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WATAUGA BILL PASSES SENATE

Prohibition Measure For that County Goes Through Without a Dissenting Voice

NO PROSPECT OF A BREAK IN THE DEADLOCK

Some Interesting Bills Introduced—Proceedings of the House and Senate Tuesday

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 21.—The Legislature, in joint session at noon, balloted for Senator. There is no prospect of breaking the deadlock.

The Watauga prohibition bill passed the Senate unanimously.

The following bills were introduced: London, prohibiting insuring the lives of infants; Justice, for regulating private insane hospitals; Gilliam, prohibiting child labor under 14, unless for supporting a mother or a disabled father.

SENATE, JAN. 20.

With Lieutenant Governor Turner presiding the Senate began its twelfth day's session at 11 o'clock yesterday, prayer being offered by Rev. M. M. Marshall.

PETITIONS.—Petitions were received through Senator Ballenger as follows: From citizens of Hooper's Creek township of Henderson county, asking for the incorporation of Pataty's Chapel, Methodist, the manufacture and sale of liquor within two and a half miles to be prohibited asking for amendments to the game and fish laws. These were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced: S. B. 131, By Webb, of Buncombe: To amend chapter 1164 of the Code.

S. B. 132, By Welborn, of Ashe: To amend chapter 8, Laws of 1901, relating to increase of the Governor's salary.

S. B. 133, By Ballenger, of Polk: To amend chapter 437, Laws of 1901, by prohibiting the killing of ducks and snipes and by making the open season on partridges, quails, pheasants, wild turkeys and larks from November fifteenth to April first in Henderson county. To Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 134, By Ballenger, of Polk: To make drunkenness a misdemeanor. For the first offence \$10 or 10 days' imprisonment; each offence afterward \$25 or 30 days' imprisonment. To Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 135, By Spruill, of Tyrrell: To prohibit hunting on enclosed or fenced lands in certain counties. To Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

S. B. 137, By Burton, of Rockingham, To allow the town of Madison to purchase site of the town Academy for

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A FINE DAY.

With Glorious Sunshine After Clouds and Sleet. "What is more rare than a day in June?" asks the poet. Answer: A day like today. Nature gains so much in the recoil from rime and ice and fog. What a transformation—transfiguration—took place from early morning to noon! The sunshine burst forth from disappearing clouds and never was it more welcome. Young and old came out to bask in the balmy atmosphere as if it was the first sunlight after the creation. The porous, spongy earth drank in the warm beams and rejoiced. The overhanging trees and shrubbery shook the clinging icicles from their shackled limbs in showers, which fell shattered upon the pavements. Eaves and awnings dripped with the melting sleet. Pungent and aromatic vapors arose like incense from the tepid, thawing earth. It was a picture too glorious for brush and canvas. It has been a rich, temperate, clean-washed, ambrosial day, when sun and soil meet in one long, sweet and soulful kiss and the wine of nature sparkles to the brim of the beaker.

Huntersville Items.

Huntersville, N. C., Jan. 20.—A meeting will be held in the A. R. P. church this week. Preaching commencing on Thursday night and continue through to Sabbath night. The services will be held at eleven a. m. and seven p. m. each day. At the morning service on Saturday the new church will be dedicated. The communion will be celebrated on Sabbath, Rev. John Boyce, former of this congregation will assist the pastor in the meeting.

Mr. John Auten, section foreman, will move his family from Charlotte to Huntersville this week. There is soon to be two additional Rural Mail routes established from the Huntersville office. We will then have four routes in this office. This will be a great benefit to the people in the country.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

Italy in the Grasp of the Ice-King—Bubonic Plague Reaches an Alarming Stage in Durham

Rome, Jan. 21.—Italy is experiencing a severe cold snap which is being felt over the greater part of the Empire. In Venice the lagoons are frozen over.

Constantinople, Jan. 21.—The second Russian torpedo boat passed through the Bosphorus on Monday bound for Sebastopol.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The Chinese Ambassador has signed a contract with the Russo-Chinese Bank for a new loan of forty million francs to build the Tientsin Tiao Fu and Tain Yuan Fu railway.

Lisbon, Jan. 21.—The Minister of War is about to submit a proposal to Parliament for the government to acquire thirty batteries of quick firing guns, six batteries of howitzers and a hundred thousand improved rifles.

