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THE BALDWIN BILL PASSES THE SENATE

It is Amended So As to Abolish Abandonment as a Sufficient Ground For Divorce

OVERMAN IS ELECTED BY THE JOINT SESSION

Pharr Introduces Bill Changing Some Mecklenburg Criminal Courts to Civil Courts—Yesterday's Proceedings

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—Lee S. Overman was nominated for Senator in the joint session of House and Senate today by receiving 138 votes to 21 for Pritchard.

The Baldwin bill, allowing all divorces to re-marry was amended so as to abolish abandonment as a ground for divorce and it passed the Senate.

Pharr introduced a bill changing some of the Mecklenburg criminal courts to civil; by Scott, to incorporate electric railways under a general law.

THE SENATE—JANUARY 29. The Senate met at 10:30 this morning and Senator Spruille offered prayer. Ex-Senator McIntyre and Ex-Senator James were invited to seats on the floor.

BILLS INTRODUCED. Mitchell: To regulate the sale branding and inspection of cotton seed meal. Spruille: To incorporate Council of J. O. U. A. M.

DISPENSARY BILL. The Senate bill: To submit to the qualified voters of No. 1 township, Edgecombe county, the question of dispensary or no dispensary. The entire day was consumed with this local bill, the principal question being whether the fate of the Tarboro dispensary should be decided by a majority of the votes cast or a majority of the qualified voters. Senator Gilliam, of Edgecombe, argued for the former and was supported by Senators Warren, Norris, Travis and Woodard, while Senators London, White, Lamb, Mitchell and Brown favored the latter and opposed Senator Gilliam's bill. Senator Gilliam made some changes and his bill passed. Senator London objected to the third reading, but the rules were suspended and the bill passed.

ENROLLED BILLS. To repeal the stock law in Federal Point township. For the relief of Annie P. Smith of Davie. To prevent hunting without permission in Washington. To prevent hunting with dog and gun in Stanly. To authorize Graham county to issue bonds. To regulate fishing in Pamlico and Tar rivers. To allow Madison to purchase academy lot. To provide for cross indexing of administrators. To amend the act authorizing the sale of liquor in Harnett.

Another big batch of petitions for temperance legislation were presented.

Glenn introduced a bill allowing Georgia to vote on bonds for road improvement.

The Senate then adjourned until 11 o'clock Friday morning.

THE HOUSE. Rev. M. R. Bradshaw opened the session of the House with prayer.

BILLS INTRODUCED. Britt: To authorize special term in Robeson. Ethridge: To allow special tax in Dare. Little: To incorporate

SESSION WILL BE VERY WARM EVENT

English Angry Over the Venezuela Row and Will Manifest Their Anger When Parliament Meets

London, Jan. 30.—It is predicted in Parliamentary circles that the re-opening of Parliament next month will see the hottest debate of many years. Never since the formation of a coalition of non-partisan and conservative administration in 1895 has there been so many cross-currents manifested among the supporters of ministry.

There is still considerable feeling against the education bill, but this is surpassed by the Venezuela imbroglio, which has greatly shaken the country's confidence in Lord Lansdowne, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Secretary of War Broderick will also come in for a quota of criticism of his trip to the continent at a time when all the members of the ministry are so badly needed at home.

town of Stubs, in Pitt. Wood: To appoint a justice of the peace in Johnson. Price, of Stanly: To appoint court stenographers for the various judicial districts. Scott: To amend charter of Alamance Loan and Trust Company. Graham: For the relief of Mrs. Rotter, a teacher in Granville. Willis: To prevent obstruction of water ways in Brunswick. Crocker: To establish a dispensary at Wilson.

PASSED FINA READING. To allow Murphy township, in Cherokee, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Hiawassi Valley Railway Company. To provide for the drainage of Matamuskeet Lake, in Hyde. To extend ferry rights in Anson, amending laws of 1854-1855. To incorporate the North Carolina Mutual Aid and Home Protective Association at Gastonia. To incorporate the Winston-Stuart Turnpike and Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Blount, the section of this bill authorizing use of State convicts on turnpike to be paid for in stock, was struck out. Mr. Davidson offered to amend, allowing convicts, upon payment for services, which Mr. Blount accepted, but upon the motion of Mr. Kregor, of Stokes, its patron, stating he had no objection to the section being struck it was so done.

