

## HOUSE PASSES ALEXANDER BILL

The Senate Will Take Concurrent Action, All Saloons Must Close at 8 O'clock P. M.

## THE SENATE DISPOSES OF THE REVENUE BILL

Fifty Thousand Appropriated For the A. & M. College--Directors of the Morganton Hospital

Charlotte, N. C., March 5.—The House today passed the Alexander bill, making all saloons close at 8 o'clock at night by a vote of 59 to 21. The bill to incorporate a distillery in the town of York, in Yadkin, passed. The House also passed the following bills: To borrow a hundred thousand dollars for schools; revising the State guard laws; consolidating the colored normal schools into three locations to be selected by the State Board of Education. The Senate passed the revenue bill after a conference committee was appointed. The Senate struck out all the appropriation features of the bill incorporating the Roanoke Celebrating Company. The bill passed, appropriating fifty thousand dollars for the agricultural building at the A. & M. College, provided the same comes from the surplus tonnage tax only. The Governor appointed and the Senate confirmed J. P. Caldwell as director of the hospital at Morganton. Other vacancies on the board were filled.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Senate at 11 o'clock took up the revenue bill in committee of the whole. Section 63 taxing grain distilleries, the tax being graded according to the capacity of the still from \$25 to \$200. An effort to strike out "shall" and insert "may" in "each county shall levy a like tax" failed. Section 65 provides that dispensaries shall pay the State an annual license tax of two per centum of the gross receipts. Section 67 was amended by Mr. Blawie so that sheriff can levy on goods that a merchant, attempts to move without having paid any license tax. Section 67, the merchants' tax, was amended. Mr. Baldwin offered an amendment to reduce the merchants' tax in each instance 5 cents, was carried. The provision making the merchants pay 15 cents for each return was stricken out by Mr. Mann's motion. Efforts were made to change the tax on emigrant agents but the tax remained \$100 for the State and \$100 for county. The following House bills passed and were enrolled for ratification: To give tax collectors certain powers in Wayne. To allow Gates county commissioners to establish dispensary under certain circumstances amended. To allow Macon to levy a special tax. To provide for better working of roads in Rowan county. To amend the charter of Bellhaven. For better working of roads in Greene. To provide water works, lights and sewerage for Elizabeth City. To incorporate Corporation in Beaufort. To authorize Transylvania to levy a special tax. To allow Macon to build a bridge. To establish graded schools at Reper. To amend the charter of Thomasville. To relieve Mrs. Chas. Smith. To provide for hail and storm insurance companies being incorporated. The following bills passed the Senate and were sent to the House. Relative to duties of Coroners, applying only to Buncombe. To allow McDowell to issue bonds. To allow McDowell to issue road bonds. To

## SOCIALISTS ARE GAINING HEADWAY

They Take Part in all Town Elections in Massachusetts And Show Great Strength

Boston, March 5.—This week, for the first time, the Socialists, as a party, have participated in the town elections in Massachusetts. The results show gains for the new party in every town where the party nominations were made and not only the tremendous increase shown at the recent State election obtained, but in every instance the vote for the local candidate exceeded that for the party's candidate for Governor last November.

provide for settling certain indebtedness of Northampton. To pay liquor license at Scotland Neck to the school fund. To prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Rowan county; leaves it to a vote of the people as to whether the county will be under the London or Watts bills. To provide for election in Edenton.

## HOUSE—WEDNESDAY

The House met at 10 o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. W. Butler, pastor of the Christian church. PASSED FINAL READING. To amend the charter of Louisburg. To incorporate the Union Loan and Trust Company of Greenville. To increase the number of Commissioners in Gaston. To pay the expenses of the investigating committees on charges of cruelty at convict camps. There was a sharp fight over the bill to require the branding with proper weight of packages of fish, flour, meal and other foodstuffs. The bill was referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Graham, Doughton, Moore, Smith, Grant, Blount and Phillips to consider, draft and report a proper bill. To work the public roads of Stokes by taxation. To improve the public roads in Lincoln. To provide for the better working of public roads in Sampson. To authorize the trustees of Springhope graded school to issue bonds. To amend and consolidate Burlington. To allow Greensboro to maintain a public library. To pay wages of deceased employees to widows and next of kin. To change the name of the Whitney Reduction company to Whitney Company. To validate the act by which the Bank of Wadesboro was incorporated. To prohibit the illegal sale of liquor in the corporation. To amend section 30 of the corporation law of North Carolina providing fees to be paid to the Secretary of State for increasing or decreasing capital stock of corporations by amending charters. To amend section 97 of the corporation law to make fees uniform. To incorporate the Perpetual Insurance Co. of North Carolina. To secure the supervision of all insurance companies doing business in the State. To secure better protection to the people where corporations act as trustee or guardian. To provide for the registration of labels, trade marks and designs. To

