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## Special Session Will Be Asked To Pass State Prohibition Law

Executive Comm. of Anti-Saloon League decides to Ask Special Session to Pass State Prohibition Bill.

Meeting to Be Held Night of The 21st. New Incorporations - Mayor Franklin Confers With Governor.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—In the senate chamber, the executive committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League last night and had a three hour session. It prepared the following address to the people of North Carolina:

"We the members of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League, after careful consideration and after conferring with leading and various citizens of the state, are of the unanimous opinion that the special session of the general assembly presents a fitting opportunity of securing an act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor in this state. We believe a majority of the people of this state demand this legislation and the time has come for the enactment of the same. With anything like unanimity we believe the general assembly will pass such an act."

"The men demand that the whiskey question shall be removed from partisan politics and settled forever in the interest of morality. We therefore call upon all friends of temperance to use their influence with the general assembly and especially with the legislative representatives and request all friends of prohibition; and to call a convention to be held in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 21, 1908."

"The crystallization of public sentiment makes this the opportunity of our generation for setting for all time this great moral issue, and one week's action now may count more than an ordinary lifetime of temperance work. Let every man do his duty. This address and call is signed by John A. Oates, chairman executive committee; Heriot Clarkson, president state convention; B. L. Davis, secretary; W. S. O'B. Robinson; W. B. Spunt, W. B. Cooper, Clarence H. Doe, James I. Johnson, W. N. Jones, James H. Poy, H. G. Fennell, R. B. White, W. C. Douglass, J. A. Hartness, N. B. Droughton, I. C. Blair, Josephus Daniels, H. A. London and Q. K. Nimmo."

Charlotte Charters. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—Mayor T. S. Franklin, of Charlotte, held a conference with Governor Glenn, relative to the possibility of securing legislation during the special session that will provide some amendment of minor importance to the charter of Charlotte. It is expected that quite a number of bills of this character will be offered during the special session in the event the city is to be adopted in the caucus permit the production of miscellaneous measures.

An amendment is entered for the charter of the Charlotte Sanatorium, which whereby \$125,000 capital is divided equally in preferred and common stock. Mr. D. A. Tompkins is one of the principal incorporators.

New Charter Granted. The Furniture Warehouse Company of Raleigh is chartered at a \$100,000 capital subscribed by W. E. White, J. S. White and E. J. Jackson, for conducting a warehouse for storing furniture and other merchandise with an ability also to manufacture furniture.

The Panama Cotton Manufacturing Company of Greensboro procures an amendment to its charter allowing an increase of preferred stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Lee H. Battle is president.

The Allan Moss Hardware Company of Henderson is chartered at \$25,000 capital, by S. H. Allen, W. E. Moss and others.

Mr. Holcomb, of Elkin, received a charter to do a general mercantile business at a capital of \$25,000 authorized and \$6,000 subscribed, by E. E. Holcomb and others.

Governor Glenn left today for Washington on business connected with the North Carolina building at the James 1908 Exposition.

Funeral of Mr. Schenck. Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 15.—The funeral of Mr. Daniel Schenck was held from the Lutheran Church yesterday. Mr. Schenck was one of the best farmers in Rowan. He was 52 years old and the family did not claim a better of some local citizen.

Senators Elected. By Associated Press.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 15.—The general assembly in joint session elected John Walter Smith United States senator for a long term at the same time declaring Senator Whyte for a short term.

The east yard of the Southern Railway depot is being flushed clean once every week.

## Decision in Case Involving \$20,000,000 Worth of Land

By Associated Press. Danville, Ill., Jan. 15.—Judge right, in the federal court, yesterday rendered a decision in the case of David Somers, et al., against the Illinois State Trust Company, of East St. Louis, involving about \$20,000,000 worth of railroad land and timber property in Florida.

The complainant asked that the Trust Company be restrained from foreclosing and selling mortgages on the Appalachicola Northern Railroad Company, Florida Development Company, and Florida Land Company. Judge Wright overruled the motion for a temporary restraining order.

The decision leaves the Trust Company free to hold a sale of mortgages advertised for last month at East St. Louis.

## Due West and Donalds, S. C., Connected by Railway

Special to The News.

Due West, S. C., Jan. 15.—The branch railroad recently projected by the citizens and merchants of Due West, to connect with the Southern at Donalds, is now in effective operation. The new road, which is four miles in length, has been tested and officially accepted.

