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NO INDICATION OF BREAK TONIGHT

Craig Secures Another Vote in the Caucus By the Arrival of Senator Griffith From the West

REPUBLICAN BILL TO REDUCE GOVERNOR'S SALARY

It is Promptly Tabled By The Senate—Proceedings Of Yesterday's Session of Legislature

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27.—There is no indication of a break in the Senatorial deadlock tonight. Craig secures another vote by the arrival of Griffith.

The following bills were introduced: Newland, to establish a teachers training school in Western North Carolina; Love, to authorize Mecklenburg and Gaston to build a bridge across the Catawba.

The Senate tabled a Republican bill to reduce the Governor's salary.

THE HOUSE, JAN. 28. The House was called to order by Speaker pro tem, G. F. Morton.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

McRae: To provide for election of cotton weaver for Anson. Doughton: To incorporate the North State Trust Co. McRae: For relief of J. T. Gaddy, ex-sheriff of Anson. Cowan: To provide a better system for maintaining public road in Johnston. Willis: For relief of C. M. McLean, deceased, McRae: For relief of clerk of Anson, Uzzell: To increase number of commissioners of Wayne. Thomas: For relief of sheriff and tax collectors, West: To allow Murphy township, Cherokee, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Hiawahi Valley Railroad. Beasley: To amend the law relating to hunting and fishing in Currituck. King: To amend law of 1901, providing for cotton weavers in towns of Pitt. Foy: To appoint Justices of the peace for Grady township, Funder: To amend the Code forbidding the sale of liquor to minors, idiots and lunatics. Foy: To amend the Code so as to prevent the inter-marriage of first cousins. Davidson: To regulate the practice and proceedings in special proceedings.

A great many petitions were introduced by various members praying for temperance legislation along the lines of the London bill.

BILLS PASSED FINAL READING.

To prohibit sale and manufacture of liquor near Mt. Zion, Liberty, St. Matthews and Corinth churches, in Rowan. To prevent hunting and fishing in Robesonville township in Martin. To enable Sampson to pay indebtedness caused by smallpox. To authorize com-

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Scott Discusses Pension Bill.

Washington, Jan. 27.—In accordance with previous arrangements, Senator Scott, of West Virginia, today addressed the Senate, urging the adoption of his resolution for the appointment of a commission to examine the present pension laws and report any changes that may be desirable and to investigate the desirability of pensioning only the soldiers who served ninety days during the War of Rebellion and who were honorably discharged, who have reached the age of sixty-two, and make application for the same, at the rate of twelve dollars a month.

LESSLER DENIES DOBLIN'S STORY

Congressman Declares That He Entered Into No Collusive Scheme With the New York Politician

Washington, Jan. 27.—Congressman Lessler was the first witness before the House Committee on Naval Affairs today.

"I deny as false the statements made by Doblin yesterday," he said, "as against me."

"Doblin came into my room shortly after 8 o'clock. I was in bed. I said: 'Phil, I've gotten in trouble.' 'How is that?' he said. 'I've told the committee the whole Holland boat story.' 'I told him at the request of the committee that I wouldn't discuss the case at all, but gave him a copy of a paper containing what had been published.

"After that there was no talk of his testimony. It was all relative to his political ruin in New York."

THE PRESIDENT'S PARDON.

What Judge Boyd Has to Say to a Greensboro Paper.

Several days ago the News stated that Judge Boyd would intercede with the President for a pardon for Lawrence Pulliam, who was convicted in the Federal Court in this city for embezzling the funds of the First National Bank of Asheville. Judge Boyd has returned from Washington and the Greensboro Record has the following item concerning his trip:

"Judge Boyd returned from Washington last night, where he had been for about a week. When asked about the Pulliam case, Judge Boyd said he did not know how it got in some of the papers that he had recommended a pardon, he said that when he sentenced Pulliam at Charlotte he stated that under the law five years was the minimum punishment but taking into consideration the age and health of Pulliam that he would recommend the President to commute the sentence to a short term in jail. Judge Boyd said application had not yet been made to the President for a pardon, but one would be presented soon. The jury who tried Pulliam have signed a petition asking that the sentence be commuted to six months and the directors in the bank with which Pulliam was connected will ask his pardon absolutely.

"Judge Boyd says they will present a strong case for pardon, but he thinks Pulliam should be given at least ten months or a year in prison."

ALASKA LINE COMMISSION.