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## CONTINUED THE INSURANCE CASES

Agents Charged With Doing Business Without License Will Be Tried By the Recorder Tomorrow

Before the Recorder this morning were J. W. Miller, T. A. Austin and M. Long, charged with soliciting insurance for the Guaranty and Trust Company, of Washington, D. C., and Dallas, Texas. The warrant on which these three were arrested charges that the company represented by the above men, is doing business in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county without paying license. It is also charged that the three solicitors knew this and, furthermore, that none of the three were armed with their individual licenses. T. A. Austin was the spokesman for the three. He informed the court that they wished to be represented by counsel and as they had been unable to see their lawyer, they wished that the case be continued until tomorrow morning. The court recognized each in the sum of \$100 for their appearance tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. J. A. Drummond, who represents the Economy Development Company, of Chicago, a similar organization, was before the court charged with the same offense. Drummond claimed that he was not ready and the case against him was held over until tomorrow.

Oswald Robinson charged with raising orders on Powell & Co., the butcher, was bound over to the Superior Court in the sum of \$25. Robinson's mother gave bond for her son's appearance. W. M. Blankenship, the man who had a fit on West Trade street several days ago, was one of the occupants of the prisoner's pen this morning. Blankenship claimed that he had been ill and that during his sickness he had taken too much whiskey. Yesterday afternoon he took on too much and promptly made a bee line for the police station. On his arrival there, he threw himself into Day Turnkey Duke's arms and asked to be saved from the mighty hands of the "coppers." He was very promptly locked up. A short while thereafter, one of the officers heard some groaning in the station house. On going to the cell occupied by Blankenship, he found the man in an unconscious condition. Dr. Hawley, on examination, was called in and that Blankenship's heart was not acting right. The man was given a dose of strychnine which had a beneficial effect. This morning when he appeared in the court room, he looked very much better than he felt yesterday. Blankenship said that he came to and worked about six weeks ago. He had section about 15 days in Concord and about four weeks in Rock Hill; that he had a wife and children living in Macon, Ga., and was very desirous of going to them. The court informed him that after working for ten days on the county roads he would be free to go where he chose.

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

Interest Increased By Fact That Some New Candidates For Mayorality Are Announced

## ONE GENTLEMAN DENIES THAT HE WILL BE IN IT

Member of Present Board of Aldermen Will Stand For Reelection and There May Be Others

The local political pot was warmed up considerably today because of the fact that one or two gentlemen have been named as probable candidates for the office of Mayor. While neither of the gentlemen mentioned have expressed their willingness to enter the race against Mr. Brown, the fact that two names have been mentioned as possibilities, naturally, interest has awakened. The News man had a talk with Ex-Sheriff Z. T. Smith this morning. This gentleman was moving down Tryon street at his usual speed. He was halted by "The News man." "Look here, are you going to run for Mayor?" was the question propounded. "No, sir," was the quick response. "No, I have not thought of running for Mayor. I am not in the race and have never thought of being a candidate." "But, they say you will be a candidate in the next election." "I will not. In fact the matter has not been even considered by me. No, sir, I am not a candidate for any office." There is considerable talk as to all-german candidates. In the First Ward Messrs. Withers, McLaughlin, Wearn and Ritch, the present representatives in this ward in the city council, will be candidates for re-election. All of these gentlemen have a strong following and if any one opposes either of the four, that one will have a genuine battle on his hands. Some time ago, The News stated that Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth, who is now in Europe with his wife, might become a candidate for alderman in this ward. Mr. Wadsworth is a young business man of much popularity and if he enters the race he will make things lively. In the Second Ward Messrs. Link, Phelan and Chambers are the present representatives in the city council. The News man learns today that all three will be candidates. Mr. Link succeeded Mr. O'Donoghue who recently resigned. Messrs. Phelan and Chambers were elected by a very narrow margin two years ago. There are other prospective candidates in the second, but none have, so far, come out from under cover. In the Third Ward Messrs. Robertson, Brockmough and Hilton are the present representatives. It is not known whether or not these gentlemen will stand for election in the coming primary election. In the Fourth Ward Messrs. Oates and Kirby will be candidates for re-election. Mr. S. S. McNinch, the third alderman has not made up his mind as to what he will do, though he has stated to several that he will not be a candidate. Mr. Allison Bunn, foreman of the Liddell shops, has been spoken of as a probable candidate for alderman for the Fourth.