To amend charter of Mt. Airy. For relief of People's Benevolent and Relief Association of Charlotte, exempting from taxation.

Upon objection being made to this bill without some explanation, Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, said he knew nothing about it, except that Mr. Pharr introduced it, and anything he did on that line, it was safe to follow.

Chairman Roberson, of the committee on corporations, explained that the bill only construed the law of 1901, which was in doubt, as to corporations of this character being liable for insurance tax. The bill then passed. To incorporate the Carnegie Library of Charlotte. To allow pay to witnesses and officers in certain cases in Yadkin.

To fix day for election of town officers in Raeford. To incorporate the town of Abbottsberg in Bladen. To amend charter of Belle Haven, in Beaufort. Senate bill to amend charter of Greenville was, on motion of Mr. King, were referred to committee.

To appoint justices of the peace in Johnson. Resolutions providing that all unwritten bills which there is no amendment shall be sent to the Senate without engrossment.

There was the usual daily half hour scrap over adjournment until ten or eleven o'clock, when a substitute to adjourn until 10:30 tomorrow was adopted.

DEATH WINS IN HEROIC BATTLE

After Days of Patient Suffering Grim Reaper Claims O. R. McLeod As His Own—Boyce Better

Mr. O. R. McLeod, of Robeson county, died this morning at 8:05 o'clock at Davidson. New readers will remember that Mr. McLeod, a student in the North Carolina Medical College, at Davidson, was poisoned, while in the dissecting room about two weeks ago. Mr. J. M. Boyce, it will be remembered, was also poisoned at the same time. Much interest has been taken in the unfortunate cases of these young men.

From the first, however, there had been little response to treatment in McLeod and the brief bulletin from Dr. Munroe at 8:10 o'clock this morning, reading: "Mr. McLeod died at 8:05 o'clock," tells the sad finishing of a sad case. It is believed now that unless unforeseen complications arise, Mr. Boyce will get well.

Dr. Munroe informed the News today that he is getting along nicely and that there is every reason to hope for his recovery. To save the lives of his patients Dr. Munroe early decided to use heroic measures and with the assistance of Dr. C. M. Strong, of this city, formed the new remedy of Dr. Chas. C. Barrows, of New York, was used in the treatment of the cases. After giving this remedy a thorough trial Dr. Munroe discontinued its use as unsatisfactory and has since been using a preparation of his own.

The body of Mr. McLeod will reach Charlotte this evening shortly after 5 o'clock, on the way to Lumberton, the former home of the deceased. Dr. Munroe will accompany the remains to Charlotte. It is expected that the corpse will remain in Charlotte tonight. Owing to the schedule of trains

it must remain either here or in Monroe or at Hamlet. In either case the remains will reach Lumberton about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The body will be accompanied by a representative of the Davidson football team, of which Mr. McLeod was a member. The medical classes will also send representatives, the Seniors sending one, the Freshmen one and the Juniors of which class the deceased was a member will send two.

The body of the young man has today been lying in lecture room number one at the Medical College. The platform is decorated with flowers and the college colors and there is a profusion of flowers, the loving remembrances of friends, around and about the bier. There is an elaborate design from the football team and one from the students of the Medical College and many others from individual friends.

At 4:15 o'clock this afternoon the body was taken to the Presbyterian church, where a short service was held, the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham, conducting it.

Dr. Munroe spoke feelingly this afternoon of the sad case of the young man. He said that he was one of the most popular boys of the college and that there is much sadness there over his death.

Mr. Boyce was still getting along very well at three o'clock this afternoon. Dr. C. M. Strong, his uncle, of this city, went up to Davidson today to see him.

ISTHMUS EXPECTS BOOM.

Signing of Canal Treaty Hailed as Omen of Good Times.

Panama, Colombia, Jan. 30.—No comments on the signing of the canal treaty are made by local newspapers, but the people here are generally gratified by the prospect that the canal will finally be built by the United States, in which country the people have confidence.