Treaty Just Signed Provides for Settlement of Dispute.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The treaty for settlement of the Alaska boundary dispute signed yesterday by Secretary Hay and Ambassador Herbert, provides that a mixed commission of six members be appointed to meet in London as soon as possible after the ratifications of the treaty are exchanged.

It provides that one of the American members shall be a member of the United States Supreme Court and that one of the British members shall be a Canadian. The President and the Crown are the appointing powers.

JUDGE GRAY HITS THIS WITNESS HARD

Auditor of Markel Company is Severely Handled by the Chairman of the Strike Commission

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The first witness at the coal strike commission's session today was P. Edward Ross, auditor of the Markel Company, who testified that during 1901 twenty of the company's miners earned over a thousand dollars while the balance averaged \$674 each.

He declared that at the time of Andrew Chippie's death he was in no debt to the company, as previously testified, but had \$9.01 due him, which was given his widow. The company gave Mrs. Chippie free house rent, free coal and fifty dollars. As to Mrs. Burns, whose husband died in 1888, the witness gave similar testimony.

"These figures prove nothing," said Judge Gray. "What this commission wants is facts. Admitting that these amounts and credits were all owed, Mrs. Chippie and Mrs. Burns admitted receiving no cash but only credits against the amounts alleged to be due the company. Now can you tell us whether during the four years this debt hung over the heads of these women, they or their sons received any compensation in cash wages for services rendered the company?"

"How do you know that?" "The books show it."

"The books show nothing of the kind," declared Judge Gray. "Do you know of your own personal knowledge of any cash paid these women or their sons?"

"The pay rolls show that."

"Have you personally examined those pay rolls?" "I have not."

"Then you know nothing at all about it," sternly said Grey, "and that's just what I wanted to bring out."

ATTACKS ROOSEVELT BOOK.

Prof. Goebel Says "Winning of the West" Glorified Bandits.

Attacks Roosevelt book, file of San Francisco, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt's book, "The Winning of the West," was severely criticized in a lecture here by Prof. Julius Goebel, of Stanford University. Dr. Goebel declared that the volume was written in a partisan spirit and glorified cutthroats, while the real work of colonization of the West was done by Germans.

The lecturer took special exception to the President's criticism of German missionaries among the Indians, and affirmed that had they been given the opportunity the Germans would have civilized and Christianized the Indians. They were from the beginning opposed by rum-sellers and by the English clergy.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts for tonight and Wednesday for Charlotte and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably light rain. Warmer tonight.

FIFTY-ONE PERISH IN LURID FLAMES

Doomed Inmates of Asylum Struggle Feebly to Escape and Then Fall Into the Seething Furnace

MOST SENSATIONAL FIRE LONDON HAS EVER SEEN

Victims Were Mostly Aged Women, All Lunatics—Many Inmates Are Now At Large

London, Jan. 27.—One of the most sensational fires London has had in years partially destroyed the State asylum at Colney Heath, North London, this morning.

The fire started at five thirty in the Jewish wing. Here were six hundred inmates.

Owing to the difficulty of access to the building the blaze had a firm hold before the firemen arrived.

The lunatics were all asleep when awakened and tore away from the attendants, racing up and down the corridors in a dazed way, trying to escape. A number got out and are still at large.

By 8 o'clock the fire was under control.

It was first thought that all the lunatics were taken out or escaped, but after the flames were under control several bodies were found in the ruins.

The authorities place the number of dead at fifty.

The part of the building burned was a flimsy affair of corrugated iron and wood, built for temporary use five years ago, but since permanently occupied. The majority of windows were barred with iron, preventing escape.

Feeble women were seen struggling fiercely trying to break bars, at last being forced to fall back and perish in the flames.

It was nearly noon when the work of recovering the bodies was completed, and the remains of fifty-one persons were found. There were 2,500 inmates in the entire institution but only 500 were in the burned section. These were mostly old women having harmless vagaries. A majority of the victims suffocated.

Another Fight With Rebels.

Willestad, Curacao, Jan. 27.—President Castro's troops, it is stated here, have been defeated by the Venezuelan revolutionists in an important battle about 40 miles west of Puerto Cabello.

Scattered bodies of the defeated Government soldiers, it is stated, are arriving in Puerto Cabello. Their commanding general is said to have been captured by the revolutionists.

Ten Miners Fearfully Injured.

Seranton, Jan. 27.—There was a frightful accident at Bellevue mine shortly before noon today. By the explosion of a keg of powder ten miners were disfigured fearfully. A number may die. They were taken to a hospital.