Durban, Jan. 21.—The Bubonic plague which is epidemic here, is increasing and is assuming alarm proportions. There are no less than thirty-three cases, two of which are Europeans. Thus far seventeen have died from plague.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Corporation Stockholders Meet and Select Officers. Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Louise Mill was held. The following directors were re-elected: J. P. Wilson, E. A. Smith, M. P. Peggam and W. S. Mallory, of Charlotte and Messrs. Morris Whitridge and R. B. Hopkins, of Baltimore. Mr. J. P. Wilson was re-elected president and Col. W. S. Mallory secretary and treasurer. The plant was found to be in splendid condition financially as well as otherwise.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company, held yesterday afternoon, Mr. P. M. Brown was re-elected president; Mr. W. S. Alexander, vice president; Mr. W. S. Alexander, vice president; Mr. J. Haywood, Jr., cashier, and Mr. C. M. Carson, secretary. The following board of directors were elected: P. M. Brown, R. A. Dunn, Dr. D. O'Donoghue, E. T. Cansler, W. S. Alexander, Dr. R. L. Gibbon and C. M. Carson.

At a meeting several weeks ago, this corporation declared a dividend of 6 per cent., payable after the first of January.

Cotton Receipts. Eighteen bales of cotton were received at the cotton platform today. Price 9 cents. Seventy bales were received last year, the same date, the price being 8 cents.

WILCOX IS FOUND GUILTY; THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 22--2:30 P. M.--After being out all night and more than half of today, the jury in the Wilcox case filed into the court room at 2 o'clock today and announced that they found the prisoner guilty of murder in the second degree.

The prisoner took the verdict coolly and with his usual indifference. Judge Council sentenced Wilcox to thirty years in penitentiary.

FORT FIRED 117 SHOTS.

Details of the Hot Reception To the German Gunboat. Maracaibo, Venezuela, Jan. 21.—The German attack on the San Carlos fort at Maracaibo was premeditated. Saturday morning the commander of the German gunboat Panther sent three boat loads of men to reconnoiter the fort. The Panther forced an entrance at noon and attacked immediately. The fort replied and fired 117 shots. Several of them seemed to hit the mark, for the Panther turned about and repassed the bar at 6 p. m. She again took up her position on the blockade, 20 miles from the fort. During the attack four Venezuelans were badly wounded and 10 slightly. The fort was little damaged.

Reports that the German gunboat, at the time of the engagement, was trying to force the entrance of the lake in order to capture the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda, which is in hiding there, are generally believed. The Venezuelan government has given out a statement to this effect.

REMARKED HIS FIRST WIFE.

Couple Had Lost All Trace of Each Other and Were Divorced. Vinceland, N. J., Jan. 21.—Robert Morehead went West in 1877 and through illness and misfortune and the loss of letters his wife lost all trace of him. Mrs. Morehead got a divorce on the ground of desertion. She never married again. She and her son at last mourned the missing man as dead. Morehead married again, but lost his wife by death. After the death of his second wife he started to find his former family. Obtaining a clue at last, he came to Vinceland and announced his allegiance to the bride of his youth and his "baby," Frank, now grown to manhood, with a family of his own. After matters were talked over and all entangled circumstances unraveled the couple presented themselves before Rev. Robert L. Moore on Sunday night and were remarried.

NURSE INHERITS \$10,000.

Cared for a Banker and Took Him Home, Where He Died. Syracuse, Jan. 21.—Edward Walthart, a trained nurse of the village of Phelps, has received a bequest of \$10,000 from Edward Bailey Buck, a banker of Baltimore, whom he nursed through a severe illness at the Geneva Sanitarium in 1895.

Walthart also accompanied Mr. Buck home when he returned to Baltimore. There he had a relapse and died. Walthart first heard of the bequest on Saturday, when the postmaster received a notification from the executors of the Buck estate.

ARRIVED IN TIME FOR THE WEDDING.