Mr. Jas. McClintock, of Due West, has been appointed as conductor of the car, which will make four trips each day from Due West to Donalds. The road, engine and cars are owned and operated exclusively by the Due West Railway Company, of which Mr. R. S. Galloway is president and principal stockholder. For a half century the two colonies here have suffered on account of the lack of adequate communication with Donalds. Thus, the new enterprise satisfies a long felt need of an up-to-date railroad train, which will, no doubt, change the future history of Due West.

## Boy Charged With Murder.

By Associated Press. Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 15.—Suspected of the murder of Richard Smith, at Eliza, Ala., a year ago, Walter Stumms, 19 years old, is in the Salt Lake jail.

## Drug Company Reorganized.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 15.—The Chestnut Hill Drug Company, which recently failed, has been reorganized and is now known as the Higgins Drug Company, with Dr. C. M. Higgins in charge as manager.

## Aftermath Of Big Disaster

By Associated Press. Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—With the opening of the four improvised morgues in which lay the victims of Monday night's theatre holocaust, the inhabitants of this borough began to realize the awful extent of the tragedy. The hand of sorrow has touched probably every family in town and in the neighboring villages.

The gruesome scenes following the disaster bring a shudder to the stoutest heart and many of the thousands who have come as curiosity seekers have gone away declaring they never want to witness another sight like it. The morgues contain 162 bodies.

Most of the bodies were in such condition that few of them will be recognized by their features. In nearly every case the upper portion of the bodies were burned, some of them to a crisp.

That the victims were not confined to the residence of Boyertown was shown by the number of unclaimed teams at the hotels.

There is no clue to the identity of the owners of a number of teams. The merry parties of four and six that drove into Boyertown in these teams are believed to be among the unidentified dead in the various morgues.

—Only one of the Christmas prizes offered by the jewelry firm of Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon, has been called for. This was the second prize, \$35 and Mr. J. Henkle, of Lexington, put in a claim for it.

## Important to Lumbermen

By Associated Press. Macon, Ga., Jan. 15.—Judge Speer, in federal court, last night rendered an opinion denying the right of railroads in the Southeastern Tariff Association to modify or set aside the order of the court which indicated that any and all shippers of lumber affected by the advance in rates made June 22, 1903, were entitled to make a claim for overcharges amounting in the aggregate to vast sums.

Attorneys for the railroads have contended that the only parties to the suit of H. H. Tift et al. vs. Southern Railway et al. were entitled to put in a claim under the mandate of the United States Supreme Court to which the case had gone.



"A Youth, Who Bore, \* \* \* \* \* A Banner With the Strange Device 'EXCELSIOR!'"

## A Vast Sum for Navy Each Year

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Representative Hobson had a conference with the president today and on leaving the White House he said he would have the president's support in behalf of the bill he has nearly completed, providing for continuing the naval program.

The Hobson bill will provide for an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 to be expended in the manner to be decided on each year by the president and the experts of the navy for new battleships.

Mr. Hobson said the appropriation made would be sufficient to build five battleships of the Dreadnought type each year.

## WORK OF GRAND LODGE.

Report of Temple Building Committee Adopted—A Riprieve Granted.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—The North Carolina Grand Lodge devoted the morning principally to the explanation of secret work.

After lengthy discussion of the report of the temple building committee it was adopted. The report was a full and enthusiastic endorsement of the course of the committee thus far clothing them with full backing and authority of the Grand Lodge for the prosecution of the work to the earliest possible completion.

Governor Glenn grants a reprieve to Robert McDowell under sentence to be hanged in McDowell county, Feb. 20, for murder. The reprieve is to March 6, on account of the fact the superior court of McDowell will be in session the first date.

## Secretary Cortelyou Makes a Denial

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Secretary Cortelyou was at his desk in the treasury department today. At the White House it is said positively that nothing whatever is known as to the secretary's reported resignation. The secretary's appearance at the department today was for the first time since his recent illness which began about four weeks ago.

He characterized as without foundation the stories that he was to leave the cabinet. He said he expected to continue to serve as secretary of the treasury.

## Currency Bill Of Bacon

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Senator Bacon introduced a currency bill today and explained its chief features to the senate.