## TWO WOMEN DEAD IN TENEMENT FIRE

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## COTTON STILL GOING DOWN.

The Bottom Fell Out Of May Cotton Today—Market Gossip.

New York, March 5.—Things looked very sick this morning at one time and then the worst seemed to be over. At times it looked as though the bottom would drop out. May simply broke, broke, broke, as though it never would stop. Then things began to look up a little during the afternoon. August that we thought should be covered on the break this morning, sold at 9.14 only to climb to 9.27 during the early afternoon. Now there is likely to be an equally sharp recovery of this low, since Tuesday. May should work back to 9.90 or even to 10 cents. We don't believe in playing for the advance but do believe in getting out the August covered on the smash this morning. If the market recovery equals our expectations August should sell around 9.35 or 9.40 very easily. Then begin to sell again for a break. The bull clique to recover in a moment. It will take some time for May to sell at 10.17 again. It may do this. It will if the crowd are able to stem the decline and start shorts on the run. But 9 1/2c. for August is a good price and everything favors shorts at that figure. Too much newspaper notoriety is being given the bull and bear leaders so-called. The bear leader is only a newspaper fiction. He is not factor in this market, now any more than he has been during the advance from 8 1/2 to 10.14. The bulls will try and sell a little cotton on all further advances.

## Arguing a Disputed Point.

Washington, March 5.—The Anthracite commission is in conference with President Mitchell of the mine workers, and the attorneys for the operators. The meeting is being held behind closed doors, and though no word is allowed to reach the outside world from the council chamber at the Interstate Commerce Commission headquarters, it is known that the ten attorneys who represent the opposing sides of the controversy are arguing over a much disputed question of weight.

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## LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

The Pope's Illness This Time is Regarded as Serious--Some Complications Set in

## TURKS ARE MURDERING CHRISTIANS IN MACEDONIA

List of Marine Casualties For January is Appalling--Sir Lipton Inspects Challenger

Rome, March 5.—The Pope passed a restless night owing to the increase of the severity of his cough and the appearance of bronchial symptoms. His Holiness, however, expects to be able to see the English pilgrims. When Father Barrett, secretary to Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn, asked this morning when he would be able to see the Pope to deliver Peter's Pence to him, received the reply: "You will not likely see His Holiness unless you remain in Rome a long time."

## Marine Casualties.

Hamburg, March 5.—The statement of marine casualties during the month of January, issued here today shows that sixty-three sailing vessels and 36 steamers were lost and five hundred and three damaged. Only a small proportion of the vessels were owned by German firms.

## German Squadron Permanent.

Berlin, March 5.—It is announced that the German squadron, formed on account of the Venezuelan affair, will remain permanently in east American waters. The squadron comprises the Vineta, Gazelle, Falke, Spela and Panther.

## Inspecting the Challenger.

Glasgow, March 5.—Sir Lipton arrived at Glasgow this morning and went to Dunbarton to inspect the new challenger for America's cup and afterward look over Shamrock 1st, which will be the trial horse in the test. He said the latter will probably be launched on St. Patrick's Day.

## Hunting More Evidence.

Liverpool, March 5.—The four seamen of the British bark Veronica, who have been held several weeks charged with murdering the Captain and crew of the vessel and then setting fire to the bark, were again remanded today. This is the third time they have been remanded. The prosecution is looking for more proof of the crime with which the men are charged.

## More Turkish Atrocities.

Vienna, March 5.—Die Information today reports that Turkish troops seized a monastery at St. Peters, near Rodoz, Macedonia and tortured the prior. The prior and all the monks are suspected of harboring political suspects. The Turks devastated thirteen villages in the neighborhood of Pestane and massacred 27 Christians there. The only result of the reform action by the powers, according to the paper, is to increase the persecution of Christians in European Turkey.

## Lady Cook Appeals.

London, March 5.—Lady Tennessee Cook, formerly Miss Clafin of New York, has lodged an appeal from the decision handed down Tuesday in which her former private secretary Wallace, was granted a verdict of 550 pounds for libel.

## TO TRAIN GERMAN SAILORS.

A New Society To Build Up the Merchant Marine. Berlin, March 5.—A society has been formed at Hamburg with a reserve fund of nearly \$60,000 for a purpose which ostensibly is to promote the training of the German merchant marine men, but in reality is to serve as a powerful auxiliary of the Government in making available for the German navy trained seamen and officers.