Danville, Va., Jan. 21.—Mr. Harry Coleman and Miss Mary A. Travis, of this city, were married at Pelham, N. C., yesterday after a wild chase, in which the young lady's stepfather was a hot pursuer. The old man, who reached the scene in time to witness the ceremony, swallowed his disappointment with as good grace as he could and invited the young people home to dinner. In 24 hours after the young men left the dissecting room, symptoms of the dreaded disease made itself manifest and for the past three days they have been very near death's door. Yesterday Dr. J. P. Munroe, president of the college determined to resort to heroic treatment in order to stay the ravages of the disease and, if possible, save the lives of the young men. Seeing in The News of Saturday the wonderful success that Dr. Charles C. Barrows of New York had attained through the use of an injection of formalin and salt solution he decided to make the experiment as a last resort. Dr. Munroe was assisted in administering the deadly drug by Dr. C. M. Strong of this city. The injection was made in the tissues of the chest of Mr. McLeod. At the time the patients' temperature was 106. In less than an hour, the temperature had fallen to 102½. This splendid result was, however, only temporary, as the patients' temperature soon rose to 104 and has been about this figure ever since. This afternoon another injection will be given and this time the fluid will be injected into the patients' arms. Dr. Munroe informs The News this afternoon that the lives of both McLeod and Boyce are hanging by a thread and but little hope of their recovery is entertained.

STRIKER'S PLACES ARE BEING FILLED

Boot and Shoe Workers Union Send Another Installation of Men to Work for Manufacturers Today

Lynn, Jan. 21.—The Boot and Shoe Workers Union made further progress this morning in filling the places of the striking cutters at the Union Stamp Shoe Factory here. Thirty more went to work today in four additional factories and six were added to those supplied yesterday at Harney & Co., making a total of thirty-six new men furnished by the Union this morning. All the imported men went to work under police escort.

REPUBLICANS IN QUANDARY.

Tug Of War Between Statehood and Cuban Reciprocity. Washington, Jan. 21.—The Cuban reciprocity treaty and the Statehood bill, both of which are now pending in the Senate, have become entangled in a manner which may jeopardize the chances of both. This complication has been brought about by the opponents of reciprocity who aim to defeat the treaty.

These Senators are Democrats, and have notified the Republicans that unless the Statehood bill is voted upon they may feel it their duty to prevent action on the treaty.

This movement is led by a Democratic Senator from the South who has always said that the treaty can be defeated. He now realizes that if it is allowed to come to a vote it will be ratified, and so the Statehood threat is made with a view to preclude favorable action upon Cuba.

The Republican leaders of the Senate are anxious to pass the Cuban treaty, but they are loath to permit a vote upon the Statehood bill. They place considerable reliance in the claim made by Senator M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, that if a vote is allowed Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona will be admitted to Statehood. They are therefore anxious to defer a vote and discuss the bill up to the point of natural dissolution at the end of the session.

PRESIDENT MADE SIGNS.

Conversed With Red Men in Language of the Woods. Washington, Jan. 21.—The President delighted ten Indians from the Blackfeet agency, in Montana, today, when he talked with them in the sign language. The Indian tribes have different languages, but there is one sign language that is universal. The President learned it while on his Western ranch and proved to his visitors that he had not forgotten it. The Blackfeet were introduced by George Bird Grinnell.

CONTEST NEARING AN ACUTE STAGE

Caucus Reaches the Thirty-Fifth Ballot and the End Is Not Yet in Sight

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 21.—The Senatorial contest is now reaching an acute stage. The members are, many of them, anxious to reach some decision. The prediction is being freely made now that the longer the deadlock exists the more promising grow the chances for some dark horse. The action of Mr. Lock Craig's workers will be watched with the closest interest for he holds the key to the situation.

The thirty-second ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 51; Watson, 46; Craig, 31; Alexander, 7.

The thirty-third ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 53; Watson, 45; Craig, 2; Alexander, 5.

The thirty-fourth ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 53; Watson, 49; Craig, 34; Alexander, 4.

The thirty-fifth ballot was announced as follows: Overman, 52; Watson, 45; Craig, 34; Alexander, 4.

The caucus adjourned at 9 o'clock until tonight at 8 o'clock.

CURFEW TO RING FOR GIRLS ONLY.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 21.—A curfew law which provides that all girls under fourteen shall be off the streets by 9 p. m., unless accompanied by adult relatives has passed the City Council on a first reading. The large number of young girls who went to balls started the movement for this law.

THE MATTER ADJUSTED.

