples" Lawrence was buried in the village cemetery here, and her grave, upon which flowers have not had time to grow, is in sight of Disbrow's much stouter, weighing nearly 20 pounds more than when he was first locked up.

Disbrow, Foster and Miss Lawrence were companions about the summer resorts in the vicinity of Good Ground, on the south shore of Long Island. Disbrow is 23 years old and the son of a wealthy and influential family living at Richmond Hill. "Dimples" Lawrence likewise was a member of an old and wealthy family. She was 18 years old and very vivacious and pretty. Clarence Foster was 22 years old. He was married and lived with his young wife at Good Ground. Miss Lawrence was boarding with her mother for the summer at the Ocean View Hotel, kept by Warren Corwin.

Miss Lawrence was known to be admired by both Disbrow and Foster and the three were seen much together. On the night of June 11 Disbrow took Miss Lawrence out for a drive and the two were soon after joined by Foster, the trio driving first to the Hampton Pines Clubhouse. Leaving there about midnight they drove to the Tunnel Hotel, where Disbrow boarded, near the spot on the bay where the two bodies were found.

Nothing very definite is known of what happened just prior to the drowning, except that Disbrow, Foster and the girl were in the hotel together and that Foster and Disbrow quarreled and had more serious trouble down on the beach. When neither Miss Lawrence nor Foster appeared the next morning inquiry was made, but no light was thrown on the mystery until about 10 o'clock, when Disbrow appeared at the lively stable with the wagon and said that Foster and "Dimples" were together. Then he disappeared and was not seen again until produced by his lawyer. The bodies of Miss Lawrence and Foster were found on the beach and an upturned boat near them.

WANT AN INCREASE. Chicago Machinists to Ask For More Money and Shorter Hours. Chicago, Jan. 14.—Four thousand machinists in Chicago will make a demand for a five per cent. increase and a nine hour day and at the same time they will sign no agreements with individuals or firms.

The union decided to take this action because of a growing demand on the part of National Metal Trades Association to have it incorporated and be legally responsible and the union is unwilling to do this.

Disasters the Day Brings Forth

Death Steps in to Take His Pick From the "Madding Crowd" and Fire and Flood Work Havoc

Pensacola, Jan. 14.—A hospital here crowded with patients, was burned this morning. The casualties are unknown but it is reported one of the inmates was burned to death.

Madrid, Jan. 14.—The bark Santa Polona was founded off the coast of Corunna Province and her crew perished.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Marquis Francois DeBone was frozen to death last night while riding outside the Mont Matree omnibus.

Bridgeport, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Fire in an abandoned mine in Jefferson county destroyed coal worth ten thousand dollars and threatens the destruction of hundreds of acres more unless the flames are checked.

McDonald, Pa., Jan. 14.—A spark from an open fire falling into an open can of powder of the home of John Mulgrez, a Slavish miner, at Sturgess early this morning, caused an explosion, fatally burning Mulgrez and his wife. The house was badly wrecked.

Glen Falls, Jan. 14.—An ice jam a mile long broke up this morning on the Hudson river above Warrensburg carrying away the big bridge at Glen river. Other bridges and buildings are in danger.

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TRUST DENOUNCES TEDDY. Sugar Barons Have Lively Times. Cry for More Dividends. Jersey City, Jan. 14.—This afternoon the annual meeting of the American Sugar Refining Company, familiarly known as the Sugar Trust, was even livelier than anticipated. The feature of the meeting was President Havermeier's veiled criticisms of President Roosevelt and the legislators who were clamoring in Washington for anti-trust legislation; Havermeier's enthusiastic commendation of Governor Murphy, of New Jersey, for his trust utterances yesterday in his annual message, and the strong demand for larger dividends made by the stockholders who refused to give the name of the board of directors re-elected.

THAT COAL DODGE. House Chewing the Rag Over Suspension of the Duty. Washington, Jan. 14.—When the House met today General Grosvenor, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, offered a resolution, which was passed, extending power to the committee for its investigation of the coal situation by giving it power to sit during the session of the House and delegate certain powers to a sub-committee.

The House, by a vote of 144 to 113, adopted the rule providing for immediate consideration of the bill from the Ways and Means committee, granting a rebate on coal for a period of one year. The debate is limited to one hour and no amendments to the bill will be allowed under the rule.

EIGHT JURORS IN THE WILCOX CASE

Special Venire is Not Exhausted and the Jury Will Probably Be Complete This Afternoon

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 14.—The second day of the Wilcox trial is marked by a phenomenally large attendance. The court room is packed from floor to ceiling and every door and window is at a premium. Attorney Bond, of the defense, who was taken ill yesterday, is yet unwell, and the defense asked for a continuance. Judge Council denied the motion, saying: "The prisoner is yet well represented and the public and public necessity demand that the trial continue." This denial met with universal approval. A ripple of satisfaction swept over the expectant sea of faces.

The morning was consumed in selecting a jury. At one o'clock the special venire was challenged and at this writing eight jurors have been accepted and court has not yet adjourned for dinner. Jim Wilcox appears defiant today and frequently converses with his attorneys.

Mr. W. H. Cropsey is the only member of the family present and he sits removed from counsel, apparently only an interested observer.

No attempts have been made to snapshot Wilcox today, the weather being cloudy. Interest increases as the trial advances and increased attendance is anticipated.

The selecting of the jury will no doubt conclude early, and taking testimony may begin late this afternoon.

Poisoner Claims To Be American. London, Jan. 14.—George Chapman, charged with poisoning three women, when arraigned in court today, repeated the assertion made in letter to the American embassy that he is an American citizen. He says he is a native of Michigan and worked in various hair-dressing establishments in New York. He does not remember the names of any of his associates in America and has no witnesses to substantiate his statements.

Tillman's Battery Ready. Washington, Jan. 14.—Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was in his seat in Senate this morning, with his desk piled with books and papers which he purposes to utilize in the attack he announced yesterday he would make today upon the President and the Attorney General for the alleged responsibility of the present coal famine.

Western Union Wins a Victory. Newark, Jan. 14.—Judge Kirkpatrick, of the United States Circuit Court, today permanently enjoined the Pennsylvania Railroad from removing the poles and wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company from this road. The lines are within the court's jurisdiction.

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