The treaty is considered fair and mutually advantageous, although some Colombians think the annual rental might have been put at a higher rate, considering the loss of Isthmian rents and the future practical benefits obtained by the United States. Efforts are being made to send from the Isthmus to the extraordinary meeting of the Colombian Congress in April representatives who will vote for the prompt ratification of the treaty, regardless of their political principles, and will uphold the pecuniary rights of the Isthmians.

Activity is noted in all branches of business in making preparations to meet the resumption of work on the canal as soon as the treaty is ratified. Word comes from Costa Rica that the terms offered by Colombia in the canal treaty are regarded there as unfavorable to the United States, and not in accordance with the plan of the canal bill as passed by the American Congress. Hopes of prosperity in Costa Rica have been based upon the building of the canal over the Nicaragua route. It is felt that otherwise the Costa Rican Government cannot improve present conditions.

LEE S. OVERMAN THE NEXT SENATOR

He Wins Out in the Protracted Contest in the Legislative Caucus On the Sixty-First Ballot

RESULT IS ANNOUNCED AMID GREAT ENTHUSIASM

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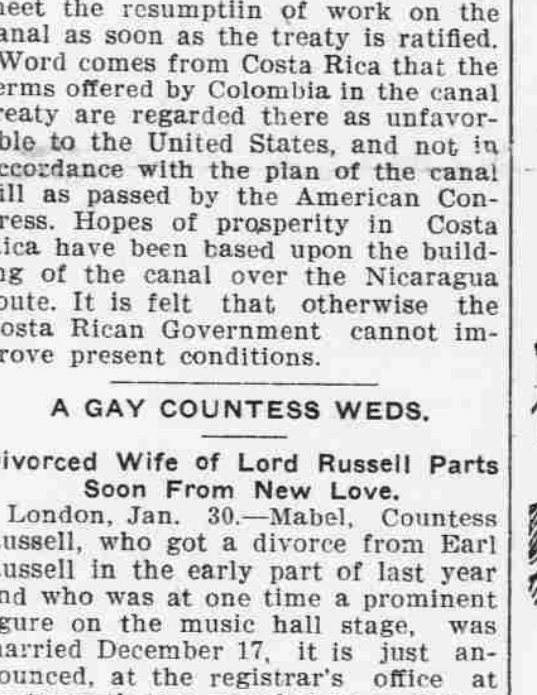
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Overman 61
Craig 14

The Overman cheers were then more enthusiastic and hearty than at any time before. His leaders and supporters crowded the aisles and appealed to every Craig man who would listen to "get on the band wagon," as they said and vote for Overman. The 60th ballot stood:

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Amid great excitement, the roll call for the 61st ballot was proceeded with. Everybody felt that the end was near.



HON. LEE S. OVERMAN.

The Watson men looked solemn and sombre; the Overman men were jubilant and could not keep their seats. The galleries caught the contagion and everybody was restless and nervous as the procession of members passed by the open basket and deposited their ballots.

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On motion of Speaker Gattis a committee of three was appointed to wait on Mr. Overman and notify him that he had been nominated, and to invite all the Senatorial candidates to come before the caucus. The committee named was composed of the following: Messrs. Webb, Doughton, Gattis, Murphy and Watts.

The committee soon returned and then came the start for the Hall of the House. The great crowd moved as one with the leaders in the ended contest. As the doors to the Hall swung open all were swept in as by one rush, so eager were the people to witness the last scene. Mr. Overman, Mr. Watson and Mr. Craig were escorted to the Speaker's desk and in a few moments a voice, ringing with melody, clear with the note of success, thrilling in its intensity, was vibrating on the air.

Hon. Lee S. Overman was speaking. He expressed in eloquent terms his thanks to the men who had brought success to him, complimenting his defeated rivals and expressed a determination to stand for the best interests of the State. It was a speech ringing with eloquence, and was punctuated with applause.