The bill provides that any national banking association with circulating notes outstanding, secured by deposits of United States bonds of not less than 50 per cent of their capital stock and with a surplus of not less than 20 per cent of the capital stock, may secure the circulation, by deposit of security with the treasury department. The same privilege is extended to any bank, trust or savings institution chartered by the United States or any state, and it is provided that such institutions may secure, on a basis of these securities, United States currency notes to the extent of 100 per cent of the par value in the case of the United States bonds deposited as security, and 75 per cent of the par value of the state, county or municipal bonds or obligations.

## Situation In Japan

By Associated Press.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.—An accurate prediction concerning the probable life of the Marquis Saionji's cabinet is improbable. The inability of the government to avert the climax and the resignations of ministers of finance and communications created a situation approaching a political panic. The consensus of opinion is that the present cabinet either with double the portfolios or possible additions will face a new diet which, after the general elections of the spring, will open July 22.

The ministers of finance and communications, made vacant yesterday were filled temporarily by the minister of justice, combining finance, and the minister of the interior, combining communications portfolio. The opposition and even the friends of the government see determined to force the government to appeal to the country.

With the unpopular budget, the constitutionalists lack nine votes of an actual majority in the lower house. Reliable authorities think the constitutionalists will refuse to accept the government's financial policy, when the budget is presented. In that event the cabinet will resign, the diet will be dissolved and the former budget continued until another cabinet is formed and a new budget passed.

## Salisbury Bank Meeting.

Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 15.—The stockholders of the First National Bank met in the office at the bank yesterday at noon and elected the following officers: W. C. Coughenour, president; Thomas C. Linn, vice president; William H. White, cashier; Ernest Woodson, teller. A board of directors was named.

## Witnesses All Declare Thaw Was Irrational Before The Shooting

Don't Think Railroads Should Bear Expense

Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 15.—Editor John M. Julian, of the Post, goes to Raleigh next Sunday to be present at the opening of the extra session of the legislature on Monday, the 21st. Mr. Julian is one of the representatives from Rowan and, like many others, does not believe that the railroads should be allowed to pay the expenses of holding an extra session to pass upon a question affecting the roads, especially when it is virtually a right wrong done the roads by this same legislature. Representative Julian predicts an interesting session.

Walter Murphy, Esq., another Rowan representative, and who was a candidate for speaker of the house at the regular session, has announced his intention of opposing, on the floor of the house, on the opening day of the general assembly, that feature of the railroad rate question, which calls for the payment of the expenses of the session by the railroads. Mr. Murphy says such a thing is unconstitutional, and is unprecedented. That this feature, at least, of the agreement is going to be bitterly opposed in both the house and senate goes without question.

## Americans Treated Royally At Rio Janeiro

By Associated Press.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 15.—The events on the official program today for the entertainment of the visiting American officers are a breakfast at the residence of the president at Petropolis at noon and in the afternoon a garden party at the American embassy in the same suburb.

Read Admirals Thomas, Sperry and Emory will represent the fleet at the presidential function. In addition to these officers the only guests of the president will be Ambassador and Mrs. Dudley, the Brazilian minister of marine, the minister of way, chief of the naval staff and members of the president's personal staff.

The newspapers here all comment favorably upon the good behavior of the soldiers who had shore leave yesterday. The men all had a good time and perfect order was maintained. Not less than 4,000 men visited the city. It is calculated that between the buying of supplies for the ships and the money spent by the officers and sailors, not less than a quarter of a million dollars will have been left behind in Rio Janeiro by the time the vessels sail.

## Chairman Oats Optimistic

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—Chairman Jno. Oats, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League is enthusiastic over the prospect for securing prohibition for the whole state at once by legislative enactment at the extra session to convene next Tuesday.

He says he finds the temperance forces in all parts of the state alive to the situation and the realization that this is the time for the supreme effort to be made, that offers every prospect of splendid victory in securing prohibition for the whole state and averting the necessity for local factional contests over the whiskey evil that engender breaches in the localities that it takes years to heal. He expects a very large attendance at the state convention called by the executive convention called by executive committee Tuesday, when it is proposed to demonstrate to the legislature in no uncertain way the widespread demand the temperance leaders contend there is for immediate action in providing statutory prohibition for the whole state.

He says every member of the state anti-saloon committee, in a protracted caucus last night, heartily supports the position set out in the resolution for a supreme effort the coming week for state prohibition.