Robbers Take All the Cash.

Steelville, Ill., Jan. 27.—The vault of the bank here was blown open with nitro-glycerine this morning and \$3,000 taken.

CELIBATES ARE NOT POPULAR IN KANSAS

Legislator Introduces Bill To Tax Bachelors and Spinners For Benefit of the School Fund

Topeka, Jan. 27.—Representative Campbell has introduced a bill in the House to tax all bachelors fifty dollars a year and all able-bodied spinners between 35 and 50 years, who have no families to support, 25 dollars per year, the taxes to go to the school funds.

There is a clause in the bill which forfeits to the school fund the salaries of all unmarried State officers.

This provision is aimed at Governor Bailey and Lieutenant Governor Hanna, both bachelors, to whom several thousand strange women have lately proposed.

THE POSTOFFICE.

A Prominent Republican Admits He Is At Sea.

Who will be our next postmaster? This question was asked the News this morning by a well known and prominent Republican. When told he should know better than the writer, he remarked:

"No sir, I have washed my hands of the entire business and I am not going to take a hand in politics any more."

"But, you know who will be postmaster, don't you?" asked the reporter.

"No, I do not. I thought Mr. Geo. B. Hiss would be the man but he has declined to accept in case Mr. Mullen falls of appointment. Now, I am all at sea."

"But, you have your preference, haven't you?"

"I cannot say that I have. While I might favor one man more than another, I can't say that I have a decided preference."

"In case it is all up with Mr. Mullen, what would you do then?"

"That depends. As I said before, I am out of the office middle and I do not care to again enter. It, however, seems to me that Senator Pritchard cannot make much of a mistake in appointing any of the three applicants. I am sure he will consult Charlotte's business men before this appointment is made. He has said that he does not wish the Charlotte post office affair to hang fire and I am sure that the matter will be settled in a very few days. As to who will get it I am entirely at sea."

IMPORTANT ARREST.

Officer Squires Lands W. H. Brooks, Who is Wanted in Fort Mill.

Officer T. O. Squires this afternoon arrested W. H. Brooks, a white man who is supposed to have entered the Mill Fort Manufacturing Company's store at Fort Mill and fobbed it of numerous articles.

Brooks had been offering for sale in Charlotte knives, razors and other articles of merchandise. His actions were suspicious and Officer Squires decided to watch him. This afternoon, the officer felt sure he had the right man and he made the arrest. Brooks was taken to the police station and locked up. Officer Squires learned that Brooks had disposed of three razors and a number of knives. An inventory of the articles found in Brooks' possession are as follows: Sixteen pocket knives; two razors; four wrenches, and one screw driver. All of these are first-class goods.

The fact that Brooks is from Fort Mill and that he was once arrested on a similar charge furnishes sufficient cause for him to be held, until the Fort Mill authorities are heard from.

KING-CROWTHER PARTY

Pass Through on Return North Last Night—Gen. J. S. Carr Aboard.

President C. F. King, accompanied by officials and directors of the King-Crowther Corporation and allied auxiliary companies with members of their families, passed through Charlotte last night on the belated north-bound limited en route for Boston. It was a gay party, some of which had never visited the Southland before. They were traveling in their handsome private car "Haslemere" and had their own chef, porter and waiters aboard.

General J. S. Carr was with the party as the guest of President King. The General joined the party at San Antonio, Texas, several days ago and went over the ground of the Corporation's properties, inspecting the deposits of oil, kaolin, etc. He expresses himself as delighted with the prospects. He was elected Saturday president of the San Antonio and Crowther Railroad Co., one of the principal development enterprises of the corporation, and has become actively enlisted in the great enterprise. Gen. Carr is in fine health and spirits. He was returning home and expects to be today in Raleigh.

AS BAD TO EAT AS CAT MEAT.

Mountain Lion Steak Sent From West to Gridiron Club by Jaker.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—State Game Warden Fullerton seized a consignment of mountain lion meat on its way to the Gridiron Club in Washington, D. C., from Medora, N. D., where years ago President Roosevelt himself "bearded the lion in his den." The consignment was passing as buffalo meat, and it is suspected that stewards of the Gridiron Club were planning to play a joke on the members or that some person in the West was trying to do so.

"The members of the club must have stomachs that wild animals would envy," said the Game Warden today as the meat was found to be mountain lion and not buffalo. "It is as much of a task to eat it as to eat domestic cat."

A QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Mr. J. K. Wolfe and Miss Julia Wilson Wed Today.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride at Caldwell's Station this morning at 10 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. James K. Wolfe of this city and Miss Julia Wilson, of Caldwell's. Rev. J. M. Grier, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Caldwell's Station, performed the ceremony.

Only a few friends and the immediate family, witnessed the ceremony. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe boarded the train at Caldwell's and arrived in Charlotte at the noon hour. They went to the home of the groom on East Avenue.

The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. J. M. Wilson and is well and favorably known in Charlotte. She is a woman of many excellent traits of character and admired by all.

Mr. Wolfe is one of Charlotte's best known citizens. He is a member of the firm of Davidson and Wolfe, wholesale grocers, and is counted as one of the best business men in the city. He is a man of sterling qualities and is deserving of the high esteem in which he is held by all.

The News with other friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, extends its best wishes. May their married life be filled with much real happiness.

BOWEN AWAITING DEFINITE ANSWER

It Is Generally Conceded that the Powers Will Accept the Terms That Were Proposed

REPRESENTATIVES CONSULT HIM AS TO THE DETAILS

Acting For Venezuela, It Is Learned That He Has Offered Them Thirty Per Cent of Customs

Washington, Jan. 27.—Although Great Britain, Germany and Italy have not yet returned definite answers to Minister Bowen's proposition on behalf of Venezuela, yet their representatives, Sir Michael Herbert for Great Britain and Germany, and Signor Desblanches for Italy, consulted Bowen this morning as to the details of his proposition and thus indirectly conceded that their principals were disposed to accept it in general.

The questions asked by the allies' representatives were evidently for the purpose of gaining time for an agreement among themselves since it is known that Bowen on Saturday set a limit to the duration of his patience.

It has been learned that Minister Bowen, acting for Venezuela, pledges 30 per cent of the receipts of the ports of Porto Cabello and LaGuayra, the same to be collected by a joint committee made up of one representative of each of the powers having claims against Venezuela.

COTTON SPINNERS IN SESSION HERE

Large Number Manufacturers From All Over South Gather in Charlotte To Discuss Business

A large number of the mill owners of the Piedmont section are gathered today in Charlotte for the purpose of discussing conditions and to put on foot some plans that will work for the mutual advantage of all interested in the manufacture of the South's great staple.

The cotton manufacturers met in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce this morning at 11 o'clock. Owing to the lateness of several of the trains, the meeting was not called to order until the noon hour.

The call for the meeting was signed by Messrs. R. S. Reinhardt, W. C. Heath, A. P. Rhyne and J. J. George, four well known mill owners of this section.

While the manufacturers are very reticent as to the purpose of the gathering, it is generally understood that the main object is to increase the price of the manufactured articles.

For some time, the spinners say, their yarns have been offered on the market too cheaply and while the demand was never greater, the prevailing prices are not what they should be.

At the meeting this morning an advisory committee was appointed to look the field over and report either at the meeting this afternoon or tonight, what is best to be done. This committee is composed of the following: A. J. Ruffin, of Hillsboro; J. P. Yount, of Newton; W. C. Heath, of Monroe; A. P. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly; R. S. Reinhardt, of Lincolnton, and Mr. Lindau, of Greensboro.

Up to the time of going to press this committee had not made any report. Among the spinners who are present are: D. J. Winn, Sumter, S. C.; R. S. Baker, Kings Mountain; J. K. Dixon, Gastonia; F. Dilling, Kings Mountain; J. S. Mauney, Kings Mountain; M. L. Smith and W. E. Morton, Clover, S. C.; J. C. Rankin, Lowell; O. G. Falls, Kings Mountain; J. M. Fairley, Monroe; A. E. McDonald, Lawrenceville, Ga.; A. J. Ruffin, Hillsboro; E. B. Neave, Salisbury; H. B. Jennings, Lumberton; W. C. Hardison, Wadesboro; W. C. Heath, Monroe; H. D. Ledbetter, Rockingham; J. P. Yount, Newton; A. P. Rhyne, Mt. Holly; A. C. Miller, and T. D. Lattimore, Shelby; A. A. Shuford, Hickory; R. P. Roberts, Cherokee Falls, and John Hill, Atlanta.

Among the well known commission merchants who are here are: Leonard Paulson, Philadelphia; Joseph H. Parvin, Philadelphia; H. W. Taylor, Philadelphia, and Leroy G. Myers, of Philadelphia.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 1:30 o'clock and at 3 o'clock the meeting again reconvened.