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SKETCH OF HIS LIFE. Hon. Lee S. Overman was born in Salisbury, January 3rd, 1854. In 1874 he entered Trinity College, Randolph county, and graduated in 1876. Upon the redemption of the State by Governor Vance in 1876, Mr. Overman, a brilliant young man, just out of college, was made private secretary by the great War Governor. In that position Mr. Overman made a friend of every man who called at the Executive Office-ships. He devoted his nights to the study of the law and in 1879 he received a practice law. In 1879 he returned as private secretary, returned to Salisbury where he entered at once upon a practice that has grown with every passing year. He now commands a clientele second to that of no practitioner at a specially able bar. In 1886 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Rowan, and has been elected five different times to the House. He proved himself a safe and wise legislator, and his people have often called upon him to serve his State. His record is without flaw. In 1893 he was elected speaker of the House and proved one of the fittest men who has filled that high office in a quarter of a century. He is a splendid parliamentarian, has commanding presence, and made a fine officer. He has held many positions of trust and honor. He was director and afterwards president of the North Carolina Railroad under the administration of Governor Carr.

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A GAME OF WORLD POLITICS.

Sir Robert Giffen Suspects Double Motive by the Kaiser.

London, Jan. 30.—Sir Robert Giffen, in the Times this morning, points out some reasons why Germany might be found engaging in far more serious business than bombarding a Venezuelan fort and fishing settlement. He writes:

"Even if the matter were patched up now the great danger of the situation will remain. The Monroe doctrine is a convenient one for the United States, and, to some extent, for this country. It suits us in every way that the United States should cry 'Hands off!'"

"But the ideas and attitude of our European rivals, of whom Germany is the chief one, are, naturally, not the same. Why, they may ask, should they be debarred from occupation and settlement?"

"No good reason can be given them from their point of view, except force. Occupation and settlement in South America will not be worth their while as long as the United States, even if it could be successfully waged."

"Here lies the danger. As to war with the United States, which seems atrocious to us—a species of civil war and uncertain as to its result, looking at the population and resources of the United States—we must recollect that the traditions of Germany are those of a military monarchy."

"My own belief is that nothing will deter Germany from aggression in South America except the prospect of having England on its hands in a naval war as well as the United States, and that German diplomacy has contrived the present partnership with us in order to impede a possible alliance between us and the United States. German diplomacy may, perhaps, be aiming at England even more than at the United States, for which purpose a breach between us and the United States would be useful in order to prevent the United States from coming to our assistance."

"Our authorities should not be too confident that the possibility of a German coup de main against England may entirely be ignored."

Troubles of Baltimore-Bound Ship. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 30.—The steamer American, from Liverpool for Baltimore, which was damaged by striking on Sable Island and put in here for repairs and short of coal, cleared for Baltimore today and was to have sailed in the morning. At night, however, she started leaking again and at 10 o'clock a new survey was begun on her to find whether it will be possible for her to go to sea in her present condition.

THEY STRIKE FOR SHORTER HOURS

Gold Miners in Paw Creek Township Walk Out and Mine-Owners Look For Men to fill their Places

The conflict between labor and capital has at last reached Charlotte, has hovered over the city, has seen nothing on which it could alight and has passed on to Paw Creek and settled down upon a community which has heretofore been noted for its quietness and calm acceptance of the things that are. It has been said that strikes do not occur in the South and that we are free from all the distracting agitations between capital and labor. Alas that this state of things should have been broken and that the spectre of discontent should have been allowed to creep in, and that too, in calm, peaceful, satisfied Paw Creek. But such is the case, and the chronicler must give the news as it happens.

However, in as much, as it is a strike for shorter hours and not larger wages, it is not a direct conflict between labor and capital.

The trouble is at Capps Hill gold mine in Paw Creek. This mine is the property of Capt. John F. Wilkes, of Charlotte. Tuesday ten hands, who worked in shaft number 3, under J. M. Griffin, refused to go on. These men were required to work 10 hours a day, in a shaft about 130 feet deep. They have to work in the water all the time and they claim that this is very disagreeable. Therefore they ask that the hours be reduced from 10 to 8 and that the pay remain the same.

The management is seeking to refill the places with other men but has so far been unable to do so and in the meantime that part of the mine is idle.

The strikers are making no demonstrations but simply sitting back and letting events shape themselves. In all about 140 men are employed in the mine.

Alfonso Friendly to Cuba. Madrid, Jan. 30.—King Alfonso received yesterday Senor Marchaud, plenipotentiary from Cuba. Afterwards he told the Publishers Press he was most pleased with the King's expressions of affection for Cuba.