## TEDDY WOULD PICK HIS RUNNING MATE

Wants an Ohio or Indiana Man But Chances Are He Will Not Require Another Running Mate

St. Paul, March 5.—President Roosevelt desires a vice president and running mate from Ohio or Indiana, according to Governor Vansant, who has just returned from Washington, where he had a private talk with the President. The President thinks the Vice Presidential candidate should be selected from Ohio or Indiana or possibly some other big doubtful State in the middle west, said Governor Vansant. "He didn't specify whom he would like best, of course."

## AUTHORITIES ACTIVE.

May Make An Arrest In the Burdick Murder Case Today.

Buffalo, March 5.—There was a unusual scene of activity about police headquarters and the district attorney's office this morning and rumors from reliable sources have it that during the day the authorities will have placed under arrest the murderer of Edwin L. Burdick. Neither the superintendent of police, Bull nor the district attorney would say anything regarding the expected arrest in the murder mystery.

## FRANK A. MUNSEY ARRESTED.

Charged With Driving "Auto" Too Fast, But Is Discharged. New York, March 5.—Frank A. Munsey, the newspaper and magazine proprietor, accompanied by his chauffeur and two fashionably dressed women, was speeding along Riverside Drive today in an automobile. When they reached Ninety-sixth street Policeman Adams, of the bicycle squad, estimated they were going at the rate of 18 miles an hour. He had timed them for six blocks, and said they had covered that distance in 60 seconds. At that point there is a steep incline and the machine was driven at a higher rate of speed. The policeman pursued them on his wheel, finally caught them and placed them under arrest. When arraigned in the West Side Police Court Mr. Munsey told Magistrate Poole he had no idea he was going so fast. He declared that his machine could not make the rate of speed that was alleged. He offered to take the Magistrate out for a ride in the machine in order to prove to him that the automobile was not capable of making 18 miles an hour, and offered to bet \$1,000 to \$100 with the Magistrate that the machine could not make the rate of speed alleged. The Magistrate, however, declined to take the bet or the ride and discharged him.

## Returned To Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles Wilkerson and family have returned to their home, Philadelphia, after a visit of several weeks to Mr. W. C. Wilkerson, his brother. Mr. Wilkerson was called home on business by a telegram from one of his insurance companies.

## NEW CANDIDATE FOR RECORDERSHIP

Stated on Good Authority that the Name of Capt. T. R. Robertson will Be Placed Before Aldermen

It is stated on good authority that Capt. T. Ross Robertson will be a candidate for the office of the Recorder of the city of Charlotte. While Capt. Robertson will not discuss the matter, his friends say they are going to land him in this office. A bill recently passed by the legislature makes the office of Recorder elective—that is the board of aldermen will name Mr. Shannonhouse's successor. Under the old law the retiring Mayor names the Recorder. Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, the present Recorder, was appointed by Mr. J. D. McCall and has held the position nearly two years. Since the legislative branch changed the law, the Recorder will have to look to the city fathers for his job. In connection with the above, Squire S. H. Hilton was seen this afternoon and he informed The News man that he would probably be a candidate to succeed Mr. Shannonhouse. Because of this aspiration, Squire Hilton is undecided as to whether he will be a candidate for alderman for the Third Ward.

## RICHARDSON BOOM STARTS.

Democratic House Leader As Vice-Presidential Possibility. Washington, March 5.—A boom has been started for Representative James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, the Democratic floor leader, for the Vice-Presidential nomination. Tennessee members of Congress are especially active in his behalf, although he has not announced that he is a candidate for the honor. His friends name the ticket Parker and Richardson. They assert that it would be acceptable to the South and ought to win. In an interview today Representative John H. Moon, of Tennessee, said: "Mr. Richardson will be a candidate for the Democratic leadership of the next House. In fact it is practically certain that he will resign his seat in Congress before the expiration of his next term. In view of this we of Tennessee think fitting that he should be accorded some honor, as a fitting close to his long public career, commensurate with the importance of positions he has held."

## MOTHER AND CHILD HURLED TO DEATH

They Were Walking a Trestle When Struck By a Train--Two Other Children were Fatally Injured

Springfield, Ohio, March 5.—Mrs. John K. Wood and three children were walking across a Big Four trestle west of this city this morning when they were struck by a local freight, south bound. The mother and one of the children was killed instantly, and the other fatally injured. All were knocked from the trestle into water fifty feet below.

## Three Killed By Falling Walls.

Cork, March 5.—Three persons were killed and several injured, by the collapsing of two houses here today.