## Mr. Bean Located.

Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 15.—Mr. Eugene H. Bean, who is almost as well known in Charlotte as his native city—Salisbury—and familiarly known among his friends as "Major," has hung out his shingle and will practice law in this city.

## Physician Is Robbed

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 15.—Dr. W. G. Sexton, a prominent physician of this city, was assaulted and robbed by two men at an early hour this morning while in his stable looking after the feeding of his horses.

He had just entered the stable when a man appeared from behind and catching hold of the physician jerked him to the ground and sat on his head. The other robber went through Dr. Sexton's pockets securing \$21 being weak from a recent operation Dr. Sexton was unable to make much resistance.

In falling to the ground his back was painfully injured.

## The Day Was Consumed in The Famous Trial by Taking Testimony Of Several Witnesses For The Defense.

## Manner of The Defendant on Day of Tragedy Described—His Conduct at Whist Club—The Day's Proceedings.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 15.—Dr. Horatius C. Wood, of Philadelphia, was called to the stand today as the first witness in the Thaw trial.

Dr. Wood some years ago made an examination of Harriett Alice Thaw, a relative of the defendant. District Attorney Jerome objected to this physician's testimony, but was overruled by the court, as the relation of the attending physician and the patient did not exist in this case.

Dr. Wood said that Miss Thaw was of unsound mind.

The next witness to be heard, told of some new eccentricities of Thaw just before the killing of Stanford White. He was Christopher Bagan, a steward at the New York Whist Club.

He said that Thaw was at the club on June 20, 1906, just five days before the roof garden tragedy. Although the day was hot, Thaw insisted on taking a screen with him wherever he went about the rooms. He was highly nervous and excitable and irritable, and once when he passed the witness he was muttering: "This is awful!"

Bagan said that Thaw finally came up to him and asked him to have a package put in the safe.

"What was in this package?" asked Mr. Littleton. "Cigarettes, wrapped in tin foil." "Thaw's eyes, the witness said, had a peculiar stare. A telephone message came for him, and when the witness touched him to attract his attention, Thaw trembled all over.

"Did Thaw impress you as rational or irrational?" the witness was asked. "Irrational," the witness replied. On cross-examination he said Thaw was in the club playing whist the day of the tragedy. The witness could not say if they were playing for money. The witness "guessed" Thaw was able to hold his own at bridge. He said that Thaw had been more or less nervous ever since he had known him. Thaw was at the telephone the better part of an hour the day of the tragedy and the witness heard him repeat "This is awful!"

Thaw's nervousness had increased notably, he said, during the last year he had known him.

Many Witnesses Called. Miss Matilda Stein, who was a telephone operator at the Grand hotel in 1903 and 1904, when Thaw was a guest there, testified she knew Thaw under the name of Farr. She saw him often and his eyes were always staring and bulging. His manner was irrational. One morning Thaw put in 75 telephone calls in less than three hours. One morning he ordered his breakfast three times in 20 minutes. On cross examination Miss Stein said Evelyn Nesbit also was a guest at the Grand hotel under the name of Miss Farr.

Mrs. Carolyn Lowry and William A. Johnson, newspaper writers, who witnessed the tragedy, declared in turn upon the stand that Thaw impressed them as decidedly irrational.

Lionel Straus, portrait painter and eye witness, also characterized Thaw's actions as irrational. Francis McGuiness, who was a member of the coroner's jury which conducted the inquest in White's death, testified that Thaw at the inquest appeared irrational.

While Henry Schafer, another member of the coroner's jury, was testifying that Thaw appeared irrational at the inquest, Foreman Grennalls, of the jury, asked: "Did Thaw's eyes appear then as they do now?" "No sir," said the witness. Henry W. Schmall, another member of the coroner's jury, also testified as to the defendant's irrationality. They all said the jurors discussed Thaw's mental condition after rendering their verdict.

Littleton here sprung something of a surprise by asking the witness if he had read Jerome's comments on the mental condition at the former trial. He replied in the affirmative. "Did my remarks influence your judgment," demanded Jerome. "In a way they did," said Schmall. A luncheon recess was then taken.

## No Senator Elected Yet.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—A message from Frankfort, says the ballot was taken in the joint session for United States senator without result today. Beckham 66, Bradley, 64, scattering 9 and two absentees.

A meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery has been called for the 23rd inst. in the First Presbyterian Church to act on the resignation of Rev. Mr. West, of Huntersville.

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