Twenty-Second Victim of Wreck. Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 30.—William V. Clark, of this city, died in Mulhensburg Hospital at seven this morning, making the twenty-second fatality as the result of the Jersey Central wreck Tuesday night.

SULPHURIC ACID IN FOOD.

Germany May Restrict Imports of Dried Fruit Thus Prepared.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The State Department has been informed by cable from the United States Embassy in Berlin, that a considerable quantity of sulphuric acid have been found in dried fruits imported into Germany. It is likely that restrictions may be placed upon such importations. It is suggested that interested parties in the United States should be cautioned to prepare dried fruits for export in such a manner as to prevent the presence of sulphuric acid.

The Agricultural Department advises that the use of sulphur fumes in the preparation of fruits for desiccation and evaporation is a universal custom, and that use of sulphur fumes on the cold fruits, followed immediately by the application of heat for evaporation or desiccation, does not result in a product which is injurious to health. Almost all of the sulphuric acid which attaches itself to the fruit or becomes absorbed by its juices is dissipated during desiccation. Minute quantities of sulphuric acid are found in almost all food products and the presence of small amounts of high acid in foods is not regarded as deleterious.

HIS LAW POOR, AIM GOOD.

Burglar Thought He'd Be Shot, So Did Job Himself.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 30.—Lambro Yrascio, recently arrived at Gallitzin, attempted the burglary of the post-office in that town this morning. In forcing the entrance he broke a large plate-glass window, and Officer Lees caught the man.

Yrascio at once pulled a revolver, thrust the muzzle into his right ear and fired. The bullet has not been located and the burglar is expected to die. He said he thought he would be shot anyway for robbing a postoffice, and concluded to do the job himself.

MULLEN'S FATE MAY BE DECIDED TODAY

With Geo. B. Hiss He Left For Washington Last Night To See Senator Pritchard

HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH POSTMASTER GENERAL

Last Appeal Probaby Made and if Ineffectual Pritchard Will Recommend Successor

There is something doing today at the capital anent the Charlotte post-office matter and it is more probable that Postmaster Mullen's fate will be decided this afternoon.

Mr. Mullen, accompanied by Mr. George B. Hiss, left Charlotte last night for Washington at the instance of Senator Pritchard, who had telegraphed them that he would take the matter up with Postmaster General Payne today. It is the general opinion that Postmaster Mullen is slated for removal. This opinion has been held by those "within the circle" for some time and it has also been the opinion that Senator Pritchard, after making final effort for Mr. Mullen today, would recommend his successor at the same interview, provided, of course, that the last appeal did not avail.

It has also been rumored that when all efforts in behalf of Mr. Mullen failed, Mr. Hiss would urge his own claim for the berth and that with that idea in view that Mr. Hiss accompanied Mr. Mullen. On the other hand, it is said that Mr. Hiss would not have the postoffice berth if it was tendered him, but he went to Washington simply and solely to help Mullen out. This latter contention seems well placed, since Mr. Hiss, sometime ago, told a News' man that he was positively not a candidate for the postoffice and would not have it under any circumstances. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Hiss has changed front since that interview was given.

The following special was received by The News this afternoon: Washington, D. C., Jan. 30. The Evening News:

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DID THE OCEANIC GO DOWN AT SEA?

Rumors of Disaster Are Denied—Four Mutineers Are Arraigned today in Liverpool For Murder

Liverpool, Jan. 30.—Rumors are current here today that the White Star liner Oceanic has been overtaken with disaster. She sailed yesterday for New York. At the White Star offices it is officially declared that the reports are without foundation.

Otto Monson, Henry Nohr, William Smith any Gustave Rau, sailors, were arraigned in the police court today, charged with wilful murder. The men mutinied on the British bark Veronica while in mid-ocean, killed the captain, two officers and four of the crew, then fired the ship and deserted the craft. They were picked up by the steamer Brunswick and arrested here yesterday on the arrival of that steamer.

GERMAN ENVOY ON THE WAY.

Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi Coming to Washington.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 30.—Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, German Charge d'Affaires to Venezuela, arrived here today on the steamer Caracas bound for Washington. He declined to talk.

Other passengers who came from La Guayra stated that acute distress prevails throughout the republic.

Sugar-G