A prominent mill owner informs the News this afternoon that the schedule of prices will not be reported to the meeting until tonight's meeting.

MAYOR MAYBURY ON HOW TO GET COAL

"Get Coal" Convention Opened in Washington Today and the Detroit Method is Explained

Washington, Jan. 27.—Mayor William C. Maybury, of Detroit, opened "get coal" convention at the Shoreham this morning. About fifty delegates were present.

He made a stirring address on the necessity of correcting the existing condition. Because of a lack of coal, he said, Detroit had established municipal coal yards where soft coal is now sold at four fifty per ton and as a consequence the soft coal market there had gone down.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, was introduced as the presiding officer and he also addressed the convention.

BOYCE MUCH BETTER.

He Will Soon Be Out of Danger—McLeod's Condition Critical.

The condition of Mr. J. M. Boyce, one of the students at the North Carolina Medical College, who is suffering from the effects of blood poison, was very satisfactory this afternoon. Dr. J. P. Munroe telephones the News that Boyce's temperature is 98.3-5, practically normal; pulse 110 and respiration 28. If he continues to improve for the next two days as he has for the past two days, he will be out of danger.

The condition of Mr. McLeod is not at all encouraging. He has been near death's door for the past three days, and while his condition is no worse, it is no better and, so far, the medicines given do not produce the desired effect.

Dr. Munroe today telegraphed to Baltimore for more anti-toxine. This has caused the patient's temperature to fall when all other medicines failed.

This afternoon McLeod's temperature was 103.2-5; pulse 112 and respiration 50.

His general condition is no worse than at this time yesterday afternoon.

When asked this afternoon if the young man would get well, Dr. Munroe stated that the chances were against him. He might live two or three days and there was a bare hope that he would get well.

PLANS A BUFFALO "TRUST."

"Pawnee Bill" to Have Big Herd on Wisconsin Ranch.

Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 27.—Major Gordon W. Lillie ("Pawnee Bill"), has sent L. F. Nicodemus, his right hand man, to Kenosha to negotiate for the purchase of the Daniel Wells farm, just north of this city, on which will be established the first buffalo ranch east of the Mississippi River. Kenosha will in time become the buffalo market of the world.

In the entire country today, Government statistics show there are but 365 buffalo.

Kaiser Celebrates Birthday.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Kaiser, 44 years old today. This morning His Majesty held a birthday reception in the White Hall of the Castle which was attended by members of the royal family and the various diplomats in Berlin. Among those who congratulated the Kaiser was United States Ambassador Tower, with whom the Emperor had a long and familiar conversation.

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For Big Battleships.

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Perished in Flames.

Dunkirk, Jan. 27.—After saving his daughter and her infant child and a boarded from his burning dwelling this morning, Fred Peets, living on Lake street in this city, went back into the house and was suffocated. He was forty-five years old and leaves a wife and two children.

Royal Relations Strained.

Dresden, Jan. 27.—The escapade of the Crown Princess Louise has caused strained relations between the King and the Crown Prince. The Prince urges clemency while the King declares the matter affects the dynasty and demands the severest measures.

G. A. R. Objects to a Lee Statue.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—Opposition is already developing to the bill prepared by Col. A. K. McClure and introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives providing for a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee on the field of Gettysburg. A Grand Army post in Scranton has denounced the measure. The chances for its passage are small.

TIN-PLATE WORKERS VERGING ON STRIKE

Order of Trust Will Eliminate Clause in Their Wage Agreement and They Are Protesting

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 27.—Because of an order by the American Tin-Plate Company, that the workmen assert will eliminate one clause of their wage agreement, the amalgamated association of all tin-plate mills throughout the country is on the verge of a strike.

It is alleged that the company, for reasons not understood, proposes that it will no longer pay hot mill men according to clause five of the agreement, which made a distinction in wages between the sheet steel mills and the tin plate workers on a similar class of work.

The decision by the workmen may be reached today in a meeting of the American company.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

Austrian Newspaper Sadly Sounds the Death Knell of the Waning Powers

THE KAISER OBSERVES HIS 44TH BIRTHDAY

Vessel Ashore Near Liverpool—Father Perishes in Saving His Daughter and Her Child

Vienna, Jan. 27.—The Arbeiter Zeitung sees in the signing of the United States Panama canal treaty, the death knell of the ambitions of England, Germany and all the other European powers. The paper adds "America will soon be the predominant world power. Europe will smart under the burden of American tyranny and the Kaiser will perhaps become the vassal of the American republic."

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