In the action of James and Egbert Hartly vs. Leon Steam Laundry Co., application for receiver. The matter was adjusted satisfactory to all parties, and the proceeding discontinued. The application was brought before Judge Thos. J. Shaw, Burwell & Cansler represented plaintiffs and Clarkson & Duls, defendants.

NEW STAMP ISSUE.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The new issue of two cent stamps bearing the portrait of Washington in a new position with draped flags above, the vignette are being distributed by the Postoffice Department at the rate of about twenty million daily. All the old issue is exhausted except those in stamp books and these soon will be used.

STEAMSHIP FILLS HER BUNKERS.

Halifax, Jan. 21.—The steamer Silvia, from Hamburg, for Baltimore, put in here this morning short of coal. She takes five hundred tons.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness, death and burial of our dear child. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Summerrow.

CONSUL GOWDY ON THE FAIR FRAUD

He Deplores the Fact That the Story Was Given to the Newspapers Before He Got It

SAYS HE IS WILLING TO LEAD INVESTIGATION

Cheap Furs and Imitation Pearls Substituted For the Late Mrs. Fair's Treasures

Paris, Jan. 21.—John K. Gowdy, United States Consul here, made a statement today in reference to the announcement that the valuable effects belonging to the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair, were missing before the articles were shipped to America.

Gowdy, who took charge of the remains of Fair and his wife after the fatal automobile accident, said: "If anything is wrong with the delivery of the Fair furs and jewels, it would have been better, at the other side for the facts to have been reported here before giving the newspapers so thorough an account of it, that an investigation might have been made. While I desire to be courteous and obliging to journalists and am too never to busy to accommodate them, I feel under the circumstances in this case and from what I have just read in the Morning Herald that I should say nothing in reference to the information from San Francisco, except when I am fully advised by administrators of the facts, then I will be pleased to either make an investigation or give every assistance in making one.

"With reference to the missing furs and jewels, I desire to say, that all the property of both Mr. and Mrs. Fair was inventoried and appraised after each appraiser was sworn to hold the property, to faithfully appraise and to make true reports. Both the inventory and appraisal will be furnished by me to the executors at the proper time."

When the effects of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fair were received at San Francisco, it was found that a large wrap owned by the late Mrs. Fair was missing and substituted for it was a cheap affair worth about \$30. Her wrap was valued at thousands. It was also found that many of the large pearls in one piece of very costly jewelry was missing and their place were imitations.

TO RETIRE CIRCULATION.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Several days ago the Secretary of the Treasury wrote to the banks that had substituted State and municipal bonds for government bonds as security for public deposits that he would like to have the substitution of government bonds.

The Secretary's action, it is explained, was taken in accordance with the policy announced at the time State and municipal bonds were accepted. These bonds were accepted only on condition that the banks should use the bonds that were released by the substitution as a basis for circulation. It is now expected that the banks will retire this additional circulation and thus release the bonds to be used again as security for the deposits.

STATE TO WORK COAL MINES.

Topeka, Jan. 21.—Representative Roughton today introduced a bill in the House authorizing the State Executive Council to employ miners to work the penitentiary coal mines at Lansing; the output to be sold to the people at cost.

OVER ONE MILLION CONVERTS CLAIMED

This is The Number Said To Have Professed Methodist Faith in the Last Four Years

Chicago, Jan. 21.—One million, five hundred thousand converts have been made by the Methodist church during the four years of the twentieth century thank offering movement. This is the spiritual accomplishment to be placed in church annals along side the twenty million dollars for benevolences based through the same movement. This announcement will be made in the Northwest Christian Advocate published in this city. The figures being based on the reports of probationers admitted to the church.

LYNCH ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Prisoner Looked Pale and Careworn When His Hearing Was Begun This Morning

London, Jan. 21.—Colonel Lynch, charged with high treason in the Boer war, was brought to the bar of the royal law court this morning for trial. Lynch was indicted on four counts covering his actions in the Transvaal, Orange Colony and Natal.

The accused claims he was a naturalized Boer and therefore not indictable. The crown is represented by six attorneys and the defendant by four attorneys. There is much interest in the trial and the court room was crowded when the proceedings began. The wife of the prisoner was present. Lynch was in court and looked pale and careworn.